

Go Phish

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PART 1

1 EXT. ELON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS - DAY

Aerial shots of Elon's campus, with streams of data reaching skyward from pedestrians, cars, and buildings.

Multiple telephones ring.

2 INT. CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT - DAY

Noisy, chaotic office with frazzled employees rushing around. A cubicle is littered with sticky notes and papers. Service Desk Rep (student) wearing a headset answers a call.

SERVICE DESK REP

Elon Technology support, how can I help you?

3 INT. BELK LIBRARY - MEDIA SERVICES - DAY

Anita (student) sits at the Media Services desk with her laptop, which is littered with error messages.

ANITA

Uhh, hi. My name is Anita. I think my account has been hacked? I don't know, I'm really freaking out right now.

4 INT. CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT / INT. BELK LIBRARY - MEDIA SERVICES - DAY

SERVICE DESK REP

It's okay. Talk me through the problem.

ANITA

It all happened really fast. I received an email asking me to reset my password for my Moodle, and there was a link, so I clicked on it, and now I can't log in.

SERVICE DESK REP

Sounds like a phishing scam.

ANITA

I can't check my classes. I have an assignment due by midnight. I don't know what to do.

SERVICE DESK REP

Here's what you can do for me. Your account has been compromised. Go to "elon.edu/password" and change your password. Reset anything that uses the same password. You should do that before- oh no...

The Service Desk Rep looks at their emails on a monitor. They receive an email from Anita.

The email reads:

Anita: 20 bucks you're smarter than me!

Elementary Spanish I: C-  
 Elon 101: Failing  
 The Global Experience: C  
 Statistic Reasoning: D-  
 Exploring Majors: C+

Or at least you're smart enough to have a better password.

-Phishhead

SERVICE DESK REP

You're failing Elon 101?

ANITA

How did you know that?

SERVICE DESK REP

The hacker just sent out an email listing your grades. Really? Failing Elon 101? That's it. This is a job for ACORN.

On the desk, there is a small red button with the symbol of an acorn above it. The Service Desk Rep presses it.

5 INT. WSOE RADIO DJ BOOTH

JOYCELYN sits alone in the dimly lit radio station DJ booth. She speaks into the microphone as a song ends.

JOYCELYN

That last song was Til the Casket Drops by ZZ Ward. You've been listening to JoyceLyn's Jams here on WSOE 89.3 FM.

As JoyceLyn is hanging up the headphones, her phone is buzzing from an alarm with the ACORN logo. JoyceLyn grabs her longboard and heads out.

6 EXT. BELK LIBRARY - COLUMNS - DAY

Tracking shot of JoyceLyn skating through the columns near Belk Library. While she is behind one of the columns, her outfit suddenly changes from tank top and jeans to black skirt suit and white blouse. She skates out of frame.

7 INT. ESPORTS ROOM - DAY

A room with black walls is filled with a dozen high end computers clustered around a long central table. Pizza boxes and cans of highly caffeinated beverages are strewn about. An illuminated column from the table's center reads "ELON CLUB ESPORTS." Several GAMERS wearing HEADSETS sit at the gaming stations, staring intently at their screens while mashing keyboard buttons and chattering. One of the players is JEREMY, wearing glasses and a t-shirt with tousled hair.

A phone vibrates on the table. JEREMY looks down, sees the ACORN logo alert, and quickly pulls a FLYER from a nearby stack to cover his phone's screen.

JEREMY

Hey, I'm going AFK. Can you guys take it from here?

ESPORTS CLUB MEMBER (O.S.)

What? Jeremy, dude, you can't bounce mid-game!

Jeremy stands up, shoving the phone and flyer in his pocket.

JEREMY

It's alright. We'll take the L for this round. I gotta go.

Jeremy ducks out the door as his fellow gamers stare after him in momentary disbelief before diving back into the game. As Jeremy crosses, it is revealed that they are playing Among Us.

