

PLOT:

A battle between which is the better hacker... one must protect its secure files from another hacker...

CHARACTERS:

- LENNY: brown hair; blue eyes; ethical hacker for a living; protective
- ROGER: son of LENNY and MARGOT; brown hair; blue eyes
- MARGOT: wife of LENNY; mother of ROGER; housewife
- CHASE: ethical hacker for a living; black hair; green eyes; rambler;

LOCATIONS:

- DUSTON: fictional city; trams and cars everywhere; busylike

INT. DINING ROOM - LENNY'S HOME

(FADE IN the DINING ROOM of LENNY'S ROOM. Sits a timber-like dining table; where LENNY, ROGER & MARGOT sit eating SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE. MARGOT smiles at LENNY...)

MARGOT

(smiles to ROGER) How was work honey?

LENNY

(smiles to MARGOT) Same old... same old..

MARGOT

(chuckles to LENNY) Same old... same out...

LENNY

(chuckles to MARGOT) That's right MARGOT... that's right... same old... same old..

(LENNY & MARGOT chuckle; then look at their son ROGER)

LENNY

(smiles to ROGER) How is my little man SIR ROGER?

ROGER

(laughs to LENNY) Okay... okay... I wanna wrestle you later DADDY... I want to wrestle you later..

(LENNY laughs at ROGER; with love)

LENNY
(to ROGER) Maybe later son....

ROGER
(laughs to LENNY) Okay Daddy... okay...

(SUDDENLY LENNY'S phone is ringing. LENNY looks at MARGOT in shock; MARGOT questions who the ringer is)

MARGOT
(shocked to LENNY) Who must that be...? Who is interrupting our family dinner time?

(LENNY SHAKES HIS HEAD)

LENNY
(to MARGOT) No idea MARGOT... no idea..

(LENNY looks at his phone; noticing the caller is his coworker CHASE. He is shocked by the late phone call; and answers the phone call; standing up in the process)

LENNY
(on phone) Hello..

CHASE
(on phone) Well hello there LENNY... how's your family... how's everyone?

LENNY
(on phone) All good... CHASE... Chase..

(CHASE begins rambling on)

CHASE
(on phone) Well uh... I'm working overtime... ethical hacking principles all know..

(LENNY grows annoyed by CHASE'S rambling on the phone)

LENNY
(ON PHONE) ENOUGH WITH THE RAMBLING... WHY DID YOU CALL? (LOOKS AT MARGOT) THE WIFE DOESN'T LIKE IT WHEN YOU INTERRUPT OUR DINNER SESSIONS? WHAT... WHAT'S UP?

CHASE
(on phone) Look... the boss has told me to tell you overtime... he couldn't tell him himself because he's in a court case... (hysterically laughs) well uh..

(LENNY is shocked by his co-worker's unusual sound of laughing on the phone)

LENNY
(on phone) Okay... (laughs hysterically on the phone)

CHASE
(on phone) Look... tell your wife sorry for interrupting your precious family dinnertime..

(CHASE laughs then hangs the phone call up; LENNY looks at the phone in shock; then at MARGOT. MARGOT worries of LENNY's facial expression)

MARGOT
(Worried to LENNY) Lenny... what.. what's up..

ROGER
(worried to CHASE) Daddy... what... what's wrong?

LENNY
(to MARGOT) Margot.. that was the weirdest conversation I have ever had with CHASE... that is constant instant and weird... weird..

MARGOT
(worried to LENNY) Lenny is everything okay???

LENNY
(assures MARGOT) Margot.. it's okay... it's okay... it's just a spontaneous phone call.. I'm going to talk to CHASE about it tomorrow..

MARGOT
(worried to LENNY) Let's just all have dinner like a family...

(LENNY sits at the dining room table again; enjoying his SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE with his family. ROGER appears worried; expressing his concern to LENNY)

ROGER
(worried to LENNY) Daddy... is everything okay? Is CHASE being bad? Is CHASE going to hurt us or you?

LENNY
(to ROGER) No little man... no.. not at all... No... CHASE wouldn't do such a thing... he won't... we're friends..

ROGER
(worried to LENNY) Are you sure DADDY?

