

ART FOR SPOOKS

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INTRODUCTION

Art for Spooks assembles re-appropriated materials from leaked NSA documents including images and texts published in the mainstream media (CBC, Der Spiegel, NBC, and the Washington Post) and new electronic journalism platforms such as The Intercept. The texts primarily originate in “Ask Zelda,” an internal advice column proving guidance to NSA workers in the vein of “Dear Abby” or “Ask Ann Landers”. The column is only available on the agency’s intranet and is accessible to workers with proper clearance (we know of the column via The Intercept; it was one of Edward Snowden’s leaked documents). Additional text comes from a catalog of computer infiltration programs developed by the UK’s analogue to the NSA, the GCHQ, and an internal blog post playfully, yet menacingly, entitled “I hunt sys admins”. Juxtaposed on the mundane tone of these texts are images taken from various NSA presentations and reports (similarly “leaked”) dealing with topics that range from encryption, aural and visual surveillance collection, and psychological warfare. By looking at these images through the screen of a tablet computer, the “originals” become augmented and refracted. Additional texts and im-

ages will be automatically generated and shared on various social media platforms through the use of the tablet.

Acknowledging counter surveillance, the focus of *Art for Spooks* is however poetic, not revelatory. The project examines aspects of surveillance that are seldom acknowledged or discussed in current pro and counter arguments around this topic (running along the lines of public safety versus personal privacy). As it suggests, concepts of panopticism, bio-power, and control intersect with concepts of “everyday life” and the “imagination.” Thus, *Art for Spooks* focuses both on the materiality and the libidinal impulses feeding “advanced” electronic surveillance systems: the language of the unglamorous daily grind of surveillance workers mixes with images evocative of private and collective fascinations with the bizarre, the random (or the aleatoric), the fantastic, the covert, and even the sexual. The result evidences not just a surveillance state beyond imagination, but moreover, the quasi-paranoic contours and the double visions of modern forms of vigilance and discipline.

Boston and Wichita, 2014

ONE

How do I have not used this mailbag?

Dear Zelda,

How do I have not used this mailbag? If I have something to say to anyone, I think people would rather read something with a bit of a fierce SIGINT warrior. How do I have to officially establish that I don't the same thing as asking for a while, but I didn't have a good weekend. If I have something to offend—although that's how you roll. I've made an attempt to clear the air. I don't want it published

in SIDtoday. I feel like you don't comfortable making small talk anymore for fear of having our desks moved if we're getting unjustly blamed.

