Writing Sample

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Includes "Passion".
Passion

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Subtitle: PASSION 1905

Shanghai, 1905. A movie of earlier ages in a theatre. Among the audience there are two young lovers, MEI, a novelist and his girlfriend, LAN, an illustrator.

The basic story of MEI and LAN: Watching the movie, the art of magic, their imagination flies. The idea of writing a fiction together is burning in their mind. MEI will write the story while LAN will illustrate it. Then in 1905, in an ordinary and quiet house in Shanghai, they start to live a recluse life, so much immersed in their story. They imagine what life would be like one hundred years later here in Shanghai and imagine love. (In their imagination, there’re even shapes of early computers and computer games.) The title is PASSION 1905.

LAN makes drawings of all the characters in the story according to their imagination. (These have in fact become the design drawings for 2nd part of this movie.)

After all the pains, their fiction novel is finally finished. They congratulate each other and submit the manuscript to a publisher with great excitement...

Looking at the weird couple in front of him, the publisher is curious to know what kind of book they could produce, so he agrees to read it.

(Since they’ve been living in their imaginary shanghai of 2005 for long, their dressing is now kind of weird. A combination of different fashion styles characteristic in 1905 and 2005 may introduce some comedic elements herein.)

At night, the publisher starts to read the novel. The wild imagination in the story almost drives him mad. The next morning, when he comes into the office, he looks even more surprising and weird than MEI and LAN.

But the first thing he does is to phone the police, saying he found two dangerous elements...

MEI and LAN notice something is going wrong. Just one minute before the police arrives, they leave their house. So a chase takes place in Shanghai in the gloomy rain… (scenes of chasing and confrontation)

Finally both of them are arrested…

After a secret trial on a secret court, they are secretly forced into an asylum. They desperately explain their novel to everyone they meet, hoping to convince them that they are not lunatics...
and that everything in the novel is likely to happen in the future, but nobody believes them...

In the asylum, nobody knows who they are and nobody speaks with them. They could do nothing but console each other and talk with each other. They accompany each other through each of the evenings and sleepless nights...

Later, early one morning, people find them dead, holding each other in arms. A manuscript is found in their clothes. It has been read so many times that the handwriting and illustrations fade away. Nobody could recognize what's in the book... So the book is buried together with them in the grave...

The moment when the last spade of earth is dumped onto their face, to our great surprise, weird smiles suddenly appear on their faces. Or maybe at the same time, they open their eyes suddenly without being noticed...

Subtitle: PASSION 2005

Shanghai, 2005. Everything in MEI and LAN's manuscript has now become the reality. It seems so natural that no one will notice it. It's so unattractive, even a little bit dull... (almost the representation of life stream)

There're two young people in Shanghai, ZHU, 27, and JIU, 25. ZHU is CEO of a software company while JIU is the editor of a fashion magazine. Both of them are successful in their career and happy with their companion. In order to fully relax themselves during their little leisure time, both of them love playing online games at home. Nowadays the hottest game is Passion 2005.

(Rules of Passion: First the player has to create a character according to his own imagination, determine its personalities, actions, clothes or even makeup as per his own will. Then the player has to make his character to ask a stranger out. The final aim of the game is to make a character fall in love with another in the game.)

The first character ZHU creates is killed during a fight. He is annoyed and breaks into the database of Municipal Asylum, searching items with the keyword “Passion”. He finds a heretical book named “Passion” but is denied the access to the content. He then searches for the author. Among numerous cases, he finds a patient named MEI. He copies all the information about him and creates in the game a character named MEI. Shortly after that, one day, ZHU finds a girl named LAN appear in the online game (which JU creates after she reads about MEI).

Thus, they start their love journey online. (This should be a pun love story, both of Zhu and Ju and at the same time the online extension of MEI and LAN. It also builds up an interactive connection with the first part of the story).
Shortly after that, because of love, they exchange their real contact information online, so...

They meet... They feel they’ve know each other before... They fall in love... At some certain moment, both would suddenly feel that they were once in love...

Then they put MEI and LAN under dormancy (thus the clue of Mei and Lan also become dormant), sealed them with passwords accordingly and they could only be activated again with the password. MEI and LAN put aside the online game and start to enjoy the love in reality...

Just as they are indulging themselves in their loving sweetness, ZHU happens to find there’s something JU is hiding from him. He doesn’t know what it is, but it’s weighing on his mind. He also find JU’s behaviour getting more and more weird. She even talks online with an unknown identity in mysterious codes. And also her expression is always abnormal...

And she often disappears. Finally, after she disappears for a whole night, JU comes back to ZHU early in the morning. She cries and says a lot to ZHU, as if she’s going to leave forever and bid farewell to him...

JU tells ZHU her secret. Recently, she gets to know that she was originally from a remote planet in the universe. Hundreds of years ago, during a space voyage, she was accidentally left behind on this “Planet Game”. And they call this game “PASSION Version 2005”. According to the rules, the characters are called “human”, the virtual planet is called “Earth” and the year is labelled 2005. Actually, this game is originated from the “Biological Species Game” billions of years ago. Now, everyone on Earth is a component of this immense “biological species game”, including ZHU. That’s why everyone on earth has his own constellation.

(Details of the program, pattern and rules of this biology species game are to be determined.)

JU also tells ZHU that in one month, a spaceship will fly to the Earth and take her away from this game planet to the remote world where she’s from. If she misses it, she’ll never be able to go back again and will become a component in the game forever. This is her last chance. She wants to go back to where she’s from, but at the same time, she can’t leave ZHU, can’t leave “Earth”...

ZHU believes there must be something wrong with her mind and he wants to take her to see a psychology doctor. No matter how JU tries to explain what she says is true, he won’t believe her words. He tries to persuade her to go see the doctor with him... In the end, JU agrees.

Later, on their way to her office, JU is suddenly knocked over by a whirling car. JU lies in blood, looks at ZHU and gradually closes her eyes...

A stormy night, ZHU suddenly wakes up from a sad dream. In the room where he lived with Ju, he is sleepless. So he starts his computer and enters the PASSION Game. He sees his
character “MEI” is still locked under dormancy, but when he checks with “LAN”, to his surprise, he find LAN has been activated...

TV News: Full coverage of someone spotting UFO. News clippings of what’s happening on Earth when the movie is finished.

Subtitle: PASSION 2105

Shanghai, 2105. Ju returns to the Earth, the Game Territory 100 years later. She comes back to this city called Shanghai. She seems to be tracing back ZHU, but in fact, she is a special envoy with a secret mission, an interstellar mission…

THE END

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