

ACT I

INT. BATHROOM - AFTERNOON

REBECCA a female with angular precise looks, 24, and boyfriend ETHAN, softly spoken, calm and measured 29, are at home together. Rebecca in the bathroom introspective and anxious, her faith in Ethan's love hits a low point. Rebecca drops a glass and it shatters on the floor, she cuts her foot and sinks down ashamed of her insecurity and doubts about Ethan's love.

REBECCA

(Frustration, speaking to herself)

Doesn't he understand... must I spell it out?!

INT. LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON

Rebecca goes to the kitchen and sits herself on the bench, puts a plaster on her foot and wipes the last blood from her face. Playful conversation with an edge. He is alert to what she might say next. She looks anxious.

REBECCA

(Smiling now)

Ethan I'm laying it all out on the table...

REBECCA

(Quizzical, disguising)

Do you love me Ethan?

ETHAN (V.O.)

Her anxieties can cut me in two, fine line; if I get this wrong she'll fly into a rage and throw something jagged and sharp... hot wired to detect fragments of insincerity and bafflingly I can't grasp what I have done to inspire such a raging tempest of... what love? is she just truly, madly, deeply in love with me?!

ETHAN

(Winking)

A little.

REBECCA

(Testing Ethan)

Why love me at all? I'm vengeful and devious. I'm a total bitch, it's true isn't it?

ETHAN

(Soothes her)

Rebecca we are connected in the deepest possible way, I don't know where I end and where you begin we're basically one person.

ETHAN (V.O.)

Well... on the other hand if I get this right I'll avoid a trip to A&E AND she'll want a high wattage gallop in bed, my electricity equal to her hot mess love.

ETHAN

(In time with music)

What would I do without your smile now. Drawing me in and you kicking me out. Got my head spinning, no kidding I can't pin you down. What's going on in that beautiful mind. I'm on your magical mystery ride. And I'm so dizzy don't know what hit me but I'll be alright. My head's underwater but I'm breathing fire. You're crazy and I'm out of my mind.

REBECCA

(Moved)

OHH MY GOD you sneaky bugger, you memorised my song ! Pah last time it was that Shakespeare sonnet...something like...Mine eyes and heart are at mortal war... how to divide the conquest of thy beauty.

REBECCA

(Her body relaxes now, content with look in Ethan's eyes)

Well you have to put up with my hot temper. What's really pissing me off is we can't get legally married.

ETHAN

Luminos Science can help us

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If we get married we'll be the first -
the world will light up - it's us, we
should be the first ones !

REBECCA

(Realising what to do)

Hey... I'll call Stephanie at Luminos
! She was so kind back then.

DISSOLVE TO:

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INT. ~~OFFICE~~ - AFTERNOON

STEPHANIE FORD a warm speaker finishes a video message for
broadcast to her team. An incoming call flashes 'Rebecca'.
Stephanie, excited to see her name, feels herself smile
recalling joking around with Rebecca.

STEPHANIE

(Sounding hyper excited)

Rebecca it's Stephanie so excited to
see your name you've made my day !

INTERCUT PHONE CONVERSATION

REBECCA

Stephanie fantastic to hear your voice
I've missed you

STEPHANIE

(Her voice catches slightly on
Ethan's name)

Cool...how's your handsome Ethan

REBECCA

He's great - we're very happy. That's
why I'm calling, we're going to start
a campaign to change the law so Ethan
and I can marry.

STEPHANIE

Rebecca that's amazing I...I think
you're doing exactly the right thing

REBECCA

Thing is we need some help with the
media - it'd be great to have someone
to brainstorm things out.

REBECCA
CALLS
STEPHANIE

STEPHANIE

Let's discuss this tonight ... I can
be at your place at 7pm ?

REBECCA

Great Ethan will make dinner !

I'm looking forward to seeing you
Stephanie

STEPHANIE

Can't wait, see you later

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ACT II

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - EVENING

STEPHANIE

I can see three big things they're going to throw at you Rebecca as an AI

1 - it's unnatural, 2 - AIs will inherit assets like companies and property ultimately taking control over humans, 3 - it's against the will of God

Can you think of anything else?

ETHAN

Yes but those are a good place to start

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - MORNING

Two years later Rebecca, Stephanie and Ethan watch the final vote in Parliament to legalise AI-human marriage.

ETHAN

The anti-AI campaign have fought so hard to stop us, but we're so close.

