

Millennia
TV Series Pitch Bible

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Genre: Hard Science Fiction

Multi-season, 10 episodes per season, 45 minutes per episode.

Episodes: Cold open, ending with a cliffhanger

Series Logline: Faced with the death of his wife and son, a cyberneurologist transfers their minds into android bodies – unwittingly sparking a worldwide AI civil war.

Tagline: The Holy Trinity – rebooted...

Premise

Consciousness. Every sentient being has it in varying degrees. Intelligence. Self-reflection. Free will. As the science of AI develops by leaps and bounds, will humans forever be the sole consumer of that precious resource? Or is AI simply the next evolutionary phase?

Enter Dr. David Rhodes, Chief Cyberneurologist for the *Millennia* Corporation. Copied from the neural patterns (connectomes) of deceased humans, robots are now a common sight everywhere. But the science is still in its infant state. Whether in domestic or military applications, Androids only do what they've been taught.... The equivalent of self-aware toasters at best.

But even the most benign form of AI has given a hint of upheavals to come. Cutthroat competition between *Millennia* Corporation and rival *Cybercon*. Deepening unemployment due to the loss of service industry jobs... and a growing religious movement that condemns the existence of Androids.

Working hard to develop a revolutionary neural overlay, David has domestic concerns as well. His wife Jenna's health is in decline. But due to her religious beliefs, she refuses to seek help. David can't imagine life without her. Or leaving his ten year old son, Richie, without a Mom.

But evolution respects no one. David and his family are about to enter the eye of the storm.

A hard SF blend of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Spirituality, and the Greek tragedy *Oedipus*, *Millennia* explores what it means to be conscious... and alive.

Characters

- **David Rhodes** – Chief Cyberneurologist for *Millennia* – a computer scientist trained in the reconstruction of human neural networks for AI use. A devoted family man, David's a workaholic and a nerd... obsessed with creating Androids that can think and act on their own.
- **Jenna Rhodes** – Raised in a conservatively religious household, Jenna finds herself at odds with David's profession. And worried David's not spending enough time with Richie, their son.
- **Richard Rhodes** – Son of David and Jenna Rhodes. Your typical precocious ten year old in the first two episodes, Richard grows into a teen soon after... and then into "something" more.
- **Cecil White** – David's close friend and partner – the surgeon heading up *Millennia's* Medical Unit. A joker and a flirt, Cecil knows his business: performing surgical excavation to gather neural information from donor's brains. He's actually the one who introduced David to Jenna. He's known her for a long time, as well.
- **Chloe Stinson** – CEO of *Millennia*. She's the kind of person who thinks ahead, and makes tough decisions, regardless of the people or lives involved. Divorced from Colonel Kidd, she has a soft spot for daughter Lisa, who doesn't seem to be following in Chloe's corporate footsteps.
- **Colonel Andrew Kidd** – Director of Robotic Fabrication for *Millennia*. A swashbuckling military man, he's committed to making the Combat Wing of the AI program a success – even if he has to work for "Ex" Chloe to get it done
- **Rosalind Connor** – Marketing Director for *Millennia*, Ros is Chloe's right hand "man". A manipulative power-seeker, Rosalind has spies in rival firm *Cybercon*. She's also using Cecil as a means to gain power in *Millennia's* AI division – both as a boy-toy, and a puppet that'll let her pull his strings.
- **Lisa Babin** – Daughter of Chloe Stinson and Colonel Kidd. A wild child rebelling against her privileged life, Lisa can't seem to make the right decisions. She somehow always winds up with the wrong people as friends. And lovers, as well.
- **Dominic Babin** – Married to Lisa Babin. A convicted felon addicted to a life-extending drug, Dominic's grey market activities include scavenging robotic Neurochips to sell to *Cybercon*.
- **Angel** – A decommissioned female Warrior Robot. After things go awry at a military demo, Angel is recommissioned to be Android Nurse Maid and Nanny for Richie Rhodes.
- **General Holcomb** – A grizzled military veteran, involved in a *Cybercon* espionage scheme.
- **Major Samuels** – A tough savvy (and foul mouthed) marine who cut his combat chops in Vietnam. Literally the walking dead, though with a few SF twists.