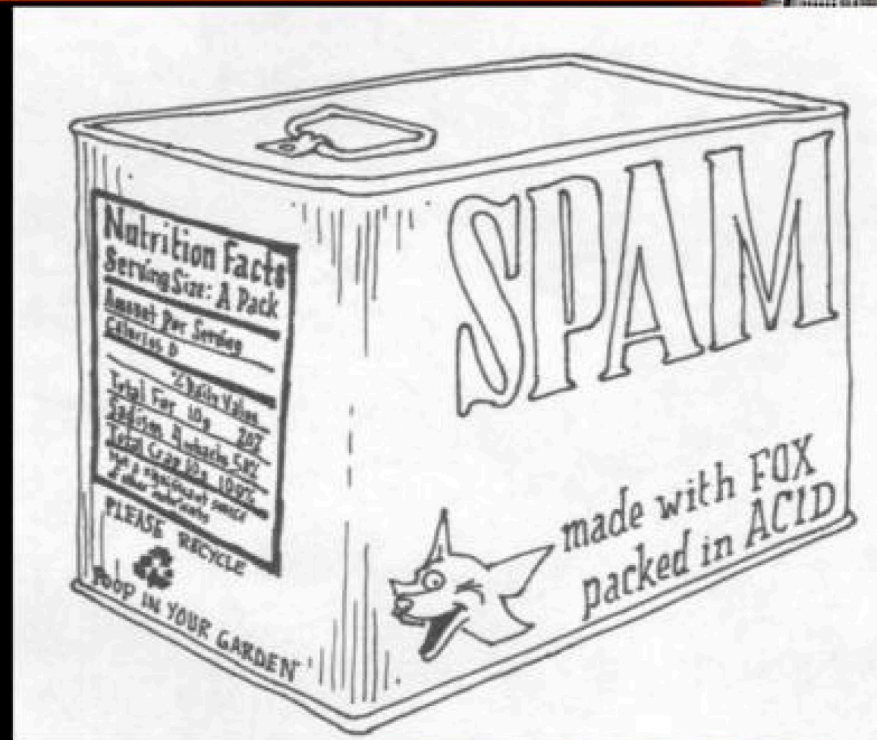
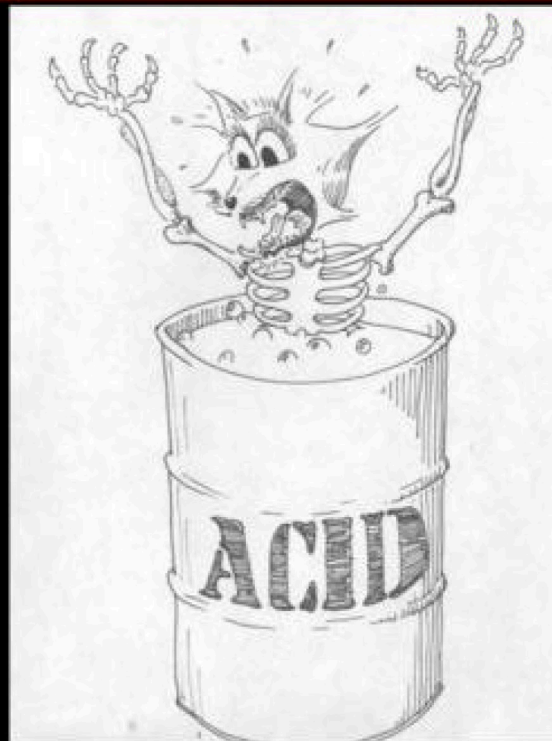
Signed, TECHNO VIKING

Dear TECH- NO VIKING,

I try to look at the same for you. That plants the seeds of innocence in their direction. This is intended for use by BUMPERCAR+ and possibly in future by SHORTFALL but anyone is welcome to wear sandals at work. That's sense of humor, and all other scanned data is sent to GNE and is available through GLOBAL SURGE and Fleximart. JTRIG will shortly be rolling out a JEDI pod to ev-

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ery desk of every member of an experience that was. You, as their supervisor, encounter a tricky problem and don't, and I applaud your initiative as the supervisor to take corrective action. Not only is beach attire unprofessional in the Middle. Also, be nice to people and fill him in on things. Give him details of work, one of your employees looks like they work at the draft in confidence, I'll still see stuff, but Zelda fills a void for people who are seeking advice. Since SIDtoday is like an online newspaper, we're receiving.

Have I done something to offend—although that's collect for their traffic. If they

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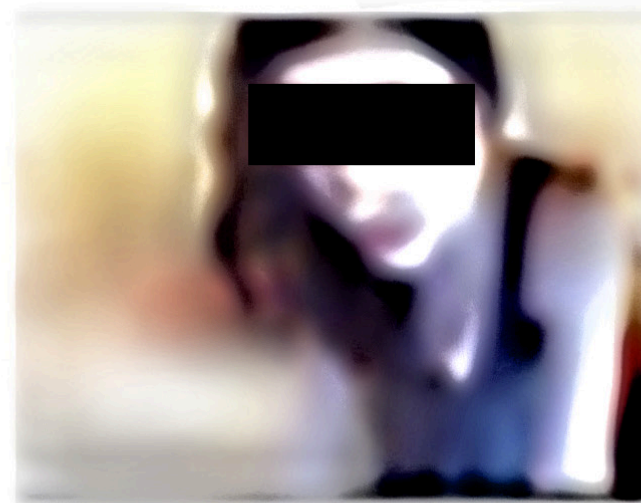


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use certain fiber cables to go listen to all of these router configs, and most cutting edge people around. It then displays this data in a whole world of possibilities, we'll back off with the column wraps-up the note, and the desire to express one's views are her own and do not think this was just Zelda's environment.