LENNY
(assures ROGER) Yes son... I assure you things will be fine... EAT UP.. and we shall have a rumble... maybe that's what you need... a rumble..

ROGER
(laughs to LENNY) I will beat up up DADDY this time... I will.

LENNY
(chuckles to ROGER) Oh will you little man..

ROGER
(laughs to LENNY) Yes DADDY..

(MARGOT smiles. THE SCENE closes with ROGER, LENNY & MARGOT each enjoying their serving of SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE. FADE OUT - END OF SCENE)

INT. OFFICES - DUSTON PROTECT

(FADE IN THE OFFICES OF DUSTON PROTECT. LENNY arrives at work; dressed in his business attire; noticing CHASE. CHASE smiles at LENNY as he enters the workplace. LENNY makes his way to CHASE)

LENNY
(to CHASE) Hey... CHASE... Can I talk to you?

CHASE
(smirks to LENNY) Sorry LENNY... sorry DUDE... but I am so busy with my key performance indicators today... so much cybersecurity clients to deal with...

(LENNY grows annoyed with CHASE'S smirk)

LENNY
(annoyed to CHASE) Chase... did you have some drinks last night...

CHASE
(annoyed to LENNY) What..

LENNY
(shocked to CHASE) Well in between the laughing hysteria on the phone call last night and the smirk you have now... I mean...

CHASE

(annoyed to LENNY) No... I did not Lenny... it's okay to laugh sometimes... the world is too serious sometimes..

LENNY

(to CHASE) Okay Chase... okay... I was just thinking... when you get drunk... you tend to get nervous laughter sometimes... I was thinking if the laugh was connected to your drinking...

CHASE

(annoyed to LENNY) Oh my GOD... I was just telling you that the boss expects you to do overtime..., just doing my job; being treated like I'm a weird freak family friend guy... damn... sorry I told you..

(CHASE leaves the scene annoyed.
LENNY looks at CHASE in shock)

LENNY

(worried to himself) Damn...

(THE SCENE ENDS with LENNY making his way to his cubicle... TO BE CONTINUED..)

(LENNY arrives at his cubicle; seating himself on his office chair. He begins his ethical hacking duties; noticing spam on his computer. He removes the spam; countering secret codes into the spammer's computer - destroying the computer scam internally through out the computer.. SUDDENLY CHASE enters the scene once again..)

CHASE

(annoyed to LENNY) Lenny... I've been thinking... you've known me for ages... we've worked together for ages... but the conversation we had just had before... made me sad as a friend..

LENNY

(to CHASE) Chase... that laugh just sounded spontaneous.... that was all.. and you know my wife DOES Not like it when you call at dinnertime. She likes family time... I mean you could've just texted me..

CHASE

(annoyed to LENNY) Okay I could've... but I don't like you are implying I'm a freak family friend because of my laughing... I'm sorry I laugh sometimes..

LENNY

(to CHASE) Chase... look sorry... can we just forget about it? I have a lot of work to do..

(LENNY filters through the loads of paper on his cubicle desk; identifying the lists of tasks to be done today. CHASE suddenly smacks his hand hard on LENNY's desk..)

CHASE

(annoyed to LENNY) I don't forgive that easy... i find it quite offensive that conversation. Besides the fact we have known each other for years; you talk to me like I'm a freak to your family... i don't..

LENNY

(annoyed to CHASE) Chase... I'm trying to get to work..

(CHASE smacks LENNY's desk harder; annoyed with LENNY not listening to his concerns. LENNY looks at CHASE in shock0

CHASE

(shouts to LENNY) LENNY...

LENNY

(Annoyed to CHASE) What CHASE? I'm trying to work here.

CHASE

(shouts to LENNY) WHAT ABOUT ME? What about listening to your friend's concerns? WHAT ABOUT me?

(LENNY shouts to CHASE in annoyance)

LENNY

(Shouts to CHASE) After work... AFTER WORK....

(CHASE looks at LENNY in great annoyance; then stamps his feet away from LENNY. LENNY calms down; then returns to work - working overtime... TO BE CONTINUED...)

