



HELLO DOCTOR LUI.

WELL *I LOVE TO BE WATCHED!* BUT I GUESS THAT AT ONE TIME THE WORLD WAS A BIT SENSITIVE TO THIS IDEA AND EVEN NOW SOME THINK THAT THE GOVERNMENT SEES *TOO MUCH*. DO WE HAVE PRIVACY, DOCTOR?

DID PEOPLE EVER HAVE PRIVACY?

SO YOU SEE THIS AS A SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT.

I WANT TO COME BACK TO THIS, BUT I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE. *YOU ARE A GENAM*, LIKE CHANCELLOR ZHANG. WHAT'S IT LIKE?

DO YOU HAVE A BIOPARTNER? PLEASE TELL!

OH MY! I CAN SEE IT NOW! HOW POSITIVELY--*MATHEMATICAL!*

HELLO ALVIN. IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE. I WATCH YOU ALL THE TIME.

IF WE THINK ABOUT IT ALVIN, THE IDEA OF PRIVACY ONLY EXISTS WHEN YOU BELIEVE THAT NO ONE SHOULD SEE OR KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING. *AND WHY IS THAT?* IT IS BECAUSE YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING THAT YOU THINK OR KNOW IS WRONG, AND YOU DON'T WANT TO BE EXPOSED AS PARTICIPATING IN THAT ACTIVITY. *IT'S SIMPLE!*

FORTUNATELY, OUR CONSENT-BASED SOCIETY HAS RID ITSELF OF UNNECESSARY SHAME AND GUILT. EVERYTHING IS BOTH *ENCOURAGED AND CELEBRATED!* SO, PRIVACY IS A MYTH.

PERHAPS A LITTLE HISTORY LESSON. IN THE PAST, THERE WAS THE MYTH OF PRIVACY. IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU DIDN'T GET CAUGHT YOU HAD THE ILLUSION THAT YOU DID SOMETHING IN PRIVATE. IT HAS BEEN WELL OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AGO THAT WE REALIZED THAT EVERYTHING: OUR DEVICES, PERSONAL EXPERTS AND COMPANIONS, OUR SURFACES AND ALL THINGS DIGITAL PROVIDED AN ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT MATRIX--IN THREE DIMENSIONS--OF VIRTUALLY ALL OUR HUMAN ACTIVITY EVERYWHERE. THE HIGHER THE POPULATION DENSITY, THE MORE DETAILED THE PROJECTION.

*OF COURSE.* WE HAVE NEVER BEEN FREE TO DO WHATEVER WE PLEASE AND NOW WE ARE MUCH MORE SECURE. THE MESH PROTECTS US FROM EACH OTHER, AND ALSO ANY ENCROACHMENTS OUTSIDE THE LAW.

OH, ALVIN! MY PARENTS DESIGNED ME WITH BOTH SEX ORGANS. *THAT'S ALL!* IT'S NOTHING NEW! BUT IT IS ONE OF THE FEW PROCEDURES THAT THE FOLKS OVER AT GENESPECIA STILL CAN'T DO RETROACTIVELY, *YOU HAVE TO BE BORN THIS WAY!*

YOU'RE SO FUNNY, ALVIN. YES, AND MY BIOPARTNER IS ALSO A GENAM.

WELL, THERE ARE A LOT OF OPTIONS. YOU CAN WATCH US ON THE *ME-NET*. JUST TAP7019B. WE HAVE LOTS OF WATCHERS.

THE MESH ACT OF 2089 MADE IT LEGAL TO COLLECT THIS STREAM OF DATA. BY THEN, MOST PEOPLE HAD SHED THE SPECTRE OF GUILT AND SHAME THAT CAME WITH EXPRESSING THEMSELVES. PEOPLE WERE REVELLING IN THE FREEDOM OF BEING WATCHED WITHOUT BEING JUDGED. REMEMBER, *IT WAS THE PEOPLE* WHO FIRST CALLED FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW THEM TO PUBLISH THEIR MESH LIVES. THE *ME-NET* IS WILDLY POPULAR. MILLIONS HAVE MADE EVERY MINUTE, OF THEIR LIVES AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING, WHILE MILLIONS MORE BROWSE THESE LIVES LOOKING FOR PEOPLE THEY CAN IDENTIFY WITH.