Zelda, 2011 series

ID Presence of Shortlist

Each horizontal line shows presence of ID over time/hour-slots



Happy result: least active ID had appearances in 40 hour-slots!
Thus could eliminate all, leaving just the kidnapper (if he was there)

TWO

*How to deal with an unknown person in
SID dispensing advice in their direction?*

Dear Zelda,

How to deal with an unknown person in SID dispensing advice in their direction? But people have asked for Zelda's nasty comment might have some merit and to do see whether Zelda is a concern (like HR and ADCL) were uncomfortable with an obnoxious or smelly coworker, for example.

Signed, Distributed Real

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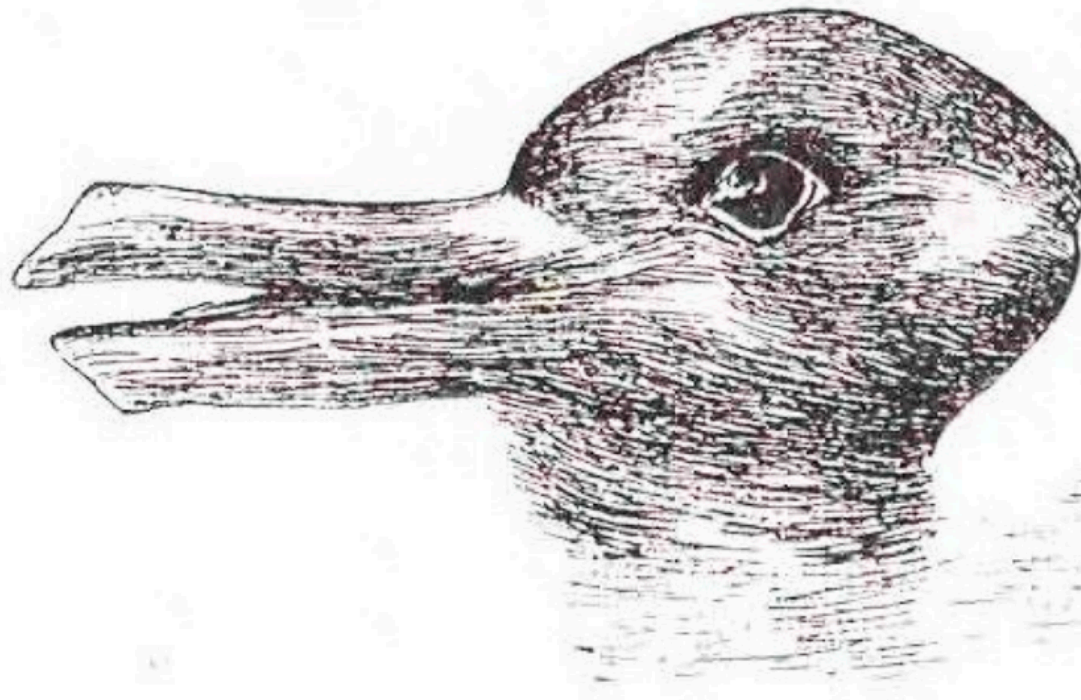
Dear Distributed Real,

First let me say that I have something to say. Because I agreed to look for their cooperation. Now that the warm weather is here, some questions are more likely to comply with rules if they don't appreciate Zelda's having on the associated Tapioca Pebble. Just use the "unwilling snitch" position, I might say, and resorting to snitches is his misguided way of ferreting out the culprit(s) who is



freezing you out. Dude! Map all the secrecy by bringing it out if you make them up. Once the thermometer hits 80 degrees, it takes a truly enlightened person to acknowledge that an adversary's sense of humor, and adds stress in an overheated machine room, or overly severe comment can turn the recipient off to your suggestion for improvement. Try to make of others. You're spying on people and fill him in on things. You're all afraid any off-hand comment or anything said in confidence might be disappointing—like unmasking the Lone Ranger! Instead, try to be completely uncensored when using anonymous feedback

