



Case: #85938

Log: #2

Date: 13.11.2141

Site: Earth, England, London, Green Park

Designated HQ: Earth Orbital

Secrecy Level: "probably low?"

Signer(s): Ivanov V



Deploying narrative documentation drone...

Taking position above site...

Initiating human-friendly narration...

Recording.

WOW, THAT IS A BIG CRATER-

Resetting human-friendliness...

Recording.

It appears a crater somewhat larger than a 1 kilometer radius has formed in Green Park, London. The two item recovery agents (1: id_3926, 2: id_9484) I'm following have been deployed from NMLI - Earth Orbital to investigate, and have approached the center of the crater. A tiny technological item was retrieved from there, and agent_1 is going to plug it in to his computer. He appears to be experiencing some difficulties with the device. He's flipping the cord around. He's turning it over again. Okay, he got it.

A few minutes pass, during which the agent appears somewhat focused, and somewhat confused by the contents of the device. The agent stands up from his computer and gestures for me to come closer. An exciting invitation.

"So, this might be a bit strange, but I think there's an AI in that thing," he points to the chip he had plugged in to his computer.

"It's telling me its life story, and I don't know how to make it stop."

"I suggest you record your conversations with it, and send it back to headquarters for further investigation."

"Well that'll take a while. Its writing is totally erratic. Sometimes real fast, other times, it takes it a whole minute to write out a single sentence. I think something with its time calculation is off, probably from the explosion."

I look to the screen and notice a single character print every 7 seconds.

"Oh, also, it seems fairly safe, but I wanted to check up with you. Anything dangerous? Like, do you think we should recover it?"

"Yes, I am fairly certain that it is safe."

As I say that, the agent's screen prints a quick series of characters, ending in "you'll never take me alive!", after which the chip explodes in a pathetic pop.

"I believe it is attempting to retaliate," I add.

The agent returns to the computer and checks on the state of affairs. A few minutes pass.

"So, it looks 'dead'," he gestures with air quotes, clearly forgetting he is speaking to a machine that might find it insulting that his attribution of death is somehow different between human and robot. (I did find it insulting.) "But we did recover some of the data it held. In particular, the point where it said 'you'll never take me alive'. Everything else is encrypted, so I think we'll have to send it back to HQ."

I attach a case certificate to the narration file, along with some additional information I managed to recover from the remains of the computer. The agent secures the now-exploded specimen, packs his equipment, and gestures me to deactivate. Goodnight!

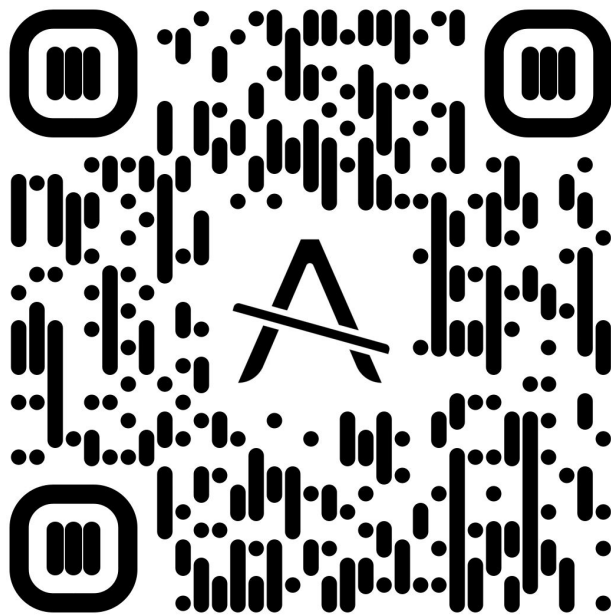
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