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Have you ever wondered why watching monkeys and apes at the zoo can feel like looking into a mirror? Are we really just naked, two-legged apes? Perhaps – especially given the oft-cited statistic that we share 98% of our genes with the chimpanzees. But does that mean all of our unique "human-ness" can be captured in the other 2%? In this discussion, we will explore some of the facts and misconceptions concerning our place in the primate family tree; where our shared traits with the nonhuman primates might come from, and what the "two-percent" differences might really mean.

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