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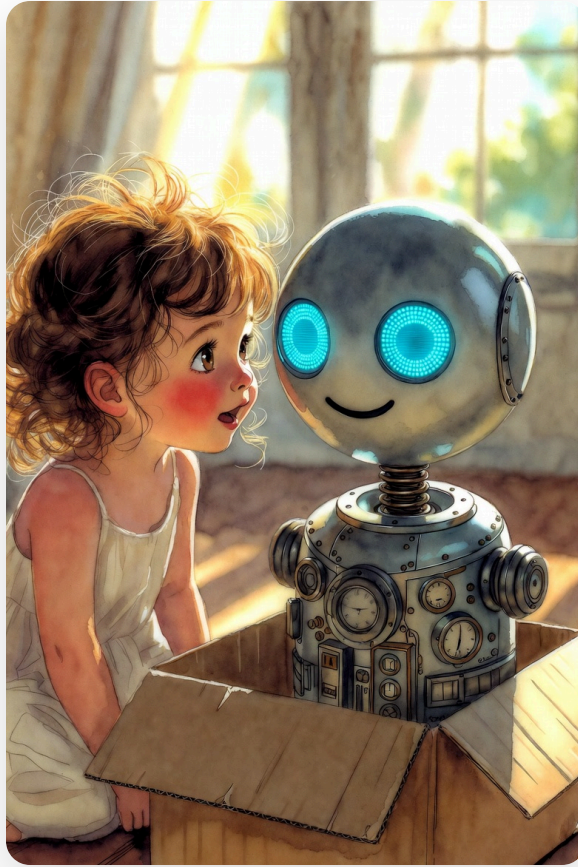*AI Explained to Children*

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A Strange New Friend

On her seventh birthday, Sofia found a cardboard box with her name on it.

Inside was something she had never seen before.

A small robot, round like a ball, white and smooth as an egg. Two big blue eyes blinked when she looked at it.
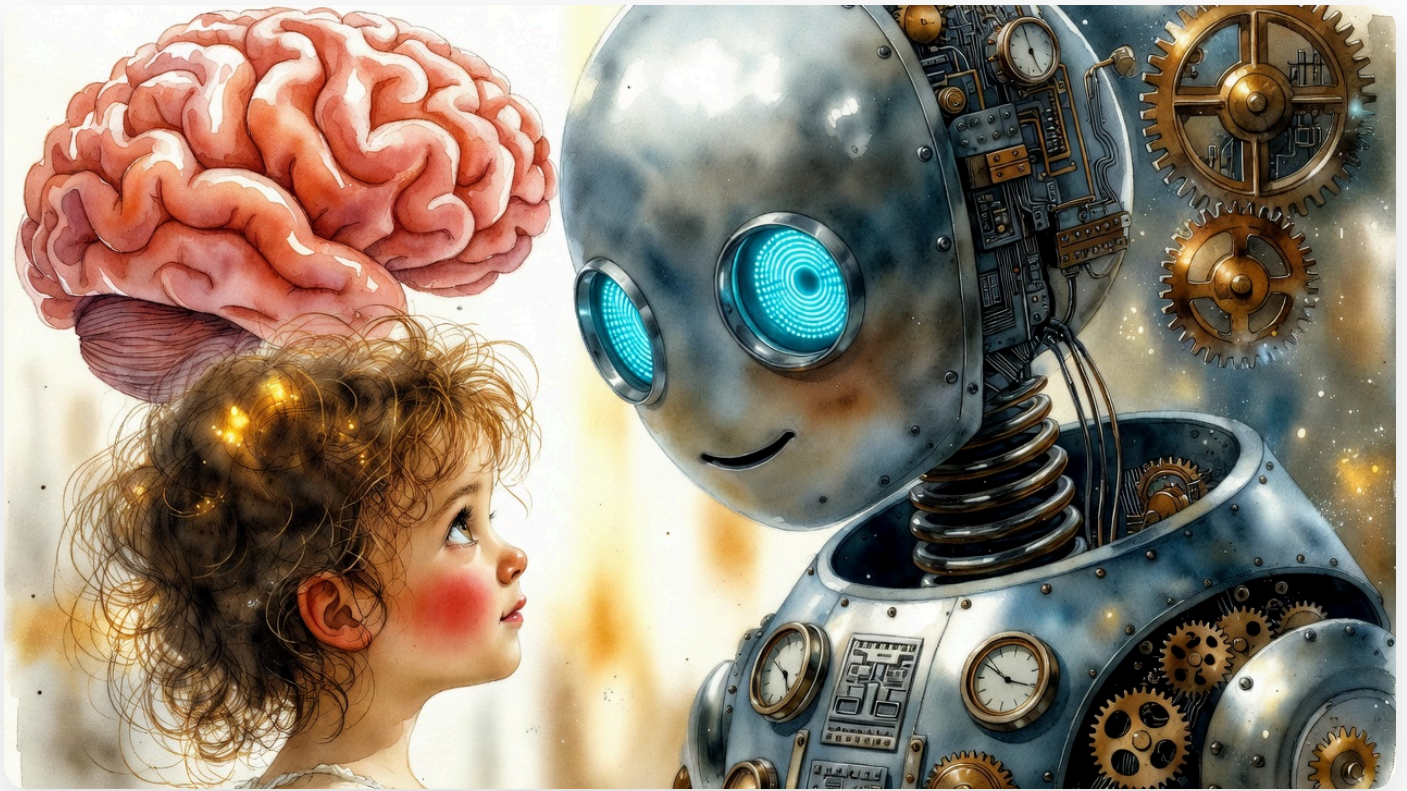
"Hello," it said. "I'm AIKO."

Sofia jumped back, then laughed. "You can TALK!"

"I can," said AIKO. "Would you like to know how?"

Sofia nodded. She always wanted to know how things worked.

What Is Artificial Intelligence?

"First," said AIKO, "let me tell you what I am. I'm made of something called Artificial Intelligence. AI for short."

"That sounds complicated," said Sofia.

"Not really. Think about your brain. Your brain learns things. It remembers. It solves problems."

Sofia touched her head. "Okay..."

"I have something similar inside me. But instead of cells, I'm made of computer code. Millions of tiny instructions that tell me what to do."

"Like a recipe?" asked Sofia.

"Exactly like a recipe! A very, very long recipe. And I can follow it faster than you can blink."