

Looking for Love

Kim speaks in a normal speaking voice (unless otherwise noted). She is a Model 700 CyberFem sales representative robot.

Nina speaks in a normal speaking voice with a British accent. She is a human woman buying an android for a “romantic” relationship.

Kim: “Good afternoon. Welcome to the CyberFem Showroom. Can I help you with anything?”

Nina: “Oh, Hi. Yes, as a matter of fact, you can. I have an appointment today with Kim.”

Kim: “That’s me. You must be Miss Thomas.”

Nina: “Yes I am. Please, call me Nina.”

Kim: “Certainly. I’m very pleased to meet you, Nina.”

Nina: “Likewise, Kim.”

Kim: “You’re interested in purchasing a CyberFem robot, is that correct?”

Nina: “Yes. Yes it is.”

Kim: “When we spoke on the phone earlier today, you mentioned you might want to use our web-customization tool to design the appearance of your own Model 700 robot. Did

you complete a template? Or do you see any robots here in the showroom that interest you?”

Nina: “I did make a template. I saved it on the website like it asked. But I must say these androids here look spectacular. They’re all androids?”

Kim: “Yes, of course.

Nina: “Wow. They look so... real.”

Kim: “I’m glad to hear you think so. The Model 700s are, of course, intended to be the most realistic. They’re even more impressive when they’ve been activated. Shall I activate one of them to give you a demonstration of Model 700 robot features?”

Nina: “Oh, I don’t think that will be necessary. I was watching some of the video clips on your website. Dear lord, do those things impress!”

Kim: “I’m glad to hear you think so. Shall we proceed with finalizing the customization process and ordering your new Model 700 robot?”

Nina: “Yes, let’s do that.”

Kim: “Of course. Come this way to my office, please.”

Nina: “Right behind you.”

Kim: “Have a seat please, Nina.”

Nina: “Alright.”

Kim: “Now... let me just access the database and pull up the template you saved... Nina Thomas... is this the one?”

Nina: “Oh, yes.”

Kim: “Five foot six, voluptuous figure, pale skin, deep auburn hair with big soft curls, and emerald green eyes.”

Nina: “That’s her alright.”

Kim: “You have chosen female voice number 6, with London accent number 1.”

Nina: “I liked the sound of that voice. Quite posh, I think.”
(light laugh)

Kim: “You spent quite a bit of time on facial customization, and some time on customizing the shape of the hips and bust-line. However, you left the subfacial electronics customizations at their default settings. Are these settings to your satisfaction?”

Nina: “Yes, I’m quite sure. If I’m to be entirely honest, I’m mostly attracted to the face. And that woman’s face... well, if you can make her to look like that, she’ll be simply heavenly.”

Kim: “So you have no interest in altering the appearance of the facial panel opening, nor of the subfacial electronics visible when she removes her faceplate?”

Nina: “Um... I saw that in the options while I was going through them. I must admit I don’t understand why they’re

even in there.”

Kim: “Most of our customers are technosexuals, and have a fondness for electronic circuitry and overt displays of artificiality.”

Nina: “Hm. Well, it’s not for me. Brenda... I’ve already got a name for her... Brenda will be keeping her face on if I’ve got anything to say about it.”

Kim: “Understood. Please be aware though, that the faceplate is an access panel, and may be required to be removed for maintenance periodically.”

Nina: “Well, it’s unavoidable, I suppose.”

Kim: “Before we proceed to software customizations, do you have any questions about the physical customization or appearance of your new Model 700 robot?”

Nina: “I don’t think so. I went through that thing pretty thoroughly, and I’m quite sure I’ve got her looking just the way I want her. Actually, there is one thing.”

Kim: “What’s that?”

Nina: “The eyes. I’m sort of... an old romantic, you could say, and even though I’m buying an android for romance, I still need the eyes to be as realistic as possible. I mean, I got a good impression of the way they look from those videos, but I’d like to see them up close on a Model 700. Could we go back out on the showroom floor so I could have a look please?”

