

The ghost in the machine

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Dr William Lieberton was an inventor by trade. His wish was to improve the world with his ideas. But every time he thought he had gotten a great idea, the board of scientists turned it down. They said that there were already safer and cheaper ways to accomplish the goals that his inventions were designed to do.

Every time Dr Lieberton failed, he swore that next time his invention would be the greatest yet, but it never would be. The day of this death, was the day he finished his last invention, a robotic suit, designed to give the wearer super human strength. He had put the finishing touches on the machine. He was sure it was perfect. He would show the Board that he would revolutionise the world. He was ready to power up the suit, when he noticed that the suit was not plugged in. He cursed himself for his forgetfulness. He went over to plug it in. He had one hand on the suit, the other holding the wire. It was then he heard a quiet whirring behind him. The machine had started up! He looked to his hands and whispered "no!"

He was fried almost instantly. But the suit was still powering up. The body of Dr Lieberton was destroyed, but his mind was still alive and angry. His restless spirit fussed with the suit creating: the ghost in the machine!