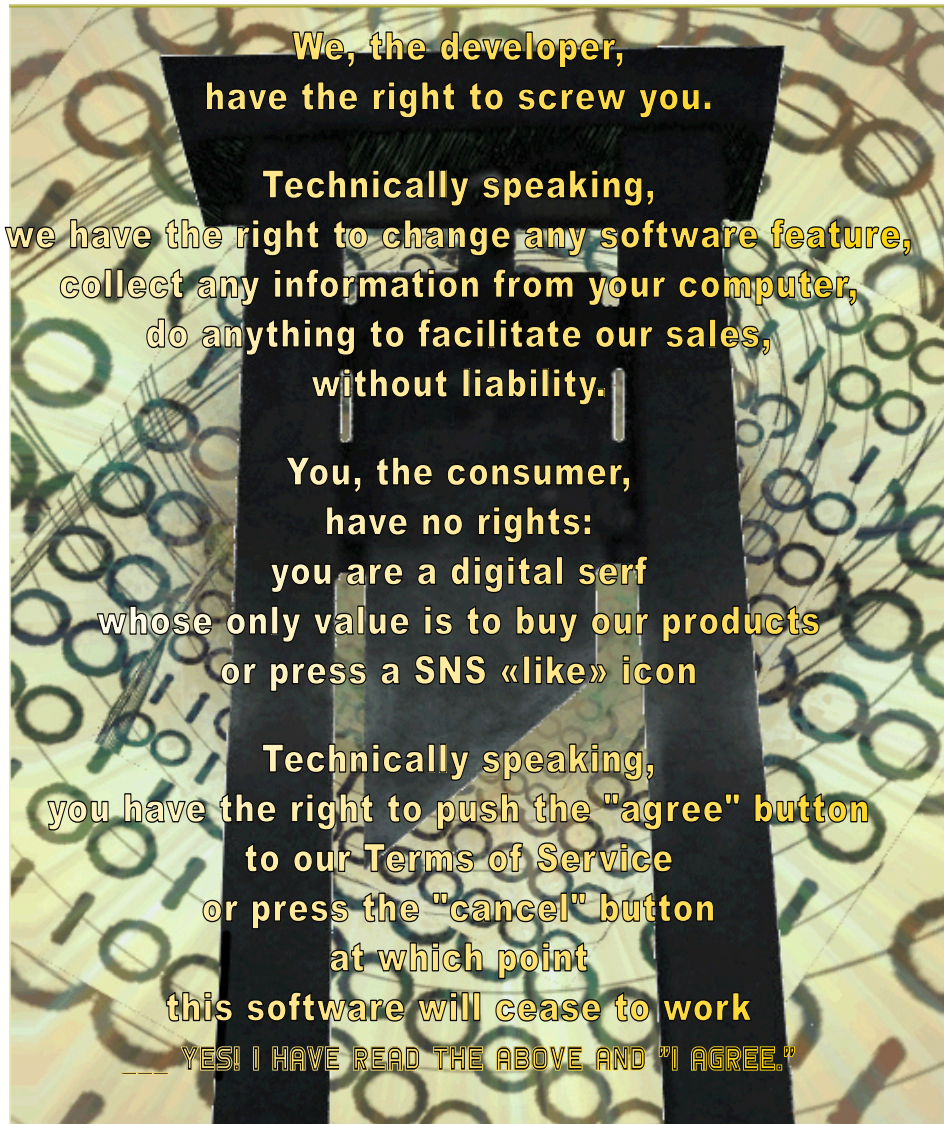


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Nadya : If this weren't so close the truth, I'd laugh.

Gus : Yeah. Multinational software companies such as Abode, Apple, and Microsoft are creating a sort of "digital serfdom." Ordinary people are like landless peasants at the whim of their digital overlords.

Liao : (nodding) It's ironic. At one time people hoped that computers would bring about greater democracy. In fact, often they are tools to promote a sort of cyber-slavery.

Tim : When there is a power imbalance, people are often easy to dupe - at least in the short term.

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