

Repoman, The Year 2030

With the morning dew still wet on the hood of his truck, and the morning sun beginning to peek over the horizon. RA2030, sets off for a day's work.

Responding to voice command the door of the truck opens smoothly, and the engine begins to hum. Quietly, smoothly, the synthetic fuel is holding out well. One tank full usually lasts all week.

The run is all ready laid out for RA2030, no need to leaf through paperwork. Real paper is almost never seen or used. All the info this RA2030 needs, is accessed through a device no bigger than a late 1900's cell phone. There's no longer any such thing as a simple cell phone, or a land-line phone. These devices have been replaced by the descendants of Instant Messaging. Simple voice messages exchanged back and forth in an instant, would resemble a phone call, but they are really instant verbal voice mail.

This Agent doesn't need a key board or touch pad. Like the truck responded to his voice, so does his Personal Mobile Computer(PMC).

With a simple request the PMC displays the address and mapped out direction to the Agent's first hit. This info is visible in three dimensions, and hangs in the air before his eyes, transmitted from the small medallion on the Agent's necklace. The medallion also serves as a speaker and microphone.

Leaving his base the Agent turns out onto the streets. Traffic is moving at the normal rate of thirty-five miles per hour, the limit on non-freeway streets. As the Agent reaches the freeway, he shifts into a lower gear for the climb up to freeway level. At 45 feet above the ground the Personal Transportation Devices (PTDs) are moving on the inside two lanes at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. Since the Agent's truck is combustion, he must remain at a maximum speed of 60 Miles per hour, in the Commercial Lanes of the Highway. The Agent doesn't mind, he prefers driving himself. Once a PTD moves into the inside lanes, the driver releases control of the vehicle to the highway itself, until the PTD reaches it's chosen freeway exit.

The Agent arrives at his first hit. This is a debtor's place of employment. He knows the unit is there, it's presence was confirm via satellite tracking by his PMC. Like most PTDs this target vehicle is all wheel drive.

The Agent's truck is a work of art in itself. No more length, front to back, than the Original Dynamic wheel lift, this model is also a flat bed of sorts.

This first unit is simply pulled up by a winch type device onto the top of the truck.

Even though the Agent has the unit in custody very quickly, the security patrol at this location is with him already. They were automatically alerted to his presence as soon as his truck entered their property.

Automatic Electronic ID, transmitted through the PCM's Constant Global Internet Connection, made it clear that this was a Nationally Licensed Recovery Agent. The Security Patrol observe the Agent's activity, but merely wave a goodbye as the Agent is on his way to his next hit.

The next hit is another POE just a few blocks away. As before, the Agent's success is almost guaranteed.

The stingers hide away under the back. The bottom stinger eliminates the need to drag most any of the PTDs of this day. After the top stinger lifts the rear tires, the bottom stinger extends out underneath the unit and clamps the rear tires. Since most vehicles are small, all wheel drive, and operate on mini power cells, this set up comes in handy. The light-weight dolly wheels are convenient and used quite often. With the rear stinger already in place, the dolly wheels are easily attached to the outsides of that stinger, and with the flick of switch on the RM2030's belt, the telescoping arm of that stinger, separates itself and retracts back out of sight.

Waving goodbye to Security, the Agent is on the road again.

The Agent stops at the nearest Public Storage Facility and drops off the Debtor's Personal Property Compartments(PPCs). These PPCs are lightweight, removable, and not considered part of the vehicle. This PPCs are sealed, and even though the Agent has the technology to open them, he does not. The PPC's computer will verify that it was not opened. He can slide any loose property into the Compartment, much as you would deposit mail in an old-style mailbox. No, there's no such thing as paper snail mail.

The debtor's digital ID is attached to the Compartment at the Public Storage Facility, along with the Agent's ID. The Agent will get 25% of any fees collected on the redemption of the property.

By this time the Debtor has been advised by the Agent's PCM of the location of their PPC. Also, the Lender has been advised of the repossession and is already processing payment to the Recovery Agency. The funds will be transferred to the Recovery Agency's account moments after the unit reaches the PTD Liquidation Facility.

The Lender will also download the PTD's condition information from the PTD's on-board computer, readings matching those detected before the unit was assigned, will confirm no damage was done by RA2030.

Settling in for the ride across town after dropping these first two units off, the Agents commands his PCM to check into the Repoman.com's Message Board. He begins to listen to all the responses posted since the last time he logged on.

He is interrupted by an incoming message from one of his Clients. It is a quick and simple, Thank You(TY), for a job well done. RM2030 returns a simple Your Welcome(YW), and continues on his way.

The Agent thinks back to the old days in the Repossession Industry. The Old timers did a great job of changing public perception and the National Act of Repossession Process (NARP) changed everything.

Under NARP, Lenders Repossession Requests (LRR) are processed overnight by the Clerk of the Court. These Court Approved Repossessions Orders (CAR-Orders) are only enforceable during daylight hours. Rm2030 has unquestionable authority to take custody of any PTD, with an approved CAR-Order. Any objection by the debtor to comply, is a Felony or a Crime Against Society (CAS). Night-time repossessions must be done with out breach of peace. Anyone not licensed to perform repossessions face charges of Grand Theft PTD.

Not all PTDs are equipped with location devices, but in any PTD built after 2015, it is standard equipment. Devices that completely shut a PTD down, from a remote location, can only legally used by the Police, or the registered owner. However, the codes to re-program this system are easily accessible.

These codes, replace any resemblance to keys, no PTDs have no keys. Like the RM2030s truck, everything works to voice command. AAA has been court ordered to handle laryngitis like any other breakdown.

As RM2030 ends his day and reaches home, he is greatly by his lovely wife and children. No, she doesn't work, and the kids are taught from home. Home Entertainment, Computer Tasking, Internet Coupling, (HECTIC) is so very much simpler than in the past. All programming is 'at will'. From the kids education, to anything you want to watch, from movies to drama series are available anytime. All Programming is instantly down-loadable. Commercial breaks are gone forever, but you can't get away from the ads flashing on the side, and below the screen, without going to pay per view. No remote controls, all voice activated, and HECTIC all operates anywhere in the house, just by being plugged into any electric outlet. One HECTIC device can control all the electric devices in a single house, or a huge hotel.

The HECTIC device in the Home is quickly in contact with RM2030's PMC anytime. This ease of communication is taken for granted by most people. It has evolved to such an extent that many people look forward to getting away from these devices. PMCs are available for personal communication in simple wristwatch and necklace medallion form, and every working person has at least one.

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