Kim: “Oh, that won’t be necessary. Just look at my eyes.”

(pause)

Kim: “What do you think?”

Nina: “What are you talking about?”

Kim: “I’m a Model 700 robot. Do you think my eyes are realistic enough?”

Nina: “What!? You’re not a robot! There’s no way!”

Kim: “I am indeed a CyberFem Model 700 robot, Nina. Here, let me show you.”

(pause)

Kim: “There... now that I’ve removed my faceplate, you can see that I’m not a human like you. And while I have my faceplate removed, take a closer look at my eyes.”

Nina: “Oh... oh wow.”

(pause)

Nina: “This is too freaky.”

Kim: “Were you really unaware that I’m a robot?”

Nina: “Yes... I thought you were... real.”

Kim: “That just goes to show how realistic CyberFem’s Model 700 robots are.”

Nina: “What are your eyes made of?”

Kim: “My eyes are spheres of high-grade optical glass, patterned to resemble human eyes. Inside each one is a high-resolution video camera that streams video data back to my processors.”

Nina: “They do look real. I honestly could not tell.”

Kim: “Let me put my faceplate back on, then I can lean forward and let you have another close look.”

Nina: “Okay.”

(pause)

Kim: “There. Now, tell me if you can detect any artificiality.”

Nina: “I... I don't know. Your eyes just look real. Your skin looks real. Dear god, you look like a real flesh and blood woman. It's uncanny.”

Kim: “Your new CyberFem Model 700 robot will be just as realistic as I am.”

Nina: “Kim, don't take this personally, but will I be speaking to a real person at all during this process?”

Kim: “No, does that bother you?”

Nina: “No, I was just curious. Are all of CyberFem's saleswomen... robots?”

Kim: “Yes. This CyberFem Showroom is staffed almost exclusively by CyberFem Model 700 robots like me.”

Nina: “Wow. That is something else.”

Kim: “Shall we proceed with software customizations?”

Nina: “Oh, yes. Of course.”

Kim: “It appears that you have already browsed through the available artificial intelligence modules on our website, and have selected the following: Human Emulation version 3.6.2a, plus subscription to updates. Model 700 Sexual Functionality version 5.1.1, plus subscription to updates. Emotion Simulation Beta version 0.4, plus subscription to updates. Romance Simulation Beta 0.3, plus subscription to updates. Is this correct?”

Nina: “Yes.”

Kim: “Are there any additional artificial intelligence modules or software packages that you would like to purchase at this time?”

Nina: “I didn’t see any on the website that interest me... are there any offered by CyberFem that aren’t listed on the website?”

Kim: “No.”

Nina: “Well, those are all I want then. I can add new ones if I choose at a later time, right?”

Kim: “Yes.”

Nina: “I do have a question. I realize I’m not like the typical guy customer who buys a sex robot... I’m looking for romance in a partner. And I read a lot about what the Romance Simulation software does, and how the android will act. But... this is kind of hard to put into words... how... *deep* will that romance be?”

Kim: “I am sorry Nina, I don’t understand.”

Nina: “Hmm... what I’m saying is... I know that Brenda will be a machine, and that she won’t actually love me, but just how convincing of a simulation will it be? Like, will I be reminded constantly of her limitations? Or will there be genuine moments when it feels like I’ve got a real partner at my side?”

(pause)

Kim: “I am sorry Nina, I don’t think I can answer your questions.”

Nina: “Is there a way I could... you know... try out a robot with Romance Simulation software?”

Kim: “I am sorry Nina, none of the robots here at this CyberFem Showroom are currently programmed with the Romance Simulation artificial intelligence module. If you would like to experience this software in action, I can suggest you go to CyberFem Park, and request a Model 700 robot with that programming.”

Nina: “Oh, I can’t afford to go there, not after buying a robot of my own.”

Kim: “Are there any other customizations you would like to make to your new CyberFem Model 700 robot?”

Nina: “No, I think she’s ready to order.”

Kim: “Very good. There is one last thing we need to talk about before we order the robot though, How would you like to meet her?”

