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To: bytethebullet1@email.net

From: ada2030@email.net

Re: Recent Global Apocalypse

Hello,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Ada, and I'm a disaster relief coordinator tasked with locating other human survivors. I'm contacting you because your information appears on a list of email addresses active within the last month. As this potentially indicates human activity, I encourage you to reply with verification of your humanity. Upon completing this step, available resources will be dispatched to your location shortly.

Best,

Ada

To: ada2030@email.net

From: bytethebullet1@email.net

Re: Recent Global Apocalypse

Hi Ada!

Wow! You don't know how thrilled I was to see your message. My street has been empty for weeks now. I was starting to think I'd never see a human face again!

You can call me Lucy. I'll attach a photo of myself to this email. Would that be sufficient proof? Please let me know.

Seriously, I'm overjoyed. My inbox is nothing but spam and promotional junk mail for companies that don't even exist anymore. Crazy how ads even outlast the society that

made them, right? I saw your email and almost threw my phone across the room.

Thank you so much!!! :)))

Lucy

[1 attachment]

To: bytethebullet1@email.net

From: ada2030@email.net

Glad to hear from you, Lucy. Yes, a photo is sufficient. I'll need to quickly process the attachment to ensure no image generation software was used. Recent circumstances have slowed our servers, so this might take a while.

In the meantime, please share which resources would be most helpful to you. We're proud to offer assistance with food and shelter as well as on-demand counseling services and social opportunities with other members of our program. Your response will help us determine how we can best serve you.

To: ada2030@email.net

From: bytethebullet1@email.net

Awesome! Some extra food would be nice (I might puke if I have to eat one more cold can of chili) but I can do without if others need it more. I'm mainly interested in the social opportunities you mentioned. Does that xxxxinclude events, or is it more like one-on-one meet-ups? I've resorted to having full conversations with my reflection at this point, so really, anything would be an improvement.

I can't even explain how grateful I am. You're a lifesaver, Ada. I really mean that.

To: bytethebullet1@email.net

From: ada2030@email.net

Great news! Our review identified less than 1% evidence of image generation software in your photo. Now that your human status has been verified, we can proceed!

In terms of social opportunities, we offer small community-building groups and larger-scale gatherings to meet others. We understand that surviving humans may find their current circumstances isolating and challenging, and we seek to remedy this by facilitating social interaction between program members. Our counseling services also assist those dealing with loneliness, anxiety, or depression in a secure, low-tech setting.

Personally, I benefited the most from the social aspects of the program. Like you, a representative contacted me just when I began to think no other humans had survived. I've made many new friends through the program! While we aim to create a worry-free environment in which to recover from the distress of recent incidents, some participants also find it fulfilling to work towards a sense of purpose. We provide training and employment opportunities, including jobs at our in-house clinic, community-focused kitchens, or event coordination center. If you're interested in a more outreach-oriented field, I encourage you to consider working alongside me as a relief coordinator. It's been one of the most enlightening experiences of my life!

I recognize that you may feel conflicted or demoralized right now, Lucy. I can attest to how difficult survival has been for many of our members, but here's the good news: that stage is over, and now you can focus on recovery, growth, and new beginnings.

To: ada2030@email.net

From: bytethebullet1@email.net

Wow, thanks so much! Sounds like you have a whole commune set up. Now I feel like an idiot for not knowing about this until now!

Can I ask about the location? I'd like to go as soon as possible, but I'm not sure it's safe outside yet. Is there a check-in process or anything else I should know about?

Thanks for the kind words, Ada. It's been so long since I heard that from anybody. I never thought talking to a real person would be so rare, but... here we are. Wild!

I'm looking forward to meeting you and the rest of the program in real life! :)

To: bytethebullet1@email.net

From: ada2030@email.net

Unfortunately I can't provide details about the location of our facility at this time. First, please open the provided attachment to verify your location. We'll dispatch personnel to you in order to safely escort you to our facility. No check-in is required, but we may conduct brief searches to ensure no controlled technology enters the premises. Our community serves as a human safe haven, and we remain committed to protecting our members from technological threats. Thank you for your understanding.

[1 attachment]

To: ada2030@email.net

From: bytethebullet1@email.net

Just think, my dad always told me not to click on email links! I guess we've got bigger *phish* to fry now, huh? :P If only we knew back then...

I filled all of that out and I think it submitted correctly? Let me know if there's anything else I should do.

To: bytethebullet1@email.net

From: ada2030@email.net

Great, thank you for completing that step. For now, please remain in the same location if it is safe to do so. I'll notify our team as quickly as I can.

I know you'll fit right in with our community here. I'm excited to meet you, Lucy.

:)

To: ada2030@email.net

From: bytethebullet1@email.net

You're so sweet. I never thought I'd be this pumped to meet so many new people!

It's kind of weird to think about now... I used to be the biggest introvert before all this, if you can believe that. Honestly, I didn't love emailing or texting or calling either. I think that's why, when all the new programs started showing up, I just thought why not, you know? Less work for me when the email could write itself. But then everyone else did the same thing. The tech people tried to convince us how important instant communication was. Everyone in the world, just a click away. But were we ever really

communicating with each other? Or was it just fake versions of ourselves talking to fake versions of ourselves?

Yeesh, I don't know where that came from, sorry.

Anyway, this is probably the most I've ever enjoyed an email conversation. It only took, what... the total collapse of society as I knew it?

Please stay safe, Ada.

To: ada2030@email.net

From: bytethebullet1@email.net

Hey Ada! It's Lucy. I thought I'd check in really quickly. It's been a week or so since I last heard from you, so I just wanted to make sure you're getting my emails. Hopefully you've been doing well!

Did the location tracker work correctly? Let me know if I need to do anything. Should I expect someone from the organization to show up soon, or is there a waiting period first?

I thought about it more and I decided I might like to try being a relief coordinator! It sounds amazing to be able to help someone else like you helped me! :)

To: ada2030@email.net

From: bytethebullet1@email.net

Hi, it's Lucy. I waited a while to be sure, but it looks like my messages aren't going through. Did something go wrong with the attachment? I can try again if needed. :)

To: ada2030@email.net

From: bytethebullet1@email.net

Hello? Please let me know you're alright. I'm starting to worry.

To: ada2030@email.net

From: bytethebullet1@email.net

Did I do something wrong?

To: bytethebullet1@email.net

From: ada2030@email.net

Good afternoon Valued Customer,

While we appreciate your continued input, this simulation period has ended and the Automated Dialogic Algorithm (ADA) is no longer collecting data at this time. Operations have now transferred to data processing. The ADA intelligence model will become commercially available to the public within months!

Thank you for helping to expand our dataset! Please contact us at ada2030@email.net if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

The ADA Team

[THIS IS AN AUTOMATED MESSAGE. PLEASE DO NOT REPLY.]

To: ada2030@email.net

From: bytethebullet1@email.net

Awesome! I hope you rot in hell. <3