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Cat Cloned: Feline Evil Factor Multiplies Exponentially

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS- Biologists at Texas A&M have successfully cloned a housecat. Researchers described the two-month-old kitten as "cute as a button, and evil as Satan himself." On a related note, a Manager at the local Hobby Lobby reported Wednesday that the store has completely run out of yarn.

ASPCA President Larry Hawk sees the advent of cat cloning as a boon to animal lovers. "What America needs is a dramatic increase in the cat population," said Hawk. "There simply aren't enough homeless, sexually active felines running around."

A pet psychic from San Diego, California issued a statement Thursday indicating that the canines she communicates with are, in her words, "righteously pissed."

This marks another step up the evolutionary ladder, presumably with the goal of copying a human being. But since the practice of human cloning is illegal in most Western countries, the lion's share of serious research has relocated to off-shore facilities such as those found in underwater fortresses or hollowed-out geological features.

In fact, the cat cloning project was funded by a grant from a shadowy entity calling itself "the Apollo Group, Inc." After some initial Googling, we found the group's mailing address: "Third Hollowed-Out Volcano To the Right, South Pacific"

All of this begs the question: why cats? A recent theory suggests that this Apollo Group is engaged in funneling felines to the underworld. Indeed, the recent white Angora cat shortage has hit the supervillain community hard.

"I have to stroke something while I talk with the superspy on my wide-screen videophone," said famed industrialist Ernst Stavro Blofeld. "I need something to occupy my hands. Otherwise, I just fidget, and nobody respects a fidgety supervillain."

This brings up an even more chilling prospect: cats cloning themselves. Through the cloning process, strange quasi-evolutionary processes may take place allowing the cats to learn enough to master the technology themselves. Given the high level of malice that seems to be imbued in every cat, the consequences could be unimaginably hellish.

[This theory may seem implausible, but remember what happened during the shark cloning efforts of last summer?]

If felines gained control over their own genetic code, there is little doubt that their level of innate evil would increase. Perhaps one day we will see supervillain cats stroking supine long-haired humans as they plot to take over the world.

They would, in time, endeavor to create smaller and more efficient copies of themselves, a Mini-Meow of sorts.

Immune to the hallucinogenic effects of catnip, they will become a truly unstoppable force. With the help of human slave labor, they will build enormous carpet-covered high-rises where they will play with jingly balls all day and decide the fate of human kind.

The time to surrender to our new feline masters has come.

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