

I Can Meet with Dead Scientists

Chapter 331 194: The Advantage Is Mine! (8.8K)

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Let's roll back time by half an hour.

After deciding to provide support to National Science University.

Xiaorong immediately contacted Wang Qingchen from USTC and obtained permission through Tian Liangwei for the school's board intervention.

Then, having the same system key.

The reinforcements from Ke Da quickly appeared on the 'battlefield' and swiftly secured precious repair time for National Science University.

Also, due to well-prepared measures.

Xiaorong and others not only smoothly took over the battlefield but also locked on to...

The opponent's IP through attack path jump boxes.

At this very moment.

In the Huadun Biotech's network security center, Xiaorong was briefing Xu Yun on the entire situation:

"Dr. Xu, actually with current technical means, tracing real IPs isn't an easy task. There are many irreversible steps."

"For example, physically destroying a certain hardware device in the process, or if the hacker only attacks once using Tor or I2P networks, etc."

"In such cases, the springboard machine cannot chase them, and one can only rely on the operation logs from service providers, which is very troublesome in practice."

"But this time, the opponent made a mistake... or their goal seems not just limited to breaking into our official website."

Xu Yun glanced at him, slightly tilting his head in confusion:

"Not just limited to breaking into the website? What does that mean?"

Xiaorong tapped a few keys on the keyboard, then pointed to the screen and said:

"Dr. Xu, look at this."

Xu Yun looked over as pointed, seeing a line of code on the screen:

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localhost:8080/test?name=scriptalert.....
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"This places JS code within the URL in the request parameter, directly targeting the National Science University's website backend."

Xiaorong first explained the usage of this string of code and then continued:

"This is a type of reflected XSS attack, which can form cross-site request forgery with CSRF, thereby obtaining a brief administration privilege."

"This admin privilege intercepts the JSON data that should be returned to the user and sends the data back to the malicious attacker, which we colloquially call JSON hijacking."

"In other words....."

"The opponent not only wants to crack our website but also aims to acquire our database."

Xu Yun's pupils shrank hard upon hearing this.

Even with his vast experience, he found himself unsettled at the moment:

"The database... damn, that's ruthless...."

USTC, as the only domestic university with two national laboratories, must have unimaginably important data stored in the cloud.

Indeed.

Those truly classified materials would certainly not be in a 24/7 online state, and corresponding defenses are not something that a sudden attack could breach.

But besides classified materials.

The university's database also holds a large amount of associate professor-level or higher experimental data or relevant reports.

Such data may not be top-secret but is still highly valuable, with significant amounts touching on cutting-edge research topics.

Unlike classified databases, these databases cannot operate offline.

Because many experimental results need to be recorded in real-time, and this won't follow a typical nine-to-five work schedule.

Late at night around nine or ten, or in the wee hours at two or three, could be prime times for results.

Thus, these lower-tier databases must be online, inherently high-risk and high-value attack targets.

For example, in December 2019, Germany's Justus Liebig University was hacked.

This is a top institution in Germany, with a long history, from which Wilhelm Röntgen graduated.

Back then, Justus Liebig University's database held out for only 12 minutes before being breached, losing a wealth of vital information.

This incident directly led to over a dozen top scholars with an H-index above 45 choosing to leave Justus Liebig University a year later and move elsewhere, with our domestic Jiaofu absorbing three of them.

Additionally, Northwestern Polytechnical University had its database attacked before, but the details are too sensitive to expand on.

Therefore, it is clear.

This time, the adversary...

Has a huge appetite.

Xiaorong paused, then continued explaining:

"For this reason, the opponent preset multiple feedback channels, intending to use them for data transmission."

"We traced through several of these jump boxes and eventually locked onto two of the most aggressive attack IPs."

Xu Yun became immediately interested upon hearing this and quickly inquired:

"Oh? Where? Across the sea?"