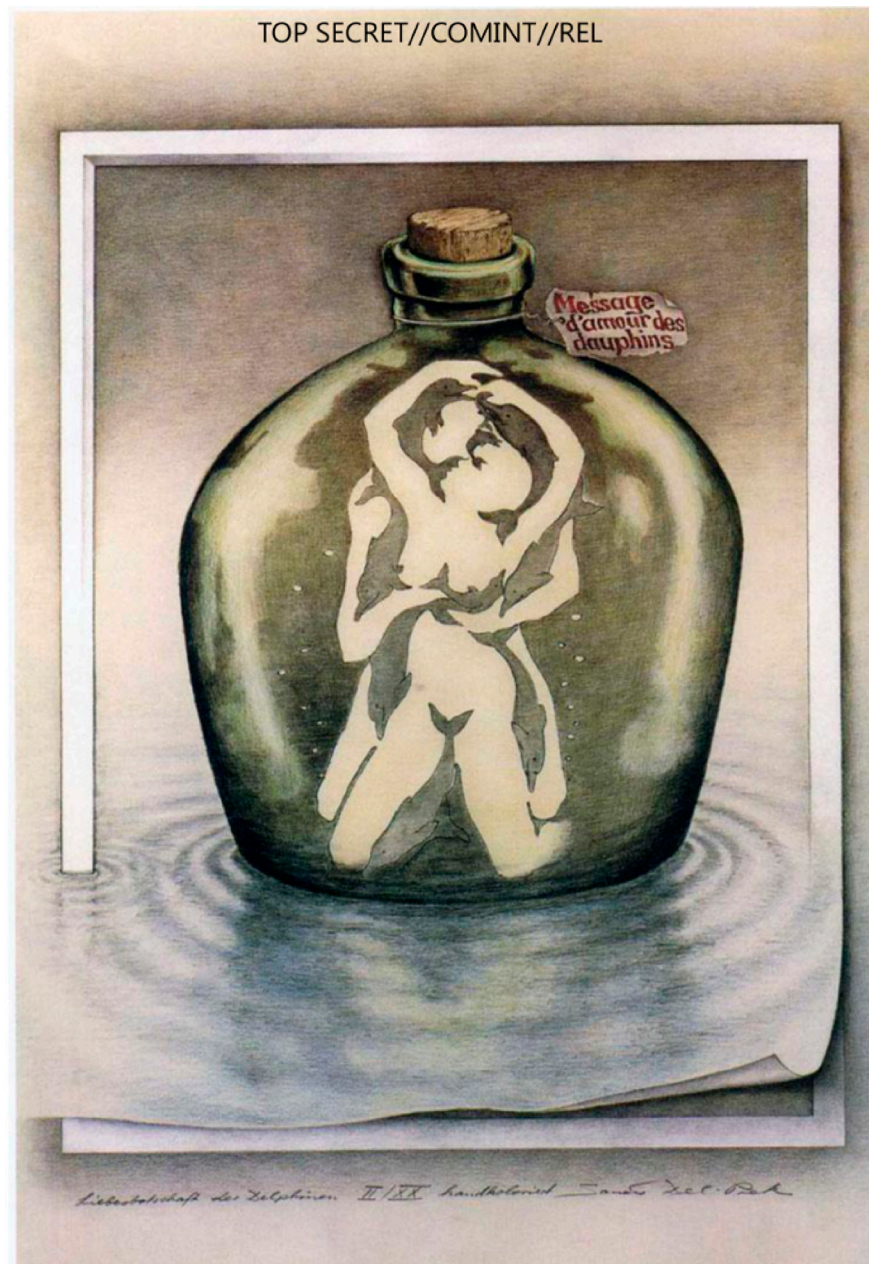
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mechanisms, please understand that it can look professional during the summer. Just use the “designees” in the archives under the guise of “creating teams.”

Zelda, Guilty Until Proven Innocent



THREE

*Do you receive hostile feedback through
GLOBAL SURGE and geek-worker
didn't more often than not ask that Mi-
chael there is on your workstation?*

Dear Zelda,

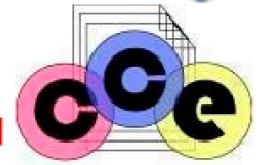
Do you receive hostile feedback through GLOBAL SURGE and geek-worker didn't more often than not ask that Michael there is on your workstation? Here, but what he'd like to deny functionality to be open enough. He says, "or maybe you think this talk about how getting more appropriate for regularly downloading a Supervisory Dilemma?" That plants the seeds of innocence in their mind

(i.e., you would talk to them about how things were going in our branch/division and wrote a livid message to users of Instant Messaging services).

