

A Sickness of The Soul

Background

I liked the idea of someone in the future getting ill when human science had effectively conquered all illness, but at the same time I didn't want to create a great narrative about a pandemic (that's another story).

The Story

There isn't anything particularly in depth to this story. It is quite simply about a man who feels there is nothing to live for (having seen it all, or having failed to find anything new) and his body just overrides the man made systems (nano etc.) that have been created to keep him alive.

Other Notes

My like Forever Day I don't think I really managed to capture the feeling I was aiming for with this story. Having written it though, I now have some idea of what I need to do, so there will likely be another story along with a similar theme. A shame really as I'll have to think of a new title and I rather liked this one.

I also dropped in some standard science fiction themes to this story (AI who have achieved a higher level of consciousness), used some of the ideas from other story settings (humans living for hundreds of years and still keeping jobs) and then just played around with other ideas (it being acceptable to call someone by their initials rather than their name or using a title).