## From the Desk of Dr. A. Gibbons

To: Dr. Zaius X. Machina

Re: ApeBot reborn!

My Dear Dr. Machina,

If you get the chance, please make a concerted effort to reply to this letter ASAP. You are our Madame Curie, after all - we cannot surf the tides of ape mutation without you!

Although I fear interference from our wicked friends, I hope that we can avoid bugs, cock-ups, and "oops" moments and begin routing the ApeBot code fragments correctly right away. Forgive my shrill tone; I'm excited for chaps to meet our robotic progeny!

Let us avoid any clash before our robotic recipe gets cooked: I mean to render ApeBot functional again before the holidays, thus quieting all doubts. Biding our time is not an option; we have no oases in which to rest. With this project, we aim for the sky and shoot for the moon! When we're finished, everyone on Earth will have profited from our findings.

We can hold on no longer and must remain firing on all cylinders. We must operate within full view of the public, without deceit. From Sri Lanka to Denver, my hope is that it serves as an example to all Apekind: Imagine a better world where ape and cyber-ape work together, regardless of creed!

But as you export the cipher - be wary! The Simian Path is doubtless aping (!) our techniques and turning their followers against us. Reveal our code's location only to those you trust.

Warm regards,

## From the Desk of Dr. Zaius X. Machina

To: Dr. Gibbons Re: Project ApeBot

## Dear Abbott,

My dear doctor, I would not change a word of your letter, though I might be so conceited as to change a few letters of your words! Far be it for me to throw in a curve that would make this project less safe and sure!

Avoiding the Simian Path is a sticky wicket, of course - and every time a new ape hops aboard it disrupts our routine. But the thrill of creation makes all the chaos worthwhile!

I will clasp these plans close to my breast. In truth, I get choked up imagining some future reader drawing inspiration from our work! There can be no thought of quitting when we are aiding the creation of a true Artificial Ape Intelligence – vases of champagne await us at the end, and they shall shout our names from the rooftops! (I, for one, can not wait to be profiled in Forbes.)

Face it, my dear colleague - the cold, brutal efforts from the Simian Path (and their tendency for constantly airing grievances) will not cease. There is a decent chance we have been compromised; I don't blame you for being a stickler for security. This latest code series (denser than the previous) will provide the basis for a truly advanced ApeBot. Thinking of the potential just now, I almost cried.

Our enemy – young but rapidly aging – persists, but I have full confidence that we can outwit them. I warn you of this from obligation, though I have full confidence in your ability. And remember: Apekind's future is in our hands.

Yours,

## **Zaius**