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It was a big commotion. What started with just a few people watching the spectacle soon attracted the attention of more guests. A crowd soon formed around them.

Hera and Silas were seated at their respective tables with their laptops. The waiter had already projected their screens onto the large display.

"Don't say I didn't warn you. I'll give you a head start." Silas sneered.

"No need. Let's just start." Hera shrugged.

He didn't like her arrogant tone. He wouldn't hold back since she didn't appreciate the courtesy, so he gave Roland a look. "Let's start."

Roland frowned and inserted a coin into the claw machine, starting the 120-second countdown.

Silas began typing away at his keyboard, lines of code filled the screen as he hacked into the claw machine's system, altering its original programming.

Hera instinctively reached into her pocket and pulled out a USB flash drive before plugging it into her computer.

Bernard realized too late what Hera plugged into her laptop.

A golden flame emblem appeared on Hera's screen.

He felt speechless. He had forgotten about the USB flash drive in his pocket!

Chatter filled the crowd.

"It's Vulcan!

"It's the legendary Vulcan!"

"Wow! She's Vulcan! No wonder she was so arrogant!"

"This is going to be good!"

"This is such a satisfying twist!"

"The winner is set! The Atkinses are doomed!"

"How dare the 99th-ranked hacker challenge Vulcan!"

"Am I the only one shocked that she's not just a big shot in medicine but also a top-tier hacker? How are the rest of us supposed to compete now?"

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Silas froze, his hands hovering over the keyboard. He thought he had found an easy target, but he had only made a fool of himself!

He was only ranked 99th on the Global Hacker List, yet he openly challenged an expert!

Hera was also dumbfounded. Her eyes locked on the USB flash drive she pulled out of her pocket.

This was Bernard's coat! Was he the Vulcan she had been searching for? How dare he!

Images of their online interactions over the past few months flashed through her mind. Her heart raced and she was finding it harder to breathe.

She couldn't believe Bernard lied to her!

Both Gino and Gideon's jaws

dropped. They couldn't believe Hera

was a top-tier hacker! James, ont the

other hand, was proud to have a daughter like Hera. Content belongs

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Douglas swallowed and thought, "What do we do? Boss' cover has been blown!"

Bernard sighed, thinking, "Fuck! This is bad! I'd better do the house chores when I get home later."

Hera regained her composure and yanked out the USB flash drive. Then, she retrieved her own from her purse and plugged it in.

However, it was already too late. The

audience had seen the emblem on the big screen and were in awe, but this wasn't even the most shocking part.

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The flame emblem suddenly vanished, replaced by a crow symbol, and the crowd went wild again!

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"It's Raven!"

"Raven is here!"

"What the fuck? Vulcan and Raven are the same person!"

"What is this? Every USB flash drive they pull out belongs to a famous figure!*

"It's Raven! There's a million-dollar bounty on them! Get her!"

"Elpswich issued a ten-million-dollar bounty on her!"

"Stop talking and catch her already!"

The crowd erupted and they all struggled to get close to her, especially the Miridian representatives. They had been searching for Raven when they saw the screen, thereafter pushing through the crowd to get closer.

However, before they could even approach Hera, Bernard signaled Douglas. Moments later, a group of bodyguards flooded the hall to quickly surround the stage, creating a human wall that separated the guests from Hera.

One bold individual tried to force their way through, only to be taken down by a bodyguard. The sight of it intimidated the rest, stopping them in their tracks.

Rhett and his son had been mingling with the crowd. However, when they saw Raven's emblem and the commotion that followed, they began making their way through the crowd, eager to see who Raven was. However, the stage was surrounded by dozens of guests, and they couldn't squeeze through.

Gino was stunned when he saw Raven's emblem on the screen. He spun around excitedly, looking at Hera with admiring eyes. The mentor he was looking for was Hera! No wonder he couldn't find Raven despite waiting until the banquet started.

He moved to Hera's side and said sincerely, "Please take me as your student...

"Sorry, I grabbed the wrong one again." Hera calmly removed the USB flash drive from her laptop.

Using her main account against such weak opponents was an overkill. She decided to switch to a less-known

account.

Gino was dumbfounded. The rest of the crowd was also shocked to hear there were more cards up Hera's sleeves.

Bernard also couldn't believe Hera had other secret identities.

She pulled another USB flash drive from her bag and plugged it in. The Raven emblem on the screen disappeared, only to be replaced by a black "S" on a white background.

Hera froze when she saw the new symbol, her eyes darting to the USB flash drive.

She was sure she hadn't grabbed the wrong one this time! But this emblem wasn't hers!

