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Microwaves word

Microwaves word appears eight times in the book:

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"You typed 'hello,'" Agent Browne says. "Now, type in a whole sentence." Paulo types. Agent Browne still has his back to Paulo. "You typed 'Bring me the keys to the kingdom,'" Browne says. "And how do I know? I heard it." He taps his forehead. "I know what you're probably thinking, and believe me, this is no magic trick. You have in your hands some of the most advanced technology in the world. We've known for a couple of decades that sound can be produced in someone's head by radiating it with microwaves. It's now been refined to work with this computer program. This program translates key strokes into bursts of microwaves that bypass the ears and hit the auditory section of the brain. You are, in effect, speaking directly to the brain. And the brain 'hears' you. For all the target knows, she's just had a fleeting thought that originated within her.

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"The agent unlocks his attaché case and pulls out what looks like a miniature satellite dish with a hand-held computer attached to it. It looks very similar to the setup they'd already been using to radiate the Naylor woman's head with microwaves. Anticipating the next obvious question, Simon continues, "This is vastly different from what you've been using because it gives you feedback. You know what an EEG is-a machine that reads brain waves.

Well, this is the mother of all EEGs because it translates the brain waves that make up thought. Every time you think a word or a sentence, you hear it inside your head, don't you? This machine hears it as well and prints it out onto this screen.""

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