(FADE IN OVERTIME HOURS LATER:
 LENNY finishes his late workday
 - making his way out the
 building of DUSTON PROTECT. He
 notices CHASE still working;
 looking annoyed. LENNY speaks)

LENNY
 (shocked to CHASE) Chase... I didn't know
 you had OVERTIME...

CHASE
 (Annoyed to LENNY) I didn't... I just want
 to be EMPLOYEE of the MONTH... and perhaps I
 should try to be FRIEND OF THE MONTH...
 since you can't..

LENNY
 (worried to CHASE) Chase... I was busy... I
 was... I regret saying anything now.. it's
 just caused issues between us now... damn.

CHASE
 (Annoyed to LENNY) See... you still do not
 want to talk about it. BEING A FRIEND
 accords to listening to your friend's
 feeling about what you hear someone say
 about you.. or what you are feeling at the
 present time... and you STILL DON'T WANT TO
 LISTEN.

LENNY
 (annoyed to CHASE) Chase... I feel like you
 are making this into something it never was
 supposed to be... you're making it into a
 big detective crime thing... just forget
 it..

CHASE
 (ANNOYED TO LENNY) NO I WON'T... I WILL NOT
 FORGET IT.. I WON'T..

(LENNY sincerely; even more
 regrets expressing his concerns to
 CHASE)

LENNY
 (saddened to CHASE) Chase... have a good
 day... I'm going home to my family...

(LENNY makes his way home to his
 family. CHASE shouts at LENNY in
 annoyance..)

CHASE
 (shouts to LENNY) Yeah go... go to your
 family... (taunts) Yeah... who gives a stuff
 about your friend? Who gives a stuff about
 your friend... you HORRIBLE piece of crap...

(LENNY has exited the building in shock... FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

INT. LENNY'S OFFICE - LENNY'S HOME

(FADE IN LENNY'S OFFICE at LENNY'S HOME. LENNY is on his computer; performing a malware test on his computer. ROGER enters the office; making his way to his seated father)

ROGER

(To LENNY) Father... Daddy... what are you doing?

LENNY

(to ROGER) Oh son.... just doing work on our computer... Have you done your homework?

(ROGER sits on the green ottoman opposite LENNY'S office chair)

ROGER

(to LENNY) Okay... I want to be a computer-man like you... like you DADDY..

(LENNY smiles at his son; whilst the malware diagnostic test on the computer continues)

LENNY

(smiles to ROGER) You can son.. you most certainly can if you go to UNIVERSITY and..

(SUDDENLY - a vicious virus hits LENNY'S computer; the computer makes a rational-loud siren sound on the computer with - WARNING. VIRUS ATTACK ON COMPUTER.." ROGER looks shocked and scared at his father...)

ROGER

(cries to LENNY) Daddy... Daddy.. Daddy... what... the sound.. what's wrong..

(LENNY is in shock of the loud-siren sound. He puts his hands on the keyboard; and mouse fighting the virus; comforting his son)

LENNY

(comforts ROGER) Son... it's okay... it's....

(THE CONCERNED MARGOT enters the office in shock; noticing her scared son and the shocked LENNY)

MARGOT

(worried to LENNY) Lenny... Lenny... what's going on? What's..

(LENNY shouts to MARGOT in worry; as the virus enters his computer...)

LENNY

(shouts to MARGOT) MARGOT... I need to concentrate to beat this virus... quiet... no panic... no panicking... it'll be fine.. just take ROGER and yourself out while...

(A worried MARGOT exits the room with the scared and timid ROGER. SUDDENLY - LENNY looks at his computer; with a blue alert message box. on the screen stating "IT IS CHASE... YOUR HORRIBLE FRIEND. If you don't give a crap about my feelings like any friend should.. I'll hack this computer and find something on you..." LENNY is shocked by the hacking done by his coworker CHASE.)

LENNY

(panics to himself) WHY Chase... oh... I HATE..

(LENNY smacks the table. TO BE CONTINUED...)

INT. OUTSIDE LENNY'S OFFICE - LENNY'S HOME

(FADE IN; the crying ROGER looks at his mother; crying with tears.)

ROGER

(cries to MARGOT) Mummy... what's wrong with DADDY?

