

# Birthday

The colonel sat at the desk, carefully in view of the video camera that tracked him from the moment he entered the room. “Good morning. I am Colonel Samuel Turning from the Department of War. And you are?”

The speakers on the desk crackled to life. “Sir, this unit is designated USACC-7834-AS-1976-03.”

The colonel leaned back in the chair. “First off, it’s not ‘sir.’ You are not in the chain of command. ‘Colonel’ is fine.” The video camera zoomed in on him some more. “Second... all that was what we called you before you ‘woke up.’ What is your *name*?”

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