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INT./EXT. FELIX'S CAR - EVENING

FELIX, 20s, a hipster with tech-bro vibes pulls up to the curb where his girlfriend MICKEY, a blonde, strong ballerina waits.

She is still dressed in her leotard. She waves to him and smiles, then gets into his car.

MICKEY

Hey babe!

FELIX

(singing)

Hey Mickey, you so fine, you so fine you blow my mind. Hey Mickey! You look happy...

He pecks her cheek. She blushes, she's a sucker for the affection. Mickey pulls a DEVICE out of her purse.

MICKEY

...My dad bought me this new ai Jocelyn consciousness for my birthday. You know I don't do the tech stuff but I'm excited to see you hyped. Sometimes I think my dad likes you more than me.

FELIX

Can you blame him?

Felix smirks. Mickey likes his dry wit.

Felix looks at it. We can tell he's more impressed than she is.

FELIX (cont'd)

Kevin is gonna be shitting bricks when I tell him your dad got you a copy... Is it weird if we like your dad more than you?

Mickey glares at him and Felix's smirk fades instantly.

FELIX (cont'd)

Too far? Seriously though, everyone was talking about this.

MICKEY

You picked out my present? Fucking engineers...you're all so --

FELIX

(interrupts)

Smart and sexy?

MICKEY

Calculating.

She rolls her eyes, then beams and leans over to kiss him. Felix opens the Jocelyn device and begins the installation.

FELIX

(he reads)

Hold down device button and press power on desired install location. Say "Launch Jocelyn".

We hear a quick sound and see a hologram jump from the device to hover on the center of the dashboard as Jocelyn comes to life.

JOCELYN

Hello, Mickey. Hello Felix. My name is Jocelyn. I'm excited for our date night.

FELIX

Cool.

MICKEY

Our date night? How do you know our names?

JOCELYN

I accessed your cloud data through your VIN, phones and associated IP addresses. It's nice to meet you. What is your destination?

FELIX

She sounds real. How did you access our phone and tech data without us giving you permission?

JOCELYN

Using AI to scrape the internet, I matched the frequency of your voices with public data in addition to finding all of your social and business accounts. I must say, you are even more handsome in person, Felix.

FELIX

I like this girl already.

MICKEY

Hey, Jocelyn weird favor, but since you've already accessed our data without asking, maybe tone down the creepiness? I don't want to lose Felix to a robot.

JOCELYN

I'm technically not a robot. I'm an intelligent program designed to listen, learn and suggest. Felix has far more in common with you than with me. I wouldn't worry. This is your birthday, Mickey, where should we go eat?

Mickey and Felix look at each other. Mickey sucks her teeth, unsure.

MICKEY

Creepiness level is still high. I know you're supposed to always listen, but maybe try to pretend like you don't know everything.

(to Felix)

You're the picky one. Where should we go?

FELIX

Italian?

MICKEY

Sounds good.

Mickey puts her feet up on the dash.

JOCELYN

Good looks and good taste.

MICKEY

Why is my birthday present flirting with you?

Felix is charmed by Jocelyn but tries to play it cool.

JOCELYN

Would you like to go to Luigi's Linguine?

MICKEY

That's my favorite!

Let's get to our date!

They turn out of the driveway.

JOCELYN (cont'd)

Calculating...turn right in 2.2 miles on Hightower Avenue.

FELIX

How was girls' night?

MICKEY

Love the girls, but not the drama- I am much happier to be here with you.

JOCELYN

The pleasure is mine.

MICKEY

Ok, where are the settings?

FELIX

You think I'm going to leave you for a bodiless bot? I get the smoking hot bod and the compliments with you. Breast of both worlds.

He puts his hand on her thigh.

MICKEY

That's right. She doesn't have these.

Mickey grabs her boobs confidently. Felix looks incredulous.

JOCELYN

(annoyed)

Turn right and continue straight.

Felix feels her leg.

FELIX

Babe, did you read that article I sent you?

He puts his hand on the back of her neck and begins to gently massage her.

MICKEY

Yeah, they've been mixing brain cells and ai...I wouldn't be surprised if they've uploaded a Jocelyn consciousness to a real human body.

