

HACKED

A hooded figure, possibly a hacker, is shown from the chest up. The hood is dark blue or grey. The face area is obscured by a dark, circular void. Inside this void, there are glowing white digital symbols, including letters like 'Y', 'G', 'Q', 'N', and 'H', and various geometric shapes like lines and angles. The background is dark blue with some faint, glowing digital patterns. The overall aesthetic is cyberpunk or digital-themed.

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ERROR!

Chapter 1 LOCKED OUT

A man is at work.
He sits at his desk.
Then he sees it.
A skull pops up.
It is on his computer.
What is going on?

He restarts.
The skull is still there.
His computer is locked.

A woman yells.
Her computer is locked too.
No one can work.
The **network** is down.
It has been hacked.



How did this happen?

Pros look into it.

They find a *virus*.

Some call it a bug.

It is in the *software*.



The bug is traced.
Hackers sent it.
Why?
Their goal was to steal.
They took secret plans.
Then they shut down the network.
This covers their tracks.
Now they are hard to find.

CYBER ALERT!

"Cyber" comes from the word *cybernetics*. This is the study of how information is communicated.



Many hackers steal.
They do this using the web.
It is how they get in.
Some bugs are found.
Others are not.
This is a hard crime to fight.
But not all hackers are bad.



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Have you ever been hacked?

What would you do if a hacker stole from you?

How safe is your computer?

What is cybercrime?

How can hackers be stopped?



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