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<b>Abstract</b>	
<p>The institutional ethical discourse about the IoT essentially identifies the issues of digital identity, privacy and security as the critical implications of IT innovation that need to be publicly addressed. While acknowledging the relevance of these concerns, in this paper we would like to focus on the consequences of the proposed <i>positive</i> sides of the envisioned IoT revolution, reflecting on some of their inherent contradictions. Hence we look at promise in the form of verbal and pictorial stories in order to explore the techno-scientific imaginaries and reflect upon the underlying aims and human costs of ICT enhancement, in relation to the possible decline of some of the fundamental attributes of our integrity and agency: being more connected but more isolated, being more powerful but less capable (to relate, to decide, to act), having more information but conceiving less creative knowledge. This work is part of a report on “Agency in the Internet of Things” co-authored with Alice Benessia and Paula Curvelo, published in 2013 – available online.</p>	
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