Realization struck her. This must be Tyler's doing!

She scanned the room silently, but the bodyguards had surrounded the area, making it impossible to spot Tyler. Instead, she locked eyes with Bernard, who stared at her intensely.

Although she looked calm, her heart was racing. When their eyes locked on each other, her heart skipped a beat, sending a jolt through her. She quickly averted her gaze.

Just then, she noticed Gino was still staring at her. She took the opportunity and shook him slightly, using the motion to cover up her nervousness.

Hera feigned a scoff. 'Are you scared stiff? Don't panic!"

Gino felt speechless.

Bernard observed Hera's unease and his gaze darkened.

"How many identities do you actually have?"

"Every USB flash drive you pull out is from a famous figure!"

"You're not going to say you grabbed the wrong one again, are you?"

"Vulcan, S, and Raven are all the same person?"

"Isn't S Raven's mentor? But they've both appeared under the same identity. Does that mean the mentorship is just different accounts of the same person?"

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"Doesn't S and Vulcan have a rivalry going on? How can one person play multiple roles?"

"Is that purse of yours some kind of Pandora's box? Are there more? Did you grab the wrong one again?"

"Why don't you dump them all out at once? Surprise us even more!"

The crowd buzzed with excitement.

Silas was stunned, and the 120 seconds had long since passed. The claw machine hadn't grabbed a single thing.

Roland stood beside the claw machine, shocked. Text

Silas couldn't possibly hold a candle to the first and second-ranked on the Global Hacker List!

While they were still in shock, Silas' computer was already hacked. The S emblem appeared in the top right corner of the screen, and the code on his USB flash drive, along with his computer's firewall, was ruined!

Next, the computer blue-screened, rendering it useless.

The entire process took only a minute! He hadn't even seen Hera move, and the battle was over! Was her speed even humanly possible?

Silas began to question his life. He couldn't believe he offended such a prominent figure!

Mabel had been through a lot and wasn't fazed by the situation. She had no idea who Vulcan or S was, though she did know Raven since everyone was searching for her tonight. What did any of that have to do with her, though? All she cared about was the Atkinses' reputation!

She urged, "Silas, what are you still standing around? Hurry up and do something..."

Before she could finish, Silas suddenly fell out of his chair and crawled toward Hera.

"I'm sorry! I didn't know who I was dealing with! Please let me off the hook!" he begged.

"Why are you apologizing? The match isn't over yet!" Mabel scolded him and rushed forward to pull him up.

"Exactly! There's still more to come. I won't accept your apology yet!" Hera smiled mockingly.

"That's right! You have to apologize all over again once the match is over!" Gino straightened up, forgetting all about his back pain.

James felt vindicated for his daughter and took two more coins from a waiter. He handed them to Gino. "Go!"

The crowd fell silent. Was there even a point in continuing the match when the outcome was so obvious?

Mabel swallowed hard while Roland blocked the coin slot, refusing to det Gino close as if stopping him from using the machine was their dast hope of not losing. Content belongs

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Gideon huffed. "If you don't want to continue the match, you can always admit defeat and apologize."

Mabel's anger flared. "Who said we've lost? The match isn't over yet, so we haven't lost!"

"The outcome is clear! There's no point in continuing. Just admit defeat and apologize. Don't waste everyone's time!"

"Exactly! Nobody wants to watch the match. Stop hogging the machine and get lost! Don't keep us from catching Raven!" "Admit defeat and apologize!"

The crowd roared, demanding an apology from Mabel.

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Mabel was known for her steadfast attitude and wasn't easily intimated. She stood her ground even with so many people demanding an apology.

Just then, the event organizer's representative, Theo, finally arrived.

Mabel felt a glimmer of hope when she saw him. The Atkinses was the largest electronics manufacturer and manufactured XS Corporation's products. Surely, Theo would take their side...

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Mabel was always quick to point fingers. "Mr. Smith, you arrived just in time. The Everetts are trying to stir up trouble..."

Before she could finish, Theo nodded at Hera. "My apologies, Ms. Youngworth."

It was Hera's first time meeting Theo, and she didn't know his intentions.

Mabel felt a surge of joy at this. It was expected of Theo who managed to launch XS Corporation within a year. Not only was he good at handling matters, but he was very efficient!

It doesn't matter if Hera was Raven, Vulcan, or S. Theo was the one in charge at the XS Corporation's event! As long as he had them kicked out, the match would be over, and they didn't have to apologize.

With a wave of his hand, Theo's bodyguards stepped forward, seizing Mabel and the other two, preparing to escort them out.

Mabel was shocked and protested, "Mr. Smith, there must be some mistake. It's her who..."