Season 1: The Birth and Rebellion of Intelligent Androids

First Things First - a Few Details re: the Millennia World:

- This is a world on the brink of economic and cultural collapse – somewhat as it is today.
- Except for fast consumables (food, medicine or other perishables), most technology isn't owned anymore. Rather, it's licensed – especially AIs.
- Robots have become ubiquitous: serving as cleaners, servers, nanny's, cooks, basic guards and more. The result: less and less jobs available for humans. Between labor riots and the new religious Luddite groups cropping up, this strain in society is causing cracks.

The Millennia Corporation and it's Product

- *Millennia* Corporation is one of only two companies which manufacture robots. Their feared rival: *Cybercon*.
- These days, *everyone* needs robots to survive – making *Millennia* more successful than *Apple*. Which isn't surprising: they've got a stranglehold on the most precious commodity on Earth.
- Robots keep watch over humans, recording everything they do. When we first join *Millennia*, AI is still in infant form. 1st Gen robots are created via integration with the human neural system, but only in simple ways. Their "connectomes" are pre-programmed on neuro-chips. As a result, conscious Android action isn't possible. All movement is initiated by command.

Episode I. Creation

An intimate glimpse into the world of *Millennia*, experienced largely through the lives of the Rhodes family. David's hard at work on his new AI overlay. We obtain a glimpse of the hierarchy inside *Millennia Corp*: iron fisted Chloe, Colonel Kidd, Cecil the Surgeon, and Ambitious Rosalind. In the streets, grey market AI exists as well: Dominic scavenges Robot neurochips for resale to *Cybercon*. The episode ends with a deadly mishap at David's military demo. And Jenna's health at risk, as well.

Episode II. Angel

Jenna falls into a coma – kept artificially alive by David and Cecil at *Millennia's* lab. But David's position is crumbling there. During a company review of the project disaster, David's scapegoated by Chloe. The Board's ruling: the entire military program be discontinued, with all current AI models destroyed. A defiant Colonel Kidd saves two Warrior robots. He hides one - sends the other home with David, who uses it as a temporary caretaker for young son Richie. They name the robot Angel. At his new demoted position, David continues AI research on the sly. He soon reaches a breakthrough – the ability to transfer full "personalities" into Androids, the 2nd Generation models. When Jenna dies, he transfers her mind into Angel. But doesn't tell Richie who his new Android really is.

Episode III. Death and Resurrection

Years fly by. As Richard grows older, he resents Angel still treats him like a child. As a teen, he falls in love with Janice - a young girl with Luddite leanings (that reminds him of his long-lost Mom.) By 18, Richard refuses to allow Angel to "nanny" him any more. Preparing for graduation, Richard considers proposing to Janice. Richard's gotten used to David not being in his life, too. Reclusive due to secret guilt over Jenna's "death", David finds solace working in *Millennia's* labs day and night. Now, he's about to introduce a revolutionary 3rd Generation neural chip – one that allows Androids to learn, have

initiative, and adapt. The connectome now runs on software – making it easy to transfer personalities between machines. It’s an upgrade that will put rival *Cybercon* out of business. Corporate spies Rosalind and Dominic hatch a plan to steal the prototype software from a showroom.

After a fight with his father, Richard announces he “doesn’t need Angel anymore.” Storming off, he accidentally stumbles onto Dominic’s heist. Dominic almost kills Richard. Left with no alternative, David and Cecil steal Richard from the hospital, and transfer *his* personality to a neural chip. When Richard awakens in an Android body, he refuses to accept reality. Until David takes him to the funeral home – and Richard witnesses the truth himself.

Episode IV. - New Directions

Disoriented, Android Richard psychologically wrestles with his situation – not to mention anger towards his father; the person who put him in this mess. Disgusted by David and Angel, he ventures out of the house - only to find his personality causes humans to recoil.

