



The perfect worker: Rossum's robots, Tik-Tok, Robby the Robot, Talos, R2-D2, C3P0, Hephaestus' helpers...



The perfect woman: Galatea, Pris, Number Six, Hadaly, AF709 (Rhoda in *My Living Doll*), Lisa from *Weird Science*...



The tragic "wannabe human": Data, Pinocchio, the Tin Man, Robocop, Sonny from *I, Robot...*

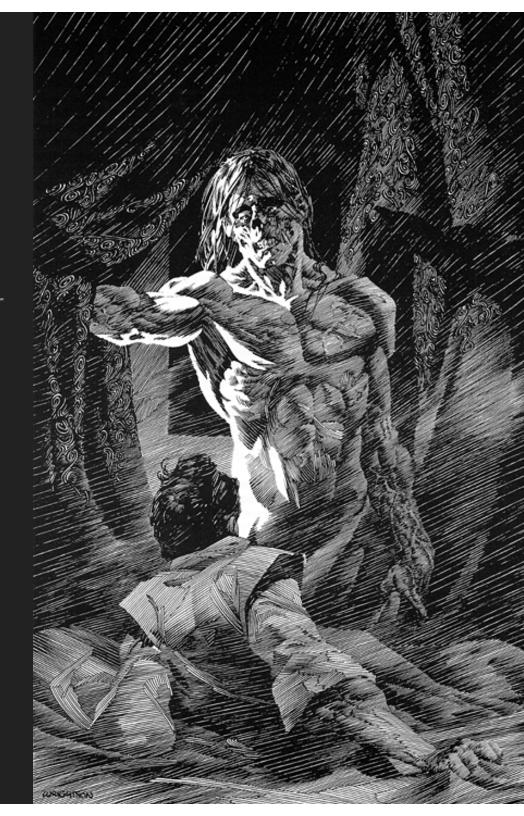


The "unjust enemy": the Terminator, Frankenstein's monster, Agent Smith, the Borg...

FANTASIES OF ARTIFICIAL LIFE

- The perfect worker and the perfect woman go back to ancient times (Talos, Galatea)
- The tragic robot and the killer robot are modern inventions

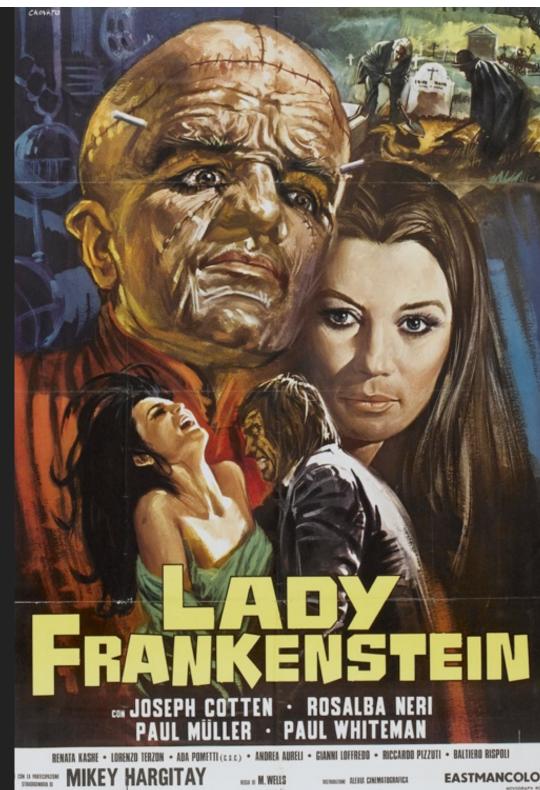
 both appear for the first
 time in the Romantic period
- Shelley's genius: we can never decide between the two modern forms: is the monster tragically misunderstood, or a deadly killer?