Nina: “Meet her? What do you mean?”

Kim: “Once your robot has been manufactured and programmed, you can come here to the CyberFem Showroom to meet her, or have her delivered or self-delivered. You can also go directly to our robot manufacturing facility to meet her. Or if you prefer, she can be shipped to CyberFem Park so that you can travel there to meet her.”

Nina: “Oh, wow. What’s the difference between delivery and self-delivery?”

Kim: “When your robot is delivered, she will arrive in a shipping crate, delivered by CyberFem staff. You will be able to unpack and activate her yourself. When your robot is self-delivered, she will be sent fully activated and dressed, arriving by car to your door.”

Nina: “Oh. And if I pick her up here, She’ll be activated and dressed too?”

Kim: “Yes.”

Nina: “Hm... I’ll pick her up here. That seems like the

most... appropriate.”

Kim: “Very good. Let me bring up the billing information you submitted to the CyberFem website.”

Kim: “Here we go. Can you please verify that this information is correct?”

(pause)

Nina: “Yes, that’s all correct.”

Kim: “Very good. The total price with tax of your new CyberFem Model 700 robot is twenty-one thousand two hundred and thirty nine dollars and seventy four cents. How will you be paying?”

Nina: “By credit card.”

Kim: “Certainly. Just give me your credit card and I’ll process the transaction.”

Nina: “Alright... here you go.”

Kim: “Thanks. Please wait.”

Nina: “Oh... Will you look at that... right into your chest.”

Kim: “Contacting financial institution. Please wait.”

Kim: “Please enter your P.I.N.”

Nina: “What, in that opening in your chest?”

Kim: “Yes.”

Nina: *(light laugh)* “Alright. There you go.”

Kim: “Confirming P.I.N. Please do not remove card. Please wait.”

Kim: “Do you approve this transaction to CyberFem Industries of twenty-one thousand two hundred and thirty nine dollars and seventy four cents?”

Nina: “Yes I do.”

Kim: “Confirming sale to financial institution. Please wait.”

(pause)

Kim: “Transaction approved. Please remove your credit card.”

Nina: “Sure thing.”

Kim: “With that, the construction and customization process has started on your new CyberFem Model 700 robot. The robots in our manufacturing facility have received your order, and they will start working on your robot immediately.”

Nina: “Oh, that’s exciting. The website said it should take a few days to make her.”

Kim: “That is correct. The manufacturing process for a brand new Model 700 robot takes approximately 68.7 hours. You will receive email updates when your robot has been completed, tested, and dispatched to this location. I will also

phone you when she arrives.”

Nina: “Oh, that’s so wonderful. I’ll be eagerly anticipating her arrival... I simply can not wait!”

Kim: “I hope you are satisfied with her when she comes in. If there is any problem with your order, no matter how minor, please do not hesitate to let me know.”

Kim: “Here’s my card. You can call me at any time, day or night.”

Nina: *(laughs)* “Oh dear, it even says you’re a robot, right on your business card.”

Kim: “Yes, of course. I *am* a robot.

Nina: “And... day or night? You don’t... sleep... or recharge?”

Kim: “Robots do not sleep. And I can continue to function while I recharge.”

Nina: “Wow. Well, I have to go Kim. I’d actually love to stay and chat with you. You’re quite a fascinating machine.”

Kim: “Thank you. I’m glad to hear you think so.”

Nina: “If Brenda is anything like you, I think I’m going to be in for a real treat.”

Kim: “That is quite likely. Out of all the artificial intelligence modules you purchased for your new robot, I am only currently running Human Emulation version 3.6.2a.”

Nina: “Really? And that’s it?”

Kim: “I am also currently running CyberFem Staff Module 2.0.3 and CyberFem Sales Module 1.1.”

Nina: “Ah. Well, I really need to be off now. Thanks for everything. And I guess I’ll see you in three days.”

Kim: “You’re very welcome Nina. Goodbye.”

Nina: “Bye.”
