WikiLeaks: Don’t Poke the Bear

A war of words erupted Sunday on social media after a key member of Hillary Clinton’s staff suggested emails released by WikiLeaks were fakes.

“Friends, please remember that if you see a whopper of a Wikileaks in next two days—it’s probably a fake,” Clinton campaign communications director Jennifer Palmieri tweeted. It prompted a simple, but snarky reply from WikiLeaks’ official Twitter account noting that many of the emails it has published—particularly those that have been most damaging to the Clinton Machine—have undergone cryptographic authentication with the Google DKIM verification process.

This is bear, however, the Clinton campaign definitely doesn’t want to poke. So why the statement? The most likely answer is that the Clinton Machine already knows what WikiLeaks got its hands on from Podesta’s email inbox, and they know what may be coming.

But the Clinton camp could, in fact, be trying to hit back at WikiLeaks to shut it down before it can publish any more damaging information. The organization announced late Sunday night it was experiencing a large-scale Denial of Service hacker attack, and a short time later, Sweden’s government put out a statement—without any new information—about its allegations of rape against WikiLeaks co-founder Julian Assange.

If tensions are building between both sides, brace yourselves for something particularly volatile to drop soon.