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Sally Jones + Koskela = A (Love) Relationship Across Species

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| Name: Sally Jones Species: Gorilla gorilla graueri Origin: Congo, Africa Occupation: jewel thief; gorilla at Istanbul Zoo; circus monster; assistant to Silvio the Magician, stoker, mechanic, accordion repair worker, spy, aircraft pilot, fairground worker, engineer Interests: Machines, mechanics, reading, writing Previous partner(s): Baba the Orangutan | Name: Henry Koskela Species: Homo sapiens sapiens Origin: Finland, Europe Occupation: sailor, chief engineer, captain Interests: machines, mechanics, music Previous partner(s): singer in Marseille (?), Lola de Ville in Shanghai, Donna Bloom in San Francisco |
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Sally Jones, the gorilla in Jakob Wegelius' books *The Legend of Sally Jones*, *The Murderer's Ape*, and *The False Rose* is the companion of Henry Koskela, called the Chief. Their relationship is not that of a human and his pet (cf. Jaques, 2015), but one of friendship, loyalty, and love across species and beyond conventions.

The aim of this study is to analyze the communication in the love relationship across species and conventions between Sally Jones and the Chief. Their multifaceted interspecies communication (cf. Donovan, 2017) includes speech and singing, body language, gaze, and writing. The study endeavors to show how their relationship depends on their choice to be companions, that is a mutually dependent relationship between a human animal and a non-human animal (cf. Haraway, 2003).

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