



**TREATY OF THE GOOD  
CUSTOMS AND VIRTUES  
OF THE MARTIANS**

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## The witness

There was not

Nor are now

Nor will be

Never

Leafs

Clouds

Faces

Moments

The same

### Chapter 25 "Of the drops"

Treaty of rivers

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My fingerprints and other biometric characteristics identify me, with them codes are produced, which can be stored, processed and transmitted; but there is the problem that they can be forged and used without my consent under duress or deception, and after my death. In addition, due to accidents or illnesses, they can be lost or changed.

The use of the service of witness bots has greatly helped people who for different reasons have problems remembering passwords.

I want to pay something, my witness is in charge of proving to the seller that I am me, even if I have forgotten my password, I think she tells him: he is the same stupid person who buys beer on Fridays from that part of San Rubialo and never remembers the password . She is also in charge of verifying that the store really is the one I am thinking I am buying.

The company selling the witness service charges me and others an acceptable fee, and sellers charge customers on transactions.

The witness company I use even gives sellers a payment guarantee in the case I cheat them.

What I like the most about all of this is that I have someone to call when I have identity problems.

I find my favorite bot and ask her:

--Hi, I don't remember my programmer's license number. My name is Po.

--Hi Mr. Po, you do look great, I was waiting for your call, it's Friday, it's six o'clock, they gave you 18 bottles of San Rubialo special beer half an hour ago, you must have two already.

--How do you know it's me?

--Do you want me to do an authentication test?

--Yes please.

--Ok.

She shows me an apple and a pineapple and asks me: Which one does you want?

I choose the apple.

--How strange—she tells me feigning surprise—I had understood that you liked pineapple better.

--Yes, but I have changed my preferences.

--Do you want me to update your preferences?

--Yes please.

--Can I be useful in something else?

--Most likely yes, but I don't think my wife will allow me. Thank you and see you soon.

I opened the third bottle of beer, glad to still being me.

Surely my witness bot already knows that (except on Fridays at 6 p.m.) I like pineapple better than apple, and that she can charge me the sexual harassment premium.

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