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INT: LOVE BUG DATING SERVICE

MIKEY sits in a waiting room. An attractive young woman, TRACEY, enters. She smiles at him, glances at her notes momentarily.

TRACEY

Come in, mister -- Evans, isn't it?

He stands, shakes her hand.

MIKEY

Mikey Evans. Yeah. Good to meet you.

TRACEY

I'm Tracey. Your facilitator. The room is down the hallway, here.

She leads him down a hallway, to a closed door with a scanner outlet. He hands her his I.D. Card. She glances at it.

TRACEY (CONT'D)

Oh, you're from Methdome. North of Bellingham.

MIKEY

Used to be. I live here now. In Seattle. Up the street a ways.

She scans the card, hands it back to him.

TRACEY

My last boyfriend was from Methdome. He was a sweetheart. A genuine nice guy. Always going somewhere. You like traveling? Other planets, that kinda thing?

MIKEY

I went to Mars once. That's about it.

TRACEY

I've never been anywhere. 'Cept to Luna once, on a field trip. -- The doctor will be with you in a moment.

MIKEY

Doctor?

TRACEY

She's a mechanical, actually. She's amazing, for a robot. So insightful, when she's working right. Which she is, of course. We just had her adjusted a few days ago.

Mikey smiles. The doctor, a humanoid robot in the shape of a woman, enters.

TRACEY (CONT'D)

Doctor Veirdaas. This is Michael. I'll be back in a few minutes.

TRACEY

(to Michael, reassuringly)  
She'll find you someone. I know she will.

Tracey leaves. He looks after her with a bit of interest.

DOCTOR VEIRDAAS

Hello, Michael. It is pleasant to meet you.

MICHAEL

Nice to meet...

DOCTOR VEIRDAAS

Remove your clothing, please.

MIKEY

Ahh --- I'm just here for the interview. For the video thing.

DOCTOR VEIRDAAS

An examination is required. There are over seven million women in my database. Most are searching within limited physical parameters. -- Assuming you are looking for a female. Homosexual applicants are even more demanding, in their requirements.

MIKEY

Ah, yeah. Female. Definitely. I don't want a guy.

DOCTOR VEIRDAAS

I will activate the machinery.