The Legend of Fred
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Mike the Man has gone to visit Prof. Marvin, his creator, to find out why the computer bomb reversed his contrast.

Look everybody! A bright light makes him invisible!

Later, Prof. Marvin performs some tests.

Oh my, this is exciting!

Here is how your bits used to look under a microscope.

And here is what they look like now!

The only way to recreate that mysterious structure is to blast you again with that computer bomb!

That's too bad; the people who built it slipped through time into summer.

WAIT A SECOND! There is something else we can do!

Horace, please do the honors. We'll see what you look like on the contradiction machine.

The contradiction machine, as it is called, is the first of a new wave of computers; perpendicular processors (or "P-P's") as in "mine is bigger than yours." They are so smart they know the answer before I ask.

Mike is read by this machine and an image is outputted:

Ya wa va voom!

Meanwhile, two secret agents land at Logan airport and get in a taxi to go to M.I.T. They have a recording of the signal which was created when the computer bomb went off. It happens to be a convolution of the same information read by the contradiction machine.

As they wait out a traffic jam in the Harvard Tunnel:

Who is our contact?

A radio transmitter that powerful will be hard to hide. Our contact can handle it.