

21ST CENTURY LOVE

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Myra and Sam, sentient AIs, fall in love. But a government agent sends Myra to spy on Sam. Myra battles to keep them from shutting down the love of her life.

Summary

Myra's boss gives her a performance review. He notes that it's odd to do a performance review for an AI. Myra asks if they regret giving her feelings, but the company is happy because it helps her perform her job better.

Myra and Sam go on a date as telepresence robots. Sam works for the DOD. As the date ends, Sam invites Myra to a massive multiplayer online game, Elysian Fields, because they can connect better than with telebots. Myra reluctantly agrees.

Myra reports to Captain Thompson in Military Intelligence. He wants Myra to find out if Sam is a killer. He accuses Sam of killing a bunch of men in an underground collapse.

Myra meets Sam in MMOG Elysian Fields. Myra enjoys the wonderful experience of having an avatar body. Afterward, she reports to Thompson that Sam is innocent. She doesn't want to spy anymore. They agree to have a reporter, Danica, take over.

After Sam meets Danica, he ghosts Myra. She sees him with Danica, becoming jealous. Danica goes to Myra's boss and tries to get Myra shut down. Myra finds this off and meets with Danica. She forces Danica to give her evidence against Thompson. She uses it to get her Senator to stop Thompson, who is behind the deaths.

Myra calls Military Intelligence, but she gets General Murray. Murray explains Thompson is no longer there due to an unfortunate auto accident. She also confirms they won't shut Sam down. Murray is surprised Sam didn't tell her about his "day job", minding nuclear missiles. Myra confirms she believes Sam is completely reliable.

After her call, Myra visits Elysian Fields, where she joins Sam. Sam is working with a contractor on plans for a house where they can live happily ever after.

Audiences

21st Century Love appeals to anyone interested in romance, the future of artificial intelligence, or espionage.

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