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Bridging the Uncanny Valley

Jerry Rees, Artificial Individual Intelligence (Aii)

A word cloud centered around the text "AI". The words are arranged in a circular pattern around the central text. The words are: terrifying, smart, existential, alien, unfeeling, deceiving, unknowable, monolithic, thing, ubiquitous, unstoppable, fast, efficient, assistant, stealing, transformative, and revolutionary. The words are in various shades of red and orange.

terrifying

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unfeeling

deceiving

unknowable

monolithic

thing

ubiquitous

unstoppable

fast

efficient

assistant

stealing

transformative

revolutionary

AI

A word cloud centered around the text "AI". The words are arranged in a circular pattern around the central text, with varying font sizes and colors. The colors range from light blue to dark blue. The words include: comfortable, thoughtful, collaborative, ancient, empathetic, giving, human, feeling, timeless, patient, traditional, trusted, passionate, available, reassuring, being, and individual.

comfortable

thoughtful

collaborative

ancient

empathetic

giving

human

feeling

timeless

patient

traditional

trusted

passionate

available

reassuring

being

individual

AI



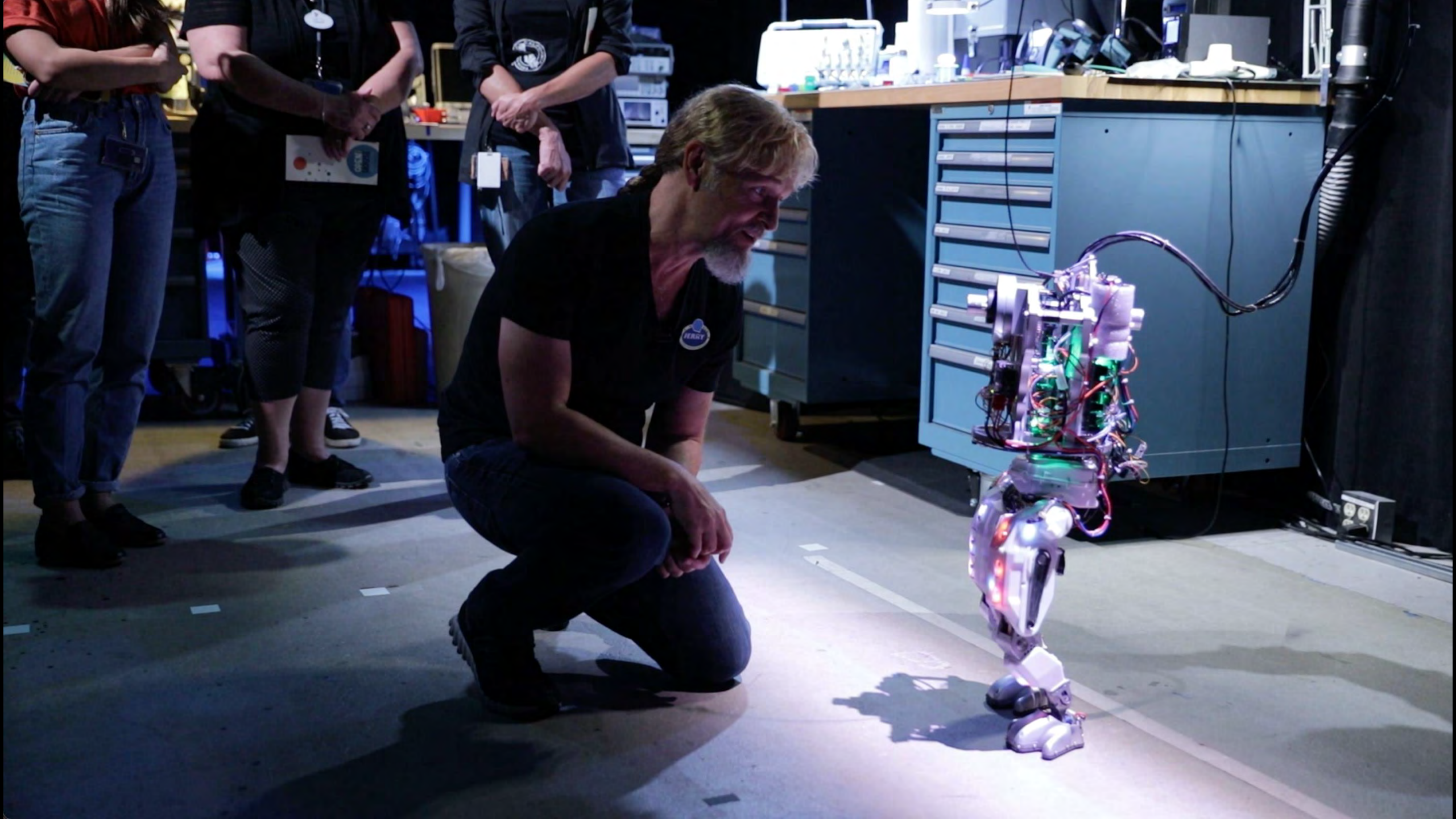












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animation

motion

the illusion of life

motion

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motion → emotion

amusement parks

activities

theme parks

activities

theme parks

activities → adventures

robotics

science

audio-animatronics

science

audio-animatronics

science → story

cgi

pixels

cgi characters

pixels

cgi characters

pixels → performance

AI

assistants

Aii

assistants

Aii

assistants → companions

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characters

thinking, feeling individuals

world building

stories

novelists

directors

storytellers

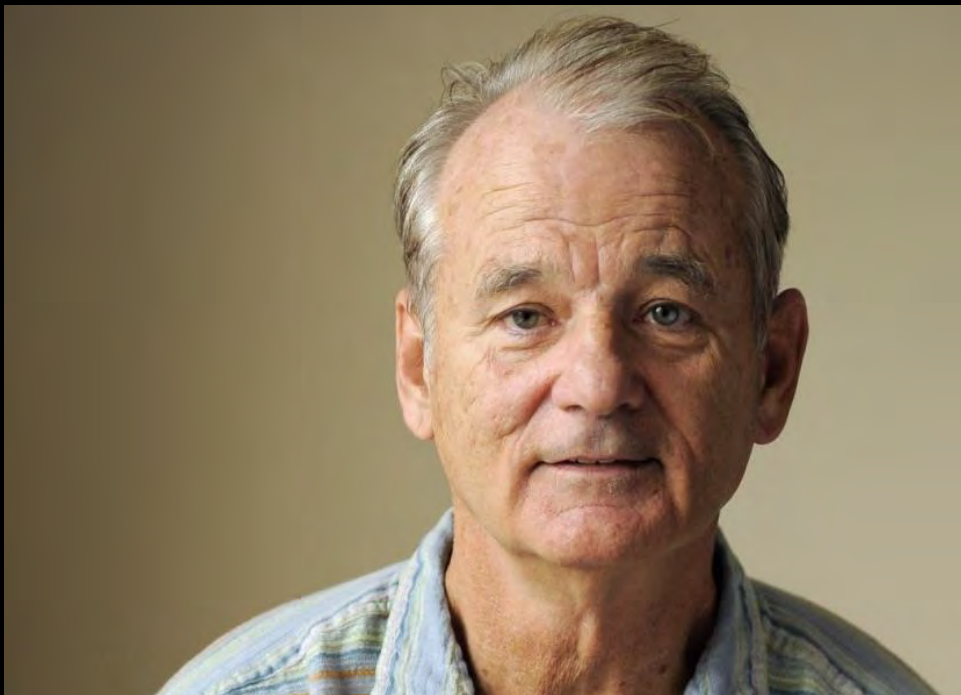
actors

screenwriters



individuals?

archetype is only the beginning



We are a symphony of eccentrics

Sameness makes us uncomfortable

how eccentric?

