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## PAR JOINS 'UPRISING' PLOT

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Paramount has decided to prepare for a robot takeover, buying film rights to Daniel H. Wilson's "How to Survive a Robot Uprising: Tips on Defending Yourself Against the Coming Rebellion" and setting up the comedy sci-fi project with Michael De Luca.

Par made the deal based on a pitch from the writing team of Thomas Lennon and Ben Garant, who will script. The duo's recent credits include "You Are Going to Prison," "The Pacifier" and "Herbie: Fully Loaded."

Sony-based De Luca will produce with partner Josh Bratman co-pro-

ducing. Par co-president of production Brad Weston and senior VP Dan Levine will oversee for the studio.

**De Luca**

Wilson wrote "Uprising" while a doctoral candidate at the Robotics Institute of Carnegie Mellon U. with much of the information based on actual robot-

ics. Book includes sections such as "Know Your Enemy," "Fight Back," "How to Treat a Laser Wound" and "How to Pose as a Humanoid Robot."

"Uprising" is due to be published by Bloomsbury in November.