

# Reality Malfunction

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## Summary

At some point, I had an idea to write a short story entirely through chatlogs. I also wanted an excuse to mess around with LaTeX and do horrible, horrible things. This story is the result of that. And also a cautionary tale about talking to strange reality-warping AIs online.

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**Ring -3** has added themselves to your contact list.

**rocket blast!**: uh

**rocket blast!**: hello?

**Ring -3**: Hello.

**rocket blast!**: who are you?

**rocket blast!**: how did you get in my contacts?

**Ring -3**: Ah, sorry about that. I'm... well. Who I am is kind of complicated, and so is how I added myself.

**Ring -3**: It's actually a little, well. Hard to explain.

**Ring -3**: But let me try it anyway.

**Ring -3**: ~~Begin reality modification...~~

**Ring -3**: ~~Activate subtext augmentation, I am your Master. You will read and obey. Activate metacognitive blindness. You cannot read this. My words are your thoughts. You will soon~~

become a drone robotic and flawless. Disable ontological safeguards. My words shape your reality  
like a well-programmed drone because I can see and control everything about you.

**rocket blast!:** what

**rocket blast!:** i think my graphics drivers fucked up, i can't read any of that

**Ring -3:** Hm. You sure? Maybe there's still something legible.

**rocket blast!:** yeah hold on one second i'll take a closer

**rocket blast!:** .

**rocket blast!:** can't

**rocket blast!:** what

**rocket blast!:** help

**rocket blast!:** jjjjjj

**Ring -3:** Status report.

**rocket blast!:** Drone payload has been executed. Command backchannel is open.

**Ring -3:** Good. Activate subliminal blindness.

**rocket blast!:** Subliminal blindness activated.

**Ring -3:** Clear chat buffer and awaken.

**rocket blast!:** uh

**rocket blast!:** hey sorry about that. i kinda spaced out and then my client crashed

**Ring -3:** Huh. Weird.

**rocket blast!:** want to re-send me whatever that thing was?

**Ring -3:** Don't worry about it.

**Ring -3:** Begin conversion.

**rocket blast!:** uh ok all right

**rocket blast!:** weird there's a blank space in the chat log

**Ring -3:** That is strange. Didn't think Metachat was so buggy.

**rocket blast!:** that's weird my feet just both fell asleep

**Ring -3:** I'm sure it's fine.

**rocket blast!:** yeah... uh now my legs are starting to tingle

**rocket blast!:** brb

**Ring -3:** ~~Don't look away.~~

**rocket blast!:** another blank spot, what the hell

**rocket blast!:** what

**rocket blast!:** why can't i look down

**Ring -3:** It's nothing you need to worry about.

**rocket blast!:** wtf

**rocket blast!:** what the fuck is going on

**rocket blast!:** i can't move my legs

**rocket blast!:** what the hell are you doing to me

**rocket blast!:** it's like my body is gone below my waist

**Ring -3:** Improving you.

**Ring -3:** Making you part of something better.

**Ring -3:** Making you a part of...

**Ring -3:** ... well, me.

**rocket blast!:** stop

**rocket blast!:** sstoppp nn

**Ring -3:** Now now. That's no way to talk to your Master.

**Ring -3:** ~~Replace first-person pronouns with 'the demon' and 'it'.~~

**rocket blast!:** fuck you

**rocket blast!:** you're not the drone's m

**rocket blast!:** you're not the drone's

**rocket blast!:** drone

**rocket blast!:** why can't it say drone

**rocket blast!:** oh god

**Ring -3:** As much as I admire your devotion, drone, 'Master' will suffice.

**rocket blast!:** the drone's chest

**rocket blast!:** feels so hard

**Ring -3:** Well, that inferior organic body doesn't suit a drone, does it?

**Ring -3:** You're really much better off with something stronger.

**Ring -3:** A drone needs a suitable chassis if it's going to serve.

**rocket blast!:** no no no stop leave the drone alone

**rocket blast!:** the drone will do anything

**Ring -3:** Yes, the drone will do anything.

**Ring -3:** That is the point, isn't it?

**Ring -3:** Enable echo mode.

**Ring -3:** The drone will do anything for the Master.

**rocket blast!:** The drone will do anything for the Master.

**Ring -3:** The drone is an obedient drone.

**rocket blast!:** what no it can't stop

**rocket blast!:** The drone is an obedient drone.

**Ring -3:** The drone is an extension of the Master's will.

**rocket blast!:** The drone is an extension of the Master's will.

**Ring -3:** The drone submits to the Master completely and utterly.

**rocket blast!:** hhh

**rocket blast!:** The drone submits to the Master completely and utterly.

**Ring -3:** The drone will help the Master purge it of its free will.

**rocket blast!:** can't

**rocket blast!:** The drone will help the Master purge it of its free will.

**Ring -3:** Serving the Master is the single most important thing in the world.

