

Man's Affair With Silicone Lover

SENJI NAKAJIMA SLEEPS WITH HIS LOVE DOLL "SAORI" AT LOVE HOTEL (PHOTO BY TARO KARIBE/GETTY IMAGES)

In the 2013 Spike Jonze film *Her*, lonely protagonist Theodore, played by Joaquin Phoenix, falls in love with an operating system or "bot" designed to meet his every need. In the film Jonze explores this unlikely relationship in a way that challenges the viewers pre-conceived notions of love and intimacy.