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INT. NII'S APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM

Typical computer genius bachelor pad. There are two huge monitors standing grandly over a workstation.

Laptops and hard drives are strewn over the work area. But the rest of the room is surprisingly neat.

Nii moves a computer bag off a seat and beckons Audrey to sit.

AUDREY

I'm so sorry for doing this so late, but I do need your help again. I have another folder I really need to get into. It's-

NII TEIKO

So, Audrey, you know I'm here for you, I really am. But I can't be hacking into people's personal information like that. That's not what I use my talent for, you know.

AUDREY

I understand, and if I wasn't desperate, I wouldn't be here, trust me.

NII TEIKO

I didn't ask any questions last time because I felt bad about everything that had happened, but after what I saw on that computer, I think you're involved in something I have no interest in being part of, you know?

Audrey puts her face in her hands and her shoulders begin to shake.

NII TEIKO (CONT'D)

What...what are you doing? Audrey? Wait, are you crying? Okay, please don't do that.

AUDREY

I'm going to lose my mind, I know it. And if I didn't have so much at stake, I would just lie down somewhere and let it happen.

Nii looks conscience-stricken. He sits next to her.

NII TEIKO

Is it about Mark, and what has happened?

AUDREY

Yes. I'm trying to piece the whole thing together. Why this has happened, what he was involved with. And he is not giving me any answers.

NII TEIKO

I tried not to read the files, but what little I saw got me nervous.

AUDREY

And those are the kind of people he's been working for, Nii. I know Mark, this is not him. That company had him doing some nefarious things.

NII TEIKO

You should have told me what was really going on, Audrey. You didn't have to go through this alone.

AUDREY

Well, I thought I could figure it out alone.

NII TEIKO

So what did you need to hack?

AUDREY

The server of Ramsis Allied. No, actually, it's just one particular person's computer I need to get into.

NII TEIKO (CONT'D)

Okay....so that's doable, but I bet that company has a firewall that will drive me insane; I can't get in there remotely. I would need a physical presence in place. Do you know someone who works there?

AUDREY

That would be me.

NII TEIKO

I'm sorry?

AUDREY

Me. I work there now.

Nii stares at Audrey, then chuckles, shaking his head.

NII TEIKO

I saw a documentary last night on rabbits, which I think are among the most adorable animals in world.

AUDREY

Okayyy.

He sits at his workstation and begins to type rapidly.

NII TEIKO

Till you mess with them. Did you know they can be more aggressive and harmful than wolves when they're wounded or agitated? They can fight!

AUDREY

I didn't know that.

NII TEIKO

Yep. The cuddliest, cutest, most benign and friendly creature. Yet deadly when provoked.

AUDREY

Where are you going with all this?

NII TEIKO

I think those who have taken you for granted because of your warmth and outward appearance sooner or later learn what a dangerous mistake they've made. Tell me I'm wrong.

AUDREY

I wish I were as bad-ass as you just described.

NII TEIKO

Oh, but you are, Bunny Audrey.

Audrey smiles sadly and shakes her head. She picks up her seat and goes to sit next to him.

NII TEIKO (CONT'D)

Okay. There are myriad hacking software and devices out there, but the best kind, is on the darkweb, which I am not proud to say, I have visited many times.

AUDREY

Can you find me something tonight?

NII TEIKO

Patience, Ms. Bunny. If I were to hazard a guess, you have been rifling through the company's documents since you've been there. Correct?

AUDREY

Correct.

NII TEIKO

And you have probably stumbled on sensitive data which is probably monitored.

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It is possible they can trace who has been accessing those files. Audrey claps her hand over her mouth.

AUDREY

Are you for real?

NII TEIKO

It's a possibility. If those people are as dangerous as I think, their data security is probably top priority. So, what we need now, is a combo of tools that will get you into that machine and also help you cover your tracks. Are you with me so far?

AUDREY

Can we get that tonight?

Nii looks at his watch.

NII TEIKO

We could put together software customized just for you. And the person I know who can do that is

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NII TEIKO (CONT'D)
probably not awake right now. And
he is pricey, very pricey.

AUDREY
How much?

NII TEIKO
For what we're trying to get, I can
negotiate something but I know he
won't accept less than 5000
dollars.

Audrey takes her phone and logs onto her bank app. She
transfers five thousand dollars from her savings account to
her checking.

AUDREY
So how do I get the funds to him?

NII TEIKO
Bitcoin. We just purchase them and
send him the control details.
Nii types rapidly into his computer.

NII TEIKO (CONT'D)
Okay..I just emailed him about it.
He's very good with responding.
We'll hear from him by morning.
Meanwhile, let's go over the
software you might need. Just like
this backdoor program..

INT. RAMSIS ALLIED GROUP. EKOW'S OFFICE - EARLY MORNING

Audrey slowly tiptoes into the room. It is just after 6 AM.

NII TEIKO (V.O.)
It can build a root deep into the
system's mainframe.

Audrey sticks a pen drive into the tower under Ekow's desk,
and turns the PC on. The upload progress window shows 17%

NII TEIKO (V.O.)
Once uploaded, you can pretty much
take over the entire server or just
watch the action. The boot sequence
will-

The door opens. The upload progress is at 39%

THELMA (O.S.)
What are you doing?

Audrey whirls around, a pen and paper in her hand. Thelma is in the doorway, glaring at her.

AUDREY

Oh, I'm just leaving a note for Ekow?

THELMA

What note? Why are you leaving him a note?

Audrey smiles sheepishly and quickly glances at the screen.

Upload 60%.

AUDREY

Well, um..uh, well, I think he might be interested in me, and I think I haven't encouraged him enough. I mean, he probably thinks I'm a snob or something, and I don't want him to get the wrong idea, so I thought I would motivate him a little.

Thelma rolls her eyes.

THELMA

Young woman, if you don't get out of this office right now! Do I need to remind you of the conduct agreement you signed when you got hired? If there was a room for every girl who thinks Ekow Acquah-Davis likes her, there would be no space in this entire city to contain them. Remember your boundaries. Now, leave.

The upload is at 79%.

AUDREY

But it's just a simple note, I'm sure he won't mind.

THELMA

Jeanette, you are really pushing your luck. Are you aware what you're doing is a terminable offense? If you don't get out of here right now, I am sending you straight to Human Resources.

AUDREY

Yes, ma'am. Please, there is no need for that. I apologize if I was being too forward. I did get ahead of myself and forgot my boundaries. I will go ahead and leave now.

She bumps hand against the table and drops some documents onto the floor. The upload window is at 92%.

AUDREY (CONT'D)

Oh. Oh, I'm sorry.

She bends to pick up the papers. Slowly. Thelma rolls her eyes.

THELMA

And she's clumsy too! I don't even know why I recommended you for this job.

Thelma heads over to where Audrey is.

Audrey immediately pulls out the power cord to the monitor. Thelma picks up the rest of the papers from the floor and slams them onto the desk.

THELMA (CONT'D)

Now, out!

AUDREY

Let me just do this.

She stacks the papers up and arranges on the table, and drops one more sheet.

She quickly plugs the monitor back and snatches the pen drive out of the USB port, then picks up the sheet and puts in on the stack on the table.

Audrey follows Thelma heading out of the room .

THELMA

If I ever see you crossing the line with Ekow or any senior executive at this company, don't bother coming back to work.

(She pauses for emphasis)

And I better not see you in that office again.

Audrey nods quietly and runs back to her cubicle.