

he Game is Afoot

It was a dark and stormy night. I was working in my laboratory, trying to solve one of the greatest riddles of our time (no, not the one about how it's possible for Microsoft to make a word processor that can bring any CPU to its knees). For those of you who didn't watch the Super Bowl commercials, allow me to explain the situation. The innocent people of Earth were watching the graceful sport of football when everyone's favorite semiconductor manufacturer, Intel, broadcasted startling news: someone had stolen one of their Pentium II processors. Who would do such a thing and why? Intel had an online poll to determine the thief. This whole thing smells of conspiracy, and I, a faithful viewer of *As The Apple Turns at* <http://www.infoxczar.com/atat/> , am no stranger to conspiracies.

It became apparent to me that Intel was hiding something. My partner, Mulder, kept saying that "The truth is out there" and damnit, he's right! Captain Wiggin sent us out to compile a list of suspects who have the capability and motive to thieve a Pentium II. This list is so complete that not even the Death Star could destroy its tangled web of theories and make sense out of it. Well, here's an abridged version of that list (Reader's Digest bought the rights to the rest):

anet Reno

Why not? She's made it onto every other conspiracy theory I've had and she's right up there on my "Evil/Not Evil" list. One minute she's cluster-bombing cults and then she's in the ring with Bill Gates. I have the feeling that she knows everything. Even if she didn't do it, she can tell us who

did. I'm going to send her a box of Chinese finger puzzles until she talks.

he Spice Girls

see
get attention
as Sluggo by
agrees to dump
next Pentium
Baby Spice
carrying a
Spice Girls could
MTV during

And you thought Hanson was desperate. These girls
that the end is near, and what better way to
than to steal the chip (lovingly referred to
admirers) and keep it hostage until Intel
the Bunny Suit Guys for Girl Power in the
commercial. It would be interesting to see
dance to K.C. and the Sunshine Band while
minitower. But one has to wonder if the
have done it. They claim that they were on

they could
believe it

the Super Bowl, but how likely is that? Sure,
have said that a few months ago, but who'd
now? Think about that, Koppel.

ancer Man

know what you're thinking... Cancer Man is dead so how
could he steal the chip? Don't fall for that kind of flawed logic.
Those of us who are paranoid enough know that death is
the most common alibi in cases like this. For example:
Napoleon Bonaparte, Howard Stern, and Cochese. In
this case Mulder agrees with me. He always pretends to

die when things get heavy. Here's another thought: Cancer Man smokes a lot and if you remove the fans from every PII system, they will start to smoke too. Coincidence? You tell me.

[hose Damn Dirty Apes](#)

Those apes have been waiting for us to drop the bomb for
thirty years now so that they can take over the
planet.

There's a chance that they see the Pentium II as
a treasure

chest of secrets. They merely need to steal a few more to get
the poles melting and then they can take over.
The only thing they forgot is that Charlton Heston is
now in charge of the NRA. I get the feeling that
he's going to take care of a few of those damn dirty apes
before he has to do another sequel. Damn the Ape!

avid Hasselhoff

o the uneducated observer, David may appear to be just another innocent famous singer in the former Eastern Bloc countries. But think about it... those Eastern Europeans like Death Metal and David Hasselhoff? Something just doesn't jive here. Rumors are that Hasselhoff plans to use the PII to warm up his hot tub so he can lure a few lifeguards over to his place. Then again, maybe he is just an actor and the most famous pop star in former communist countries... or both?

he "Think Different" Snail

You don't think that Apple would actually pay for a Pentium II, do you? There are eyewitnesses at Intel claiming to see a camouflaged snail and a "Richard Dreyfuss looking character in ninja clothing" sneaking around one of Intel's semiconductor plants. Apparently, the employees there had just started up a Smokey Robinson record and didn't really notice the two. An Intel security guard stated that "Most of the engineers around here are pretty weird so we weren't surprised by a ninja and his snail walking around. I just thought it was a change of shifts." It's security like that that has Sluggo missing.

What Do You Think?

I leave it up to you, the reader. Who (or what) do you think stole Sluggo during the Superbowl? Tell me at macjunkie@applewizards.net who. They can be on the list, or not. I only ask that you leave Peanut, the Woozle off of the list. The entire Woozle clan was watching the game at my place...they like the beer commercials. I'll post the final results in next month's column (and maybe on the web too).

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