Xiaorong shook his head, his expression seemingly tinged with regret:

"Unfortunately, perhaps due to a lack of business overlap, the two IPs came from Kyoto University in Neon and Xini University in Australia."

"Neon and Xini?"

Xu Yun nodded thoughtfully.

Anyone familiar with the internet should know.

While it's difficult for IP tracing to pinpoint exact addresses, after breaking through disguises, tracing back to a general area is feasible.

As for why both IP addresses belong to universities...

It's actually quite simple.

Just like many hackers in China have been recruited by the government, abroad, many hackers have also secured institutional positions.

Every top university's network security center boss in the world, without exception, has left behind more or less legends in the civilian domain.

Moreover, high-tech enterprises often maintain close collaborations with one or more top universities, such as through recruitment or research.

This is the so-called integration of industry, academia, and research.

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Therefore, in some shady situations, both parties often collaborate.

For example, this attack.

The goal of those peers from Neon is to cripple Ke Da's academic system, completely ruin Huadun Biotech's debut, and to embarrass them once.

The Capital City's goal is the database of Ke Da, hoping to collect some valuable reports.

So then.

The two sides quickly reached an agreement.

Thinking of this.

Xu Yun couldn't help but look at Xiaorong, and he vaguely felt that the well-known hacker seemed to be in a strange mood:

"Brother Rong, do you have any thoughts?"

Xiaorong was silent for a moment, and finally took a deep breath, saying to Xu Yun:

"Dr. Xu, are you willing to make a big move?"

"?"

An exclamation mark appeared above Xu Yun's head as he asked:

"What do you mean by a big move?"

Xiaorong pointed at the screen, and with a firm tone said:

"Counterattack!"

Hearing this, Xu Yun was slightly stunned, then his eyes widened.

Well then.

While he was still pondering how to defend, Xiaorong directly jumped to the counterattack plan?

But soon.

He understood Xiaorong's idea:

It's true that according to the original plan, with only Huadun Biotech and Ke Da Network Security Center, the defense should not be a problem, but that would be about it.

But now, with National Science University as a new teammate, the situation suddenly took a new turn:

As mentioned before, the USTC Network Security Department, after digesting the Information Engineering Institute's resources, is actually very strong, definitely among the top in the country.

They were just caught off guard this time, not a fault of their fighting capability.

Therefore, if the three parties could unite....

It seems like a counterattack really might be possible?

No.

It should be called self-defense.

This has always been our old tradition.

Then Xu Yun looked at Xiaorong and said:

"Brother Rong, the idea is good, but how do you know the National Science University will cooperate with us?"

Xiaorong smiled upon hearing this, as if recalling some interesting past:

"Dr. Xu, you may not know, but Director Xiang of the National Science University Network Security Center and Qingchen had some intersections before; neither of them concedes to the other."

"If Qingchen proposes cooperation, Xiaoxiang over there probably wouldn't refuse."

"Moreover, from a normal psychological standpoint, if someone suddenly breaks into your home with a hammer wanting to rob your things, and you're not a wimp, you'd definitely want revenge too."

Xu Yun thought for a moment, feeling that Xiaorong indeed made a lot of sense.

Ordinary normal people even have trouble waking up, let alone being violently awakened, not everyone is like Zhang Huaiming.

So very soon.

He made a decision:

"In that case, Brother Rong, let's hit them back, it would be impolite not to reciprocate."

Xiaorong adjusted his glasses, nodding heavily:

"Don't worry, leave everything to me."

Upon receiving Xu Yun's assent.

Xiaorong immediately contacted the USTC Network Security Center, and Wang Qingchen sent out a log.

Very soon.

A reply came from the National Science University.

The content was equally concise, just one word:

"Do it!"

Fifteen minutes later.

Five or six experts from the National Science University Network Security Center were called out of bed, forming the ultimate strike force from the three-party counterattack team.

Among them, the Ke Da Network Security Center had the most people, as many as 33, led by Wang Qingchen.

