Script – Small company In house Meeting

[Cornelius Heston sitting at desk studying print out]

[Lawyer George Grandscale enters]

Grandscale: Good afternoon, Mr. Cornelius. Ready to discuss the document requests from Peach?

Cornelius: Yes. I’ve been looking through your memo on these discovery requests from Peach and ours to them. First, their requests are outrageous. Peach and Simon are trying to wear me down with legal fees. But they don’t know – I hired you on a contingent fee.

My IT director, Dweeba Jones, will be here shortly to update you on the situation with Simon’s old computer and the flash drive Simon used to download Version 6 of the code with the facial expression/emoticon breakthrough.

[IT Director (Dweeba) enters]

Dweeba: Good afternoon, Mr. Cornelius.

Cornelius: Good afternoon, Dweeba. Let me introduce Mr. Grandscale of Grandscale and Greybeard.

[Shake hands]

He’s our lawyer. He needs our help on the court case.

Have you chased down the dirt on Simon’s computer?

Dweeba: No sir, or Yes sir. It turns out we can’t locate his old computer. He left over a year ago. As we always do, we repurposed his computer after he left and gave it to another employee.

Cornelius: Which one has it?

Dweeba: We don’t know. Maybe Jane. Maybe Sam. Maybe Wendy. We don’t know. We have twenty laptops.

Cornelius: What!! How can this be – don’t we have records of our laptop computers?

Dweeba: Not on the laptop computers. After Simon left, we just put his laptop into the computer lab and reused it. It’s been over a year now.

Cornelius: Dweeb, any luck finding the flash drive?

Dweeba: No. I looked in the box of flash drives in the computer lab and I couldn’t find it.

Cornelius: We don’t have records of flash drives either?

Dweeba: No.

Cornelius: Well, I know we have the logs of his activity showing he downloaded Version 6 with the emoticon breakthrough to a flash drive six weeks before he left. We will nail Peach with that. Hah!

Grandscale: We’ll produce that activity log, Mr. Heston. It’s Simon’s place to hand over the missing flash drive in discovery.

Cornelius: Grandscale? What’s the plan on all Peach’s requests?

Grandscale: Well, my plan is to tell the Court that imaging twenty computers would be too burdensome and a waste of time. Monkey See is a small company, and it’s been long enough that the relevant information might have been overwritten on Simon’s old computer.

Cornelius: Well, you can tell them we’ll produce this red robe of source code copies Simon left underneath his desk when he quit. I was just looking at this printout of the key part of Version 6 in his redrobe. It has the facial express/emoticon breakthrough. That proves he was a thief.

Dweeba: I remember that Simon liked to work in hard copy printouts.

Cornelius: Who knows how many working printouts he kept in his office or at his home with Version 6.

Mr. Grandscale will get to the bottom of this soon enough.

Grandscale: Yes sir. We’ll depose Simon after we get all their source code – we are going to look at all the versions to see how Simon sneaked that facial expression/emoticon breakthrough into Peach’s code.

But speaking of source code, Peach and Simon want all of your source code – Version 1 through today’s Version 11. We’re going to oppose that and only give them Version 6 with the Breakthrough. That’s what this case is about. But you can find the other versions, right?

Dweeba: We have them on a server in the cloud.

Cornelius: I like your plan to not give anything but Version 6. These discovery requests could require a lot of your time, Grandscale. I can see you want to minimize the burden on yourself and Monkey See.

I am glad I signed up Grandscale and Greybeard with a contingent fee agreement.

Grandscale: Me too.