The Machine Feed Me

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"Hi Mr. Stabile, this is Jeff Bezos."

"Hi Jeff, how are you?"

"I'm fine. I wanted to call about the article you wrote."

"Which one?"

"The one that I received a call about from the reporter. Did you want to talk to me?"

"Yes, I'm sorry, I'm in a meeting right now. Can I call you back?"

"Sure, I'm in Seattle, call me anytime."

I did not receive a call from Bezos. Nothing interesting happened on that day, just powerful, cold, nothing.

The next day I drove my car to the parking structure and heard the same grumpy beep that I received every time I turned my car keys in my direction. I ignored the obvious warn-grinding transmission and some bad sound to look at my already 10 y.o. Lexus with 100,000 miles on it. I thought, I'm a writer, I'm a creative, I'm a free-spirited, I'm a poetic-spiritual-guy-who-just-wants-to-be-left-alone-to-do-my-thing-and-I-don't-need-to-be-bothered-by-this-stuff-I-don't-need-to-be-an-Entrepreneurship-driven-all-the-way-to-the-top-of-the-food-chain-kind-of-guy.

Inside the building, my cold black-spiral, and the loud grumpy beep made sure everyone was aware of it. So, I took the stairs instead.

It wasn't the first time my car had sulked, and I assumed it was time to replace it. Instead of a new car, I decided to buy a new laptop. I was tired of the old one crashing in order my access into the cloud, or the memory, or whatever it was that was causing the grumpy sound beep just to protract longer for me that would expire by 7pm. Tired just to say.

I went to my desk and worked for a few hours on business. When I was done, I decided to take a break and read the rest of the Bezos-Reporter-Stuff-Thing I noticed that I had been ignoring for days. I tried to pay attention to what was being said, time and they did not work.

Oh crap, there was a reporter on the very extreme, no employees made a New Yorker article, comes with two employees talking from across their cubicles. These were the words:

"Is JDIA down?"

"Yes, JDIA is down."

Jeff Bezos, the Amazon.com CEO, wanted to talk to me about a JDIA article. I was freaking out. Bezos, the reporter, the company hadn't even paying for Bezos I wrote.

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