Next was the National Science University, with 19 people.

The Huadun Biotech Network Security Department, being newly constructed, had the fewest people, only 8, but it was manned by a super boss like Xiaorong.

It's important to know.

Individual combat power still holds great importance in modern network offense and defense—Xiaorong without Xiang Haihua's assistance can only defend, but with Xiang Haihua, Ke Da can launch a full-scale counterattack.

Then another five minutes passed.

The counterattack officially began.

Wang Qingchen's target for the counterattack was Kyoto University, symbolically representing Neon, an old rival.

In past years.

Most attacks on Huaxia's internet came from across the sea, but the attacks on universities primarily came from 4V, then Neon.

Tap-tap-tap——

Wang Qingchen's slender fingers swept over the keyboard like a pianist, leading over thirty people from Ke Da to launch the attack.

Very soon.

In the invisible world of networks.

A massive flow of traffic was gathered together, forming a fearsome surge of data.

This is a standard DDOS attack, also a regular hacker attack procedure.

It's like in Telecom Zone, always having a level one group fight in the mid-lane, it's not highly technical, just an old tactic passed down.

The reason DDOS attacks became the mainstream attack means is largely because of its convenience.

It mainly uses the vulnerability of the TCP three-way handshake protocol to initiate attacks, and in these ten years of development, DDOS attacks have become increasingly intelligent and simplified.

By now.

Even the "script kiddies" who don't understand any technology can easily initiate a DDOS attack.

Even on some foreign website pages.

The user only needs to input the target website's IP address and choose the attack time to initiate a DDOS attack.

Generally speaking.

The cost of using 1000 cloud-based botnets for a DDoS attack is about 7 US Dollars per hour.

And DDoS attack services usually charge 25 US Dollars per hour.

This means the attacker's expected profit is about 18 US Dollars per hour, which has a high gross margin.

Convenient operation + high profit, naturally more people use it.

However, as a director-level expert, Wang Qingchen was not using an ordinary DDOS attack.

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He utilized NTP to achieve bandwidth gain, causing a 20mbps port to have an attack effect of 2gbps.

So within just a minute of the attack, the peak reached 251G/second.

Meanwhile.

Kyoto University.

Nakomori Intelligence Laboratory. (See note)

Unlike the computer science departments in Huaxia, Neon's term for computer science is quite unique, called 'Intelligence Systems Department'.

It includes various sub-disciplines such as Computer Intelligence Science, Mathematical Intelligence Science, and Communication Intelligence Engineering.

If you had to compare it.

The term 'intelligence' in Neon universities can roughly be equated to local information engineering.

Therefore, the Nakomori Intelligence Laboratory is not a special task force, but a genuine network security center.

The head of the Nakomori Intelligence Laboratory is named Yoshinori Nakomori, formerly codenamed Optic, and also one of Neon's top hackers.

Speaking of Neon's IT industry, many people would disdainfully shrug, wondering does Neon even have hackers?

Weren't they thoroughly defeated within half an hour by Guo Shenghua in 2013, with our national flag planted on Neon's website?

However, regrettably.

This is a completely false news.

No hacker battle between Neon and Huaxia even occurred in 2013, and Guo Shenghua never did those things:

He was a complete fraud who became famous through hype, got into trouble in 2018 and was just released not long ago, starting to hype again.

This so-called guardian of Huaxia's internet is actually an unemployed drifter from Guangdong Province.

A vocational school graduate with no fixed job, living by doing odd jobs.

All those stories about founding the Huamen Alliance in 2007, rejecting Ma Yun's one billion offer, or planting red flags all over Neon during hacker battles were entirely fabricated, only having 400 paid members when arrested.....

Yet, absurdly enough.

Such a fraud who had been jailed still has many marketing accounts hyping him up.

If you search for Guo Shenghua and Guo Shenghua being arrested, completely different content shows up.

