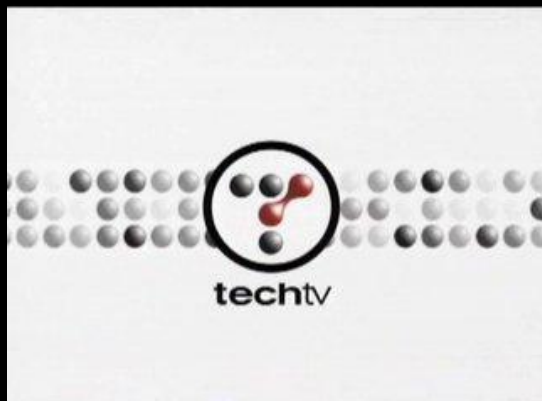


CRAZY DAYS AT TECHTV ...



A short time ago in Northern California ...

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WARS**

**Season 8, Episode 9  
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What a glorious feeling  
I'm happy again.

I'm laughing at clouds.  
So dark, up above,

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The sun's in my heart  
And I'm ready for love.

Let the stormy clouds chase.  
Everyone from the place.

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Come on with the rain  
Have a smile on your face.

I'll walk down the lane  
With a happy refrain

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Just singin' in the rain

I'm dancin' and singin' in the rain ...

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Customer: See, every time I turn it to TechTV, I get this crap! And that music! Ugg! What is up with that music?

DirectTV Guy: I don't know, sir, the on-screen guide says that this is TechTV. I don't know if this particular program is a regular feature, but this is the right channel.



Customer: Oh no! I know my TechTV! It's the home of Dvorak and Victoria Recaño and the fun and play of 'Game Over.' I mean THAT's the TechTV I'm paying for. This, this monstrosity that they have on -- that's not what I want on my TechTV!



DirectTV Guy: Sir, did you ever consider that that the programming may have changed on the station?

Customer: What?



DirectTV Guy: From time to time the programming changes on these smaller stations. Usually it's due to gross mismanagement or an inept programming team. Other times, big budgets and splashy sets don't result in the ratings to sustain a particular programming line up, so changes have to be made. I don't know if that's what happened here, but I can assure you that



Customer: Oh. So you can't fix it? What kind of crap is this? I pay my good money for TechTV! It's the only station I watch and I want my TechTV!

DirectTV Guy: Sir, I'm sorry, but, as I've explained to you, there's nothing I can do. Perhaps you just need to accept the changes.

it's not a problem with your dish, nor anything I can fix.



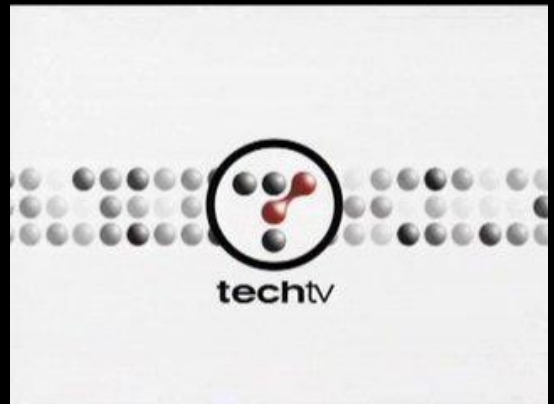
Customer: Oh no, I pay for this crap! They owe me to put on the programming I pay for! I want to see the old school geek-oriented hanging in the basement Screen Savers gang! I want to get help from guys like the Gnome and Leo without some interview with some @\$@#ing broken leg gymnast girl interrupting the flow of the show! I want TechTV like it used to be! With all the fun and geeky excitement, not these lame @\$\$ new versions of the shows! Now you either give me back my TechTV or, or, or I don't know what I'm going to do!



DirectTV Guy: Sir, if it really is the only station you watch, then all I can say is that it's your call -- watch it as it is now and get used to the changes, or cancel your service, go outside into the fresh air, and try to get yourself a life. Now what are you going to do?



DirectTV Guy: Sir? I was kidding, sir! Darn it, that's the third one this week ...



We'll be right back ...

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