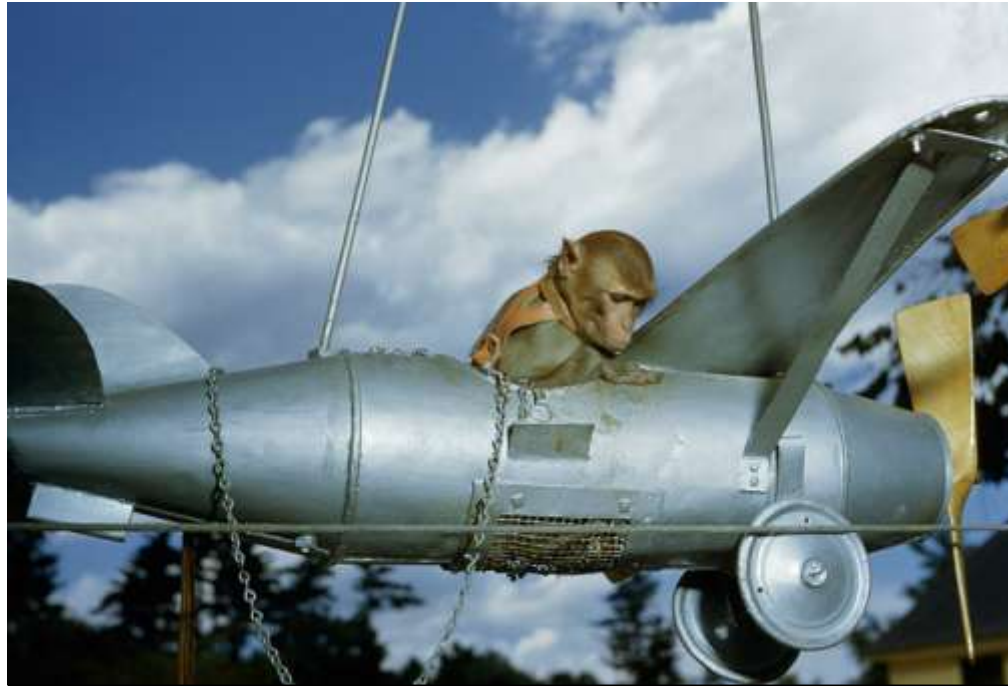


# The Macaquekaze



During World War II, the Imperial Japanese Military Command ordered nearly 4,000 kamikaze pilots to make suicide crash attacks on Allied ships. But many of the pilots balked at the directive, pooh-poohing the ancient Nipponese tradition of “death instead of defeat.” So the Emperor himself donated more than eight hundred of his personal trained macaques to *Gen'in*, or, The Cause. Long relegated to subservient tasks such as carpentry and bookkeeping, the “macaquekaze” rose to the challenge and excelled at crashing aircraft into enemy targets. They were so good, in fact, that it took an atomic bomb explosion – or two, really – before the Emperor would call off his “dogs.” But as you can see, Takeru here *still* isn’t ready to deplane.