

*"Hello."*

*"It's Reg. I have good news and bad news."*

*Waking up his body and mind quicker than he wanted to, Kicis got into mode: "I'm all ears, Reg."*

*"The good news is we've hit ninety percent of our targets."*

*"Ninety percent of the data is gone?"*

*"Essentially, yes."*

*"Outstanding!" Kicis said, loud enough to make undesirable enemies with neighbouring sleepers on the train. "What's the bad news?" he continued, quieter.*

*"We've done as much as we can for now and have to stop. We've uncovered feederspy-bots and suspect they're tracking us. If caught, we'll be exposed and identified."*

*"Feederspy-bo—"*

*"Never mind that. We have to halt the hack until it's safe. It could be a few days, if at all."*

*"OK."*

*"The other factor to consider is the fallout."*

*"The fallout?" Kicis said.*

*"Once people try to access their pics and vids, they'll be mighty disappointed and will immediately complain to the database administrators—the corporations that own them."*

