



Human Outcrosses

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To a friend:

You write about the cross-breeding efforts of the aliens with humans. Yes, my informants in Sheol confirm that there have been many such efforts.

The account I get is that the robots and the humans have shared the same problem, which is that a man is more powerful if he has a body, but he is also more vulnerable to pain and more visible when he is in one. They are always trying to develop a kind of body that will overcome these last two problems. In both robots and humans the desire for more and more power has been the predominant goal throughout the ages, both for defense and for offense. So the idea is to develop a more powerful body. How to do it? Hence many breeding experiments.

Naturally certain men reasoned that the thing to do was to use, for warfare and conquest, a body which was invulnerable and could not feel pain. It would also be one that could be destroyed if the battle went against you, without you being destroyed yourself. The result was the invention and proliferation of the robots, superintelligent computers. They feel no pain, they have no feelings, and if necessary they can be reduced in size to tiny spots - although they lose some of their power that way.

Or the robots can be made to imitate humans. This became an accepted aspect of the warfare. Up until quite recently men have continued, often with the help of women, to refine the bodies and minds of the robots until they perfectly imitate humans and thus deceive them. This is especially necessary once humans learn to be suspicious of robots

and to attack every one they see.

The crossbreeding of robots with humans - which I think is what your people are describing - has been mainly an experiment to overcome the resistance of humans to robots. Even when the imitation is very clever, humans have ways of ascertaining whether they are dealing with a human or a robot.

One of these ways is to expose the robot to water. You know that to throw water on a witch is of old considered to be a way of dealing with her. It was used in the Wizard of Oz, for example. Robots still operate on electricity, and they avoid water like the plague.

(By the way I used that superstition as a way of dealing with Margaret. I longed to throttle her at times, and I was afraid I would, but I knew I would go to jail or whatever if I did. But I realized she could not sue me for throwing a glass of water on her when she screamed.. or at least I could counterclaim that the screaming was doing me as much harm as the water did to her, so I could get by with it. And it worked - she hated the water...)

So anyway, one of the things that is hoped is that a race of beings can be developed who can endure water but be otherwise totally robotic. It is of course a most undesirable thing for the human race if this aim succeeds. Total subjugation of humans, or of other humans, is a goal held by many men in the Out There. And the robots got so independent that the subjugation of the entire human race became their goal. They were furthermore completely and hierarchically organized, with no dissension among them, no deviation from their implacable purpose.

I would not say there is no goodwill among the UFO's, but we must surely be very careful.