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Picard "Mr. LaForge, have you had any success with your attempts at finding a weakness in the Borg? And Mr. Data, have you been able to access their command pathways?"

Geordi "Yes, Captain. In fact, we found the answer by searching through our archives on late Twentieth-century computing technology."

Geordi presses a key, and a logo appears on the computer screen.

Riker looks puzzled. "What the hell is 'Microsoft'?"

Data turns to answer. "Allow me to explain. We will send this program, for some reason called 'Windows', through the Borg command pathways. Once inside their root command unit, it will begin consuming system resources at an unstoppable rate."

Picard "But the Borg have the ability to adapt. Won't they alter their processing systems to increase their storage capacity?"

Data "Yes, Captain. But when 'Windows' detects this, it creates a new version of itself known as an 'upgrade'. The use of resources increases exponentially with each iteration. The Borg will not be able to adapt quickly enough. Eventually all of their processing ability will be taken over and none will be available for their normal operational functions."

Picard "Excellent work. This is even better than that 'unsolvable geometric shape' idea." . . . 15 Minutes Later . . .

Data "Captain, We have successfully installed the 'Windows' in the command unit and as expected it immediately consumed 85% of all resources. We however have not received any confirmation of the

expected 'upgrade'."

Geordi "Our scanners have picked up an increase in Borg storage and CPU

capacity to compensate, but we still have no indication of an

'upgrade' to compensate for their increase."

Picard "Data, scan the history banks again and determine if their is

something we have missed."

Data "Sir,I believe there is a reason for the failure in the 'upgrade'.

Appearently the Borg have circumvented that part of the plan by

not sending in their registration cards.

Riker "Captain we have no choice. Requesting permission to begin

emergency escape sequence 3F . . ."

Geordi, excited "Wait, Captain; I just detected their CPU capacity has

suddenly dropped to 0% !"

Picard "Data, what does your scanners show?"

Data "Appearently the Borg have found the internal 'Windows' module

named 'Solitaire' and it has used up all the CPU capacity."

Picard "Lets wait and see how long this 'solitaire' can reduce their

functionality." . . . Two Hours Pass . . .

Riker "Geordi, what's the status on the Borg?"

Geordi "As expected the Borg are attempting to re-engineer to compensate

for increased CPU and storage demands, but each time they

successfully increase resources I have setup our closest deep

space monitor beacon to transmit more 'windows' modules from

something called the 'Microsoft fun-pack'.

Picard "How much time will that buy us ?"

Data "Current Borg solution rates allow me to predicate an interest time

span of 6 more hours."

Geordi "Captain, another vessel has entered our sector."

Picard "Identify."

Data "It appears to have markings very similar to the 'Microsoft' logo"

Over the speakers "THIS IS ADMIRAL BILL GATES OF THE MICROSOFT

FLAGSHIP MONOPOLY. WE HAVE POSITIVE CONFIRMATION OF UNREGISTERED

SOFTWARE IN THIS SECTOR. SURREDER ALL ASSETS AND WE CAN AVOID ANY

TROUBLE. YOU HAVE 10 SECONDS"

Data "The alien ship has just opened its forward hatches and released

thousands of humanoid shaped objects."

Picard "Magnify forward viewer on the alien craft"

Riker "Good God captain! Those are humans floating straight toward the

Borg ship with no life support suits ! How can they survive the

tortures of deep space ?!"

Data "I don't believe that those are humans sir, if you will look closer

I believe you will see that they are carrying something recognized

by twenty-first century man as doe skin leather briefcases, and

wearing Armani suits"

Riker and Picard together (horrified) "Lawyers !!"

Geordi "It can't be. All the Lawyers were rounded up and sent hurtling

into the sun in 2017 during the Great Awakening."

Data "True, but appearently some must have survived."

Riker "They have surrounded the Borg ship and are covering it with all

types of papers."

Data "I believe that is known in ancient venacular as 'red tape' it

often proves fatal."

Riker "They're tearing the Borg to pieces !"

Picard "Turn off the monitors. I can't stand to watch, not even the

Borg deserve that."