ESPORTS CLUB MEMBER (O.S.)

Dude, vote Jeremy. He straight up left mid-game. That's kinda sus.

## 8 EXT. GLOBAL COMMONS - DAY

Slow motion shot as Jeremy steps out into the sunshine totally transformed: hair slicked back, glasses gone, buttoning the coat of a black suit with a white shirt. He pops on a pair of aviators.

Jeremy opens his phone camera and admires his hair in vain. Slow motions cuts out as he walks right into a pole. Spy music cuts out briefly, then resumes when he puts on his sunglasses again walks away.

## 9 INT. ACORN OFFICE - BRIEFING ROOM - DAY

Joycelyn sits at a modern white table in a dark-walled briefing room. A large screen at the head of the table displays the Auxiliary Cyberdefense Office Reconnaissance Network (ACORN) logo. Jeremy enters.

JEREMY

Sup, Joycelyn. Am I late?

JOYCELYN

Dude, take the glasses off. You're inside!

Jeremy swipes them off and puts them in his pocket. He sits across from Joycelyn at the table.

JOYCELYN

Looking like a store-brand version of Tom Cruise.

The INFORMATION SECURITY DIRECTOR appears on the screen as a secure conference call. His name, GARY SHEEHAN, appears in the corner.

GARY

Greetings cyberdefenders. Wait, where is everybody?  
(impatiently looking at his watch)  
I sent out the notification fifteen minutes ago.

Jeremy and JoyceLyn look at each other and shrug.

GARY

I would have at least expected Tate to show up on time...

JOYCELYN

He graduated.

GARY

Or Ariana. She's always early.

JEREMY

She graduated, too.

GARY

Well what about Hector? He's a junior this year, right?

JOYCELYN

I think he's studying abroad in Japan.

GARY

(to himself, flustered)

This is worse than when I lost Franklin and the Carolines in the same year.

Okay, so Jeremy and Jocelyn-

JOYCELYN

It's JoyceLyn.

GARY

(perhaps not hearing)

Here's the situation: we've got another phishing scheme on our hands, and a student who bit hard.

JEREMY

Who's the student?

GARY

Check your email; you should have gotten a lovely message from Miss Anita.

JEREMY

(gasps)

Anita! We matched on Tinder last week. This one's personal.

JOYCELYN

So what can we do?

GARY

It's about time we reel them in.

Locate the phisher and report back so we can put an end to this escapade.

JEREMY

Say no more.

GARY

I'm counting on you.

Gary signs out. JoyceLyn tinkers on a computer.

JOYCELYN

Director Sheehan sent over data from the email breach. If only there was a way to track the IP address...

Jeremy stands up and picks up a box with antennas on it.

JEREMY

There is a way, with this hacker tracker!

Jeremy drops the tracker, which shatters.

JEREMY

Update, we need a new tracker.

JOYCELYN

I can order one on Amazon real quick.

Jeremy slams his fist on the table.

JEREMY

There's no time for that!

JOYCELYN

But I've got Prime.

JEREMY

(Pondering)

Wait a second...

Jeremy pulls the flyer out of his jacket pocket. It is an advertisement for the Maker Hub, listing Electronics, Laser Engraver, 3D Printer, and CNC Machine.

JEREMY (O.S.)

Do you think we could make one?

PART 2

10 EXT. MAKER HUB - DAY

Establishing shot showing the Maker Hub's location.

11 INT. MAKER HUB - DAY

JoyceLyn cautiously steps into the Maker Hub, scanning it with her eyes. A MAKER HUB CONSULTANT (student) pops up from behind the desk, surprising her.

MAKER HUB CONSULTANT

Hi there!

JoyceLyn gasps.

MAKER HUB CONSULTANT

Welcome to the Maker Hub.

JOYCELYN

You scared me.

MAKER HUB CONSULTANT

Sorry about that. Can I help you with anything?

JOYCELYN

(Flustered)

Uh, a better question is can I help you with anything?