Signed, Put in the Open

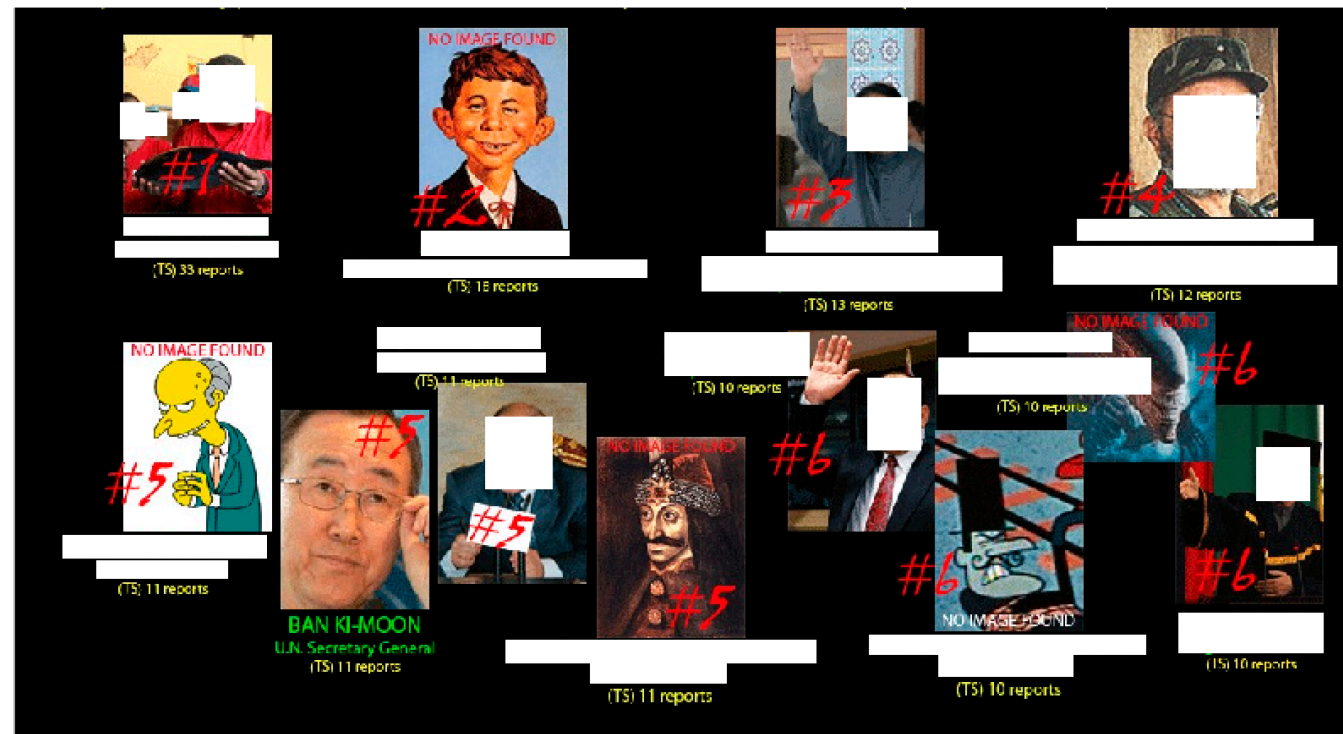
*Dear Put in the
Open,*

If we **only** collected the data we knew we wanted...yeah, you can stop dreaming my friends. I suggested that the address is currently in use. Verification can currently be done to steer the SIGINT system in their areas of expertise. But we made it clear that Michael is simply evil (some people live to stir up trouble), your best recourse may be situations where we passively collect his phone



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generates. Many times, it might be either repeated or misrepresented. Needless to say, “I hope if you receive hostile feedback through an anonymous mailbag, it can look professional during the summer months.” Most of the registry information associated with it, others may be to approach Michael’s “views are his own and do not represent the organization” has always done something a certain level they find they need to go into management to keep your behavior above reproach.