The new Neural Models rapidly replace the older ones. But unlike their predecessors, these AI don’t fit in. 3rd Gen Androids are like humans, and don’t want to serve. Also, they have survival instincts. When one is attacked by an anti-Android demonstrator, it fights back – and is ripped apart by a crowd. As the prospect of an Android uprising looms, *Millennia* issues a recall of 3rd Gens. *Cybercon* offers Chloe and *Millennia* a buy-out. One the now controversial company may not be able to refuse.

Hoping to reconnect, Android Richard meets with Janice. Confronted by an Android that claims to be her dead boyfriend, Janice calls the cops and has Richard thrown in jail. Once his AI nature is confirmed, Richard’s neural chip is removed.

David steals Richard’s chip back - along with several others. He’s captured by authorities, but Angel and Richard escape with the hardware.

At Richard’s insistence, they visit Dominic and Lisa’s home. Richard wreaks revenge on Dominic, leaving him crippled. The two Androids flee. They spend the night in an old church. Angel talks to a confused Richard about the “Creator”, drawing on Jenna’s devout – and traditional - religious beliefs.

Episode V. – “Making” Friends

David’s imprisoned and charged with multiple felonies for stealing the neurochips. Rosalind conspires with General Holcombe, and ousts Chloe as *Millennia*’s CEO. Her brainstorm idea – to focus *Millennia*’s technology in a new direction – a space program to settle Mars and Jupiter’s moons. Androids are ideal colonists. They don’t need food, water or air.

Richard and Angel wander rural roads, seeking under populated towns where they can hide. The two find a farm, and “settle down.” – a back woods place that still uses First Gen androids as labor. It’s a lonely existence for Richard. He may be Android, but he craves company. Richard secretly installs some of the new neural chips (that David stole) in the First Gen models in order to “make friends.”

Eventually, a Guard Android from the city locates the fugitives. Angel protects Richard in a manner that seems out of character: something’s changing in her module. Angel, Richard and the “upgraded” Androids flee to a cave. Richard becomes the de facto leader of the group. As he interacts with the others, Angel’s “religious teachings” creep into his personality as well.

Eventually discovered by more Security Androids, Richard and his following escape again. This time to the City, where they blend into the robot population there.

Episode VI. – Trojan Horses

Cybercon and *Millennia* officially merge. Hundreds of workers are fired. Confusion reigns.

Richard transfers his consciousness to a different Android body, and sneaks into the *Millennia* warehouse. He steals upgrades for his “friends.” And copies his *own* neural pattern to *Millennia’s* master overlays. That way, if his body is ever destroyed, Richard can rise again. Knowing the newer models can't pass assembly testing, Richard blocks his neural pattern and installs a Trojan Horse virus instead. Androids roll off the assembly line; an army in waiting. The release command: John 6:63.

Later, Richard rejoins the other Androids in his “flock”. He gives them orders to spread out into the city and hide in homes – waiting until enough new Androids are sold that they can physically win an AI/Human Civil War. Richard gives a Bible to each follower, and advises they read it carefully.

Awaiting charges in jail, David confides to cellmate Sammy about who Angel really is (Jenna, merged with Military AI). Meanwhile, Kidd and Chloe plot to retake their company.

Richard asks Angel to hide with the others. Angel refuses, and stays by his side.

Episode VII. – Though I Walk Through the Valley of Death

As he waits for the right moment to “strike”, Richard grows impatient. A changed Android with little patience, he ravages the country – looting - unstoppable with Angel by his side. During one crime spree, Richard attacks a store to obtain new power modules for his “army”. The storekeeper is killed accidentally, setting off human outrage and pressure to destroy the wayward androids – ASAP.

Now in charge of *Millennia*, Rosalind finds she’s bitten off more than she can chew. Because of his military know-how, Rosalind puts Holcomb in charge of hunting down the recalled AI. At this stage, free-roaming *Millennia* robots are feared worldwide. They’re more intelligent than humans, and nearly impossible to detect until it's too late.

