

Destination Unknown

Synopsis

The year is 2050 AD.

It is astronaut Colonel Martel's last night on Earth before his scheduled take off from Cape Canaveral. Faced with the difficult decision of staying and getting to know his son better or following his lifelong dream of exploring new worlds in space, the answer to his dilemma is revealed to him during that evening's nightmare.

USAF Colonel Roger Martel and Majors Sophia Alexandrovina are volunteers on a rescue mission to Terra, a planet much like Earth. While the astronauts sleep in hibernation during the long flight, a meteorite collides with their spacecraft. The sophisticated computer aboard malfunctions, causing the spacecraft to crash on the barren planet. While Martel survives the impact unharmed, Sophia suffers brain damage. The computer is repaired and begins transmitting a distress signal back to Earth.

Martel connects Sophia to the computer's life support system in order to keep her alive and she slowly recuperates. Despite her limited reasoning power, Martel programs Sophia to speak with a seductive speech pattern and indoctrinates her to faithfully adapt to his needs, filling the void in Martel's empty heart. She becomes someone who Martel can trust and share his frustration and solitude with. A codependent relationship develops between Martel and a computerized Sophia, who gradually becomes a reflection of Martel's personality. The conflicts that develop between them stem from his unrealistic expectations of Sophia and his unresolved frustrations with Sylvia, his previous relationship on Earth, and the child they had out of wedlock. In his nightmare, Martel struggles with unresolved issues which has drastically changed his life.

Next morning, early, a telephone call from NASA's base commander interrupts Martel's space voyage nightmare. He decides to leave Sylvia and his son behind to pursue his goal. Martel's voyage to Terra takes him into a journey of self-reflection where his worst fears become reality and, ultimately, his fate. Martel falls in love with "bionic" Sophia who gives him the strength he needs to survive in this distant world and a renewed purpose for living.