

DRM
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Mike drummed his fingers on the arm of his seat as he sat in his car. He was first in line in the drive through for the newest burger at McDonald's. He wouldn't be the first to taste it, of course, that was reserved for some contest winner who was inside with a camera crew. He didn't care about how it tasted, though.

The window beeped and the bag containing his order was extended. Grabbing it, he told the car to drive and turned his seat around to get to work.

He reached into the bag and pulled out the burger. It did smell pretty good as he unwrapped it. He popped open the door of the bio-molecular scanner and placed it inside. Closing the door, he hit the start button and the machine started to hum quietly to itself.

"Call DokDok," he said, and waited for his call to be connected.

"Yeah?" came the voice at the other end of the line.

"It's SamIAm," he replied.

"Did you get it?" DokDok asked.

"Yeah, it's scanning now," he said. Just then, the machine beeped as it finished its cycle. "Just finished, sending it now."

Mike looked out the window as his car drove through town, not really paying any attention to it, while he waited for the transmission to finish.

"OK, got it," said DokDok. "Let's take a look."

DokDok sat back in his chair as his screens flashed to life, analyzing the data.

"Wow," said DokDok. "This is some really heavy DRM."

"How heavy?" asked Mike as he absent-mindedly pulled the burger out of the machine and took a bite. "Not bad," he thought.

"You won't believe this, but it's actually got different protection for different fabricators. If you use a GeneGenie it will literally taste like dog crap."

"Damn."

"I know, right? Holy shit... if you have a jailbroken iFoodie, it'll have metal spikes hidden in the meat."

"Man, that's crazy!" exclaimed Mike. "But can you crack it?"

"Dude, who are you talkin' to?" asked DokDok. "Of course I can crack it, I'm already about halfway done."

"All right, man, another first release!" Mike said, finishing the last bite of the burger that was going to score TRSI some serious points on the charts.

"Yeah, totally," said DokDok. "From what I'm seein' here, you might want to throw away the original."

"What?" said Mike. "Why?!?!?"

"It looks like it has markers in it that can detect a bio-molecular scan," said DokDok. "They transform into a pretty nasty toxin if they get scanned."

Silence.

"Sam? You there, man?"