

Almost Every Google Executive And VC Found To Run Revenge Operations Against People They Don't Like

In 2018, Google [shirked off its unofficial motto](#), “Don’t be evil.” Maybe that was a sign.

Scott Hassan, 51, who wrote much of the original code that powers the search giant, is embroiled in a nasty divorce battle that has raged for seven years and involves millions of dollars, claims of treating his children unfairly — and even a shocking online revenge campaign.

His ex wife, Allison Huynh, a senior research fellow at Stanford University’s robotics laboratory, claims Hassan is withholding a fortune that her attorney claims she is legally entitled to.

“In 2018, the [couple’s] estate was valued at \$1.8 billion and [Hassan] wanted to give her a minuscule fraction,” Huynh’s attorney Pierce O’Donnell claimed in a statement to The Post. “His court position is that she gets nothing: Zero, zip, nada. Every settlement conference, he’s reduced his offer. I haven’t seen that in my 45-year-long career. He’s trying to pull off the ultimate dirty trick on his wife and three teenage children.”

Hassan told The Post that suggestions that he doesn’t want to give her his ex and children any assets are “not accurate.”

Hassan denies claims by his ex-wife's attorney that he doesn't want to give her or their children any assets.
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A genius at robotics, Hassan is characterized as a high-tech Dr. Dolittle who can talk to computers. Although he was never an

employee of Google, Hassan's remarkable early contributions mean he is known as the company's unofficial third founder, along with Sergey Brin and Larry Page. Before he and Huynh wed in 2001, he obtained the right to cheaply purchase shares in the company, which, today, would be worth billions of dollars.

But as divorce settlement proceedings are scheduled to start Monday in San Jose, Calif., Hassan is embroiled in a much less prestigious online endeavor.

After being accused by his ex, he has admitted to launching the site AllisonHuynh.com earlier this year, seeding it with links to positive articles written about his ex — but also links to court documents from three embarrassing lawsuits that involve her.

Hassan has admitted to creating AllisonHuynh.com — a site containing unflattering info about his ex-wife.
allisonhuynh.com

“Scott was trying to bully me into dropping my [fight for assets] and accepting a pittance,” Huynh told The Post.

Asked if he put up the site, Hassan admitted to The Post: “I did, but I have taken it down. It came together in a moment of frustration, when I felt Allison and her attorney were telling one-sided stories to the press. I thought aggregating publicly available information without commenting or editorializing would help ... It only ended up making our dispute more public and tense, which was never what I intended.”

Among the documents posted are pages related to a cross complaint to Huynh’s wrongful termination suit, against her former employer Samuel Ockman and Penguin Computing, that

include sexual allegations. The documents, filed by Ockman and his attorney in response to Huynh's 2000 suit, also claim she "threatened that if Ockman ever left her she would kill him and then herself" and "kept track of when Ockman was out with a new girlfriend."

Allison Huynh, photographed at home in Palo Alto, Calif., said Hassan broke up their marriage, out of the blue, via text message.

Pete Thompson/New York Post

(The case, according to a recent filing from O'Donnell, was "settled in Allison's favor." Ockman refused to comment.)

Huynh found out about allisonhuynh.com on August 5. "It was basically intended to shame and scare me by impersonating me and trying to turn the world against me," she said. "I was distraught."

She immediately suspected her ex-husband of being behind the site. O'Donnell hired forensics pros to figure it out. According to Huynh, they failed and she took matters into her own hands.

Scott Hassan and Allison Huynh strike a pose in happier times.

Courtesy Allison Hyuuh

“I stayed up all night and discovered a back door that Scott inadvertently did not close. I was able to determine that the Google Drive site [which contained the lawsuit documents] was registered by Scott Wendell — Scott’s middle name. The email contact had ‘Hassan’ in it,” she told The Post. “So the genius of

Silicon Valley was exposed by his wife, using her technical knowledge. Poetic justice?”

When the couple met in 2000, Hassan was already a rock-star programmer — famous for having helped build the search engine that billions of people use every day.

“Without Scott, there would be no Google,” Adam Fisher, author of [“Valley of Genius,”](#) told The Post. “He was at Stanford and employed to write code for people who were big thinkers. He got to know Sergey and Larry, rewrote their code and convinced them that this was a product. They sold him founders’ stock. That worked out pretty well.”

According to court documents, for his coding — which Hassan told The Post, “we wrote in three months” — he was given the opportunity to buy 160,000 shares of not-yet valuable Google stock for \$800.

He and Huynh, who both went to Stanford, were introduced by mutual friends in Silicon Valley. He came from a military family and grew up on Air Force bases around the world; she was a high-achieving Vietnamese immigrant who attended the university on a scholarship.

“Scott was super intelligent and paid a lot of attention to me,” she recalled. “We shared a lot of interests and he treated me as an equal.”

Hassan remembered a courtship of “hiking, sailing and going to see musicals.”

They were staying at his grandmother's Canastota, NY, cabin, in 2002 when things got serious. "We were hiking and he proposed to me," said Huynh. "I asked if he was sure. He asked why I would ask. I said I was an independent-minded individual who believed in equality and fairness. He said that was why he loved me. I then said, 'Yes.'"

For all of Hassan's success and smarts, Huynh said that things started out modestly. They wed at the Little White Chapel in Vegas after, a court document states, she paid for their engagement party. Huynh told The Post about being married to a brilliant husband with carpal tunnel syndrome — "He had been programming since he was five and was starting to burn out," she said — and a burden of student debt.

"I helped to nurse him back to health and financially supported us early on. Scott said he was going to work and provide for our family," Huynh said. "He assured me that we were teammates."

Hassan ended up with 2.56 million shares in Google — an amount worth hundreds of millions after the company's 2004 IPO.

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