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Article abstract

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TRAVAIL CRÉATIF / CREATIVE WORK

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Résumé

Ce poème est une réflexion sur la possibilité d'augmenter et/ou améliorer l'être humain. Il montre que si ces améliorations se réalisent étape par étape, sans aucune vision à long terme, on pourrait se perdre sur le chemin.

Mots clés

amélioration biomédicale, technologies d'amélioration, bateau de Thésée, feuille de métal, chair, écailles métalliques

Summary

This poem reflects on the possibility of human enhancement. It shows that if enhancements are embraced step-by-step, without any long-term vision, one might get lost along the way.

Keywords

biomedical enhancement, enhancement technologies, ship of Theseus, foil, flesh, metallic scales

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Enhanced, step-by-step
Towards my higher self
Or so I think.

Perfected, cell after cell
Towards an ideal me
Or so I hope.

My flesh turns into foil
The Ship of Theseus I become.

Metallic scales fell on my eyes
I lost sight of the stars.

Drifting nowhere forever
Enhanced without end.

Into a brig
My best foil sinks eternally.