

Zombies vs Robots: Jodie Whitbread

Silly Humans, which way will we go?

Does this endless quest for growth lead to ever increasing disparity in prosperity, more monkeying around with funky diseases (wet market, sure. They were always working on a cure).

All in the name of progress. Is this for our best?

Until, one day, one sneaks out, creeps out, never lets a peep out, that infects us all with a hunger for brains...

I'm sure you've heard this all before - the zombie reign;

a chaotic swarm of loose-fleshed, fetid, forever-famished phantasma, greedily feeding until there's no-one left.

Then what happens?

Do the zombies evolve, learn to eat plant matter, become intelligent and the cycle begins again? Or do they eat themselves, until there remains just the one, giant, uber zombie, left all alone, decays into putrid ooze and rots into the earth...

Or

Artificial General Intelligence

Curious - we seek machines that do as we do, but better

Reason, learn. But would they knit a sweater?

Deep Blue beat Kasparov without a "why?"

What if Data never learns to cry?

Without human values or human intent

our logical overlords become cognisant

How do you control what you don't understand?

Untethered, unethical & in command.

Like Neo we are fodder for clinical cattle

Dominated, controlled, abstract, embattled

A returning then to primordial soup

Karma, repetition. Samsara, a loop

Or

Both come at once and battle ensues

Zombies!

or Robots!

Who'll win? Who'll lose?

A zombie herd: hard to stop - bullets mean nothing! Unrelenting, severed limbs flying, these brain-dead demons push forward, multiply

Ohhh but AGI... soon learns to fly

all those missiles and weapons we so lovingly crafted

now loyal only to their metal brothers/masters.

The world would soon be all their dominion

with whoever left only slaves, minions.

This missive, while lacking in humour and mirth though, hopefully, not devoid of all worth!

If we're fools and follow these paths without thinking well then, clearly, the only solution is - DRINKING!