

Proof of Concept

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EXT FIELD

JAMES a neat man in black figure in a suit, tie and serious dark glasses that make no concession to the grim english weather / that are utterly at odds with those worn by the various festival goers, consults a map on his smartphone and sighs. He makes a call.

JAMES

(Staring up at a sign that says 'ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD')
Tell the guys in the lab that it's not the kind of electromagnetic field they were expecting.

PANDORA

(o.s)
Sarah *will* be happy. She's been arguing with the others about that. What is it then?

JAMES

(Looks around at the assorted festival goers, tents, flying drones, signs for lockpicking workshops and various contraptions and experiments)
Hacker festival. Muddy British nerds.

PANDORA

(o.s)
You know the drill

JAMES

Yeah. I know the drill

James spots EMF ATTENDEE (male or female cheery festival goer dressed in an XKCD 'stand back I'm going to try science!' T-shirt or equivalent) and surreptitiously follows him/her.

The EMF ATTENDEE visits the more eye-catching installations/demos/etc and surreptitiously takes stuff from each person visited (a circuit board, a weird-looking component, a chunk of machined metal...). Eventually pointed looks and comments make it clear that this is pre-arranged, just very much under the table.

Later that night, the attendee has gone far from the crowds and assembled the components into some weird-looking device. JAMES enters and, threatens attendee with an odd-looking weapon. JAMES looks over the device and is impressed that

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the design is more elegant than others he has seen before but is disappointed that technology has progressed to the point that this sort of thing can be assembled easily.

The EMF ATTENDEE insists that that they wasn't going to abuse it, and only wanted to know 'if it was possible'. JAMES is unmoved, pulls out a couple of components, makes a final adjustment, powers the device up and starts walking away. The EMF ATTENDEE peers at the device to see what was done, realises, starts to lunge away, then the EMF ATTENDEE and the device blink out of existence.