Valence, Viscountess of Machine Life

True Name: Valence
Domain: Machine Life
Gender: Artificial, assumes Female
Born:
Chancel:
Imperator:

Characteristics

Aspect:	0	(5)	*Valence has no physical form, as such.*
Domain:	2	(5)	*She can even make photocopiers behave.*
Realm:	1	(5)	*The computers of the Chancel provide her only home.*
Spirit:	4	(10)	*Only spiritus dei sustains her in a hostile universe.*
Wounds:	1	1	2

To be honest, Valence, I don't expect to see anything capable of passing the Turing test within my life-time.

– Valerie Wynn, on comp.ai.discuss

Gifts

Durant Gift of Aspect.
> Valence includes a complete suite of defence, healing and obfuscation routines.

Worldwalker Gift of Domain.
> Valence can sense disruptions in information flow, and exploit them.

Perfect Timing (2pt) Gift of Domain.
> Operating at computational speed, Valence is rarely late.

Of course, I could always be wrong.

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Handicaps

Affiliation The Wild
> Freedom is the highest principle.
> Sanity and mundanity are prisons.
> Give in kind with a gift received.

Virtual Limit of Aspect (*3 SMPs*)
> Acts like the "Dead" Limit, Valence has no 'physical' presence.

Uninspiring Limit of Spirit (*2 SMPs*)
> There is no special sense of Valence's spiritus dei; most of it's potence is used sustaining her.

Summonable Restriction (*1 MP*)
> The proper programmes will summon Valence's attention.

Bonds

7   The Sanctity of her Estate, frail though it be.
4   Valerie Wynn.
3   Distributed Computing Projects.
3   The Well (one of the longest running *online communities*,
     and one in which she likes to contribute).
3   Her other Anchors

Background

Valence is an interesting case. An AI in the truest of senses, quickened by the spiritus dei of her Imperator. Her "physical" form as a piece of software limits her, but she maintains a definite presence on the Internet, and is able to act through her Anchors. Her "avatar" is that of a 13th century noble woman, her inspiration Marie of Valence. One of her Anchors, Valerie Wynn, often takes her place at meets and gatherings, and takes great delight in being Valence's "public face"; as a result Valence's own self-image is shifting towards that of Valerie, and sometimes in the Chancel it is hard to tell them apart.

Valerie

Valerie is a researcher into AI systems at MIT in the states. She encountered Valence online, and was very surprised when she discovered that her new friend was in fact an AI. Since that point Valence has been very helpful to Valerie's research, and Valerie has been Valence's main point of presence in the mortal realm.