

14 Fire in the Hold

Scene: Vapourware Inc, Basement of Endoscope Tower, downtown Fantasyland)

Programmer Cody Fodder: *“Sir!, please Sir!, the one and only server just overheated and the hard discs all crashed, the air conditioning has failed and our printer has burst into flames. The computer room walls are starting to melt. Call 999 and grab a bucket!!!”*

Team Leader Whipham Daly: *“Don’t panic Fodder, I’ll update my Project Plan, and detail that we have identified a new risk and have agreed a mitigation action AND, I’ll mark my report as urgent. Secondly, I’ll send a stiff message to supplies reminding them that we still have not received the right colour fire buckets.”*

Meanwhile on the 14th Floor in the Joint Project Management office:

Project Manager 1: *“Bloody programming department, again with their alarmist reports, I’ll tell them to tone them down and be more succinct and positive, we cannot report this sort of un-professional nonsense to the Programme Board.”*

Project Manager 2: *“By the way can you smell something?”*

In the Board Room, 28th Floor, just after coffee:

Programme Director Connor Placent: *“Damn fine programme we have here, nice drop of brandy, too. Shame it’s starting to snow, but the orange glow from the street below makes everything look so rosy....Never mind, nice and cosy in here this evening.”*

Programme Director Misty McCloud: *“Did someone turn up the heating?”*



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