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My feeling after reading "the veldt"

After I read this story, I have some feelings. The machines and equipment around us are becoming more and more advanced with the development of technology. As we know, technology can bring convenience to people, in the meantime, it will bring some problems.

In this story, the protagonist bought a lot of very advanced scientific equipment, so that they could live very easily. Even they could eat delicious food without cooking. The equipment could also show the inner scene of children. It could make human life easy and fun, but the story also told the horrible things that happen in the home because of advanced technology. The parents wondered why the picture still stay on the African savannah. But they did not notice that the lion was eating his own body. In fact, the picture showed the inner scene which imagined in the child's mind. The female psychologist in the story also pointed out that technology would make children's body and mind become unhealthy. Children would experience in a virtual world without establishing a complete worldview. Therefore, the worldview of children in the story was different from the worldview of normal children. Children would become evil and horrible.

People are always unsatisfied. People always want to create newer technologies. But sometimes the technology that human beings create can't control by themselves. The robots are more and more intelligent and getting more and more clever, even learning skills and feeling others emotion, no one can guarantee that people will not be controlled by robots in the future. Human curiosity and exploration of science will not change. In the future, there may have a battle between humans and robots.

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