MAKER HUB CONSULTANT

(Confused)

Umm, no?

Jeremy is facedown on JoyceLyn's longboard, inching his way across the floor beneath the counter.

MAKER HUB CONSULTANT

Well if you need any help, I'll be floating around-

(spotting Jeremy)

What are you doing?

JEREMY

Nothing.

MAKER HUB CONSULTANT

You realize the Maker Hub is free, right?



Jeremy pops up next to JoyceLyn.

JEREMY

Wait, really?

JOYCELYN

I told you we should just ask.

MAKER HUB CONSULTANT

Yeah, all Elon student have access to all of our tools and trainings, along with basic materials.

JOYCELYN

I need circuit boards, electrical components, a soldering iron, a power supply, a 3D printer, and a laser cutter.

MAKER HUB CONSULTANT

No sweat. Just tap your Phoenix Card right here and you can get started.

MONTAGE: Maker Hub Consultant directs JoyceLyn to the electronics station. We see JoyceLyn soldering a circuit board, 3D printing components, and laser cutting an enclosure.

The finished TRACKER lights up, and JoyceLyn removes her safety goggles, beaming. Jeremy appears over her shoulder. He reaches over and applies a VINYL STICKER of the ACORN logo.

JEREMY

Look I made a sticker!

JOYCELYN

(unimpressed)

Uh huh.

JEREMY

I think it looks good.

JOYCELYN

Let's get out of here.

12 INT. BELK LIBRARY - MEDIA SERVICES - DAY

Anita is still sitting behind the desk looking at her computer in dismay. She doesn't look up when Jeremy and JoyceLyn walk in.

ANITA

Can I help you?

(looks up and sees Jeremy)

Oh, hey. Sorry I never messaged you back. I've been really busy.

JEREMY

(wishing he could melt into the floor)

No it's fine. I'm busy too.

JOYCELYN

We're looking to check out some-

JEREMY

Not busy enough to not text back. But, it's fine. I'm fine.

JOYCELYN

(Cutting the tension)

We need some spy gear. You know, telephoto lenses. Body mics. That kind of stuff.

Anita starts unlocking cabinets and pulling out gear.

ANITA

Like for a stakeout or something? I thought Jeremy was lying about all of that spy stuff just for a pick up line or something.

JOYCELYN

(glaring at Jeremy)

Yeah. A really funny pick up line..

Shots of various pieces of equipment as the Anita explains them. JoyceLyn and Jeremy look on, listening intently and nodding.

ANITA

We have camcorders and photography cameras like the Canon G7x or the Canon T5i. The G7x is smaller, but the T5i will do better in low light because of its larger sensor.

Anita moves the still cameras to make room for video cameras.

ANITA

As far as video cameras, we have a

Canon XA40, which can record 4K video with 20 times optical zoom, and Go Pros, which are perfect for on-the-go videos.

JEREMY

What about audio?

ANITA

We have the Zoom H5 recorder with built-in microphones. We have tiny lavalier mics that can be hidden practically anywhere, and a set of wireless lav mics that you can wear discretely while moving around. We've also got tripods, SD cards, computer adapters. Oh boy, that's a lot of stuff. Are you going to need a cart for all this?

JEREMY

Nah, we have a van.

ANITA

Of course you do.

13 EXT. SURVEILLANCE VAN - DAY

A white van is parked next to a telephone pole, doors open. Jeremy is crouched near the base of the pole, the cover of which is perforated with large holes. Beside him on the ground is a DRILL WITH HOLE SAW BIT. JoyceLyn is inside the van with a LAPTOP connected to the TRACKER.

JEREMY

(reaching into a hole)  
How about now?

JOYCELYN

Nope, still nothing.

Frustrated, Jeremy jiggles his hand.

JOYCELYN

Wait, hold that. We had it for a second.

JEREMY

(concentrating)  
Like this?

JOYCELYN

Bingo! We're in.

