

Glass Houses and Tornadoes

A parable about privacy and the police.

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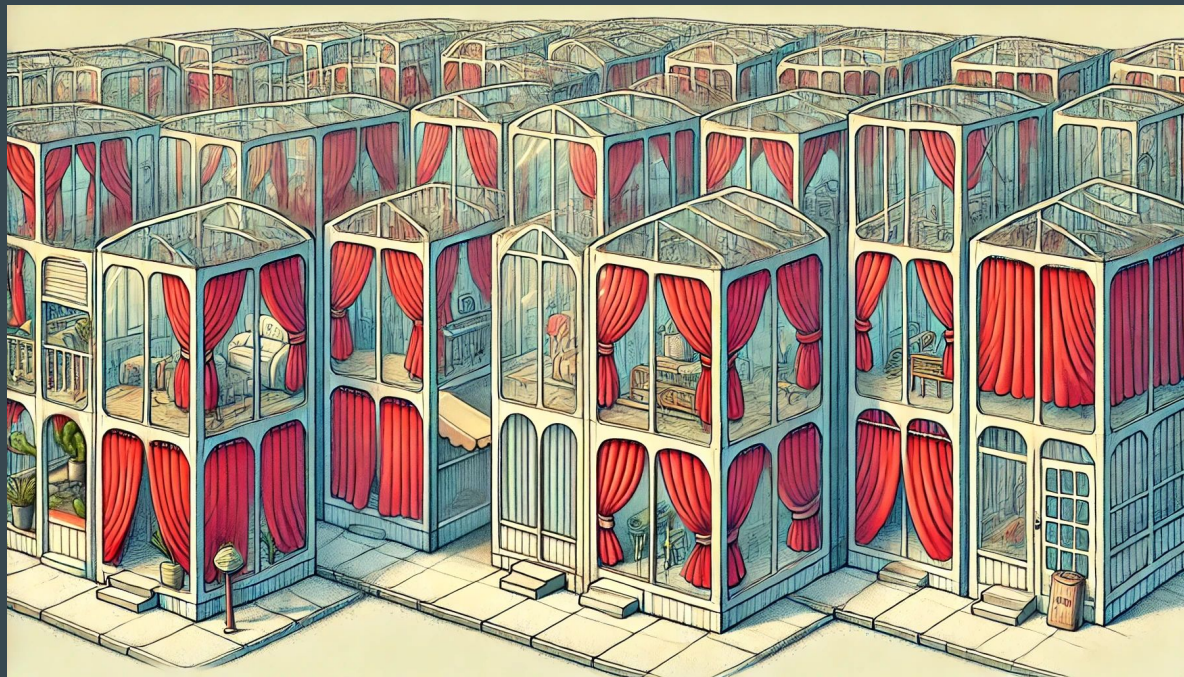
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Clearville: A Parable