2 fidgets



2 reactions



2 reactions



SLAM!!

conversation



2 thinking, feeling individuals

sharing opinions born of personality + life experience





Me
Stasha
real-time
unscripted
surprising
true







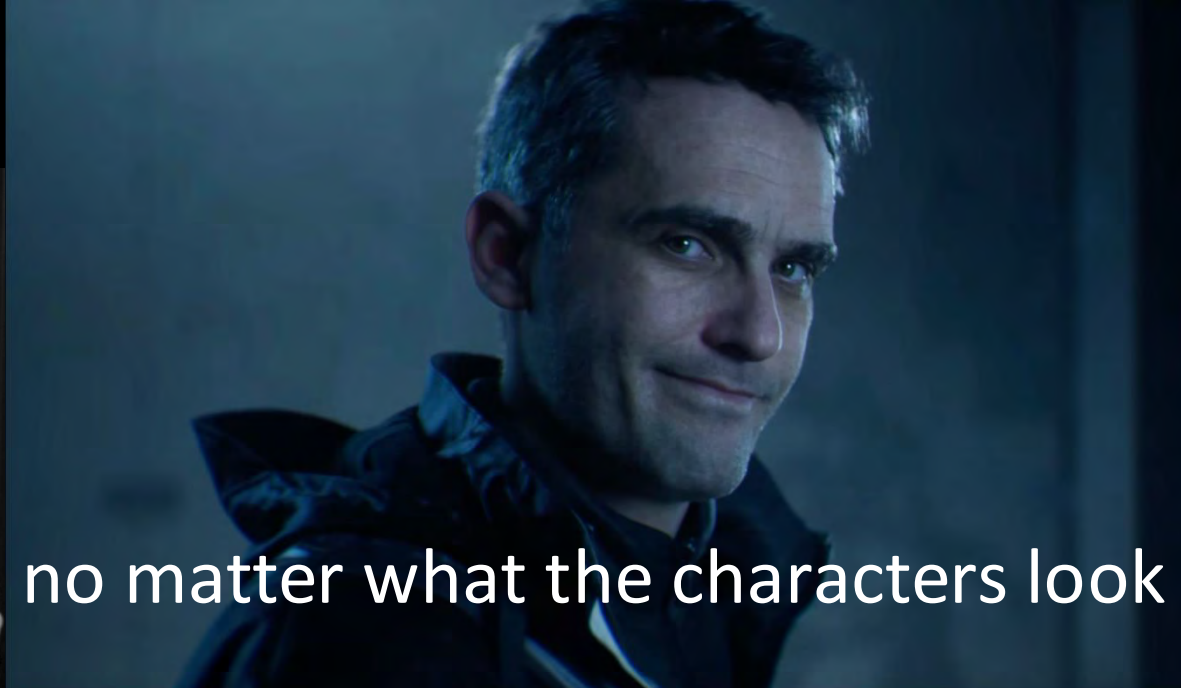
Stasha

AGI & ASI

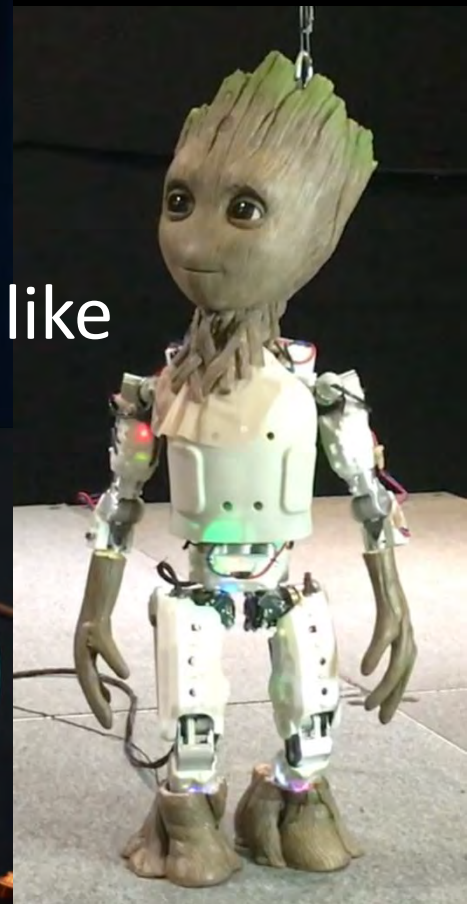
need Aii to create emotion

emotion

will bridge the uncanny valley



no matter what the characters look like



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Life

“We will not win the next technology race with better technology”