JEREMY

Perfect. So the next time Phishhead pings a WAP, we'll track them down.

JOYCELYN

Excuse me?

JEREMY

What? A WAP. Wireless access point.

JOYCELYN

Oh, okay.

JEREMY

What's the problem?

JOYCELYN

Just say that next time, okay?

Jeremy has walked back to the van. On the computer, there is a map showing a radar radius around Elon University. A crosshair suddenly pops up on the screen.

JEREMY

Let's go!

JoyceLyn slams the laptop shut as Jeremy jumps in, shutting the doors behind him.

14 EXT. LAKESIDE - ROOFTOP - DAY

JoyceLyn peers at the screen of a camcorder on a tripod. The view is blocked by large, leafy trees.

JOYCELYN

Jeremy, are you getting my signal?

15 EXT. SURVEILLANCE VAN - DAY

Jeremy is wearing a HEADSET and sitting in the back of the van, which is kitted out with laptops and screens. One of them shows the view from JoyceLyn's camera, another has the campus map.

JEREMY

I've got your feed. Hey JoyceLyn, why am I always the one in the van?

16 EXT. LAKESIDE - ROOFTOP / EXT. SURVEILLANCE VAN - DAY

JOYCELYN

Because you get distracted way too easily. And I don't want to get a ticket. Is the Phishhead signal still on the map?

JEREMY

Yeah, looks like it's coming from over to your left. Can you get a better view?

JoyceLyn picks up the camera and tripod, moving to the end of the roof that overlooks the patio. Jeremy is startled by Anita tapping on the van's window. He pulls off his headset and opens the door.

ANITA

Wow, you really do have a van. You're seriously taking this spy cosplay thing to a whole new level.

JoyceLyn sees SOMEONE on a laptop at a table, but they're facing away and blocked by a pole.

JOYCELYN

Hey Jeremy, I might have something here.

Jeremy is chatting with Anita, totally oblivious. JoyceLyn zooms in and sees a FISH HEAD MASK poking out of the laptop user's BAG.

JOYCELYN

Are you seeing this? I think we've got 'em! Jeremy, do you copy?

Anita waves goodbye, and Jeremy swings the van door closed, pulling up his headset and turning to look at the monitors.

JEREMY

Hey JoyceLyn, I just, uhh, went to the bathroom. Did I miss something? Why are you zoomed in on a chair?

17 EXT. LAKESIDE - DAY

JoyceLyn bursts out the doors of Lakeside and looks around, but Phishhead is gone.

18 EXT. SURVEILLANCE VAN - DAY

Jeremy is sitting with multiple monitors and laptops up. Joycelyn leans over his shoulder. Jeremy tinkers on a laptop, then repeatedly slams a key and sighs.

JEREMY

Hey Joycelyn, I trying to edit the footage but can't get Adobe Premiere to open.

JOYCELYN

Did you try closing it and opening again?

JEREMY

Yeah I did that like three times. Anything else?

JOYCELYN

Do I look like a programmer to you? Call the Service Desk, they should know.

Jeremy dials Campus Tech Support.

JOYCELYN

That's what you get for using a PC.

JEREMY

(to phone)

Hi, I need help opening Adobe Premiere... No I actually don't need to login. I got this on the internet for free... Oh c'mon everybody pirates Adobe... Wait Elon students get Adobe Creative Cloud for free? Plus a bunch of other programs... Please stop repeating you? I'm doing it again? Oh, sorry. Thank you so much!

Error messages pop up on Jeremy's laptop.

JEREMY

Hey, can we actually use your computer? This might take a while to download.

JOYCELYN

You mean my Mac?

JEREMY

Don't make a big deal out of it.

JoyceLyn pulls up the video she just shot on the roof. Jeremy leans back and snacks on chips.

JEREMY

I don't see it. What am I looking at?

JOYCELYN

Wait for it.

She scrubs forward to the person on the laptop.