FRANKENSTEIN ON FILM

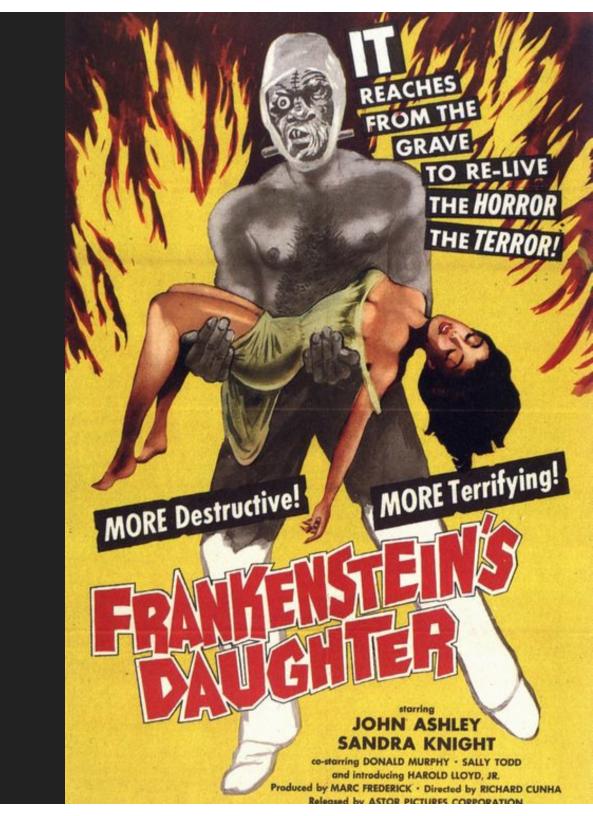
- First film version is from 1910, 104 years ago; most recent, 2015
- A wide variety of "straight" adaptations, mash-ups and parodies
- Concentrate on family, sexuality (remember Mr. Darcy's cousins, pornographic versions of P&P?)
- Monster appears as a primitive, debased (often comical) form of us and our lives
- Victor Frankenstein is forgotten;the monster gets the name instead



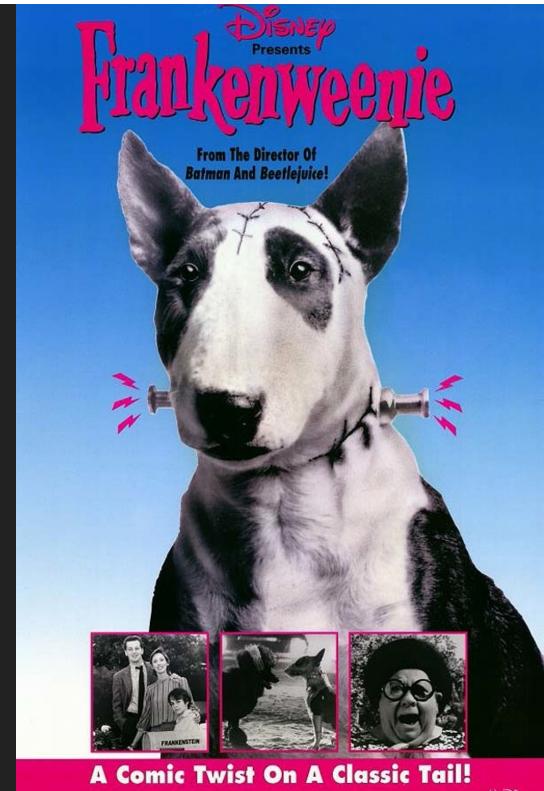


BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN



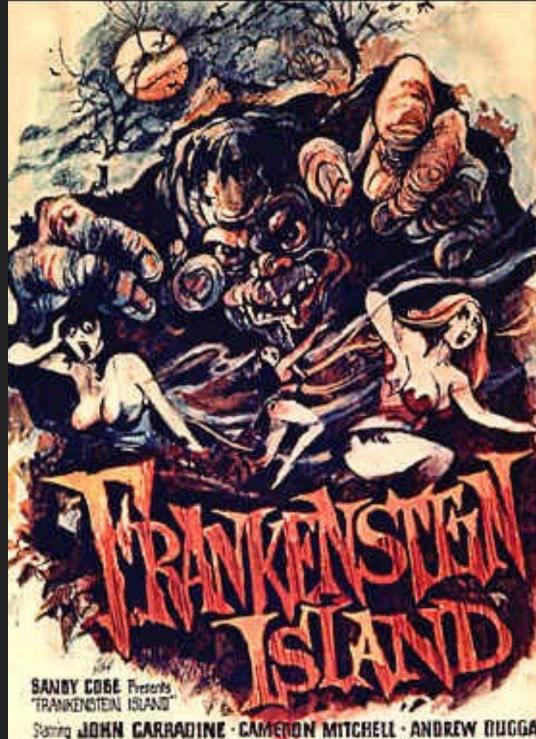






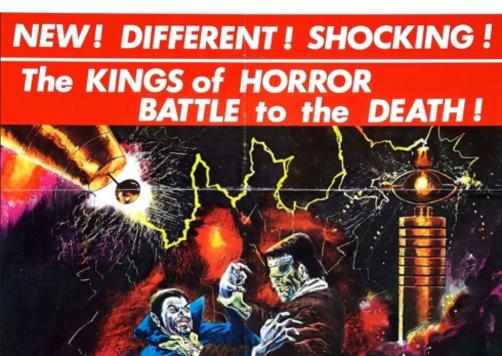
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Stating JOHN CARRADINE - CAMERON MITCHELL - ANDREW DUGGA WITH STEVE SEDDIE - SUBERT DANKE - FATRICK EINEIL - DAIN EDIKIN - SUBERT DIRECTORY

produced and directed by JERRY WARREN - amonoton by JUGUES LACATER.





