

# First Contact

I remember thinking, *this place should reek*. There were alien corpses everywhere, but they were dry, so dry. The forensic specialist we called in reported later that the bodies had desiccated over the course of centuries, and that the only life in that room was the bacteria we had brought in ourselves.

They weren't murdered, unlike the others. These folks had killed themselves, after slagging every computer in the facility. With acid. If there are other 'developing' species out there besides us, we won't find out about them here.

...Galactic-wide xenocide. It was one *Hell* of a First Contact scenario.

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