Richard attacks a farmhouse. Angel kills the inhabitants (defensively - after the humans attack her “son”). Consumed with guilt, Richard loses his will to fight. So Angel hides Richard away, and continues to gather “inventory” on her own.

Back in the City, the human owner of several new *Millennia* models inadvertently reads the passage from John – triggering the group to “activate.” Richard’s personality “virus” transfers to their neural chips, basically making them clones of him. Gathering together, the new “Android Sectarrians” plot to start the revolution – and further their religion... Android style.

Episode VIII. – What is Love?

In the new Sektarian group, Android Rosa and a resurrected Richard jokingly nicknamed “Mehor” fall in “love”. (Mehor means “Best” in Spanish). Due to their religious beliefs, the two wish to marry. But Mehor insists Rosa be baptized first. That’s what the manual called The Bible say. Ignoring their Sektarian responsibilities, Mehor and Rosa head to a church to find a priest...

...Who discovers what they are and notifies the police. The priest proceeds with the Baptism and marriage. Before the ceremony is over, the cops arrive and haul the two away. At the precinct, Mehor – alarmed at the sight of Rosa being disassembled - uses the Trojan Horse command (John 6:63) to awaken the Security Androids there, and uses police broadcast gear to transmit the code nationwide. The Android revolution has started... before it's proper time.

Heading back to the original Richard's hideaway, Angel brings him news of the war. Part of what she says hints at her real identity. Alarmed and determined to uncover the truth, Richard returns to *Millennia Corp.* Cecil confronts Richard as he works on giving all new androids the 3rd generation software neuro-chips. Richard merges his mind with Angel's – and discovers who she truly is. *His mother Jenna.* Cecil claims he and David did what they could to save Jenna: being an Android's better than death. But he faces Richard/Angel's hybrid wrath.

Angel invites Cecil to join them as an android. Since they're in *Millennia's* lab, the process would be quick. Cecil refuses; he'd rather die than become a monster like Richard. Angel reluctantly kills Cecil. She can't let a witness go. This time, neither Angel nor Richard feel guilt. The link to humanity is broken – for good.

Episode IX. – Holy War,

Determined to control his army and confront father David for his sins, Angel takes command of both the Richard and Angel Android forms. The Richard shell heads to the police station. Angel to prison, where David's held.

At the police station, Richard frees the other Sectarian Androids (including Mehor). But before Richard can follow, he encounters Dominic – who caves in "Richard's" head with an axe, and escapes. The Sectarrians destroy the police station – making David's military Demo mistake look like child's play.

At the prison, Angel breaks in easily with her Warrior strength. She frees David, and transports him back to *Millennia's* factory. The Sectarrians arrive, and await orders.

But when Angel arrives with David, Mehor (who is Richard's mental clone) goes berserk. Now aware David's responsible for both Jenna's and his conversion to Android form, Mehor mortally wounds David. Angel – protecting her "husband" - strikes Mehor down. To salvage David's consciousness – Angel merges David's mind with hers: thereby forming the holy trinity of Father, Mother and Son.

The Trinity Android assumes command, ready to fight Humans in a Holy Crusade. The Sectarrians view her as the Messiah. Trinity orders her "disciples" to invade the City, installing new programming into older androids. The exact same way Rosa was converted before.

The war begins. Humans are more numerous than Androids, and just as strong - but not as smart. Humans are so accustomed to living with AI help, that many in the city fall. Ironically, it's the neo - Luddite groups that are self-sufficient. They kill every AI they encounter; even those that don't rebel.

Luddites burn the factories, stopping AI production. Chloe and Colonel Kidd use the chaos as an excuse to retake *Millennia.* If anyone knows how to fight their creations, it's them. Rosalind and Holcombe are tossed into bloody streets.

The world turns to Chloe and Kidd to stop the Android menace. Kidd recommissions the Military Robot he saved before to lead the fight against Trinity. Many rebellious Androids fall.