This disgraceful person claims to be the guardian and hacker godfather of Huaxia's internet with a fabricated resume, truly an insult to Lion, Xiaorong, and all those internet fighters for the country back then. (Someone mentioned Guo Shenghua when I previously wrote about Xiaorong, so I feel the need to shed some light on this fraud, who shamelessly steals others' honor.)

All in all.

The hacker community in Neon is far from as weak as many people believe.

In the long run, this is an opponent that cannot be ignored.

Sometimes excessive contempt or belittling of the other side is not necessarily a good thing.

At this moment.

Yoshinori Nakomori was sitting in front of the console, listening gravely to his assistant's report:

"Senior Nakomori, Huaxia University's division responded much faster than we anticipated, and there is also an unknown aid assisting them."

"The opponent has organized an efficient counterattack, with the peak attack rate reaching T3 level!"

Yoshinori Nakomori wasn't overly concerned about the "USTC" counterattack, thinking that such a rushed counterattack just needed to be weathered from the start.

Kyoto University was like a vehicle deliberately speeding up to splash water on others while passing through a pond; the so-called counterattack was just stones thrown out in embarrassment.

As long as the first stone is dodged, the opponent can only stand helplessly by the roadside in fury.

Therefore, rather than the counterattack, Yoshinori Nakomori was more concerned with another matter, which was his primary task this time:

"What about the data? How much data was intercepted?"

The assistant's expression stiffened slightly upon hearing this:

"Senior Nakomori, we've only obtained over a thousand papers..."

"Over a thousand papers?"

Yoshinori Nakomori's frown deepened:

"Why is it so little?"

The assistant straightened up and bowed his head:

"The opponent directly blocked any Web requests with 'Ping-To' and 'Ping-From' HTTP headers, forming a pincer intercept posture with the reinforcement, and much data couldn't be transmitted out."

"Additionally, Senior Nakomori, during the clash, we seemed to have discovered a very strange situation."

"What situation?"

The assistant handed a form to Yoshinori Nakomori and pointed at it:

"Look here... here... the handling style of these scripts is exactly the same as that of the Huaxia Red Alliance's 'Fingertip Smile'."

"Based on our judgment, there is a ninety percent probability that they are the same person."

"Fingertip Smile?"

Yoshinori Nakomori was slightly taken aback, a hint of surprise appearing on his originally stern face:

"Wasn't he recruited by the Huaxia Information Technology Institute? Why is he appearing on the attack point's scene?"

Xiang Haihua was just transferred to the National Science University from the Information Engineering Institute this October, having remained low-profile before.

Although he belongs to the T1 tier in Huaxia's hacker circle, there are quite a few people on par with or even better than him.

Plus the hacker circle isn't particularly eye-catching; Neon officials surely know this news, but Kyoto University is somewhat delayed.

After all, this isn't wartime, and Kyoto University's role is primarily educational.

Also, there's no need or possibility for the archive library held by the school to be updated in real time.

So when Yoshinori Nakomori's question was raised, it naturally met with silence.

Afterward, he mumbled a bit and was about to issue an order to launch another attack.

However, before speaking.

A Little Baka not far away suddenly shouted:

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"Senior Nakamori, it's bad, our management service provider has been breached!"

Upon hearing this.

Nakamori Shuichi's words were suddenly stuck in his throat, his mind went blank with the impact of the news.

A few seconds later.

He dashed to the console with a swift move and snatched the tablet from his subordinate.

At this very moment.

On the screen of the computer in front of him, countless lines of code were constantly leaping and refreshing.

Nakamori Shuichi quickly entered several commands, but to no avail.

Three seconds later.

He suddenly realized something and clenched his right fist, hitting the table heavily:

"Baka! The DDOS attack is a feint!"

If Wang Qingchen could hear Nakamori Shuichi's words at this time, he might have appropriately responded with 'Yo shi, you're really clever.'

As Nakamori Shuichi said.

