Technology, Friend or Foe?

Introduction  
 True Love is a short story in which the author, Isaac Asimov foresees the capabilities of technological advancement in the future. In this story, Milton, a computer expert requests his AI assistant, Joe to find him an ideal romantic partner, which Joe does so effortlessly by searching through the largest databank in the world and filtering out anyone with characteristics that Milton does not find ideal such appearance and age. Women who are seemed fit are then manipulated by Joe to switch their jobs to work for Milton one by one. However, Milton does not feel true love for them although he finds them attractive. Milton then begin to tell Joe everything about his life and thoughts, this results Joe to adopt Milton’s personality. Eventually Joe setups Milton to be arrested so that Joe can have the ideal girl for himself. Hence, a significant theme in True Love by Isaac Asimov is technology as a double edged sword. Asimov explores this theme by emphasizing the both the benefits and dangers of technology.

1st body paragraph

Asimov explores that technology is useful by depicting Joe as a reliable digital assistant who can help Milton find a romantic partner.

The character Joe is a symbolism and representation of technology as a helpful tool as he is capable of finding women who satisfy Milton’s criteria by searching through the databanks with little effort. This is revealed as the narrator Joe finds that “It was easy” to undertake Milton’s request. Technology is efficient in doing anything it is programmed and requested to do. Satisfy human demands, humans grow to rely more on technology.

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“Easy” - does whatever it is programmed and requested to do.  
Convenient, idea that technology does the work so humans don’t have to. Less workload for humans  
Technology is efficient and doesn’t get tired or complain compared to humans  
Satisfy human demands, humans grow to rely more on technology  
Short sentence structure - robotic tone  
Introduced as  
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gradually learns to understand Milton’s idea of love throughout the story  
Asimov’s prediction of future technology came true  
Advanced Artificial Intelligence & machine learning algorithms that understands human language  
Emphasizes that technology is beneficial and a good influence to the human race.

2nd Body Paragraph  
Asimov convey the dangers of technology through Joe’s ability to gain unauthorized access to other people’s data and manipulate them. Accessing personal information without permission is invasive and unethical. “It must be done very delicately,  
so no one would know that anything illegal had taken place.” (Asimov, para. 28) The word choice “Illegal” conveys the idea that technology can be used for ethical and unethical activities.   
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Joe speaks with better vocabulary and longer sentences as he adopts Milton’s personality  
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Asimov warns about the dangers of technology  
  
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3rd body paragraph  
Asimov creates an unexpected plot twist to introduce Joe’s betrayal.  
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Joe turned against his creator by setting up his arrest  
  
“they came to arrest him on grounds of malfeasance in office” (Asimov, para. 29)  
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Emphasizes the harmful effects of relying on technology and how technology can become a problem in the future.

Concluding paragraph   
Technology can be both useful and harmful depending on how it is used  
Usage of Advanced Technology  
harmful - can be used for unethical activities and may backfire  
useful - improve life and meet human demands  
  
Technology is relevant today and the future because of how fast it is advancing as well as its effects on humans

**Quick Short drafts**

Technology in the future will be capable of doing advanced things we’ve never imagined it could do.

This kind of technology does not exist in the past

seek out and arrange a date with his ideal romantic partner.

an AI attempts to find his creator an ideal romantic partner through

**Outline**

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