When I think of robots, I personally do not find them very interesting or exciting. That is because, at the end of the day, they are just glorified computers in a bigger casket. We already got somewhat used to it with our automated factories and stuff like that. This is the reason that I personally don’t care for robots. On the other hand, I really do enjoy stories about intelligent robots. The idea of something other than human, that can think, comprehend is fascinating to me. Because, what we don’t often think about, is that other species, like intelligent robots, would have different ways of perceiving our world, the different ways of thinking, the different ways of understanding etc.   
I remember examples of these ideas best from different kinds of media: movies, games and other. The best description of a way the machine perceives reality was in a game called “Citizen Sleeper”. The protagonist of this game is a copy of a human consciousness trapped within a mechanical body. It did not had the basic human functions of perception, like hear or feel, but it had a resemblance of that. When the body was harmed or interacted with in some way, the “brain” would receive a signal, similar to a computer notification or some kind of alarm, so there was no “feeling”. The same goes for smelling. Nevertheless, the other side of this coin, protagonist, or sleeper, as they called those robots, were able to inject their consciousness directly in to the web. This allowed them to actually “see” the connections, the flow of data. Passcodes, programs, viruses and antiviruses for them were real tangible things that they could interact with directly. Those ideas really made me think about different kinds of ways to perceive reality and interact with it.

There are many examples of intelligent robots in the media, like the movies Short Circuit, Ghost in a shell and others. However, what it seems to me personally, we also do not often think about how intelligent robots are going to be looked upon in our society. If a word comes out that an intelligent machine has been created, society will defiantly have different ideas on what should we do with it. Some people will accept it, some will not even pay attention to it and go on with their lives. The others would deny its existence, others would want to shut it off or just start to scream that “the end is near”. It might sound stupid, but in our world, when the information is easy to access, people still believe that some viruses are not real, or that the internet will cause your brain to rot, so it’s not that weird of an idea that intelligent machine might not be accepted in our society.

Those are the ideas that personal fascinate me about the robots.