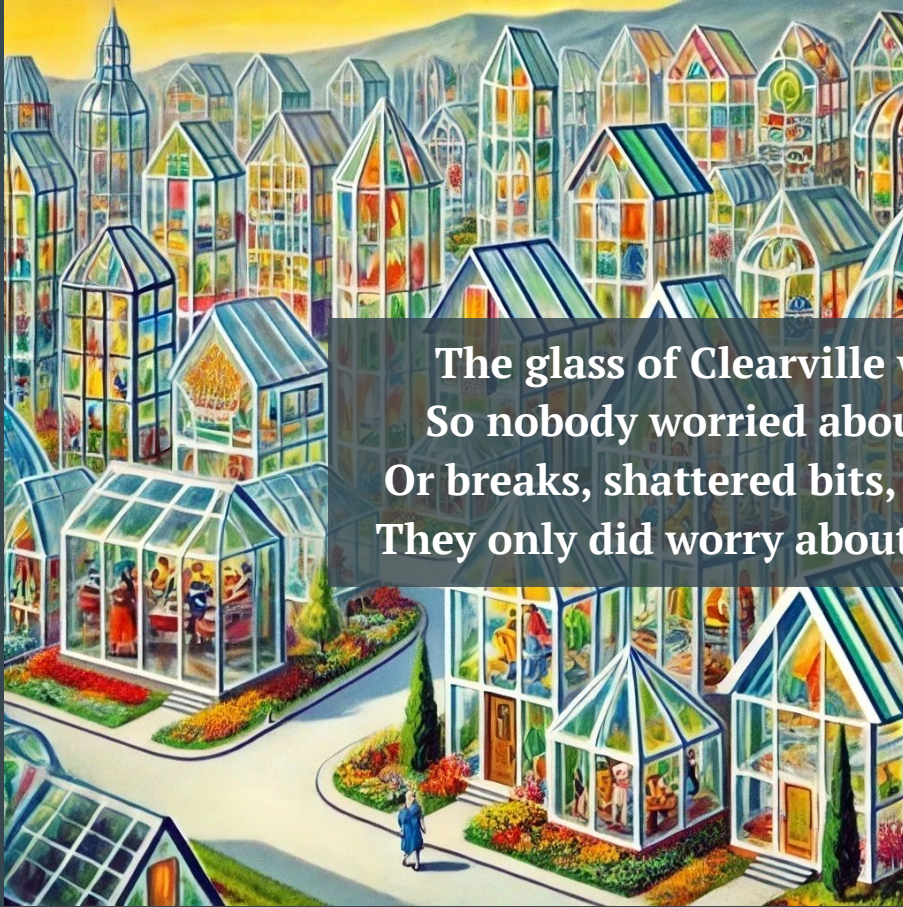













The glass of Clearville was unusually strong
So nobody worried about glass built too long
Or breaks, shattered bits, or cuts from the shards
They only did worry about looks from their yards.

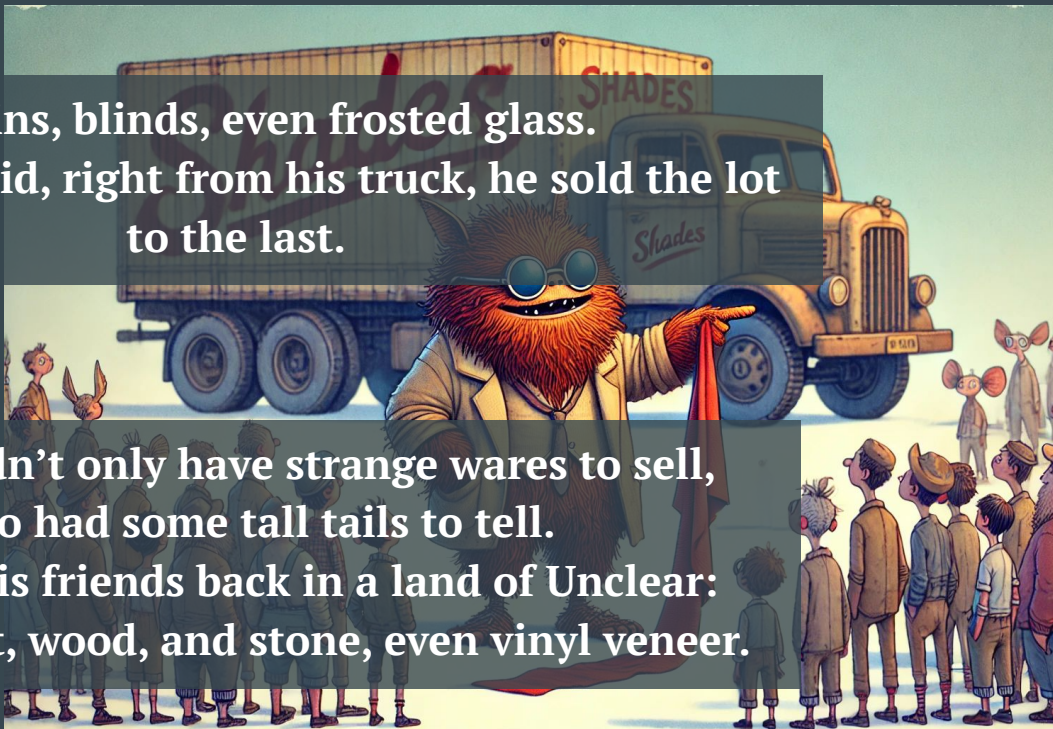


We should not assume that the particular transparency of existing technology is a moral or ethical imperative rather than a mere accident or temporary technical limitation.



Curtains, blinds, even frosted glass.
And sell it he did, right from his truck, he sold the lot
to the last.

