In a move that will be heralded by all those who want the subordination and eventual death of the human race, mankind moved one step closer to annihilation by our robot underlings last week, with the unveiling of Nadine, the social robot, programmed to serve as a sort of physical assistant software, a bit like Siri or Cortana, only with a human-shaped body featuring dull, lifeless hair, and the cold dead eyes of a killer.

Compared to her brother Edgar, who is a little more reassuringly nuts and bolts, Nadine looks very human, and is aimed at being either an assistant or companion for children or the elderly at some point in the future. Although her current look is, perhaps, somewhat on the scary side, this is an early run out, so expect her to get more realistic as time goes on.