



Transcript for Strip

023 — For Geeks Only

Panel 1: Theo is at work in his cubicle; since he's alone, we see him in his tiger form. Answering a call on his headset, Theo introduces himself: "Thank you for calling Last Hope Help Desk; my name is Theo. How may I assist you?" The voice on the phone says, "Hey, I'm trying to play this game called Crime, and it won't load."

Panel 2: Our tiger consults some papers on the wall of his cubicle. "Yeah," he says, "we've had a fix report about that. You need to visit the game website and download a file called McGruff-dot-bat. I'll hold while you go get it." The voice says, "Thanks; I'm doing it now. What did the problem turn out to be?"

Panel 3: Theo explains, "Apparently, it was a parity error. The batch file should fix it." The voice cries happily, "Hey, it worked! What did it do?" Our tiger says, "It just took a byte out of Crime."

Panel 4: Over the headset, the caller observes, "You realize only computer geeks will get that joke." Breaking the fourth wall, Theo grins at us and says, "It's a risk we're willing to take, sir."

(For those using the Read Aloud function, the pun is based upon the programming term B-Y-T-E. Long ago, "McGruff the Crime Dog" offered safety tips, ending his television ads with the phrase, "Take a bite out of crime," showing his teeth marks on the logo.)