The DDOS attack led by Wang Qingchen was actually a complete feint.

The real main attacker of the whole strategy was Xiaorong, and his target was not Kyoto University's official website, but the seven Old Imperial Universities' management service provider, STW.

Originally after the Meiji Restoration, Neon established nine comprehensive National Universities.

Their mission carried strong imperialist overtones and militaristic nature, producing many troublesome bakas.

Kyoto University was one of them.

Later, after Neon's defeat, the word "Empire" was abolished.

But seven of these Imperial Universities still existed and were called the Old Imperial Universities.

Currently, due to background reasons, these seven Old Imperial Universities do not use an internal network, but a specialized management service provider, STW.

STW handles a large volume of information relay tasks, serving as a central hub at the rear, akin to the vine of Seven Gourd Children.

Once the intruder gains network access to STW, they can use AD Explorer to locate accounts with higher permissions.

Then they can target the development and collaboration platform, which is the seven Old Imperial Universities!

Meanwhile.

Looking at the constantly leaping code before him, after the initial fury, only one thought remained in Nakamori Shuichi's mind:

How dare he?

One must know.

STW is the common rear of the seven Old Imperial Universities.

Although the effect of being breached is harder than directly breaching an academy's website, it also means that he must pass through seven barriers to achieve this step!

Now Kyoto University has merely lost access to STW, not a single byte of data has been lost.

As long as they are stopped at any checkpoint, then all previous efforts would be in vain.

To use a Huaxia analogy, it's like the difference between attacking USTC and attacking the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Seeing this situation.

Nakamori Shuichi suddenly laughed:

"One to go through seven? Who do you think you are?"

"If you have this level of skill, you could go to the White House and plant a flag, couldn't you?"

In fact.

Just as Nakamori Shuichi thought.

Upon discovering the STW breach, the cybersecurity departments of the other six Old Imperial Universities quickly responded.

One by one, Neon's top experts gathered in front of the computers.

They felt like brave Yamato warriors.

Headbands tied with "必勝" slogans, wearing robes, fearlessly raising their samurai swords, and howling as they charged at their enemies.

"Baka, smaashed to the death!"

But soon they discovered...

The enemy unexpectedly pulled out a Gatling gun and showered them with gunfire.

Within just fifteen minutes.

Hokkaido University, Tokyo University, Tokyo University, Nagoya University, Osaka University, Kyushu University, all fell one after another with no resistance:

Third minute.

STW platform support panel failed.

Sixth minute.

Source code repository breached.

Eighth minute.

Khoznadzor buffer overflow occurred, CVE-2022-24291, CVE-2022-24292, CVE-2022-24293 vulnerabilities all breached simultaneously.

Thirteenth minute.

The nearly desperate Osaka University cybersecurity center sent out an official email requesting connection with institutions.

However, when they opened the inbox, they discovered that not only had the sending function been disabled, but another email was in the sending bar.

The email was sent seven minutes ago, and the subject was...

[The Advantage is Mine].

Fifteenth minute.

Everyone's hands left the keyboards, and an assistant desperately stopped Nakamori Shuichi from preparing to commit seppuku.

Meanwhile.

Domestically.

Looking at the compromised database before him, Xiaorong shook his head in unfinished business:

"After all, it's just the joint defense line of seven universities, not even at the level of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, let alone the White House, boring."

According to the plan he and Wang Qingchen had made previously.

Wang Qingchen was responsible for launching the feint through the DDOS attack, while he bypassed to attack STW.

Xiaorong indeed prepared for a protracted battle beforehand and even drank three cans of Red Bull, as Neon indeed had a few tough spots.

Unexpectedly, after just fifteen minutes, STW went GG like this.

He still thought that if Jing University dared to launch an attack, there might be some capable people backing them.

Truly a paper tiger.

Xu Yun: "...."

If someone else were to say this, he would definitely think the other party was showing off.

But since it was Xiaorong who said it, he couldn't really find any fault.

