WITHIN THE HIVE:

Some thoughts about swarm consciousness

Bill: Aren't all of us living in a digital hive?

Gus: Yeah – and there's an inherent a danger in that.

Bill: (raising his eyebrows) How so?

Gus: Hives are usually based on hierarchical structures. If you destroy the central node – the 'queen' in most cases – the whole colony is subsequently destroyed.

Liao: (putting his teacup down) Ah, it's much easier to destroy things than it is to create them.

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