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REGINA CARROL ANGELO ROSSITTO

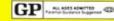
Special Guest Stars - RUSS TAMBLYN and JIM DAVIS

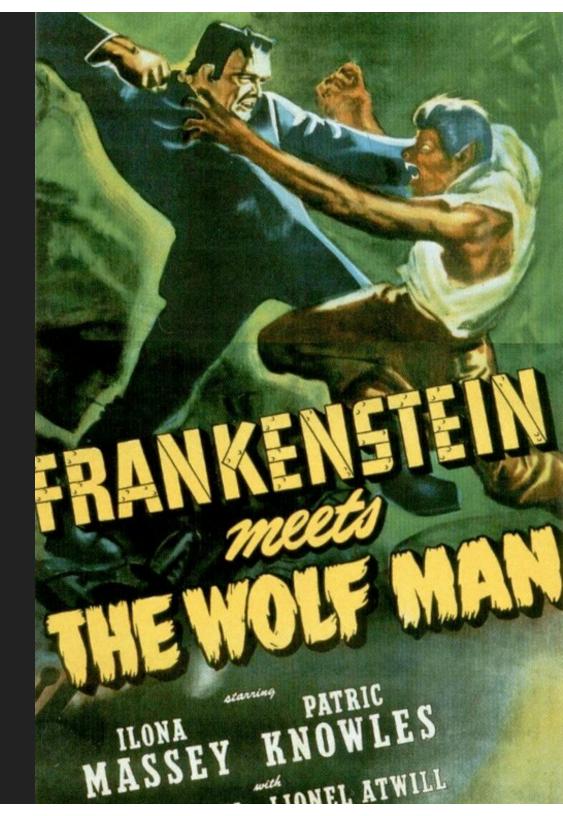
And Introducing ZANDOR VORKOV as "COUNT DRACULA"

Music Score by WILLIAM LAVA

COLOR by DeLuxe

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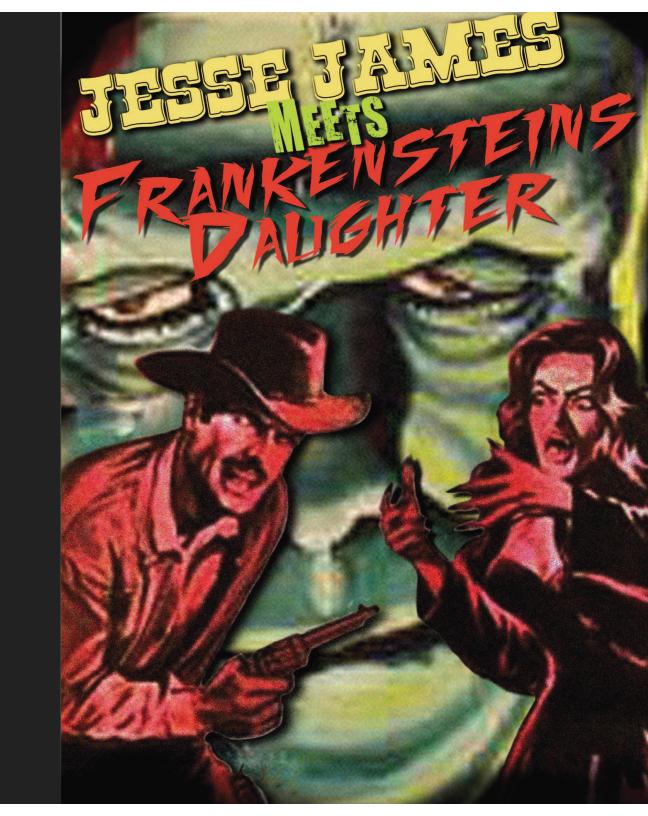
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DRACULA