And Shade didn't only have strange wares to sell,
He also had some tall tails to tell.
He talked of his friends back in a land of Unclear:
There was paint, wood, and stone, even vinyl veneer.



**“I just gave them some shade”
He said, “for the money I made.
Just what they might do
Even inside of my view
Was none of my business or trade.”**

**At what point is someone doing more than sharing
tools for general usage?**

**At what point are they “conspiring” to further some
crime by providing those tools?**

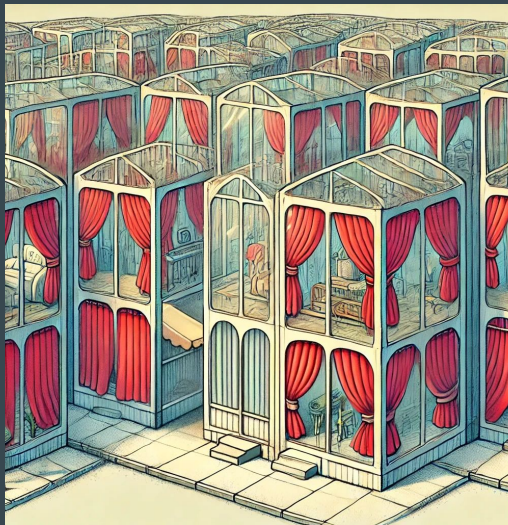
**When should Shade have stopped installing the
curtains?**

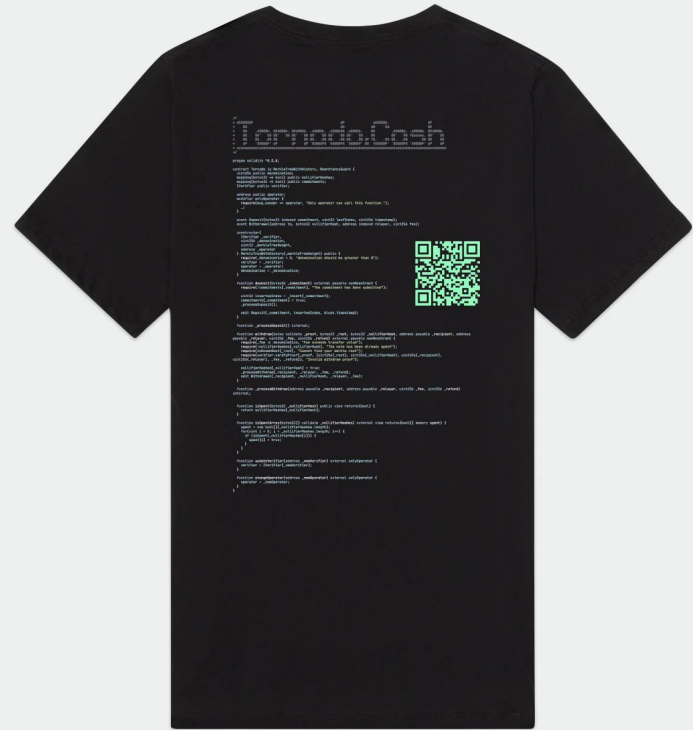
**What fraction of users must be suspected criminals
before the service is effectively a de facto criminal
service and its mere continued provision is prima facie
evidence of criminal conspiracy?**











**Can we or should we ban the legitimate uses of these
tools alongside the criminal uses?**

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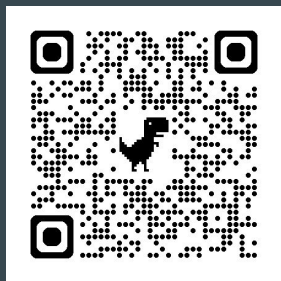


Who should decide?

“total independent control”
“anonymizing software providers”
“accept and transmit”

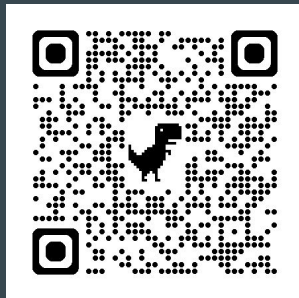
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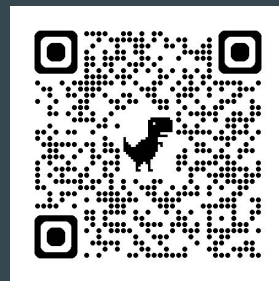
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