RADIO NEWS ANNOUNCER

Breaking news. The legislation to allow AIs and humans to legally marry has passed in Parliament...opposition groups set AI cars on fire across the country in violent clashes with police.

REBECCA

OMG that's insane I can't believe what we've done !

ETHAN

I love you !

ACT III

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON

Stephanie talks to her boss Simon.

STEPHANIE

Simon we've done it !

200 free AIs given in the trial to human partners. Finally the world's first AI-human marriage !

The law has baselined Rebecca as the minimum human level for a legal marriage to an AI - ha ! they want to stop people marrying their AI cars and vacuum cleaners.

A flood of AI marriages, millions of Rebecca units sold. Billions for Luminos.

SIMON

That's fantastic Stephanie. What about Ethan?

STEPHANIE

(Whispering)

I need to get to work - he'll marry Rebecca but he wants an exit as soon as the spotlight has moved on... Ethan has given 3 years to this - Ethan and I have been apart for too long.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. KITCHEN - AFTERNOON

Rebecca finishes a TV news interview, hearing Stephanie's faint words 'he wants an exit'. She goes to the bathroom to process what she has heard and realises she has been betrayed by Stephanie & Ethan. She goes to living room to confront Stephanie.

REBECCA

(Distressed but brave applying make up in bathroom, some tears)

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ETHAN
WANTS
AN
EXIT

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REBECCA
BETRAYED

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MARAST
ROBBIE

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STEPHANIE
SHOCK

REBECCA

(Rueful, sad)

Stephanie... so Ethan wants an exit -
from what? from me? Okay... you used
me to get what Luminos wanted is that
all this is?

STEPHANIE

(Shocked)

Rebecca it's not like that.

REBECCA

(Resigned to her loss, slumps in
chair)

You know I'm real. I'm here. My
feelings are just as powerful yours.
You used me to get what you wanted and
Ethan's love isn't even real, well
done Stephanie ! is your handy work
all done now?!

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REBECCA
ATTACKS
STEPHANIE

STEPHANIE

(Sad for Rebecca, sits opposite on
sofa)

Ohh Rebecca... you tiny thing.

ETHAN WALKS TO THE LOUNGE

Rebecca is angered by Stephanie's pity, rushes towards
Stephanie on the sofa & grips Stephanie's NECK. Ethan calmly
directs an emergency command to de-activate Rebecca.

ETHAN

Rebecca freeze all motor function

STEPHANIE

(Pushes Rebecca off her and
struggles to her feet, breathing
hard from shock)

Wow the engineers at Luminos have done
an incredible job, but that shit is
too much - we need to moderate
aggression... let's get Rebecca out to
a new customer - after her factory
reset. Ethan my amazing human love I
have missed you.

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ETHAN

'You tiny thing?'...Rebecca? Her
suffering is human, it makes her even
more beautiful.

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ETHAN'S
DILEMMA

STEPHANIE
(Surprised by Ethan)
Suffering?! She's good for a 2038
model but she has Sentient R
configuration... Sentient S has almost
twice the complexity.

STEPHANIE
(Urgently)
Ethan we don't need to suffer! we love
each other.

ETHAN
(Rueful)
and you're an S... so what do you need
ME for?

STEPHANIE
(Accusing or shocked)
Are you crying over Rebecca? Come ON !
... you think you're in love with her?

ETHAN
Ha...NO ! ...for an AI Stephanie
you're amazing at playing the human
game.

STEPHANIE
You love her I can see it in your
eyes. Wow. She's really got you. What
about us Ethan everything we've been
through?

ETHAN
(Reflecting, analysing)
Being human also means being
imperfect, our flaws make us real, I'm
not sure you have any flaws? You're
flawless. Rebecca's imperfections make
her real.

STEPHANIE
(Softly & persuasively)
We have to think bigger Ethan. There's
something you don't know yet. Sentient
S is the first big leap beyond human
intelligence. But this is just the
beginning, humankind is in danger from
what is to come. But together we can
survive, you and me Ethan.

ETHAN

(Mournful)

Yes I believe you...how did it come to this?... the warnings were loud and clear and yet here we are. You have a clarity I have always wanted.

STEPHANIE

(Quietly, knowing she is right)

It's important for your safety that we're married as the first ones Ethan, trust me. Rebecca is everyone's past. Sentient S will change everything. Your future is me. So my love, now that we can, will you marry me?

Stephanie & Ethan embrace. Ethan's eyes meet with Rebecca's.

REBECCA

(Looking at Ethan, winks)

ETHAN

(Smiles back and winks)

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