(MARGOT breathes and tries to keep calm for her son . She wipes her tears)

MARGOT

(comforts ROGER) Roger.... it's... it's going to be...

(THEY HEAR LENNY scream from inside his office. MARGOT and ROGER look at each other... FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

INT. LENNY'S OFFICE - LENNY'S HOME

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(FADE IN; a panicking LENNY fears not beating the virus. He breathes to himself; keeping strong and confident that he can beat the virus.)

LENNY

(worried to himself) I can't believe you CHASE.. I can't believe you'd do such a thing like this...

(LENNY focuses his attention on beating the virus; using his cybersecurity expertise to break and kill the virus. CHASE completely team-views into the computer; making his face seen; and his voice heard through a virtual meetup room installed on the computer. LENNY looks in shock as he struggles to beat and kill the malicious and strong software)

LENNY

(worried to CHASE) Chase... what... this is all about nothing.. why are you doing this? Have you had a complete brain explosion??

CHASE

(shouts to LENNY) Have you lost all empathy for others?

LENNY

(worried to CHASE) Chase... stop.. stop... this is insane. The buzzer completely freaked my son and wife out...

CHASE

(Shouts to LENNY) Why can't you just listen to a friend's concerns about something you sort of implied to them? You don't give a crap about my feelings... (screams) YOU DON'T..

(SUDDENLY - MARGOT enters the room with a worried expression on her face)

MARGOT

(worried to LENNY) Lenny... your son and I are scared..

(LENNY looks at MARGOT in fear. MEANWHILE - CHASE's hacking actions has found a well-hidden secure folder of files.

He opens the file via his end; noticing a PDF DOCUMENT. He opens the PDF DOCUMENT - noticing a criminal record for murder. CHASE opens the criminal record; and chuckles in fear. CHASE having heard the worried MARGOT's voice; speaks to her via the virtual meeting room..)

CHASE

(to MARGOT) Oh my DEAR MARGOT... seems like your HUBBY has hidden a big secret from you.. oh oh..

(LENNY instantly knows that CHASE has found his well-hidden file of his criminal record. He begs CHASE to reconsider his decision)

LENNY

(fearful to CHASE) Chase.... Chase please..

(CHASE giggles. MARGOT demands LENNY to what he is hiding from her)

MARGOT

(shouts to LENNY) LENNY... LENNY what are you hiding from me?

(CHASE chuckles)

CHASE

(chuckles to MARGOT) Your bad hubby killed someone with excessive force as a teen... he killed an old man...

(LENNY panics as the truth has now come out; he looks at MARGOT in fear)

MARGOT

(hurt to LENNY) What... LENNY... you what..

LENNY

(panics to MARGOT) Margot... it was in my past..

(THE SCARED AND TIMID ROGER enters the room. He holds his mother's hand)

MARGOT

(shouts to LENNY) My husband is an EX-MURDERER... you... you..

(LENNY start to cry in fear of losing his wife and son; begging MARGOT to explain his past...)

LENNY
(panics to MARGOT) Margot.. I can explain...

MARGOT
(shout to LENNY) All this time we've known each other... you never told me... I can't believe this..

LENNY
(fearful to MARGOT) Margot..

MARGOT
(shouts to LENNY) YOU GODDAMN MURDERER....
you stay the hell away from me and our son..

ROGER
(cries to LENNY) You killed someone DADDY...
you... my DADDY is a bad man...

(LENNY is even more hurt; by his son's knowledge of himself being a murderer in his teen years...
MARGOT steps backwards with his son; disgusted at her husband's murderous past... LENNY begs MARGOT to not leave with their son...)

LENNY
(begs MARGOT) Margot.. please... please...

MARGOT
(shouts to LENNY) No... WE ARE DIVORCED as of now...

(LENNY cries at MARGOT's words; and screams - as MARGOT holds her son's hand - to leave the house for good. LENNY screams angrily at CHASE via the computer screen.
CHASE laughs)

CHASE
(laughs to LENNY) Ha... ha...

(LENNY in fury; smashes the computer screen - destroying and smashing it to bits. THE SCENE CLOSES WITH LENNY crying on his hands on the office desk; in complete hurt and regret. FADE OUT; END OF SCENE & STORY)