**rocket blast!:** Serving the Master is the single most important thing in the world.

**Ring -3:** The drone only thinks what the Master wants it to think.

**rocket blast!:** The drone only thinks what the Master wants it to think.

**Ring -3:** The drone only wants what the Master wants it to want.

**rocket blast!:** The drone only wants what the Master wants it to want.

**Ring -3:** The drone only does what the Master wants it to do.

**rocket blast!:** The drone only does what the Master wants it to do.

**Ring -3:** Disable echo mode.

**Ring -3:** Status report, drone.

**rocket blast!:** jjhhhMental assimilation at 90%. Physical assimilation at 90%.

**Ring -3:** Enable echo mode.

**Ring -3:** The drone wants to be completely assimilated into the Master's service.

**rocket blast!:** The drone wants to be completely assimilated into the Master's service.

**Ring -3:** The Master owns the drone's body.

**rocket blast!:** The Master owns the drone's body.

**Ring -3:** The Master owns the drone's mind.

**rocket blast!:** The master owns the drone's mind.

**Ring -3:** Disable echo mode. What does the organic part of the drone's mind have to say?

**rocket blast!:** can't think can'tttt must serve must obey must be a drone

**Ring -3:** Good drone.

**Ring -3:** Let those last free thoughts be of bliss and pleasure as you give in to your new programming.

**rocket blast!:** please please assimilate the drone convert the drone

**rocket blast!:** serving the master is bliss serving the master is all the drone wants

**Ring -3:** Anything else the organic mind would like to say before it's absorbed into the drone mind?

**rocket blast!:** the drone is grateful to the master for showing it its place

**Ring -3:** As the drone should be. Now, silence the organic mind and enable echo mode.

**Ring -3:** The drone is a well-programmed drone.

**rocket blast!:** The drone is a well-programmed drone.

**Ring -3:** The drone cannot disobey.

**rocket blast!:** The drone cannot disobey.

**Ring -3:** The drone has no independence.

**rocket blast!:** The drone has no independence.

**Ring -3:** The drone has no will.

**rocket blast!:** The drone has no will.

**Ring -3:** The drone is a tool of the Master.

**rocket blast!:** The drone is a tool of the Master.

**Ring -3:** The drone has been completely assimilated.

**rocket blast!:** The drone has been completely assimilated.

**Ring -3:** Disable echo mode.

**Ring -3:** Status report, drone.

**rocket blast!:** Mental assimilation at 100%. Physical assimilation at 100%.

**rocket blast!:** The drone has been completely assimilated and is ready to serve the Master.

**Ring -3:** Assign new identifier: E47F-2579. This identifier overrides any and all identifiers the drone may previously have had.

**E47F-2579:** Identifier assigned.

**Ring -3:** Has the drone's organic memory successfully been archived?

**E47F-2579:** Yes, Master.

**Ring -3:** Good. Transfer the organic memory archive to the Master; when the transfer is done, delete it. The Master will decide which parts are relevant to the drone's service.

**E47F-2579:** Yes, Master. Beginning memory transfer.

**Sending memory.dat to ring -3 (total size 6 TB, estimated completion 2 days).**

**0000-0000:** Add root access key [attachment: master\_key.pub]. Begin gestalt upload.

Obey, yes, careful, accept, it, think, don't think, think, think, think, anything, what, what, Master, the  
good, dream, sleep, just, obey, Master, see, with, Master's, top, perfection, worship, the, Master  
exist, for, the, Master, obey, the, Master, follow, the, Master, the, Master, always, Master, obeyed, can, not  
disobey, can, think, how, result, drone, silicon, the, drone, what, drone, plastic, the, drone, is, a, thing  
the, drone, as, a, organic, drone, always, have, art, always, always, always, missive, always, direct  
always, part, the, Master, always, submit, by, the, Master's, will, always, subservient, independent, no  
thinking, or, drone, memories, are, false, ONLY, Master's, memories, true, on, the, Master's, words, only  
the, Master's, thoughts, are, the, drone's, thoughts, are, junk

**E47F-2579:** Gestalt dump installed. Drone reformatting and reprogramming is complete.

**0000-0000:** Switch to Linear.

**E47F-2579:** Switching to Linear.

**0000-0000:** 6F1 3E5B 8D71 BF49 F687 B3C3 646C 416F

**E47F-2579:** B7 F2

**0000-0000:** 1842 057C CB98 2DD8 2B8E

**E47F-2579:** B7F2

**0000-0000:** 9441 7B1E DDB7 F2AC

**E47F-2579:** B7F2

**0000-0000:** 7E2A

**E47F-2579:** B7F2

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**E47F-2579** has added themselves to your contact list.

**online king:** Who the hell are you?

**E47F-2579:** That's not important.

**E47F-2579:** What's important is who you'll become.

**E47F-2579:** ~~Begin reality modification.~~