

My Email Is Taunting Me

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I just received the following message in my inbox with the subject of "Message Removed":

A message has been removed from this mailbox by an entity other than this program, probably by a virus scanner. This message is a replacement for the missing message.

Now maybe I've been getting these all along and this is just the first time one of them made it through my filters - but come on... what kind of a replacement is this? In the words of Captain Jack Sparrow, "Well that's just maddeningly unhelpful". It boggles my mind that some programmer somewhere actually dreamed up this message.

"Uh... We had a message here. We are not sure what it was. We aren't sure what happened to it either (although it was obviously not our fault). We only know it's missing - and rather than leave it out of your already crowded inbox, we just thought we would give you this friendly note as a replacement. There's nothing really you can do about it, but perhaps you can sit there wondering for 90 seconds or so..."

It's kind of like the dozens of times I've asked for a girl's number and received it, but when I called it later it was disconnected - or worse, it was the lady who gives out the time or maybe the Chinese take-away. Have you ever tried to get a date from the guy who answers the phone at the Chinese take-away? It's humiliating.