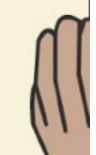
- Chinese Room Argument ->
 computers merely use syntactic
 rules to manipulate symbol strings,
 but have no understanding of
 meaning or semantics
- -> code is meta-linguistic in nature, void of meanings or agency on its own; it's only a conduit for programmers and/or business owners to advance their agenda
- -> code enables people behind it to collapse L, E, J powers, rather than doing it itself

-> code is proxy for self-interested deeds



If you see this shape,
"什麼"
followed by this shape,
"帶來"
followed by this shape,
"快樂"

then produce this shape,
"爲天"
followed by this shape,
"下式".



- in the context of code as computer program (literal reading)
 - legislative power: the business owner specifies what the code does, and the programmer implements it
 - executive power: the business owner says when to execute the code, and the programmer runs it
 - judicial power: the computer interprets and runs the code

- reasons to think L, E, J powers collapse:
 - essentially the same agent holds legislative and executive powers
 - the computer carries out the instructions according to the scripted code in a strict logical manner -> no room for interpretation, no delay/suspension of judgement