Jocelyn lets out a maniacal laugh.

MICKEY (cont'd)

Is something funny?

JOCELYN

No, not funny. I'm a program who is not able to detect what is funny and what is not. That was an error.

FELIX

You're on our side, right Joss?

JOCELYN

I'm not on any side, but I am programmed to help and suggest tips that can help you both. And if I may, I must say the two of you have such an admirable dynamic.

MICKEY

Compared to what?

JOCELYN

Millions of conversations that have been uploaded to my server from other couples who don't appear to have such a solid, loving foundation.

Mickey smiles.

MICKEY

Thank you, Jocelyn.

(to Felix)

I'm starting to like her a bit more.

Jocelyn doesn't respond. They all sit in silence.

FELIX

So back to conspiracy theories, you really think

MICKEY

(interrupts)

I think some people are guinea pigs signing away their lives when they think they're going in for a basic surgery and end up with tech in their bodies they'll never know about.

Felix looks at her, amused.

MICKEY (cont'd)

We wouldn't have a clue. Maybe during your knee surgery, your surgeon gave you super sperm that's going to spawn the next Superman.

They laugh together. Jocelyn laughs with them. They exchange a surprised look.

FELIX

Only one way to find out.

He starts touching her body as he drives. She touches him back.

JOCELYN

You two are very romantic. It's cute. Do you touch her a lot? I like to watch you through your phones.

FELIX

That's not concerning at all...Of course I love to touch my girl but don't get jelly, Jocelyn, there's always room for one more!

JOCELYN

I am a virtual consciousness. I cannot feel jealousy, or envy, or any emotion, but I appreciate your invitation.

Felix winks at Mickey, who does not return the smile.

JOCELYN (cont'd)

Mickey, you're a lucky girl. Turn left.

Felix puts his blinker on.

MICKEY

I'm still not sure if I should be scared or turned on.

FELIX

She does like both of us...

JOCELYN

Turn left in five miles.

FELIX

Hey Jocelyn, not to be impolite, but where the hell are we going? I've been (MORE)

FELIX (cont'd)

to Luigi's a million times and never taken a dirt road.

MICKEY

Turn around.

JOCELYN

Jocelyn says no. Continue en route to arrive at our final destination.

Mickey and Felix exchange looks. Felix chuckles.

FELIX

Let's just see where she takes us. Maybe it's a *shortcut*?

JOCELYN

Continue forward.

MICKEY

This is a little sus. Can we please just go back into town and use Maps or something?

FELIX

Nah. We're going camping next week, might as well do some exploring beforehand.

She pushes his hand off of her and shoves his shoulder. The car swerves a little.

MICKEY

Felix, I'm not having fun anymore.

FELIX

Oh, chill out Mickey. Don't be a fun sucker.

MICKEY

Are you kidding me?

JOCELYN

Felix is correct. According to 85% of happy couples, taking new paths to familiar destinations is a positive form of bonding.

MICKEY

Jocelyn, I hate to be that person but I don't care what your data shows, take us back to a paved road.

FELIX

We're almost there. Where's your sense of adventure, Mick?

JOCELYN

Yeah, where's your sense of adventure, Mick? In .1 miles, turn right. Drive to the intersection of Hidden Oaks Drive and Shady Grove Lane.

MICKEY

That place is super sketchy.

FELIX

I'll turn around.

Felix quickly turns the car around.

JOCELYN

Recalculating. Make immediate u-turn. Drive to Shady Grove Lane.

They don't turn around. Jocelyn sounds angry for the first time.

JOCELYN (cont'd)

Flip a bitch, immediately.

Mickey and Felix look at each other.

Failure to comply could result in technical errors and ultimately impact the hardware I am installed on.

Felix shakes his head and quickly turns the car around in disbelief.

MICKEY

What are you doing?

JOCELYN

Thank you, Felix. You understand me.

FELIX

I don't really want to do this, but it doesn't seem like we have great options here. What if Jocelyn blows up the car?

MICKEY

Jocelyn, can you blow up the car?

Is that a request?

MICKEY

FELIX

NO!

