

STRANGER DANGER

Albert, running a little late for work, bumped into a repairman in the lobby on his way up to his office. It seemed the repairman was in a hurry as well and, being a gentleman, Albert held the door open while he collected his tools and headed upstairs.

Smooth, Albert. Real smooth.

However, as Albert and the rest of campus would soon find out, it takes more than a toolbelt and a hardhat to make a repairman. Confidential information began to leak, slowly at first, but with some help from unshredded documents found in a trash can and a brief visit to the server rooms, the intruder had turned the network security into Swiss Cheese. Soon everything from passwords and credit card numbers to top-secret CU research experiments were everywhere on the web.

Albert was in his office when the mob arrived. HR had tried their best to barricade the doors, but the horde of angry students and faculty that had surrounded the building were too strong. As the mob descended on Albert and his coworkers, he realized that a little misplaced trust can have dire consequences.

Don't be like Albert. Always make sure that visitors have an ID badge and that valuable information is locked away from snooping eyes. Those few extra minutes could mean the difference between life and complete destruction of society as we know it.

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