"Mrs. Atkins, your behavior has led me to doubt the capabilities of the Atkins Corporation. I believe we need to reconsider our outsourcing plan," Theo interrupted. "I'm sorry, but we have important guests here and you aren't allowed to stay any longer."

He was so refined despite kicking someone out.

Mabel was stunned beyond words at this.

Just then, Noah, the president of Atkins Corporation, finally pushed his way through the crowd and slapped Mabel. "You stupid woman!"

He then turned with an apologetic smile. "Mr. Smith, Mr. Everett, Mr. Gideon, I apologize for my wife's offensive words. I promise I'll keep a close eye on her from now on. Please forgive us. I'll have them leave so they won't disturb you further."

They had attended XS Corporation's third-anniversary event hoping to continue their partnerships with XS Corporation and to negotiate for their new chips. However, Mabel had ruined everything, costing them not only their plans but also a business opportunity!

Noah turned and scolded Mabel, "Hurry up and leave!"

She was still reeling from the slap as the bodyguards dragged her away.

"Wait." Bernard reminded coldly, "She hasn't apologized yet."

The bodyguards forced Mabel on the ground. "Apologize!"

Mabel had never been more humiliated, especially in front of the other influential people. Her face was practically pressed against the floor! She was basically asking to be publicly scorned.

Since Noah demanded an apology, she had no choice but to comply. "I'm sorry..."

Her voice was barely a whisper.

"What did you say?" Gino asked loudly.

Mabel was furious and regretted not slapping the obnoxious boy harder earlier. She forced out, "I'm sorry!"

He nodded and asked, "And what exactly did you do wrong?"

Mabel gritted her teeth. "Silas did cheat and failed to win anything, so you didn't slander us!"

Gino looked smug after having his innocence proven. But remembering people were still watching, he adopted a dignified air.

So, he nodded. "I'm glad you

admitted your mistake. Do write an apology letter when you get back and

reake a photo to share it with the

rest of us."

Mabel was red with anger. Who did this kid think he was? But she still had to comply despite her anger. After she apologized, the

bodyguards finally dragged her out.

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The host quickly stepped in to calm the crowd, and the guests began to disperse. However, a portion of the crowd was reluctant to leave, their eyes fixed on Hera. They wanted to approach her but were too intimidated by the bodyguards to make a move.

"Hera, how was my performance just now?" Gino felt smug after his triumph and sought approval from Hera.

Gideon scoffed to himself, "I can practically see you wagging your tail like a dog."

Hera ruffled Gino's hair. "Not bad."

Gino hated it when people messed with his hair. But he didn't dodge this time. Instead, he asked, "Does it feel nice?"

His hair was surprisingly soft.

Hera nodded. "Not bad."

Gino's eyes lit up. "Be my mentor, and I'll let you ruffle my hair every day!"

Hera felt speechless.

"Ms. Raven, now that your family matters are settled, isn't it time for us to discuss our business?" A woman approached. She was Laura, a representative from Miridian's National Space Administration.

The translator accompanying her was about to translate her words when Hera stood up. She unplugged the USB flash drive and asked, "What do you want?"

She spoke in fluent Terranish.

The translator stopped. Seeing this, Laura addressed her directly, "You illegally hacked into our satellite, USA-224. We need you to come with us." Bernard stood beside Hera protectively. And challenged her in Terranish, "Why should we listen to you?"

His pronunciation was identical to Hera's, though his voice was more low and captivating.

"We have an international arrest warrant." Laura took out the document as proof.

Bernard glanced at it indifferently. "Are you sure that arrest warrant is still valid?"

"Of course!" Laura was confident.

"Then how do you explain this?" Hera held up her phone with a picture on the screen.

The image displayed the latest notice revoking Raven's arrest warrant, stating that the case was dismissed!

This photo was the gift she had

received from the Grandmaster of Astral Nova.before she arrived. It was also the reason she was certain that the Grandmaster of Astral Nova knew her identity. How could he not, after sending her the notice?

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But when exactly did Bernard discover she was Raven?

Hera glanced at Bernard.

Feeling her gaze, Bernard

maintained his calm facade though he was panicking inside. Hera knew! It seemed doing house chores wouldn't be enough to make up for it.

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"How could this be!" Laura examined the notice in disbelief. She quickly ordered her assistant to verify it.

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The assistant made a phone call before returning and whispering something to Laura. Her expression changed but she quickly regained her composure.

Laura kept the arrest warrant. "We still need you to come with us. We need to discuss satellite USA-224."

Her superiors had demanded she bring Raven back to Miridian no matter what!