As you leave Kekovich proselytising the merits of lamb, you ruminate over the instructions he gave you, and the elaborate story he’s cooked up blaming steak and petrol for all the world’s ills. Maybe he’s eaten a bit too much lamb. The instructions you have to follow are thankfully coherent. “Head down to the docks, talk to some wharfies, and find out where these steaks are coming from. Once we know the source of the steaks, including, if possible, the source of the sauce on the steaks, we might be able to pull up stumps on this whole thing.”

It’s dark by the time you reach your car. Or at least where you car used to be. You find a note nearby informing you that your car had been illegally parked and has now been towed away. Deflated, you follow the distant sound of a tram until your paths intersect.

Your plans to buy a ticket onboard are thrown into disarray when the ticket machine refuses to sell you one. This particular machine is a type that you’ve never seen before, and its tiny display appears to be completely blank. After trying, and failing, to locate a power switch, your displeasure soon evaporates when you realise that this means you won’t have to buy a ticket. Nevertheless, taking the opportunity to vent your general frustration at the state of Melbourne’s public transport system, you give the machine a hefty whack over the head, and a second for good measure.

As soon as you do, the screen starts to flicker into life. Pleased to have fixed it, but now slightly bitter about having to buy a ticket, you lean forwards to read the display. Instead of ticketing options, all that is displayed is three strange lines of text. With your ear this close, you detect that the machine is also emitting a high pitched screech, vaguely similar to that of a fax machine. Puzzled, you wonder if this could finally be the new myki ticketing system you’ve heard so much about?

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