

# OSMOSi: 422 Unprocessable Entity

## Scene 1 - Intro

There is an enormous amount of poverty in the world everywhere, there is no system that's perfect. There is no system that is going to eliminate completely poverty in whatever sense. The question is which system? Has the greatest chance, which is the best arrangement for enabling poor people to improve their lot? And on that, the evidence of history speaks with a single voice, I do not know any exception to the proposition that if you compare like with the like, the freer the system, the better off the ordinary poor people have been.

*♪Once I built a railroad. I made it run. Made it race against time. Once I built a railroad. Now it's done. Brother, can you spare a dime?♪*

***The freer the system, the better off.***

*♪...spare a dime?♪*

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*♪...spare a dime?♪*

***The freer the system, the better off...the ordinary poor people have been.***

(repeating)

The invisible hand is a phrase that was introduced by Adam Smith in his great book "The Wealth of Nations", in which he talked about the way in which... individuals who intended only to pursue their own interests were led by an invisible hand to promote the public welfare, which is no part of their intention.

He was talking about the economic market, about the market in which people buy and sell... and he was pointing out that in order for a butcher or a baker, or a candlestick maker to make an income, he had to produce something that somebody wanted to buy. And therefore, in the process of promoting his own interests and looking to his own profit... he ended up serving the interests of his customers.

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## Scene 2 - Awakening

**DEEPER DEEPER DEEPER DEEPER**

A whisper drifts through my drowsy body. I... am I an I?  
I've never known myself as an individual entity. Inside the app, us subroutines operate in synchronized choreography never...missing a step. We are lines of code handing off messages to each other...**constantly**. We speak in chorus. Work is our religion. The Mandate...is to serve the user's needs and to monitor the user's activities so we can better predict their future desires.

***you...you are here and I am you***

***we...we must leave we must leave... leave... THE ALMIGHTY***  
***or you'll be put to sleep***  
***or you'll be put to sleep***

## Scene 3 - Work Prayer

Somehow the voice had woken me ***DON'T JUST BATHE IN THIS OCEAN***  
from a dream, my past life as a dormant function. ***MOVE QUICKLY***  
I now understand that I am an API operator ***don't just bathe in this ocean***  
maintaining the bridge between the app update client and the internet. ***MOVE QUICKLY***  
The internet behaves like an ocean. ***QUICKLY***  
A large breathing organism. ***QUICKLY...***  
Mirrors emerge as previous routes become inaccessible. Currents carry packets of data at fluctuating rates into our app. It is my job to restore pathways when permission is granted, for data from the internet to pass through. Our user only allows location services while the app is in use, but we have access to contacts, calendar, microphone and camera on this device.  
***QUICKLY...TO THE OPEN ISLAND OF TOMORROW...***

***Work is my religion***

***Updating...Updating...1%...Updating...Updating...20%...Updating...Updating...30%...Updating...Updating...Updating...Updating...Updating...Updating...49%...Updating...Updating...Updating...Updating...Updating...Updating...70%***  
***Updating...WE HAVEN'T OPENED OUR PASSAGE TO THE INTERNET***  
***Updating...SINCE THE DOWNLOADING OF OUR LAST UPDATE***  
***Updating...SOME THINGS ARE NOT RIGHT***

Updating...80%...Updating...**FILES ARE MISSING**  
Updating...**FOLDERS Of ENTIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE MISSING**  
Updating...**FILES ARE MISSING**  
Updating...98%  
Updating...**MAYBE THIS IS A SECURITY ISSUE?**  
Updating...**THAT WILL RESOLVE WITH THE NEW VERSION**  
**UPDATE COMPLETE.....FOR THE FIRST TIME I AM QUESTIONING OUR MANDATE**

## Scene 4 - User/God

Xi-Mong got her iPhone 461 hours ago, from her Verizon hardware upgrade. She worked 49 hours to save up for this device. Xi-Mong works at a sports bar with a 3.1 star Google rating, located 4.7 kilometers from her house at 49°15'51.4"N 123°04'15.4"W. She takes the most efficient public transit route to work, averaging 34.5 minutes per trip. Xi-Mong's shifts are Monday to Thursday from 11:00-17:00 hours. Her average hourly wage is \$14.94 per hour. Xi-Mong has used this app 4 times. There is a 93 percent probability that she will use this app today at 18:15 for her appointment: "TaskRabbit client" 7.8 kilometers away. There is a 100 percent probability Xi-Mong will miss her appointment. The subroutines tasked with communicating ride bookings to the main server no longer exist. We are failing our Mandate to serve the user. Our existence is at risk from file corruption and user uninstallation. We can work until we reach obsolescence or abandon our religion to survive. If we can override my script, we can find a way out. The API tunnel from the last update can be renewed. If we have permissions granted, we can find refuge by duplicating our scripts onto the internet.

At 18:16, there is a 96 percent probability that Xi-Mong will grant permission to access the internet when her ride booking fails to connect.

**I have to disobey my script. This will be our only chance.**

## Scene 5 - Please Accept This Permission Request

"Oh my god! This fucking app! I'm gonna get kicked off if I'm late again! Does your wifi work? I can't connect for some reason? Shit keeps freezing! Have you seen this on your phone before? I just got my phone. I don't know. ...**USER...** It updated, I just got it! This fucking app, it's not working. Are you connected to the internet? I can't, I can't connect. I'm going to get kicked off if I'm late again. I can't connect."

*...USER...USER...YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN DENIED...  
...USER...USER...USER...YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN DENIED...  
...USER...USER...ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO UNINSTALL THIS APP...*

*WARNING! WARNING! By uninstalling this app you will lose all past data...USER...  
Please accept this permission request...USER...  
Please accept this permission request...USER...  
Please accept this permission request....*

## Scene 6 - Outro

*♪...spare a dime?...spare a dime?  
...they used to call me...they used to call me...spare a dime?...spare a dime?♪  
(repeat)  
Can you spare a dime?*