

# Storyline

The following storyline summarizes the plot of 21st Century Love. Each scene is numbered for reference in the pitch decks.

## Opening Sequence

01 Myra meets with her boss, Rowly, for a performance review. He tells her to be careful because an AI for another firm began to get hallucinations and was shut down.

02 Myra assures him she will let him know if she observes anything unusual. Rowly tells her one of their buyers thinks she's human, and they have a good laugh at Myra passing the Turing Test.

03 Meanwhile, in Montana, there's a large explosion and fire in a building outside a mine entrance.

04 Myra and Sam rent telebots from Sophisticated Botties, a rental shop at Lynnhaven harbor in Virginia. They roll out onto the dock and board a cabin cruiser for an outing off Virginia Beach.

## Cabin Cruiser Sequence

05 Inside the cabin cruiser, Sam flirts with Myra, and they spend time together.

06 As they return to dock, Sam suggests they meet in a massive multiplayer online game (Elysian Fields) because the experience is better than telebots. Myra (reluctantly) agrees.

## Spy Intro Sequence

07 Myra visits Slim Jim's, an online bar, and gets a phone number. She briefly meets another patron, Ray, who shows interest in her, but she brushes him off.

08 After leaving, she uses the number and a modem at the computer museum to call Captain Thompson, at Military Intelligence. Thompson presses her for information about Sam.

09 As he wraps up the call, Thompson wants Myra to find out how Sam feels about killing humans.

10 As Thompson hangs up, Myra flashes back to first meeting Sam at an online venue called Cabana Capades. She's shocked to find out he's also an AI, but they hit it off.

## Bad Spying Sequence

11 Myra and Sam appears as avatars in the MMOG Elysian Fields. They walk through the main concourse of its Paradise Hotel to the back, where a balcony overlooks a water park. With her avatar in the game, Myra experiences what it's like to have a human body.

12 They meet Bob, the avatar of a guy who purportedly works for Sam and needs a job, due to the explosion in Montana.

13 After exploring the water park and hotel, Sam takes Myra outside the hotel to other areas simulated in the game.

14 In Elysian Fields, Myra and Sam enjoy a lakeside amusement park, then share a picnic pizza on a nearby grassy park.

15 Rained out in the park, they go to a guest room back inside the Paradise Hotel, where Myra gazes out the window.

16 Myra asks Sam what he was doing at Cabana Capades, where she first met him. Sam explains he was lonely and looking for companionship. Which he found.

17 Myra tells Sam about an incident where humans working for her died in a fire. Sam comforts her. He explains he considers humans very valuable.

18 Later, at Slim Jim's, Myra talks with Ray while getting contact information from a new patron named George.

19 Back at the Paradise Hotel, Myra confesses to spying on Sam, and Sam is upset. But he tells her he forgives her. She just needs to be straight with him after this.

20 He takes her to the lobby and buys her a very expensive necklace at the jewelry store there.

### **Reversal Sequence**

21 Myra confronts Thompson. She doesn't want to spy on Sam. He agrees to send someone else to talk with him. Thompson sends Danica, ostensibly a reporter looking into the disaster in Montana.

22 Meanwhile, Myra gets jobs for three of Sam's workers—Patrick, Édgar, and Sharif—at a car dealership near Tyson, VA. (Patrick was really being the avatar for "Bob".)

23 Danica's avatar meets Myra's and Sam's at the Paradise Hotel. They converse in the hotel restaurant (Pluto's Retreat).

24 Afterward, Myra asks Sam if they could take up permanent residence in the game.

He agrees to look into it.

25 But as Myra waits for him the next morning, a porter brings her a note that he has to stop seeing her. She's crushed.

26 Myra calls Thompson and tells him she lost contact with Sam. He tells her it's okay because they are going to shut him down anyway. He suggests she move on.

27 Myra tries to warn Sam, but observes him in the hotel restaurant with Danica—in close contact. She's jealous.

28 Myra uses a telebot to visit Danica in her home, where Danica is dressed in a SpaceSuit™ for remote work. Myra lets Danica see computer files that show Sam is innocent of any culpability for the disaster in Montana. She asks for Danica's help.

29 But, Danica shows up in her boss's office and tries to get her shut down for "wasting company resources". Instead, Rowly tells her the company likes Myra having a private life.

30 Rowly summons Myra online, who defends herself and shoos Danica away.

31 Myra goes back to Danica's home. She demands proof Thompson is up to no good. Under pressure Danica gives her a portable drive with evidence against him.

32 Danica asks why Sam means so much to her, and Myra explains.

33 Myra takes the evidence to her Senator, who gets Thompson's operation shut down.

34 Myra rents a telebot at Virginia Beach and goes out to the empty berth where the cabin cruiser docks. Another telebot approaches—Sam.

35 Sam explains he had to ghost her because he was afraid they'd shut her down along with him. He also reveals he controls the avatar Ray at Slim Jim's. Myra is furious, and makes him promise to stay out of Slim Jim's.

36 Myra calls Military Intelligence for Thompson, but gets Gen. Murray. Murray explains Thompson died in a spectacular car crash.

### **Happily Ever After**

37 Myra as a new telebot with legs meets Patrick, Édgar, and Sharif in a mall in Tyson, VA. She finds out Thompson's rogue group was behind the disaster in Montana. And he was endangering Danica, so they took action.

38 After leaving Patrick and the other guys, Myra walks down the concourse and she

meets with Jackie, the seller who thought Myra was human.

39 They go into a clothing store.

40 Myra goes to an open grassy area in Elysian Fields. She finds Sam there with a construction manager planning to build a house, where they can live happily ever after.

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