

## No phishing!

Cut to interior of a basement man cave, complete with widescreen TV theatre and various posters and collectible merchandise from the TV show “Warrior Man.”

**Zhang**

*Hmm...*

**Kevin**

*Ah-ha! Greetings, Battle Brother! Are you ready to binge-watch all 3 seasons of Warrior Man with me this weekend?!*

**Zhang**

*Uh, I’m not sure actually. This email from MyWebFlix says I need to update my payment method or they’ll cancel my service. I was about to sign in and enter a new credit card.*

Cut to a shot of the myWebFlix email. It says “We recently failed to validate your information. We need you to complete a brief validation process to verify your account. Once that information has been updated, you can continue enjoying MyWebFlix. Please click the button below to get started. UPDATE ACCOUNT DETAILS.”

**Kevin**

*Whoa. Whoa. Whoa. Pump the brakes on your chariot, Zhang. You know that’s probably a phishing email, right?*

**Zhang**

*Well, I clicked the link to sign in and the web site looks authentic.*

Cut to what appears to be the MyWebFlix.com sign-in page on Zhang’s computer screen.

**Kevin**

*Nope, it’s not. Look closely at the URL.*

**Zhang**

*Hmmm...*

Cut back to CU of url in address bar which says “**https://www. MyWebFllix.com**”. Highlight the extra “l”.

**Kevin**

*See? It's misspelled – there's an extra "l" in the domain name. That's what these kinds of emails often do – link to a fake web page that mimics the url and homepage of a legitimate website. Then they get you to enter personal information like a password or credit card number.*

**Zhang**

*So I shouldn't have clicked on the link?*

**Kevin**

*Nope. When going to any page where you have an account, the best thing to do is type the url in manually and then create a bookmark to go there in future. So you are never relying on someone else's link.*

**Zhang**

*By Odin's ghost! I thought I was safe as long as the url started with "https." The "s" is supposed to stand for Security!*

**Kevin**

*Well, most of the time it does. But cyber criminals are now getting good at faking that too, so it's no guarantee.*

**Zhang**

*How can I defeat an enemy who sends such crafty emails?*

**Kevin**

*You can spot a phishing email when it urgently asks you to do any or all of these things:*

*"Common Phishing Email Asks."*

**Kevin**

*Update account. Validate. Verify. Click here.*

**Kevin**

*There's usually a sense of urgency. Sometimes they come in the form of business deals that are too good to be true.*

**Zhang**

*So the African prince who needs me to help import his gold?*

**Kevin**

*Delete.*

**Zhang**

*And this one saying I need to re-enter my password to regain access to my music account?*

**Kevin**

*Delete.*

**Zhang**

*And this one about a special offer to purchase a limited edition Warrior Man Battle Blade?*

**Kevin**

*Oh no, no, no. That one's legit. I forwarded that to you. I just got mine.*

**Zhang**

*Together we march ...*

**Kevin and Zhang together**

*... through the gates of Valhalla!*

**Zhang**

*Are those authentic Battle Slippers?*

**Kevin**

*Well, Valhalla can get a little drafty.*

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