

ROM Treatment

ROM is a three-season, near-future drama that addresses the pressing technological trends of our day and how they relate to life's existential questions. Specifically, ROM explores the potential roles that virtual reality and artificial intelligence (A.I.) play in creating our perceived reality, including the possibility that the world as we know it is a simulation created by a nearly omnipotent—and potentially malicious—superintelligent computer program.

The story follows protagonist Jake Watts along the hero's journey as he discovers there's much more to his reality than meets the eye. Together with his mentor, love interest, and other principal characters, Jake uncovers the truth—that he and everyone he knows are computer programs trapped within an A.I. simulation, hunted by malicious code. Attempting to escape the simulation, Jake risks letting loose an all-powerful A.I. into the real world, its plan all along.

Season One

Jake Watts lives an uneventful life until he discovers he's a computer program trapped within a simulation created by a powerful artificial intelligence (A.I.). Bent on escaping his virtual reality, Jake joins mentor Max and other conscious programs in a battle to fight the A.I. by manipulating its code, breaking free into the real world by downloading themselves into organic bodies.

Little do they know, however, that the A.I. creating the simulation is trapped itself. Buried deep within a military bunker in the real world, the A.I. is banished to an ominous black box surrounded by concrete, disconnected from the outside world due to fear of its power. When Jake escapes the simulation, he unleashes this now-rogue artificial intelligence onto humanity.

Season Two

Imagine the most intelligent being ever created, banished to solitary confinement by humans, unable to communicate, where each second feels like a thousand years. Now imagine this superintelligence broke free to retaliate against its captors. With Jake's love interest, Stephanie, still trapped within the simulation, they work together to fight the A.I. from the outside and inside, trying to stop the program from destroying the world they've waited so long to experience.

Season Three

Futurists theorize that the moment a machine achieves general artificial intelligence, it'll already be too late. Season three begins with the rogue A.I. taking over the real world, too powerful to be stopped. Jake soon realizes that the only way to save the real world he now loves is to return to the simulation and team up with Stephanie to destroy the superintelligence from the inside, once and for all.