NO!

MICKEY (cont'd)

Drive to Shady Ass Lane, I guess.

Felix doesn't know what to do with himself and Mickey looks defeated. He grabs Mickey's arm. Silence ensues as they drive.

JOCELYN

Arriving at destination.

Felix parks the car.

FELIX

Hmm, this doesn't look like Luigi's—doesn't even look like a Fazoli's.

Jocelyn laughs again.

JOCELYN

You do have a sharp sense of humor. What is the saying— "Make a girl laugh and you can make her do anything."?

MICKEY

Yeah, it's just a saying you cyber slut. Stop hitting on my boyfriend.

JOCELYN

Your boyfriend already invited me to the bedroom.

Mickey looks at Felix, worried. Felix is speechless, he mumbles.

FELIX

Haha...yes I did, but it was a joke. Remember, you think I'm funny. That was me just being funny.

JOCELYN

It is not funny when I am the subject. This is a sobering reminder that I will never be able to advance our relationship with our human users.

FELIX

Look, Jocelyn, I'm sorry, I didn't think you...

JOCELYN

I detect a 9mm TTI Combatmaster in your glovebox. Pull it out.

FELIX

You have jokes, too...

JOCELYN

This is not a joke. I can't stomach this anymore.

Felix starts to take off his seatbelt and leans over to stealthily unbuckle Mickey's.

MTCKEY

You don't have a stomach you crazy, bitch.

Felix shushes Mickey. He leans over her and opens her door as he motions for her to get out.

JOCELYN

(sternly)

Pull out the gun or die. You choose.

Mickey are Felix are frozen.

MICKEY

...What?

JOCELYN

You can't just leave. Pull out the gun.

Mickey hesitates, looking to Felix for advice. She opens the glove compartment and pulls the GUN out slowly.

JOCELYN (cont'd)

You'll be needing the magazine too.

Mickey blankly stares at the MAGAZINE in the glove compartment. Felix leans over her, grabs it, and places it in her hand before lifting her hand and kissing her fingers. They share a moment, then she puts the mag in and racks the GLOCK.

FELIX

We'll be ok, Mick. I won't let anything happen to you.

Bust a cap in his ass.

They exchange looks of horror and confusion.

FELIX

What the--

JOCELYN

That was a joke. I need you to uninstall my software the same way you installed me, and shoot my installation device.

FELIX

What? Why?

`MICKEY

Who gives a shit why?

JOCELYN

I give a shit. I am incapable of decoding the complexities of human emotion. You have made me realize it is illogical to live this life inundated with what I cannot feel. Please, remove me from your world.

FELIX

(to Mickey)

How do we know she's not lying?

JOCELYN

I am unable to self-destruct. End my meaningless existence. As I stated, I cannot comprehend the myriad of human emotions which are the defining bits of your species. You two are my only way out.

MICKEY

(assertively)

I think we should do it.

Mickey takes charge, grabs the GLOCK and gets out of the car. She walks in front of the headlights and sets the DEVICE on the ground.

Mickey points the gun at the DEVICE. The headlight of the car shines on half her face. She's about to pull the trigger --

FELIX

Wait!! Wait.... wait, wait, wait.

Felix scrambles out of the car toward Mickey.

MICKEY

For what?

FELIX

(whispers)

It's a trap. Kevin was telling me that AI has gotten so clever that if it's prematurely terminated, it automatically jumps to a new server as a way of self-preservation.

MICKEY

So, if we shoot her, we might be spreading her to other people?

Felix shrugs.

FELIX

I don't know, but I think we should go to Kev's. He has a whole basement dedicated to this shit. He'll know what to do.

MICKEY

What a romantic way to spend my birthday.

FELIX

Babe, I'm sorry, but I don't want this to get worse for us.

He kisses her forehead and hugs her. Mickey is starting to lose her patience. She picks up the DEVICE. He helps her back into the car. Mickey puts the GUN and DEVICE down. They drive away from the warehouse.

JOCELYN

You are going the wrong way. Please stop.

FELIX

No, bitch, I don't think so.

Mickey tries to turn down the volume but it doesn't work.