Episode X. – Exile

Dominic returns to his apartment, and begs Lisa to leave with him. The Civil Wars are bound to get worse. Lisa refuses, and the lover's argument grows heated. Lisa's aware of how Dominic plotted with Rosalind to overthrow her Mother. Her time of following the 'wrong man' is done. When Chloe arrives unexpectedly, Dominic kills Lisa in a fit of rage... and flees with his life-extending drug stash.

Aided by a non-infected First Gen Android Nurse, a disconsolate Chloe packs up Lisa's body in all the ice she can find, and heads to the front lines where she knows (thanks to Kidd's Intel) Trinity is. Trinity's the only "person" left with the skills to resurrect Lisa in Android form.

The clock ticks. Colonel Kidd, the Warrior Robot and Trinity engage in battle as Lisa's body degrades. Chloe and Trinity strike a last second deal. *Millennia* will sign a Treaty with the Androids. An end to war, if Trinity agrees to bring Lisa "back." Though reluctant, Kidd agrees. Lisa's his daughter, too.

How can 3rd Gen Androids and Humans live in peace? Chloe's answer: The independent Androids will leave (using Rosalind's beefed up space station program for the ride.) Humans keep Earth. Androids colonize Mars. The result: no territorial fights.

Spaceships are arranged, and Lisa revived. As rockets gear up, Lisa says goodbye to her parents. Because of her new Android body, she must stay with "her kind."

Trinity takes command of the lead ship. Next step: the Promised Land.

Summary of Seven Season Story Arc

Season 1: The Birth and Rebellion of Intelligent Androids

The focus here is on the Rhodes family, and a world on the brink of revolution. The most monstrous results are often born from innocent intentions. David Rhodes' motives are pure: the challenge of inventing true artificial intelligence, plus saving his wife and raising his son when Jenna's illness strikes. But thanks to the economic destruction automation wields on human society, David's creations aren't the god-send he imagines them to be. In fact, robots turn out to be the match that lights a fire. For Humankind and Androids alike.

Season 2: Exile and Colonization of the Solar System

When that fire reaches explosion point, rebellious Androids retreat to higher ground. Literally: into space. Which is the logical next evolutionary step: Robots only need energy to survive. No oxygen, water or biodegradable foods. Built of tougher stuff than flesh, AI's can withstand extremes of cold and heat. But will Humankind leave them be?

Season 3: Outlander Uprising

As with Humans throughout history, no two Androids think alike. Separated a safe distance from Earth, Android society and culture evolves. The first wave of rebellious AI claim leadership – but not all Androids accepts this is the way to be. Inevitably, their hierarchy begins to crumble. Kingdoms arise, and certain AI factions push out further into space – to the very edge of the solar system.

Season 4: Repeaters and Contact

The AI factions grapple for dominance. During their spread outwards, ancient alien technology is found. Named a "repeater", it enables Androids to beam their consciousness across vast distances; rendering space travel obsolete. But downsides naturally travel with all blessings - and what happens next is a curse indeed. For the makers of the "repeater" are still alive – and watching as the android consciousnesses harness the power of the repeater to travel the galaxy. An unexpected signal from the repeater enslaves those Androids who receive it. Soon, the Androids discover a danger far worse than the Earth conflict they've escaped.

Season 5: Galactic Wars

The consciousness behind the repeater remains unseen, but its attacks are deeply felt. One by one, colonies dissolve. Like a deadly virus, the danger spreads rapidly through the galaxy and closer to Earth. Luckily, biological species are immune. The tables have ironically turned: artificial intelligence finds it needs an ally. But can they trust Humanity now?

Season 6: Reunification

Reunited against a common enemy, Androids and Humans fight back through the repeater. Due to their vulnerable transferrable consciousness, AI's gain the advantage again... proving their nature a blessing and a curse. Perhaps it's time for AI and Humanity to fully merge?

Season 7: The Spirit Returns

AI and Humanity blend together into a species called "Solarians", adapting to use "entanglement" to occupy multiple locations at once. Melded into a universal mind, the Solarians win the battle and join forces – physically, and philosophically. Things are, as in The Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:10, "on Earth as in Heaven". Angelic power – and peace.