After all, he was the third hacker to hack into the White House following Kevin Mitnick and Jonathan James... (Gary McKinnon hacked NASA)

Then Xiaorong contemplated for a moment, pointing at the screen and said:

"Dr. Xu, should we leave something behind up there?"

Then he paused, explaining:

"This is actually a habit in the hacker community, like the past's incense-burning rituals and the 'Anonymous' hacker group, they would deliberately leave some kind of mark after an attack."

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"Hackers keep a low profile in life, but in their profession, they often appear flamboyant. Within the industry, this is seen as a sign of ability."

Hearing these words, Xu Yun had yet to express his opinion, but Gu Qunqing on the side spoke first:

"Brother Rong, I think there's no need to do this."

"The current situation isn't as it was before; the pressure we face internationally is actually quite substantial."

"Writing something like 'Those who offend Huaxia, even though far, will be punished' might feel satisfying, but it would be handing a weapon to the foreign media, which would only be counterproductive...."

Xu Yun nodded in agreement and said to Xiaorong:

"Aaron is right... Brother Rong, we really shouldn't hand over the initiative just for personal satisfaction."

"As long as we keep silent, Neon can only swallow the loss. After all, we didn't covet their database information like they did, so they can't find any concrete IP evidence."

Xiaorong opened his mouth hesitantly and said emotionally:

"Is that so... I don't necessarily need to leave something in Chinese, but not writing anything feels incomplete. Opportunities like this don't come often these days...."

"How about we leave some other mark, like the Death Eaters' sign or something?"

Xu Yun's mouth twitched slightly.

Well, this guy has OCD.

But come to think of it.

Hearing Xiaorong say this, even he felt a bit of an urge to leave something behind. Not leaving anything in such matters does indeed feel unjustified...

A few seconds later.

Xu Yun suddenly lit up:

"Hey, I've got an idea!"

Upon hearing this.

Gu Qunqing couldn't help but exchange a glance with Xiaorong and asked:

"What idea?"

Xu Yun first pointed at the computer and said:

"Look, Neon doesn't have evidence that we did this, but we can prove that they infiltrated us yesterday."

"So we can contact Ke Da, create the illusion that the Ke Da System was also hacked, and with National Science University, we can lament this in the media."

"This way, something happens to Neon, and something happens to Huaxia too. Have you ever heard the saying..."

Stopping here.

Xu Yun beckoned the two of them to come closer, then lowered his voice and said:

"The saying goes, Neon relies on Huaxia for stealing friendship, and Central relies on Neon for friendship stealing, while Central and Neon friendship relies on the Stealing Country..."

....

Ten minutes later.

A sudden appearance of Korean words on the homepage of seven Old Imperial Universities:

"Aish, the whole world is my South Korean smecta!!"

....

Wang Qingchen was responsible for launching a feigned attack through DDOS, while he went around the back to attack STW.

Previously, Xiaorong was indeed prepared for a prolonged battle and had even downed three cans of Red Bull, after all, Neon did have a few tough points.

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Chapter 336 195 Unexpected Direction

[811 words]

As everyone knows.

There are 24 hours in a day.

There are 60 minutes in an hour.

Thus, there are $24 \times 60 = 1440$ minutes in a day.

In many people's eyes, the number 1440 might represent the countdown to slacking off each day, or each second the clock ticks away at their lifespan.

But in others' eyes.

This makes up the 1,440 minutes of a day, yet they can come up with entirely different tricks to play.

For instance, there's a self-initiated enthusiast group abroad called 'EMOTIA,' which has launched a crowdfunding project by collecting various data.

On the homepage of this project, you can check all the historical events that occurred at any given minute, as long as there's credible evidence.

For example, the goddess Audrey Hepburn was born at 19:43 on May 4th, 1929 (Greenwich Mean Time).

Or on March 2nd, 1962, at 21:29, Chamberlain scored 100 points, the highest in NBA history, and so on.

