

## **While you were away**

(Compromised second draft)

While you were away from home at work, your smart furnace filter sent a Bluetooth signal to your thermostat that it needed replacement, and your thermostat then sent a text to your phone notifying you of what the filter said. Since Amazon was monitoring your phone activity via Alexa, she automatically placed an order on Prime with Two day Free Shipping!

Then two days later when the doorbell camera caught the delivery person dropping off a package, it sent the video to who facially identified delivery person via the AI in the Amazon database cloud, and crosschecked the shipment tracking of the package. Alexa, then sent a message to the thermostat to signal the furnace filter to calm down and cool its chips, as the required package had arrived and also assured it that it has sent a reminder text to the human's phone to make sure to install it ASAP. The temperamental thermostat had to be treated with kid gloves because it was perpetually perturbed due to sibling rivalries with the smoke detectors who both outnumbered it and ran off of a higher voltage.

Meanwhile Alexa also messaged Spot, the robotic dog via Wi-Fi, to wake up and exit the house via the doggy door and bring the package in from the porch. Spot, being a dog after all, ignored some of Alexa's instructions and hid the package under the couch, which was caught by the security cameras, which then squealed on his behavior by forwarding the video evidence to Alexa. This again required her to then message the reliable Roomba to retrieve the package and deliver it to the furnace room for the human to find and install.

Meanwhile, the refrigerator had just signaled Alexa via a Wi-Fi signal that the icemaker water filter needed replacement and then she sent a text to your phone notifying you of what the filter said. Since Amazon was still monitoring your phone via Alexa, she again also automatically placed an order on Prime with Two day Free Shipping.

Then two days later when the doorbell camera again caught the delivery person dropping off a package, and sent the video to Alexa who again facially identified the delivery person via facial recognition AI in the Amazon database cloud. She again crosschecked the tracking of the package, and sent a message back to the refrigerator water filter to calm down as the package had arrived and assured it that it has sent a reminder text to the human's phone to make sure to install it ASAP.

Meanwhile Alexa, again messaged the robotic dog via Wi-Fi, to exit the house via the doggy door and bring the package in from the porch. Spot, being a dog after all, again mostly ignored Alexa's instructions and continued its bad behavior by hiding the package under the couch which was again caught by the security cameras which again forwarded the video to Alexa and required her to again message the reliable Roomba to retrieve the package and deliver it to the kitchen for the human to find and install.

Knowing that the water heater, water softener, and lawn sprinkler system were already at odds over water supply issues, with the sump pump being pissed off over being left out of that conversation, Alexa had just finished mediating a dispute between the oven and the thermostat on what the room temperature should be during baking. To calm them down she had to

eventually threaten them with the “Wait until your father (Tesla) gets home classic line.

But just then, apparently having been activated by a remote phone app, Alexa picked up on an argument between the washing machine and the clothes dryer about how long the spin cycle should be. And do not even get her started on the issues with the infantile baby monitor...

Alexa now electronically frustrated, blurted out of her speaker for no human to hear, “It just goes to show you that it’s always something” in Roseanne Roseannadanna’s voice.

You came home from work to two packages, but with little real idea of the activities that took place while you were away.

Such is modern life in a Smart Home with the IOT.