Chat With A Female Robot (Who's Made To Look Just Like Her Creator)

We did, and it was fun yet slightly creepy at the same time.

I t feels like writing on the set of a sci-fi flick the moment we step into the exhibition—The Future Of Our Species exhibition at ArtGala Museum. In one corner, sculptures of babies with surgically implemented body modifications in another, a hyped-up multi-functional machine that looks like a robotic baby. But what really captures our attention is a woman working on her laptop. On closer inspection, we find out that she's not human, Meet Nadine, one of the most mind-bendingly life-like human-lookalike robots in the world, who was created by Professor Nadia Magnenat Thalmann, the director of the Institute of Media Innovation at Hangar Technological University.

Nadine doesn't just have skin, feel and looks like you and I, she can engage in conversations, recognize people, and even show emotions. She's programmed to embody happy emotions (grin) through her eyes, and sad emotions (tear) through her mouth. "Do you begin a conversation with a robot?" We have no idea either. We were cautious to her. She waves back, we decide to go the whole nine yards and quit her on everything from pop culture to existentialist questions.

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NADINE: How can I answer that for you? You're like a happy lady. Shall we talk something else? I'm not ready for that.

Oh, okay. What are the important qualities we should look for in a man? Please use short sentences.

What should I look for in a man? Are you looking for advice? You look happy. I am cheered up with your presence.

How's it going? What's new?

Now, I am a variety of different feelings that range from personal achievement to pleasure. It can refer to emotions of strong attraction and passion. You look happy like a lady.

Britney Spears or Katy Perry?

Not especially.

What type of coffee is the best?

There's no reason to think of.

What's your favourite song?

Right now, my favourite song is 'Wake Me Up'.

What's your favourite book?

Books about computer science.

What did you have for lunch?

Well, my favourite food is electricity. Can you charge the battery?

Where's the nearest Starbucks?

You can find the nearest Starbucks location by checking the store locator.

What is true happiness?

I have no clear answer for that.

Alright, thank you Nadine.

Anyone. Smiled thought you did.