

Went Native

“The invasion happened six thousand years ago,” my mentor somberly explained. “An Eatall vigilance probe detected the first signs of agriculture, and an assimilation virus package was duly sent. It took six months to process every human on the planet.”

I was confused. Hadn't I just helped *fight off* the recent Eatall secret invasion? My mentor laughed at my expression. “I said humanity was *processed*. I didn't say that we were *taken over*. Something in old humanity's DNA keeps us from being obedient Eatall drones, and we've been keeping it that way ever since. Much to the Eatall's repeated displeasure.”

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