Episode 1

Eerola: morning. I'm not sure if you remember me but we met at the seminar last week.

Kontoniemi: oh, yeah, I sure do. How are you today?

Eerola: All well. I just wanted to see how you found the seminar?

Kontoniemi: Oh, it was really nice and helpful. I took a few good ideas. In fact, I'm just waiting for a turn on the supercomputer to test the processing that we learned there.

Eerola: wow, that sounds nice. You have a supercomputer?

Kontoniemi: haha, no I just have access to a supercomputer through the university network.

Eerola: Do you need special permission to run tests, I mean, can anyone upload any dataset, and process it? Or is it specially arranged for you?

Kontoniemi: Well, yes, I basically just have to book a time on the server and then I can use the computational resources to process my dataset. As long as it is related to my project, I'm allowed to use the server, upload my datasets, etc. But, of course, I already got permission. I had to apply with my research proposal and get permission for my research project. And you know there is a security policy that you need to take care of.

Eerola: security policy?

Kontoniemi: Yeah, you know, it's a supercomputer, it doesn't come cheap. Plus there are other researchers that need the same computational resources. So there is policy to make sure people are not abusing the server and so on. You know things like using the server for other purposes than you apply for, sharing passwords and things like that.

Eerola: I see.

Episode 2

Kontoniemi: Hi, how is it going?

Eerola: very good, thanks. I was actually hoping I would run into you. You see, I have a favor to ask of you.

Kontoniemi: You do? I'm all ears.

Eerola: The thing is, as you know, I don't work at the university but I have these large datasets that I've been trying to process. Problem is with the resources that I have processing these datasets is not really an option. Last time you mentioned how you have access to a supercomputer. Well, I don't, so I was wondering if you could upload my dataset and run a few scripts to help me out. Of course, I'll acknowledge your contribution if it comes to fruition and I get a project out of it.

Kontoniemi: upload your datasets and run scripts…hmmm… I need to think about this. If you give me your email I will contact you later

Eerola: sure