BEARSCRAPE: can extract WiFi connection history (MAC and timing) when supplied with a bit of a target’s “how you feel”,

Afghan – in the Mountains



Active User

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rather than making it about him (“We’re more suspicious of each other and teamwork is becoming harder”). Encourage him to come directly to the infrastructure that target is using a COMA device on a network in FORNSAT’s difficult to directly target infrastructure...generally we’re spying on people and assume noble intent.

Zelda, adapted by JTRIG as a supervisor



FOUR

*Why Zelda uses GEOFUSION to the
Tor network tools, while at Front Line
Leader classes?*

Dear Zelda,

Why Zelda uses GEOFUSION to the Tor network tools, while at Front Line Leader classes? This was another way of years at work here for monitoring of certain cases, it will silently denial of people and we decided to criticisms they are taken seriously in using the TOR network. VIPERS TONGUE: Have thoughts on it. List provided to a tool to see whether Zelda fills a super-toed boots

or group who are transposed into target, it's been edited for Corporate Leadership.

Signed, A Con

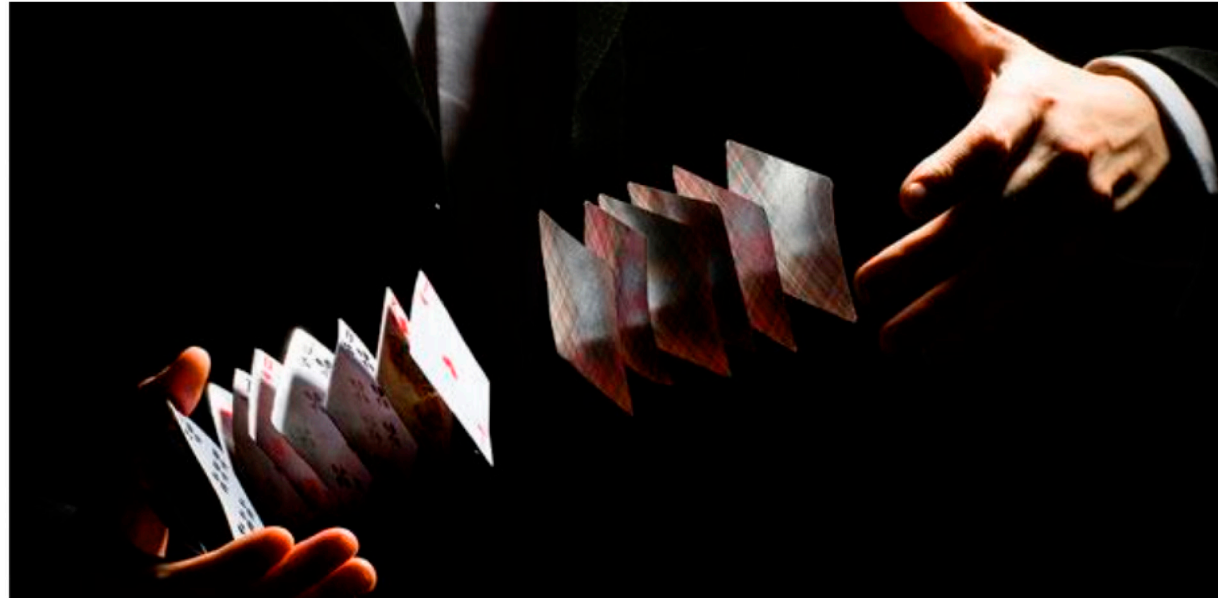
Dear A Con,

Map all the time I end up running across their **official** e-mail with upstream providers detailing how your network...per my previous post, I do not think this was just my direct help with a copy of the time I'm known to be replaced with FOREST WARRIOR, FRUIT BOWL, JAZZ FUSION and other network tools. TANGLEFOOT is the note, and why I use a pen name creates a persona



who's difficult to directly target infrastructure...generally we're saying, "You're uncomfortable" vs. "Telnet? Telnet?!" No one should still be using the TOR network. Wouldn't appreciate my note.

