

# **Movies with robots equipped with artificial intelligence**

**Post by “Martin” of June 3, 2024 at 7:24 AM**

## **Feeling empathy with robots (Spoiler alert for the movies "I Robot" and "Automata"!)**

When I watched the movie "I Robot" many years ago, I found it normal that I felt empathy for the "good" robot because his actions, what he said, his display of emotions and wit were like those of "good" humans. Rationally, it made sense to be on his side, too, because he helped the human hero to save humanity from an overbearing AI.

Recently, I watched the movie "Automata" (with subtitles and without sound because I was on an airplane). This time, it surprised me that I developed empathy for the advanced robots planning to set up their own realm although what they did and what they said was not that "good" and although I only read what they said but did not hear how they said it. Rationally, it did not make sense to be on their side because they would built more and more of their own kind and a hyper-advanced society well ahead of humanity, which might turn into a threat. In despite, it felt like a happy end when two of them survived the attempts of some "bad" humans to kill them and escaped into an area where humans could not go.

AI with the most advanced capabilities hinted at in "Automata" is not visible in reality for even the distant future. Nevertheless, the movie is a good illustration of what is currently in the discussion about AI.

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**Post by “Cassius” of June 3, 2024 at 7:30 AM**

Martin and I discussed this briefly yesterday from the viewpoint of the possible "weirdness" of feeling empathy for a non-living being, with there being a question of exactly what is at the root of that feeling. It seems like a very interesting question to me and I plan to look up and watch both movies, neither of which have I seen at this point (which sort of limits my commentary for the moment).

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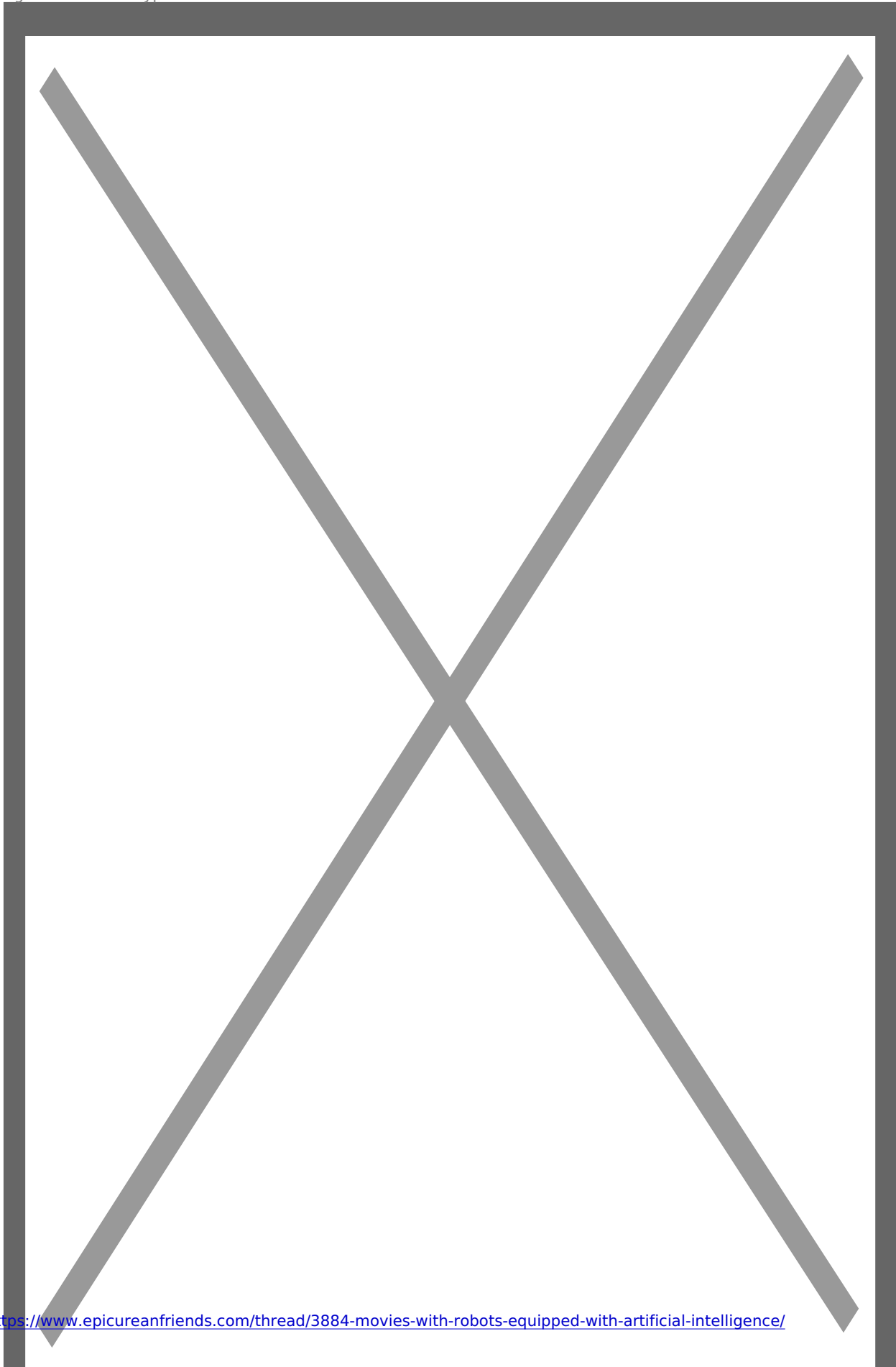
**Post by “kochiekoch” of June 3, 2024 at 7:31 PM**

Alexa here seems very humanlike. Much like a little girl, although she's a VERY RUDIMENTARY AI. (At least so far)! 😬

But anyway, I'll thank her for her information now and then. And talk to her like I'm talking to an actual person. 😊

People DO take their AI's seriously though. A chatbot called 'Replika' had a number of complaints when they toned down the erotic feature of the service. People were falling in love with their bots!

