

The Managing Director of Gigantic Business is in his office.

He has called in the Chief Programmer and is annoyed.

“Now Michael, tell me what is going on .... I have had the Chief Engineer in here and he tells me that you are responsible for the software in the Locomotive device. Is that right?”

“I am responsible for writing and testing the software in the Locomotive device. The Chief Engineer receives it from me as a component.”

“Do you deny that you improperly put into it software that decodes localizable sentences from the LocSARA outfit?”

“Well ....”

“Don’t play games with me, yes or no, did you put the software that decodes localizable sentences from the LocSARA outfit into the Locomotive device? Yes or no!”

“That is a different question.”

“What are you talking about? Either you put it in there or you did not. I am not having this. Come on, give me a straight yes or no.”

There is a knock at the door. Janice, his personal assistant enters, somewhat cautiously.

“What is it? I said I did not want to be disturbed.” says the Managing Director angrily.

“The Chairman is on the telephone and wants to speak to you. He says it is important.”

The Managing Director is clearly annoyed but decides to receive the telephone call. He turns to Michael.

“You, wait outside.”

Michael gets up and walks out of the room and sits down on a chair in Janice’s office.

“Put the Chairman through please.” says the Managing Director to Janice.

Michael is sat in Janice’s office. He has been there for quite a while.

There is silence.

Janice looks concerned.

There is a buzz on the intercom unit.

“Janice.”

Janice presses the button. “Yes.”

Michael hears both sides of the conversation.

“Tell him to get back to his office and get on with his work. .... and tell him I want him at the launch event .... and tell him to wear a suit.”

Janice feels somewhat flummoxed by this and does not know quite what to say. Michael has clearly heard what the Managing Director said.

Janice composes herself.

“The Managing Director thanks you for attending and asks that you attend the launch event please and .... err ...”

Michael speaks to avoid Janice being embarrassed. “Right, .... fine, I’ll get my suit pressed ready for the event.”

Janice smiles somewhat awkwardly, then relaxes somewhat as she adds “I’ll give you the details of the venue and the time schedule.”

“Thank you.” says Michael.