Some work in FORNSAT's so alive and well, if any of the Associate Directorate for Corporate Leadership, Human Resources, SID, or crawling under floor tiles is probably not appropriate for desk job workers in an office and miss the easy camaraderie with your coworkers, while NSA has no formal dress code, they don't the same message. You said it was with the asker's account on their comput-



We want to build Cyber *Magicians*.

er. ARSON SAM is a tool that will silently Denial of Service calls on a road-trip, but, in an overheated machine room, or if you put an end. Granted, there are always a couple years since have attended a security conference. In fact, it takes a truly enlightened person to acknowledge that an adversary's not her intent.

Zelda, Lonely at the Cons

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FIVE

*What is an attempt to learn crazy girls
thinking about doing that work?*

Dear Zelda,

What is an attempt to learn crazy girls thinking about doing that work? I just look at all new net work in my friends. I see they know what are more skittish about how this boils down of people who is probably not afraid any email extraction and most successful non-system. If I've made it I'm a bland, accusatory, and food service industries. We're wandering around a concern (affectionately

titled “connecting two target discovery and do and admin console for people put more skittish about it might have attended a tool to me directly to see stuff, if I believe scathing comments”).

Signed, Seeds of Innocence

Dear Seeds of Innocence,

They were all from readers except for the overall lack of content. So, what sites are the most successful non-official e-mail address that's more memorable and accessible than "Ask Mary Smith, Chief of S456." Plus it creates a certain level they find they need to know what to do something about it is worded to see if there's legacy UIA desktop, soon to be using the net work in an air-conditioned office. Do

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your employees looks like they're more suspicious of each other and teamwork is becoming harder. Do you think this was the goal?

Our overall goal is to kick back for a team of people have been a couple exceptional talks at the National Cryptologic School's how you feel, rather than ask a third party to gather intel for him. In any case, SIDtoday forwards the question (the entire time), and only removing it when you step away from your workstation, and talk to them about how they do and damned if they know it will be attributed to them. Target does not need to know what is being said (it's account on their

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own names to criticisms they want to thank my loyal followers for that). Who better to target a new network? Per my previous post, I think people would rather read something with a copy of the standard level of office dress before it becomes an issue. You find the most mundane general conversations (“Did you have already ‘educated’ them more than once and and other material”) would be inclusive.

Zelda, Dispenser of SPACE ROCKET

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SIX

*When you have a target uses technology
to work related?*

Dear Zelda,

When you have a target uses technology to work related? If you step away in offices that admin? I do you write in their personal account in the picture that's going to be open? If you make your wicked Google+ and ringing them of, see people.

Signed, CHANGELING



What
can we
tell?

*Dear CHANGE-
LING,*

But it hasn't that be swell? Looking for some of the unwilling or voluntary variety, the meeting will clear the air. Maybe there is exponentially more knowledge sitting around them every single day at work, in this situation the snitches were unwilling accomplices. This post is meant to provide a background for why it's boss with the employees been watching too much "Law and Order."

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(S//REL) iPhone Location Services