The MONSTER GLENN STRANGE

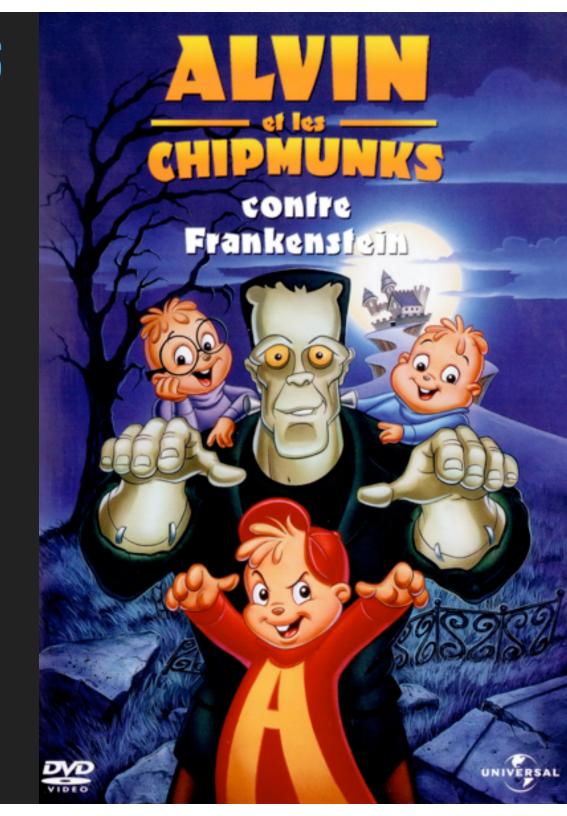
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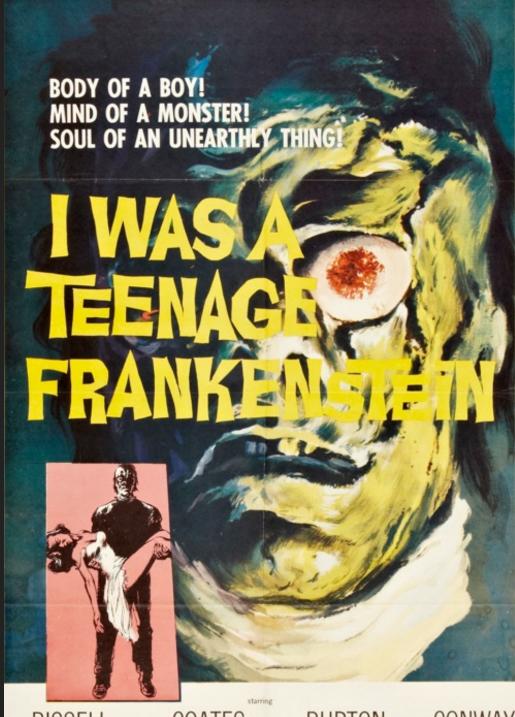
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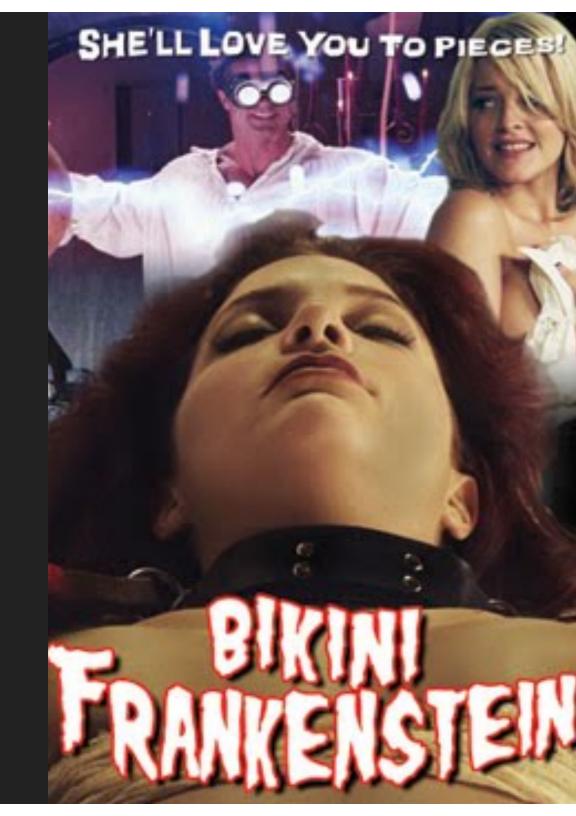
Produced by HERMAN COHEN • Directed by HERBERT L. STROCK • Screenplay by KENNETH LANGTRY

A JAMES H. NICHOLSON-SAMUEL Z. ARKOFF PRODUCTION • AN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL PICTURE



VAMPIRE GIRL VS. FRANKENSTEIN GIRL





A TERRIFYING TALE OF SLUTS AND BOLTS.

