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AI 'to bring people back to life' with selfies used to create 3D digital clones

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[AI](#) will creepily "bring people back to life" and soon use selfies to create 3D digital [clones](#), an expert says.

Tech boss Eugenia Kuyda claims we're a [couple](#) of years from having online avatars as predicted by The Simpsons.

In the cartoon comedy's 2014 Days of Future Future episode, Marge loads Homer's clone on to a computer after getting fed up of cloning her accident-prone husband back to life.

Ms Kuyda, who has already uploaded her closest friend Roman Mazurenko onto one of her creations after he died in a car crash, said the prediction will be another the show has got right.





Eugenia Kuyda says AI will bring people 'back to life' (Image: @ekuyda/Twitter)

Asked if AI will "bring people back to life", she told the Lex Fridman podcast "it's probably down the road".

She added: "In a little bit we will be able to just show a photo of a person you want the avatar to look like and it will just generate a 3D model.

"That's a no-brainer, that's almost here, it's a couple of years away."

The co-founder of an AI companion chatbot Replika told of how she loaded more than 10,000 texts between her and Roman on to an AI-powered chatbot in 2016.





AI-powered chatbots already exist (Image: Getty Images/iStockphoto)

She said: "I built a chatbot to just talk to him and it felt really creepy or weird and I didn't want to tell people because it felt like I had a skeleton.

"It worked pretty well and it made tons of mistakes but it still felt like him.

"I didn't want him to be forgotten. I never thought that people forget about dead people so fast."



If people can be 'uploaded' online, does that bring them back to life? (Image: Getty Images/iStockphoto)

Moscow-born Ms Kuyda, who now lives in San Francisco, US, also revealed her story could be made into a film.

She said: "I think so.

"Some movie producers bought the rights for the story.

"For me it would be so important, he really wanted to be famous."