

“

Do we really want robots with a brain living with us? .

”



From fiction to reality

Maria dias



Photo published by HT AUTO

Tesla has just announced that Optimus, a humanoid robot, will probably be on the market within three to five years.

I am old enough to remember the days when Star Trek was the limit of our imagination and robots the image of a distant future. Now, only a few years later, androids are here, and I cannot stop wondering if we are ready to bring them from fiction to reality.

Like probably most readers, I am quite happy with the use of machines to facilitate our lives. Who isn't? That is the bright side of the story! But what about the dark side? Will we be capable of controlling our toys?

A few months ago, I read in a book ("The Era of Artificial Intelligence" by H A Kissinger, D Huttenlocher and E Smith), that robots are

already capable of winning against humans at chess and using logical processes that we fail to understand.

So far, those artificial intelligence capacities have been used mainly for good proposes such as, for example, medical research. No worries around that.

However, weapons that automatically decide what/where to shoot, disregarding the human side of such decisions, are also becoming part of this new reality, quickly and silently.

So, while I read about Optimus and welcome it to help me out with my domestic duties, I also feel that we should slow down and think twice. Do we really want robots with a brain living with us?