



EVIL ROBOT MONKEY

by Mary Robinette Kowal

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- The story was originally written & published in 2008.
- Robinette Kowal was inspired by the new wave of discussion surrounding the morals and ethics of animal testing.
- She was also inspired by a debate in the UK regarding the ethics of testing on primates, and a proposal that was set forth to ban all scientific experiments on primates.
- Unfortunately, the proposal was ultimately rejected by the government and animal testing/experimentation was permitted to continue.

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- Mary Robinette Kowal wrote the story in response to the decision made in 2008, as a way to provide insight into nature's perspective/point of view (personification).
- She also chose to focus on a chimpanzee as her central protagonist.
- Chimps have been proven to be very similar to human beings, regarding their physical capabilities, as well as their ability to learn new skills.