

When the advent of social media ushers in a new era for the Z generation, the distance between people seems to be shortened; however, since everyone hides behind their virtual avatars, I am no exception, self-conscious of being criticized by peers. If I had a robot assistant, I would collaborate with it to practice finding the fine line when socializing, and especially establish a robust mindset that shift the focus from others to myself. As a teenager struggling with perfectionism and living under the expectation from teachers and parents, I am overwhelmed with the high standard set for me, to the extent that I dread of being criticized for falling short of what "a good student should do". What's more, living under the veneer of social media makes me in pursuit of turning the best side to the public, lest they should doubt my competence or I should be looked down upon. Over time, I have been teetering on the precipice of the abyss; hardly could I focus on my authentic personality when I am pinpointed, scrutinized under

spotlight, and pay too much unnecessary attention to caring what others think.

If I had a robotic assistant, it would be sleek in design, petite in size, and sophisticated in mechanism. For example, it would be capable of listening intently and providing both emotional and rational feedback. When a user is sinked into a quagmire, perceiving themselves inferior to others, the robot would untangle the situation, cut the Gordian knot by consoling and encouraging the users that they are capable, unique, and belong to the community. Another noteworthy deviation of it is its potent ability to sympathize users. It is not uncommon for everyone to feel deflated when bombarded with a deluge of criticisms; however, we can confront this nagging issue in advance and collaborate with this robotic friend by establishing a positive mentality. By communicating with users, it would transform the fear of self-consciousness into a morale-boost, instilling mindfulness and optimism into the users. All in all, though it would not be a panacea, this robotic friend would help build up confidence, reminding users of their irreplaceable uniqueness.