

# Notes from the Journal



Notes from Professor Ernö Dinklaker's laboratory journal: November 12, 7 a.m. I inject the serum into Bob, Louise, Meptang, and myself. Will the consequences of my action be as revolutionary as I envisage? 8:33 a.m. Bob and Louise are exhibiting signs of hirsutism and Meptang is admiring his new tail. I remain unaltered. 9:21 a.m. The physiognomies of Bob and Louise definitely resemble those of the subfamily *Cebinae*. Meptang's tail is appreciably longer but otherwise he retains typical *Homo sapiens* characteristics. 9:50 a.m. Meptang's tail abruptly fell off and turned into an Indian cobra (*Naja naja*), which has been stalking me! Bob and Louise have fully transitioned to capuchin primates, which is not *exactly* what I was expecting. 9:58 a.m. Without his tail, Meptang is likewise changing. I remain unaffected, though I suddenly have an aberrant craving for bananas and to be groomed. I ... *no!* Get away from me, you bloody snake! *Aieeeeeee!*