

oo

it was always kinda odd

this part of the job

sitting

waiting

watching

a bathtub

all alone

in this dingy room

a robin's egg

half-melted

split open

lit bright

like on display

in this

steel decay

spray of grey

and brown

inside?

liquid

not water

too wavy

too chunky

too shiny

it's...'company goo'...

the...goo...sat still...

with an arm stuck out

tough as hurt feelings

stiff as a old jokes

a tad bit lower

it would almost appear

relaxed

like a pampered spa goer

instead?

no head

no shoulders

all gone

submerged

but it's okay

it's

not exactly human

they'd laugh at her if she said that

raised carapace

erased texture

dead giveaways

but,

still

some-one/thing was buried there

...does goo 'bury'...?

like a bathplug with ears

oo

it always felt weird

humanoid, dogdroid

any other kind of simulacra

it felt

wrong

to her

to just sit there as...it's bathing?

where the air cannot reach

where the eye cannot see

they're supposed to remove the parts

clean them individually

but she found this worked just as well

well, twice as half almost,

so why not?

watching used to be...

hellish?

guilt-inducing?

heart-activating?

exciting?

...fun?

uh, no no no no

but now, it was just a job,

with fizzes and spritzes of feelings

even in regards to this part

there was plenty more to the job

there was fun

she checked her wrist

she waved over it again,

11:39 pm

she squinted,

another whole day gone

she sighed,

whatever, least the fun can start now

[illegible]

she flicked her wrist

palid white filled her view

a square, popped out

"Day Zero Exploit Found in Altru Software"

...eye roll...

again?

good ol' "Day Zero Altru"

she had a theory

Altru made secret backdoors for *some* part of the government

but poorly, every time

and they got leaked, every time

but who knows?

all she knew was when they mess up

'they' as in other defence specialists in other companies

then they all had pressure on them

'they' and 'them' as in herself

well

just her, really

this is mostly about her

and were seen as sloppy,

untrustworthy, incompetent

foolish

[illegible]

light clatters

plates

scuffing chairs

he dangled the cable

thicker than 10 rat tails

put together

"...less than 8K is trash."

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