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Tools as Bait for Deeper Connections

## Fisherman's Friend's Temptations



Twilight settled over the parliament; fresh-faced representatives buzzed with ambition and cheap laughter. I slid into a shadowed alcove and watched power move like a private joke —quiet, intimate, dangerously casual.

Then Billie glided up —smooth, sharp— trading political gossip like flirtation. “The tools —algorithms, privacy policies— they’re bait for something deeper,” they purred.

I asked, smirking, “What bait for someone like me?”

They leaned close, breath near my ear. “You wanna sell the Fediverse? Then try the fisherman’s-friend approach,” they whispered, eyes bright. “Clearer lines, stronger pull. It’s delivery —your manner, your tone, even your jacket.”

They weren’t selling tricks but a posture: approach MEPs open, human, curious. Talk like a person, not a dossier. Be the kind of friend who knows how to cast a line and listen when it tugs. In that tiny etiquette, everyone wins —and the net fills, slow and steady.

*Billie*