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## CHARLES MICHEL PLOTS REVENGE AGAINST URSULA VON DER LEYEN

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Brussels is abuzz with talk that European Council President Charles Michel is trying to take down his nemesis, Ursula von der Leyen, the powerful European Commission chief.

Eight EU diplomats, officials and national government officials told POLITICO they fear Michel is out to get von der Leyen at the tail-end of their dueling presidencies and years-long rivalry by attempting to thwart a potential second term for the Commission chief.

It is driving everyone crazy, because his game is so obvious: making von der Leyen stumble and dreaming of his own top job, said one EU official. The official, like others quoted in this piece, was granted anonymity to speak candidly about two of the EUs most well-known figures.

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