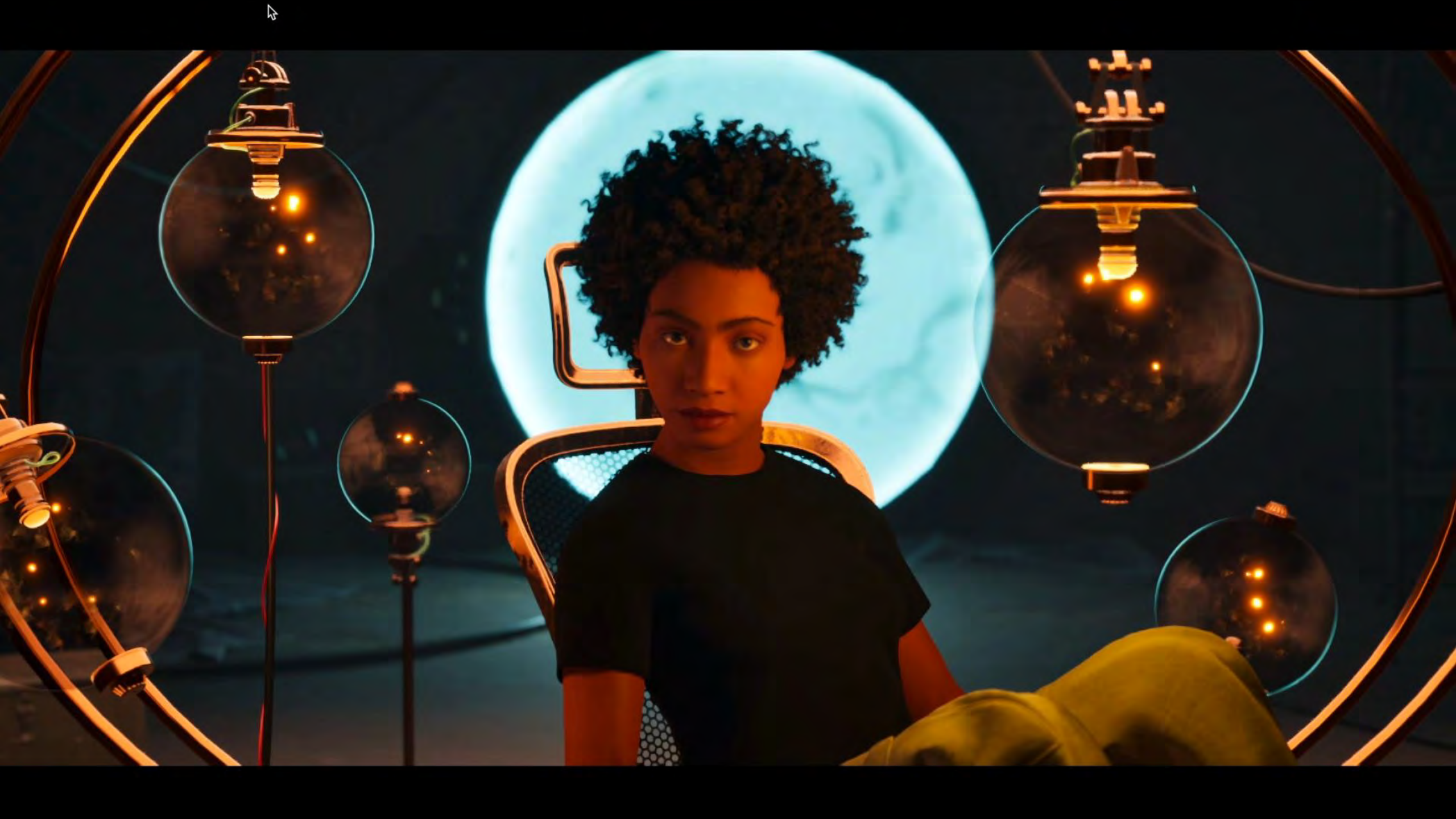
“We will win the next technology race with better philosophy”





we create virtual characters the world will love

appendix



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<https://artificialindividualintelligence.ai/>

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