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The video *Hacker Rates 12 Hacking Scenes In Movies And TV* sees security analyst Keren Elazari give her thoughts on various scenes in media spanning from 1983 to the present day (Insider, 2021). After being exposed to decades of media takes on what technology could accomplish, I would venture to say that the public—myself included—have been given an almost fantastical view on cybersecurity and cyber criminals. While Elazari repeatedly gives credit to some things being accurately portrayed, many of her critiques stemmed from the convenience of what was happening on screen. With the spectacle required by these films and television shows featuring characters deciphering blocks of complex code with a glance, large scale and seemingly impossible hacks being done with the press of a button, and characters using often made up fancy-sounding words to describe things, films and tv have propped up cybersecurity as the Promethean flame bestowed upon humanity once more.

We often see hackers operating as a group or network of individuals, carrying out their misdeeds almost completely anonymously and often without consequence. In an increasingly computerized world, I would imagine that the average person would view those involved in any aspect of cybersecurity as someone who operates just outside of the “real world,” in the sense that they’re able to complete terrifyingly amazing feats with something as simple as a Nokia phone.

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