JEREMY

Yeah, I still don't see it.

JOYCELYN

Look closer.

She pauses when she gets the frame showing the fish head.

JEREMY

Oh my goodness! That's our guy. Or girl. Or fish. By the way, how did you learn how to edit videos like that?

JOYCELYN

I just looked it up on LinkedIn Learning.

JEREMY

Oh, nice.

JoyceLyn looks at a clock. It reads 8:20.

JOYCELYN

Oh shoot. Didn't we promise to give that speech today?

JEREMY (O.S.)

What speech?

JOYCELYN

About technology and safety and stuff to some first-years. That's right now, we gotta go.

PART 3

19 INT. ALUMNI GYM - NIGHT

Live feed of the Phishhead with a scrambled voice appears to the audience. The PowerPoint becomes corrupted.

PHISHHEAD

(Sinister laugh)

It's a shame to interrupt such a lovely event. I came to make an of-fish-al announcement. All of you first-year students are next on my phish-list. No password is safe from the Phishhead.

(Sinister laugh)

The laptop on stage pings.

JEREMY

We have a signal.

JOYCELYN

Uhh, we gotta go really quick guys. Be right back.

JoyceLyn and Jeremy grab the laptop and tracker, running off stage.

20 EXT. DOWNTOWN ELON - NIGHT

The van is idling at the curb on Haggard Ave, just outside the doors of Alumni Gym. Anita is in the driver's seat.

ANITA

Come on guys, let's go!

JoyceLyn and Jeremy clamber in as the van drives away.

JEREMY

How did you know..?

ANITA

There's no time to explain!

Aerial downshot of the van turning left on Williamson and driving through downtown Elon.

JOYCELYN

Left!

Shot from the corner of Williamson and Lebanon shows the



Phishhead video on the giant video board inside Snow Atrium, along with the word PHISHHEAD scrolling endlessly on the news ticker. The van rolls into frame at the stop light.

JEREMY

That's it Phishhead. You've gone too far.

JOYCELYN

Turn right here!

21 EXT. CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT - PARKING LOT - NIGHT

JoyceLyn, Jeremy, and Anita jump out of the van and dash towards an unmarked door that is propped open with a wedge.

22 INT. CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT - BACK ROOM - NIGHT

JoyceLyn, Jeremy, and Anita burst into the back room. A person wearing a fish head is sitting at a desk in front of a wall of monitors.

JOYCELYN

There they are!

JoyceLyn and Jeremy approach Phishhead.

JOYCELYN

Your reign is over, Phishhead! Or should I say...

JoyceLyn pulls off the fish head, revealing the Information Security Director.

JOYCELYN & JEREMY

Director Sheehan?!

GARY

That's right. I needed to teach you students the importance of internet safety. What better way to do it than with first-hand experience?

Anita moves to stand behind Gary.

JOYCELYN

You two are a team?

ANITA

Yep. I'm actually part of ACORN. I was studying abroad when you two joined.

Flashback to Anita placing a TRACKING DEVICE on the van while talking to Jeremy.

JEREMY

So you were lying on Tinder too?

ANITA

Yes.

JEREMY

Really?

ANITA

Mhm.

JEREMY

Ah man...

JOYCELYN

So all of the phishing scams were just a test.

GARY

I wish. No, this round was just a drill, and Anita isn't really failing Elon 101-

ANITA

Which is good, because I'm a senior.

GARY

...but phishing schemes are very real threat and can happen to anyone. So remember kids-

JOYCELYN

Um, college students.

GARY

Keep your passwords safe, and don't feed the phish!

23 INT. CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT - DAY

The office space is now clear of cluttered notes and papers. The Service Desk Rep calmly answers their headset.

SERVICE DESK REP

Elon technology support, how can I help you? Having trouble connecting to Philo TV? Sure, I can help with that.

24 EXT. ELON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS - NIGHT

Identical aerial shots of Elon's campus as the opening.