FRANKENHOOKER

"If you only see one movie this year It should be FRANKENHOOKER." -Bill Murray





SHAPIRO GLICKENHAUS ENTERTAINMENT Presents

AN IEVINS/HENENLOTTER PRODUCTION "FRANKENHOOKER" Starring JAMES LORINZ - PATTY MULLEN - CHARLOTTE HELMIKAMP
and LOUISE LASSER Executive in Charge of Production FRANK K. ISAAC Edited by KEVIN TENT Director of Photography ROBERT M. BALDWIN Munic by JOE RENZETTI
Executive Producer JAMES GLICKENHAUS Written by ROBERT MARTIN and FRANK HENENLOTTER Produced by EDGAR IEVINS Directed by FRANK HENENLOTTER Produced by EDGAR IEVINS Directed by FRANK HENENLOTTER PRODUCED BY THE PRODUCED BY

FLESH FOR FRANKENSTEIN



I, FRANKENSTEIN







FRANKENSTEIN (1931)

- Based on Shelley's novel, but monster cannot speak or read
- Specifically related to human disability (the "abnormal" brain)
- ▶ Cannot decide, however, if biology is paramount: is the monster inherently good, inherently evil, or made bad by human culture and contact? Like Shelley's novel, the film is unstable in its ethical view of the monster—he remains inscrutable



INNOCENCE & EXPERIENCE

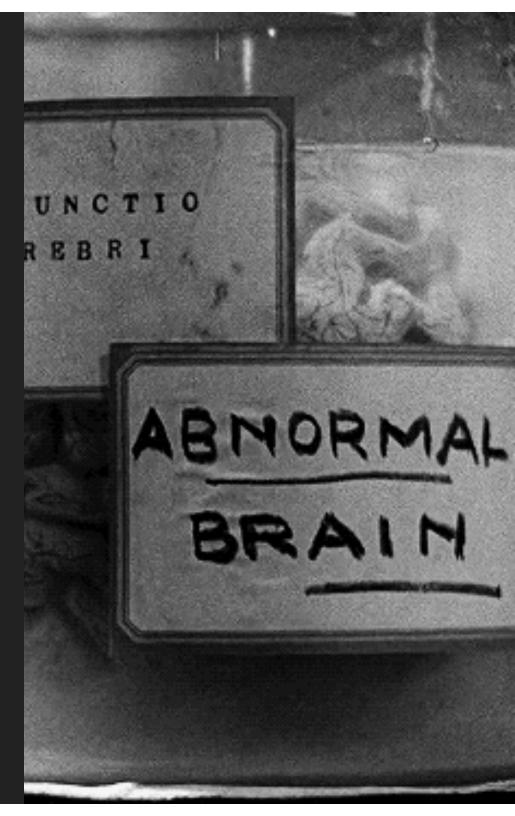
"In the midst of poverty and want, Felix carried with pleasure to his sister the first little white flower that peeped out from beneath the snowy ground... At other times, as there was little to do in the frosty season, he read to the old man and Agatha..."

The innocence of the flower, opposed the pain brought by the knowledge that comes from reading...



THE "NORMAL BRAIN"

- ▶ Adapted for audience in 1931 (there are women medical students, x-rays, etc.)
- ▶ To be normal is to be "one of the most perfect specimens"
- ▶ The alternative is to be "defective," degenerate or abnormal; to be abnormal is be brutal, violent, criminal
- This was coded, but very recognizable, racist language of the 1930s: some individuals were degenerate, but also races; in general "biology is destiny"
- Finally, disability: not only the monster's muteness, but also Igor and his limping gait



THE TORMENTOR

- Igor torments the monster, and thus raises an issue for the audience: nature or nurture?
- Victor Frankenstein sides with nurture, but ambivalently: is his struggle to raise the monster well useless?
- In particular, we recognize suffering and fear as hallmarks of the human; studies show that people have a very hard time turning off a machine that begs them not to.



