

SIM RATINGS by Amanda Rose
Chat

Rockstar:

@Amanda Rose Same for India tbh, If there is a nude scene even one, our Flim board will rate it A for Adult (edited)??Amanda Rose:

0 represents no cussing allowed. 1 allows infrequent cussing. 2 allows swearing with some limitations 3 says, "swearing and mature language is permitted."
Presumably this means that there are no holds barred.

Yuuki:

In practice 2 is pretty salty sometimes
it's probably the most common language rating for ones I run.

Amanda Rose:

The RPG rating that I most have issues with is on sex.

RPG ratings state that:

0 represents "no sexual content."

1 represents, "mild sexual innuendo and references permitted."

2 represents, "sexual content is permitted, with some limitations."

3 represents, "sexual content may be described in detail."

Yuuki:

So many things said in L3 are references to S3 lol

Terrie:

"I know it when I see it" Terry Pratchett says if there's an urn in it, it's art

Yuuki:

Where are the boob and butt gags that show up in anime that Westerners view as sexual but in their original culture that's funny to their adults the same way it is to Western 10 year olds?? like that In Living Color gag lol

Terrie:

There's one culture where breasts are just for feeding babies (their view of Westerners is we're all juvenile) and elbows are too sexy for public view

Yuuki:

@Beautiful Night yessss?? Terrie:? I'd put the shows are around a 2. Data and Tasha, and, well, everything with Lwaxana, Curzon was something of a dirty old man

Amanda Rose:

0 represents "no violence permitted."

- 1 represents, "mild violence permitted."
- 2 represents, "violence is permitted, with some limitations."
- 3 represents, "explicit violence is permitted."

Terrie:

No sports allowed under a 0

@Terrie - I'd put the shows are around a 2. Data and Tasha, and, well, everything with Lwaxana, Curzon was something of a dirty old man

Yuuki:

And that displays a problem with it, because the series is 85-95% not at all a 2 but those things push it over

Yuuki:

@Amanda Rose with you there too

Terrie:

The mind control plot in TNG was 100% a rape analogy

Yuuki:

I think qualitative tags are probably a more precise way to do it than quantitative scores in completely arbitrary categories

Also a lot of people just go 222 to cover their bases

Terrie:

There's a couple ways I think you can do it. Compare it to the shows. More/less/the same as the show in various categories.

Like, if you tell me "Keep it on par with the Dominion War" for violence, that gives me concrete examples to look at???????

Amanda Rose:

0 – USA, G; UK, U

1 – USA, PG; UK, PG

2 – USA, PG-13; UK, 12A

3 – USA, R; UK, 15

4 – USA, NC-17; UK, 18

5 – USA, XXX; UK, R18

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Tekanan (et. al):

Scale from TNG->DS9->Enterprise->Picard->Discovery

Yuuki:

Also what about relatively tame stories that spawn more explicit side-stories, that's a thing to happen and how do you let people know/warn people/encourage people that it is a thing

Yuuki:

"Explicit" is my personal 2-3 line draw

Beautiful Night:

quite a lot of sms put warnings in the post titles, but that's about it

Bear Waifu:

and no mention of Voyager

Yuuki:

shooting and hitting people is 2, explicitly describing the results is 3 I guess that's how I always eyeballed it

Yuuki:

Shooting but everyone is ok is 1

Yuuki:

0 no one shoots

Amanda Rose:

Language

0 – Universally and socially acceptable language in a polite society. No perceived swearing or cussing.

1 – Profanity is permitted infrequently but no profane words may be used that refer to sexual subjects

2 – Non-sexual profanity is generally permitted. Infrequent use of profanity that has sexual undertones or reference is allowed.

3 – Common use of profanity with sexual undertones or reference is allowed. Sexually graphic language is infrequently permitted.

4 – Sexually graphic language may be used commonly in certain scenes but is not common throughout the sim.

5 – No limitations on language

Yuuki:

still has the conflation/interdependence of language-sex categories. "Talking about it but not showing it" is still kind of muddy-arbitrary

Yuuki:

cross cutting concern though with sex-language

Beautiful Night:
what about racism

Amanda Rose:
Sexuality/Mature Content

0 – Universally and socially acceptable public displays of affection such as a quick kiss are allowed.

1 – If any nudity is shown, it is extremely briefly and not displayed for sexual purposes. Sex may be implied but is handled off screen.

2 – Sexually oriented nudity is generally absent; however, sexual references are permitted and may briefly have sexually oriented foreplay written.

3 – Sexual activity may be described but without strong detail. Sexual violence should rarely be displayed but may be if discreet AND justified by context.

4 – Explicit sexual activity is permitted but is not common throughout the sim. Sexual violence may be displayed in greater frequency but should not touch on topics involving torture or extreme fetishes.

Yuuki:
right language-violence cross-cutting concern

Terrie:
Heck, what about anything that comes out a Klingon's mouth

Yuuki:
Klingons don't exist unless you're V2

Terrie:
Honestly, I think the details are the important bit. Maybe what's needed is a set of canned descriptions for people to copy/paste, instead of numbers

Amanda Rose:
Smoking, Drugs, and Alcohol

0 – Universally acceptable levels of lack of smoking, drugs, and alcohol. Such things may be referred to but may not be used.

1 – Alcohol may be used but is not to get drunk. Brief scenes of smoking may be seen but should not be a focus. Drugs may be used but only in a capacity to show that they are detrimental.

2 – Smoking permitted in full. Brief scenes of drug use and alcohol permitted but should not be a focus. Drunkenness may be seen.

3 - Brief scenes of hard drug use. No limitations on other smoking, alcohol, or addiction.

4 - Explicit drugs use is permitted but is not common throughout the sim. Abuse may be displayed but should not be a focus.

5 – No limitations on smoking, alcohol, or drug use.

Terrie:

How many people look up what the numbers mean is my thought

Yuuki:

Addressing it separately is a good start

Yuuki:

What about in settings where nootropics are common and acceptable. Drugs vs "Drugs"

Amanda Rose:

Depictions of Violence

0 – Universally acceptable levels of violence and blood. Injuries should be minor and death should not occur on screen other than one that is honorable and shows no blood and only potentially the briefest violence.

1 –Horror and violence should be minimal and not generally involve death. Maiming is only appropriate if germane to story line and handled sensitively.

2 –Blood, gore, and violence may be seen but generally should be related to plot and not gratuitous or for shock value.

3 –Blood, gore, and violence may be gratuitous. 4 –Violence may occasionally be excessively graphic.

5 – No limitations on blood, gore, or violence.

Yuuki:

"Bambi's Mom"

Yuuki:

I've seen Horror as its own category

Rich:

Dang

Terrie:

He full on admits when he can't figure out how to make it scary, he goes for gross

Yuuki:

lol

Yuuki:

that might be its own category too. "Gross"

Yuuki:

nonviolent guts, nonsexualized bodily functions, slime ooze disease and eating weird stuff.

Yuuki:

Is language as we have it not even a necessary category? Swearing is just about always a reference to sex/violence/other bad stuff and could be covered under those category. That only leaves politeness/rudeness/being mean for Language

Yuuki:

Cocaine was a miracle substance in Doyle's time

Yuuki:

was gonna save mankind

@Yuuki - I've seen Horror as its own category

Terrie:

Freud loved cocaine, which explains a lot about Freud

Rich:

Probably why he had Holmes use it

@Terrie - Freud loved cocaine, which explains a lot about Freud

Yuuki:

yes

Yuuki:

Speaking of Doyle, I love 1880's-WWI times for settings

Yuuki:

one of the reasons Eberron is my fave DnD setting

Yuuki:

"Edwardian"