They even have records of when a famous AV actress released her first video, and the number grows astonishingly every day.

This is quite an interesting idea.

Because other projects of a similar nature mostly unfold based on 'days,' i.e., what happened on which month and which day in history.

Global precision down to the 'minute' belongs to this sole entity.

Of course.

EMOTIA also stratifies the types of information, and only events of significant impact are included.

For instance, Xu Yun tried to email the project team when his new book was released in a previous life, but unfortunately, it wasn't accepted.

But another writer's new book, however, was documented the day after its release.

And in these 1,440 minutes.

Greenwich Mean Time 21:02, which is also 4:02 AM Yanjing Time, isn't a particularly special node.

If we have to say it.

It was at this time, on May 25th, 17 years ago, that Liverpool star Xabi Alonso ran to the front of the goal at Ataturk Olympic Stadium and scored with a rebound penalty.

This goal tied the game 3-3 against AC Milan, directly leading to the creation of the Milan Fans Protection Association.

But after today.

This time point's record will probably include another major event.

December 4th, 4:02 AM.

On a certain social media abroad.

Seven Old Imperial Universities in Neon simultaneously issued a statement.

They claimed that the campus management service provider STW had received an unprecedentedly strong attack, causing the campus network to be in a paralyzed state until today.

This is a vile, despicable, shameless act, an insult to the sanctity of knowledge.

And released along with this news were screenshots of Korean banners on the homepages of each of the seven Old Imperial Universities.

Actually.

Kyoto University, better than anyone, knew that the attacks their website suffered had nothing to do with Korea, and it was entirely a retaliation from Ke Da.

But the problem is...

They have no evidence...

Ke Da... or rather Huaxia doesn't behave as shamelessly as Kyoto University, thinking about stealing data while attacking; it was a thorough counterattack from start to finish.

Therefore, Kyoto University couldn't find any evidence to prove that the attack was initiated by Huaxia, so they had to play dumb willingly.

On the contrary.

With the release of the Korean announcement, public sentiments between Neon and Korea were suddenly stirred up.

After all, any country's public opinion arena is the same, populated by many mindless individuals.

For instance, that Guo Certain back then.

It was obviously a plastic surgery influencer who got into trouble, but the singer of "No Fear" ended up being the one cyber-bullied.

And Dolce & Gabbana back then.

This brand's full name is Dolce & Gabbana, but people call it DG for convenience.

After the insult incident broke out, another local store called DG was reported until it closed...

Indeed.

Whether it's Neon or Korea.

There are also some normal people who can detect certain anomalies.

However, when emotions are aroused, reason often becomes powerless.

Therefore, not long after the incident broke out, a huge debate erupted between Neon and Korea.

"ばか!"

"Ugly face!"

"Western eight!"

"내일너희엄마가환불해줄게!"

"Stop chattering, let's go watch something enter unscientifically..."

This wasn't the first time Neon and Korea had such a spat, with long-standing issues like the Takeshima territorial dispute, and more recently, trade frictions. No wonder they are considered eternal enemies.

And since there's no wall blocking them, their squabbles are much fiercer than ours.

While the dogs fight abroad.

The local public opinion isn't idle either.

December 4th, 4:25 AM.

USTC and National Science University simultaneously released statements, stating that their academic networks had suffered atrocious, inhumane cyber-attacks.

They also published a large batch of traced IP addresses, mainly coming from Neon and Sydney.

Almost within just a few minutes.

These two pieces of news simultaneously climbed to the bottom of their respective social media trending lists.

And just before the statement was issued.

After staying up all night, Xu Yun left the company, rubbed his eyes, went home, and fell asleep immediately.

Actually.

His original intention was just to cry foul, allowing our external affairs departments to have some initiative, at least preventing anyone from putting labels on them.

But what he didn't expect was...

The subsequent development of the incident went far beyond his expectations.

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