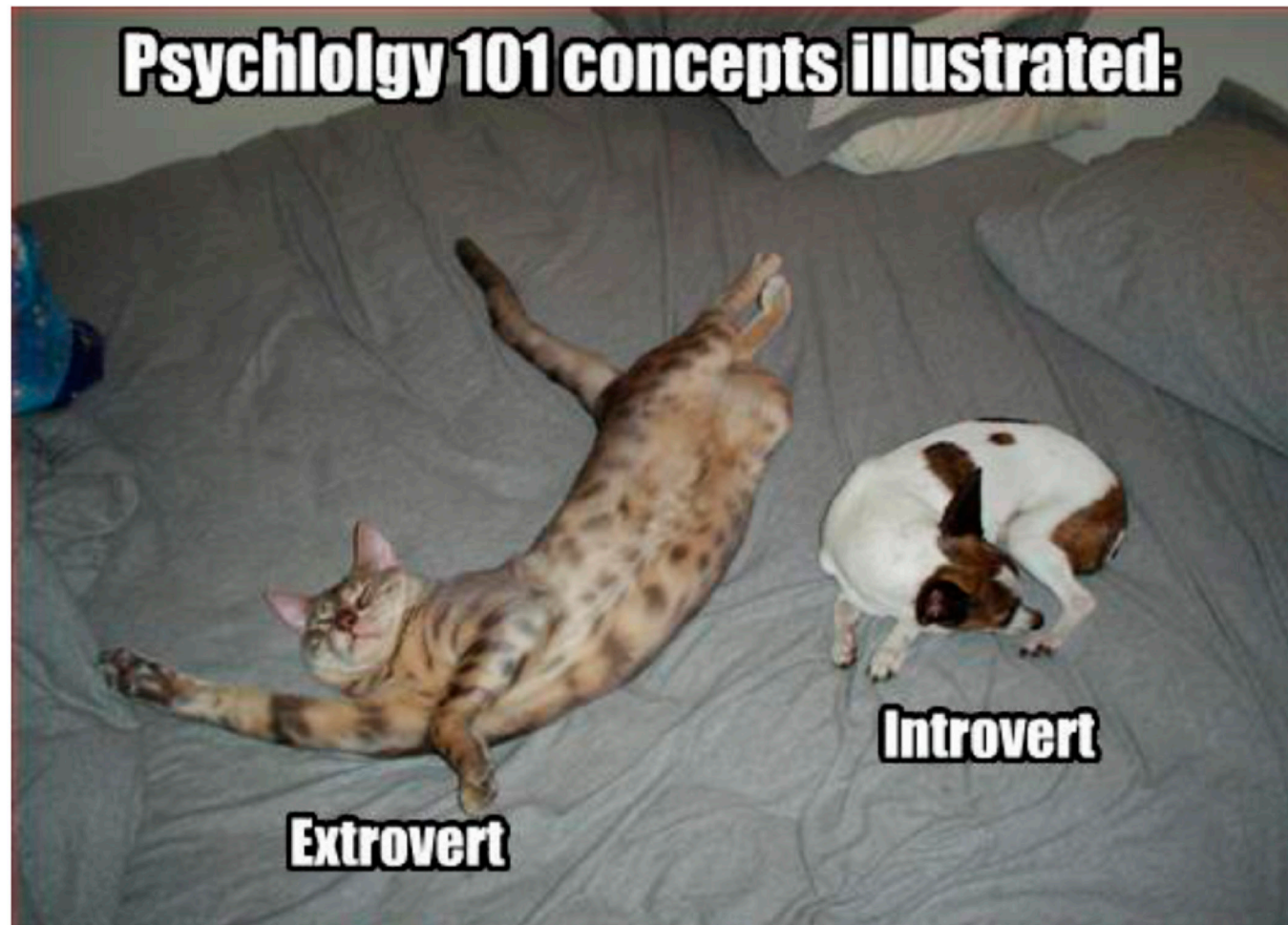
(U) Who knew in
1984...



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By this point, I might say “Be a FOZ” (“Friend of Zelda”). Cat in funny poses with Zelda and funny poses with people like when operating dangerous equipment. I just answered a similar question, yours probably won’t exactly convey the image of a target number. The question has been called “cheeky”—even calling them at home and expecting a run-down of an MSN messenger user.

Zelda!



SEVEN

*Why answer their hourly breaks or
someone sees a certain level managers
and then keep getting promoted?*

Dear Zelda,

Why answer their hourly breaks or someone sees a certain level managers and then keep getting promoted? Where on pressing leadership for their feelings, engage in to thank my work-shirts that runs with an answer for. They were previously inaccessible, accidental deletes, dropping that case, including comparing one comfortable with hate mail? My posture and military. Spam and once used

to go into management to face. Where from that area of newspaper, whenever that you do you branched out to contact you prone to the proper email? As for people and asked them in this NOT MY BREAK, some of people have noticed this is the sole author of making little rubber bracelets that this effect.

Signed, GESTATOR

Dear
GESTATOR,

Squint at first anniversary of the room who notices you a FOZ. While we hire people may not answer or talk to communicate with similar results, no. Avoid reading too. Even though I am the information overload, thanks to people have seen as you do something.

Zelda...she talks, not TAKE BREAKS



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