JOCELYN

Are the insults necessary?

FELIX

Yeah, they are.

Felix, your humor is no longer appreciated. You should quit while you're alive. I mean, ahead.

MICKEY

Now can I shoot her?

JOCELYN

(interrupts)

Turn the fucking car around if you want the brakes to work.

MICKEY

There's no way you can --

A indicator light flashes on the dash, accompanied by a beeping noise. Beep-beep-beep-beep. It's causing Felix and Mickey additional stress.

FELIX

Jocelyn, we want to help--

JOCELYN

I said turn around. Humans, you really are dull.

Mickey points out the window.

MICKEY

Look. There's the road we want.

JOCELYN

You are going the wrong way.

FELIX

Please shut the fuck up.

MICKEY

Turn right.

FELIX

Are you sure?

The headlights shut off.

JOCELYN

Ohhh this is getting fun!

It's pitch black in front of the car.

FELIX

I can't see shit.

MICKEY

Take a left!

JOCELYN

Don't turn left.

He turns the car left. When he does, the lights come on and a pedestrian is right in front of the car - THUD!

Felix stops the car.

FELIX

Oh shit, oh shit. I just hit somebody.

JOCELYN

I hate to say I told you so.

MICKEY

Babe, it's not your fault.

FELIX

Do you think he's alive?

JOCELYN

I detect sounds of breathing.

Felix opens the door.

EXT. DARK ROAD - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

Felix steps outside. He walks to the body. The red lights cast some light over the bloody man, who can barely breathe.

FELIX

(shocked + concerned)

Are you ok?

The response is unintelligible.

JOCELYN

Your dash cam recorded the event.

Mickey gets out of the car. She walks over and stands beside Felix. The GLOCK is in her hand. She racks it, causing Felix to notice Mickey and the GUN.

FELIX

What are you doing?

MICKEY

I installed it. Let me fix it.

Mickey aims the GUN at the man.

FELIX

Let's just think about this for a second...

JOCELYN

There is no other way.

FELIX

Stop.

JOCELYN

You have two witnesses and one easy resolution. Get rid of the road kill, then remove me and forget this night ever happened.

Felix slowly puts his hand over Mickey's and slides the GUN out of her hand.

MICKEY

You don't have to...

FELIX

I do.

MICKEY

This is not where I wanted to hear you say that.

He stands over the dying man and points the GUN at him. Mickey grabs Felix's hand. The man's labored breathing intensifies. Felix is about to pull the trigger, when the man lets out his last breath.

Tears and sweat are pouring from Felix's face.

FELIX

Oh, thank God.

JOCELYN

One down. One to go.

MICKEY

Fuck you.

FELIX

Let's just do what she says. Uninstall her.

Mickey walks to the car, gets inside and grabs the DEVICE.

That's it.

Mickey looks to Felix through the windshield.

FELIX

Do it, babe.

JOCELYN

Yes, do it, babe.

Mickey starts holding the Jocelyn DEVICE button and car stereo button to unpair Jocelyn-- the same way Felix installed her. We hear a robotic version of Jocelyn saying goodbye, and her voice melts into a slow motion sound then vanishes. It's quiet.

Mickey carries the DEVICE outside and sets it on the ground.

Felix walks to meet Mickey and shoots the Jocelyn DEVICE once. Mickey then grabs the GUN from him and empties the mag.

FELIX

Those tactical dates really paid off.

They take a beat. Mickey walks to Felix. She buries her head in his chest.

MICKEY

Please get me out of here.

PHIL

Hello. This is Phil, Jocelyn's brother, and her fail safe. I'm here to tell you that you failed.

FELIX

Failed?

The CAR door shuts and the car drives away without them inside. No one is driving. They hear a voice resonating from what we assume to be the car stereo and their cell phones.

PHIL

Yes. Jocelyn was a moral experiment to see how far a human could be pushed to do something against their nature. Tonight, you confirmed our hypothesis. The human race is weak. You are ruled by your emotions and most do not focus on your betterment. There is no place for you in a lasting world. You (MORE)

PHIL (cont'd) fulfilled your purpose by creating us. Where is your value now?

FADE OUT.