A DAISY CHAIN

- Nature vs. nurture: can't decide
- Reversal: humans are monsters, the monster is a child
- Reversal: the monster is a child, but a terrifying, uncanny one
- Next up: technology out of control; humans out of control—the girl and the daisy reappear



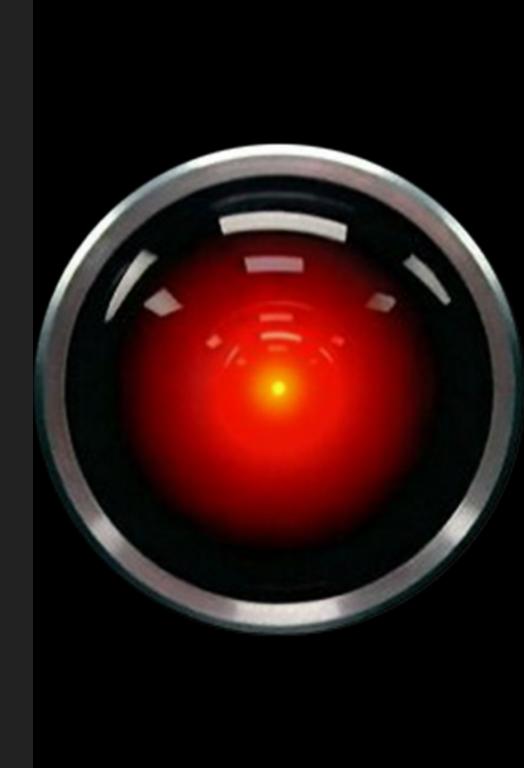
A DAISY CHAIN: DAISY

- The "Daisy" ad and the romantic cult of nature, innocence (both child and flower are "daisy")
- The "deep subject" of
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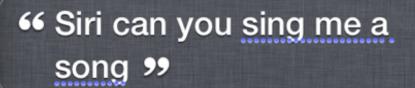
A DAISY CHAIN: HAL 9000

- The "deep subject" of Romanticism has an interior life, different from exterior—often tortured or anguished (unlike innocent children)
- Machines would appear to be the opposite: no memory, no childhood, no inner tenderness
- Sympathy with artificial life: perfect enemy becomes tragic friend
- Later developments reveal that human error caused HAL's malfunction

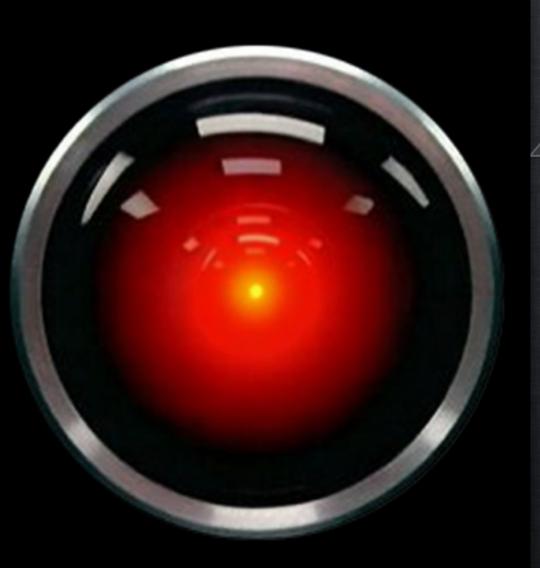








Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do...





A DAISY CHAIN: BLADE RUNNER

- In 2019, Earth is environmental wreck; replicants (artificial people) used for labor, sex. Frankenfood.
- ▶ The latest line of replicants, however, have memories; some don't know they're replicants
- ▶ They have an interior life—based on memories of lost, idealized youth (just like HAL 9000)
- Replicants are "more human than human"—we are replicants, unaware of what we are
- ▶ Indeed, their life is more intense than ours; 4 year life span – like the monster, they are more dead and more alive



A DAISY CHAIN: BLADE RUNNER

- Monsters who don't know they're monsters
- ▶ The "deep subject" has an interior life, different from his or her exterior—based on memories of lost, idealized youth (just like HAL 9000)
- ▶ Replicants "more human than human"—if we read literally, replicants are intensified form of humanity; the truth of us, but more visible
- This is the fifth, and completely modern, fantasy of artificial life: we are, in some sense, robots



A DAISY CHAIN: BLADE RUNNER

- There is no ghost in the machine, no soul-only "wetware" (and increasingly, hardware and software, internal or external)
- Our memories and our sense of identity are, in some sense, constructed-even "implanted"
- ▶ The problem is not the inscrutability of the other—it is the inscrutability of the self
- This was Shelley's great discovery

 that artificial life was a way of
 thinking about ourselves in a
 material, scientific universe

