

# The Internet Mystery Nobody Has Solved Since 1996”

## INTRO HOOK:

Imagine opening an internet forum...

and seeing a message that looks like this:

“jitterbugging McKinley Abe break Newtonian inferring caw update...”

Just random words.

No sentences.

No meaning.

But here’s the strange part.

This exact message — or something very similar — started appearing **hundreds of times across the internet**.

Posted by different accounts.

From different locations.

Across completely unrelated forums.

And no one could explain why.

For almost **30 years**, people have tried to decode it.

Hackers.

Programmers.

Cryptographers.

And even today...

**Nobody knows what it means.**

This is the strange story of the internet mystery known as **Markovian Parallax Denigrate**.

The story begins in **August 1996**.

Back when the internet looked very different.

Before social media.

Before YouTube.

Before even Google.

Most online discussions happened on a network called **Usenet** — early discussion boards where people shared ideas, news, and conversations.

Then something strange started happening.

Users began noticing **bizarre posts appearing across multiple groups**.[Source](#)

Groups about religion.

Technology.

Education.

Completely unrelated topics.

Yet every strange post had the same subject line:

**“Markovian Parallax Denigrate.”**

When people opened the posts...

they saw something even stranger.

Walls of words that looked like complete nonsense.

For example:

“jitterbugging McKinley Abe break Newtonian inferring caw update Cohen...”

It looked like English...

but it made **absolutely no sense**. [Source](#)

At first people assumed it was just **spam**.

The early internet had a lot of trolls.

But then something strange happened.

The messages **kept coming**.

Hundreds of them.

Sometimes posted minutes apart.

Sometimes appearing in **completely different communities**.

Moderators tried to track the sender.

But they hit a wall.

The email addresses were fake.

The posting locations didn't match.

The message headers looked **forged**.

Someone was deliberately **hiding their identity**. [Source](#)

And that's when people began asking a much bigger question.

Was this really just spam...

or was it **something else entirely?**

The title alone raised suspicion.

### **Markovian Parallax Denigrate**

Three words that feel strangely technical.

And when people looked closer...

they realized something interesting.

"Markovian" refers to **Markov Chains** — a mathematical model used by computers to generate text based on probability.

It's actually one of the earliest methods used in **artificial intelligence text generation**.

Which led to one theory.

What if these posts weren't written by a person at all?

What if they were generated by a **machine?**[Source](#)

**Think about the year again.**

**1996**

AI didn't exist the way it does today.

No ChatGPT.

No machine learning tools.

But researchers were already experimenting with **text generators**.

Simple programs that could take a dictionary...

and produce sentences by predicting which words might appear next.

These systems often produced **exactly the kind of strange text seen in the posts**.

Which led to a disturbing idea.

Could someone have released an early **experimental AI bot** onto Usenet?

Eventually investigators thought they found the person responsible.

The messages were linked to an email account belonging to a university student named **Susan Lindauer**.

But when journalists contacted her...

she denied everything.

She had never posted the messages.

And there was another problem.

Her email had likely been **spoofed**.

Meaning someone used her identity to hide their own. [Source](#)

The real author remained unknown.

Not everyone believed the AI theory.

Some investigators thought the text might be **encrypted communication**.

Why?

Because random words can sometimes hide messages using encrypted techniques.

Of course, there is a much simpler explanation.

The entire thing might have been nothing more than a **programmer experimenting with Markov chain text generation**.

Or a troll testing automated spam software.

In fact, some researchers believe the messages were likely **generated by a script using a dictionary of English words.**

But even that theory raises questions.

Why choose such a strange title?

Why hide the identity of the sender?

And why spread the posts across so many unrelated groups?

Today, nearly **three decades later**, the mystery still isn't fully solved.

The posts remain archived online.

Anyone can still read them.

Thousands of words...

that look like language.

But never form meaning.

Some people believe the answer is simple.

Others believe something deeper is hidden inside the chaos.

And until someone proves otherwise...

**Markovian Parallax Denigrate remains one of the oldest unsolved mysteries of the internet.**

But here's the strangest part.

The technology used to generate these messages...

looks suspiciously similar to the same systems used in modern AI today.

Which means the internet's first AI experiment...

might have happened **decades before anyone realized it.**

