

One Small Lurch For Man

It really is all our fault. I don't blame metabolic humans; the first generation of *homo sapiens immortalis* were barely sophisticated enough to shamble around and convert more humans. It wasn't until the fifth generation or so that we were back up to full cognition.

Which is why the world is divided up, now. The metabolic humans have the island continents, we have Eurasia, and they and we keep out of each other's way. It's honestly a shame, but, again: our fault, not theirs. We're pretty busy with the new space programs, anyway.

Man. I *hunger* to see Alpha Centauri.

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