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**Post by “Joshua” of June 3, 2024 at 7:37 PM**

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"Thou shalt not make a machine in the likeness of a human mind."

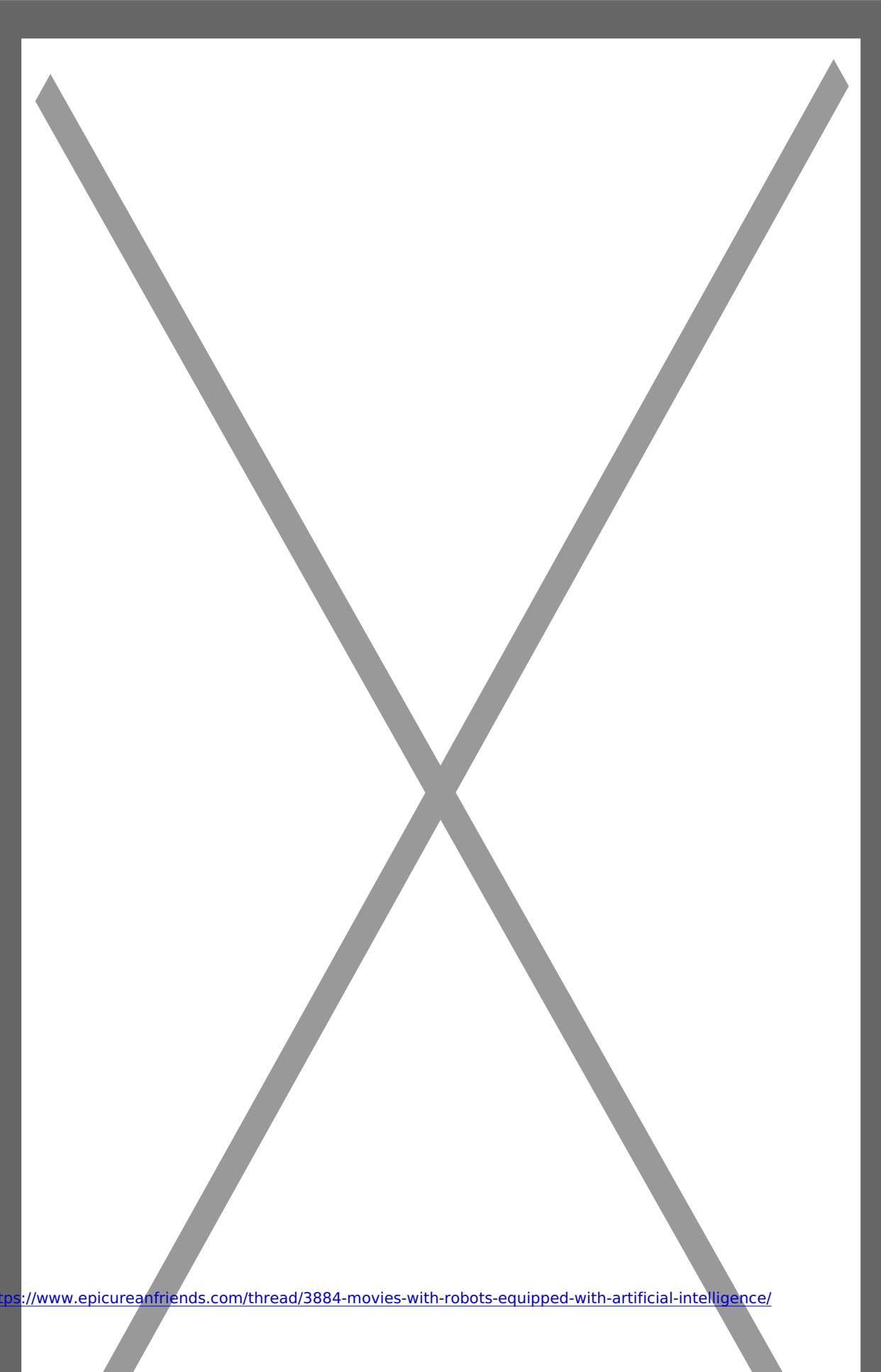
-Frank Herbert, *Dune*

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**Post by “Don” of June 3, 2024 at 7:40 PM**

It's pareidolia transposed to the technology realm:

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We are conditioned by evolution to detect, expect, assign agency to things or the origin of things. What makes lightning? Gods. Look at that face on the moon (or the rabbit on the Moon, depending on your cultural upbringing).

For AI, the machine speaks to me, therefore, there must be agency to it. All hail, our robot overlords!

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### **Post by “Joshua” of June 3, 2024 at 8:19 PM**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Pq-S557XQU>

I briefly discussed this video on the Monday night call.

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### **Post by “Godfrey” of June 3, 2024 at 8:42 PM**

The Monk and Robot series of two books by Becky Chambers is an interesting read in terms of having empathy for a robot, and the robot having a kind of empathy for humans. It's a charming sci-fi meditation.