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Years ago, a scientist had a horrific accident when he tried to use his newly invented teleportation device and became a human-fly hybrid. Now his almost-human son continues to search for a cure for the mutated genes...

### "The Book of Transgenesis"

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Edit Messages  
 TRANSGENICS LAB 2:  
 NOELANI, WE'RE HAVING  
 TROUBLE WITH OUR TELEPODS.  
 IS DR. BRUNDLE FREE?  
 TRANSGENICS LAB 7:  
 PODS ARE ON THE FRITZ.  
 CAN YOU SEND MARTIN?  
 AGRICULTURE LAB 6:  
 NOE? IS THE BOY  
 GENIUS EVER GOING  
 TO COME HELP TODAY?

BZZ  
BZZ  
BZZ

BZZ  
BZZ  
BZZ  
BZZ

Everybody wants a piece of you.

Transgenics 2, now.

And you never answered my question.

Which was?

Oh, like you forgot it. Like you forgot anything.

You know...



...why don't you want kids?

Who said I don't want children?

Your vasectomy said.

Didn't you hear it?



"Martin doesn't want kids!"

There, I heard it again!

My vasectomy speaks in the voice of Jimmy Cricket?

It's not that I don't want children. I just...

...I have buggy genes.



"I have buggy genes," the super genius said..."

Shh.

"His long-suffering P.A. rolled her large brown eyes—"

Noelani. Shhh.



Anton? Are you all right in there?

Did it work?

Please, tell me I finally figured it—



—ah.  
No.

It still  
didn't  
work...



...you're  
*still*  
a  
monster.



If *downregulating*  
the homologous  
fruit-fly genes doesn't  
work... maybe the  
*receptor sites?*

Now they  
need you in  
Transgenics  
12, too.

I'll text  
*Beth*. So she  
knows you'll  
be *working*  
*late*.

Are you  
doubting  
my abilities?  
Or was that  
*another*  
*joke?*



You  
remember  
what *today*  
is, yeah?

And you're  
*sure* you don't  
want *dinner*  
*reservations?*

Nope. No  
restaurants.

Just a  
*quiet night*  
at home...

"...like we used to have."

Sorry again for being late...

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...the expo is in two weeks and the code's *still* buggy as hell.

Anyway.

Happy anniversary, babe! Do you like your presents?

One groan for "Yes," two groans for "No."

-Mmph!:-

00:00:02

Glad to hear it.

Now, let's see how well your presents stand up...

...To beta testing...

00:00:16

-Mmmph?:-



Ahhhhhh!

-Mmmmmmmph!-



Jesus,  
baby!  
What's—

Don't.  
Do not  
play stupid  
with me.

It's condoms  
or *no sex*. You  
know that.



Just for  
*tonight*? It's our  
anniversary!

I've only  
ever actually  
felt you *one*  
time!

And I almost  
*infected* you.  
We can't take  
that risk.

Ever.

But it's  
*not* a risk!  
You're *clean*,  
baby!

You haven't  
had any  
symptoms  
in *years*!

So I might be  
an *asymptomatic*  
carrier. Like—

"Like *Typhoid*  
*Mary*." I know,  
I know.



I'm sorry, Beth. It's... It's just...

...it's bad enough I made *Anton* a monster.

Don't start with that. *Bartok* was already a monster.

I hate that there are these *barriers* between us.

On average, condoms are only *0.07 millimeters* thick—

No, *boy genius*. The *other* barriers.

*Bartok*. Your *Dad*. All the *craziness*. I thought...

...it's been years. I just thought by now it'd be *different*.



It *will* be. I just need you to be *strong*. For—

—for a *little while* longer. Things are going to *change*.

I *promise*, Beth.



Yeah. You promise that a *lot*...



"...but nothing *ever* changes."

All right, Mr. *Bartok*. Time to *change* you.

Did you have a *good sleep* last—



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