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Word Processor of the Gods

Introduction

Word processor is a fantasy and horror story.

"Word Processor of the Gods" is a short story by Stephen King. It was collected in King's Skeleton Crew in 1985. Word processor is a typewriter but in the story word processor is the computer.

Author : Stephen King

Country : United States

Language : English

Genre : Fantasy, short story

Publication type : Magazine

Publisher : Playboy Media Corp

Media type : Print media in Periodical

Summary

A middle-aged writer is disenchanted with his tyrannical wife, his disrespectful teenage son, and his life in general. His teenage nephew suddenly dies in a car accident caused by the writer's abusive brother, who was driving drunk, who dies as well along with the nephew's gentle, kind mother. Amongst the boy's effects, the writer finds a word processor, seemingly cobbled together from a dozen different sources, with the startup message stating "Happy birthday, Uncle Richard", revealing that it was intended as a birthday gift for the main character. At home, the writer discovers that the processor has the mysterious ability to affect reality, but the electronics in the patchwork machine are brittle and will not function for long. While in the middle of testing the processor, Richard's son Seth returns home alongside his obnoxious band members. Overhearing his son badmouthing him, Richard deletes him, which retroactively erases his existence. His bandmates are gone, his room is empty and every trace of him ever living there is gone. When his wife returns home, he finds she is now even fatter than when she left, the result of never having any children. After she vocally abuses him, he deletes her as well. With the processor now rapidly deteriorating, Richard impulsively rewrites reality, making the

nephew his own son, and his mother his wife, moments before the processor irreparably breaks. He turns around, finding the nephew alive once again, and now calling him Dad.

Themes

How technology can affect someone's sanity.

When technology given the chance to change their life, people take advantage of that and abuse it. Technology has taken over our lives and it could take our sanity if we let it. Some people are strong, but others are weak because they are full of envy. The character Richard was one of the weak ones because he was envious of his brother Roger.

Envious nature of human.

The main theme highlighted in this short story the envious nature of humans. This story shows that to fulfill Desires of life human can do anything. And technology help them in achieving all desire in his life.

Human Shortsightedness and greed

Richard after getting the temporary and Godlike power, he only fulfills his few wishes which is also in reach of human powers. There are many ways to attain wealth and led a happy life. But human being as shortsightedness and greed only think about little thing in spite of having a huge purpose.

Fate vs Technology

Richard life was the ill-fated life and his brother who is older and bigger always get what he wanted by force even his girlfriend Belinda. In real life, Richard was cowardice, timid and weak to fight for his love. So, he uses technology which he called magic dream machine, to defy and to go against his fate.

Characters

Richard Hagstrom

He is the main character of the story. He received a gift from his nephew the word processor. This word processor is not the ordinary and at last the Hagstrom use this processor to delete his son and wife and execute his neph

Lina

She is the wife of Richard Hagstrom. Richard is not happy with her. He called her disaffected wife. And at last he deleted her from this world.

Seth

He is the son of Richard Hagstrom. He is a disgruntled, ungrateful teenage boy. He ignores his father. Seth was always in his own world playing with his band and when his father needs him he just continues playing and ignores him. He has no bond with his father that's why his father doesn't like him and delete him.

Roger

He is the brother of Richard Hagstrom. He is a drinker. He and his son and wife are dying in an accident. Roger has the life Richard always dreamed of, he had the wife and kid he always wanted.

Belinda

She is the wife of Roger and mother of Jon.

Jon.

He is the son of Roger. Richard and his nephew Jon always had a stronger connection than with the connection with his son Seth. He gift Richard a word processor on his birthday.

Goliath by Neil Gaiman

Introduction

Goliath is a short story written by Neil Gaiman and illustrated by Bill Sienkiewicz and Gregory Ruth for The Matrix Comics Series 1.

It was then re-illustrated and published in The Matrix Comics Volume 1, and was later included in Neil Gaiman's short story anthology "Fragile Things".

Twenty years after the first Matrix film "The Matrix", it was also republished as part of The Matrix Comics: 20th Anniversary Edition.

The story was about a genetically engineered man trained and sent on a mission to destroy a ship of attacking aliens.

Summary

Goliath is a story written by Neil Gaiman. Goliath as a protagonist and narrator started to narrate his story. He met a man wearing horn-rimmed spectacles who told him about the attack that enemy missile had taken CPU and two hundred people had died in that attack. As time passes he got different jobs and also married a woman named Sandra. His wife left him and also taken with her their children. In 1986, he got a new job afterwards and this job is related to computers. He liked computers because of their working and their business went very well. One day another attack occurred which staggered the train. The black girl who was sitting next to Goliath was so frightened that she passed the note. Goliath this time again encountered by the man who was wearing horn-rimmed glasses. He told Goliath that enemy is not the other country like U.S.S.R or Iranian but the alien. Goliath asked from him the solution. He told the only way is to counter attack and we are working on machine. In 1975, when Goliath was the sixteen years old, he first time encountered the horn-rimmed glasses man. He was actually the recruiting officer who asked from him about his wish that you want to fly and he agreed with him. After many years he became professional in his field and above that he became Graceful Clearance Flying officer which was the highest rank. It was the time when he married to Sandra who has left him. Sandra did not like his ideas about the unreal world and attacking of the aliens. These things make her mad. But spaceship was not meant to return. There were not enough resources to bring it back. When he came to know about this information, his spaceship was revolving around the moon. He has given a fifty-seven minutes in which he sends a voice note to Susan that the best time of my life is last twenty minutes with you.

Characters

Goliath

Goliath is the protagonist and narrator of the story. His body is quite bigger amongst the other human beings. He married two times in his life. He first married to Sandra and have two kids. She left her when he was in his late 20s almost 27 years old. His second wife was Susan with whom he has boy. But he left her wife because he has to go in his mission.

Horn-Rimmed spectacle man

He is the only man in the story whom the Goliath encountered every time. He is the RAF recruiting officer. A well-dressed man with American accent. He first time met with the Goliath when he was sixteen years old. Then he encounters with him in street and gave the information about the attack of enemy and also warns about him that we can anytime be eliminated from Earth. Third time when alien sent missile to earth, he appeared in railway train.



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Sandra

Sandra was the first wife of the Goliath. Sandra met with Goliath at swimming bath. But when she was on her pregnancy state having two kids. She easily gets annoyed on small things. She easily become stressed. So, she left her husband in that state. Sandra has a minor role in this story.

Susan

Susan is the second wife of Goliath which he announced at the end of the story in the voice note. He has the one son from Susan. Susan is the lovely black girl with a nice temper.

Themes

- o Time travel
- o Alternative timelines
- o Human vs machine
- o Machine controlled earth.

Conclusion

These both stories are the science fiction short stories. In which both writers highlights the impacts of technology on human. It also portray the effects of technology on human life. In future human totally depend on machines and technologies for fulfilling their desires is portrayed in these stories.