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They are moving in

A letter about the year 2026, when humanoid robots become part of everyday life.

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Dear Reader,

Perhaps you've already noticed: The machines that for years were confined to trade show halls are getting closer. This year, humanoid robots are leaving the stage and entering everyday life. I'd like to show you where this is already happening and what it could look like by 2030.

Let's start at the factory, because that's where the door is wide open. A major automaker has announced plans to deploy more than 25,000 humanoid robots in its plants; they sort parts, carry loads, and hand tools to workers. A Chinese manufacturer built its 10,000th unit within a matter of months. Around 90,000 units are expected to be shipped this year, and the price which was over a million just a few years ago is now under \$100,000.

This is just the beginning. At Munich Airport, a self-driving wheelchair takes travelers with limited mobility right to the gate. In Hamburg, a small delivery robot rolls along the sidewalk and drops off groceries right at your door. And starting this year, the first humanoid assistants are moving into private homes, folding laundry and fetching items you've forgotten.

They listen and remember how you'd like things done.

What they're still learning today are the finer points: picking up an egg without crushing it, finding their way around a cluttered room. They already work reliably in an organized space, and that's exactly where they gain the experience that helps them move forward.

What's next? By 2028, industrial applications will become more widespread and autonomous. After that, logistics, nursing assistance, and service applications will be added, and by around 2030, the devices should be able to function in more open environments as well. Experts expect over one million units to be shipped annually by then, with prices around \$20,000 roughly the cost of a compact car. What was once a niche product will become a tool for many.

These assistants will support us where there aren't enough hands and time is short. For technology to inspire trust, we need a layer that shows what the robot is doing, makes it approachable, and integrates it into the home with data that remains local. That's what we're working on.

Sincerely,

Your ScreenWay Team

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