

In the Know

Supervisor Perspective

CHARACTERS



PATRICK
Engineer



HARRIS
Supervisor



VIPUL
Employee

SCENE 1

Patrick meets with his supervisor, Harris.

PATRICK: I don't want to overreact, but it's just some of the things he does... I'm not sure what's up.

HARRIS: What have you seen?

PATRICK: Well...

Patrick is talking to Lucy earlier.

PATRICK: I see the logs, and he's accessing information at all kinds of hours. Every time I go over by his desk, he closes the screen of whatever he's working on. If I offer to help, he makes it pretty clear that he's not interested. He has to handle everything himself.

He wears this wristband, like one of those plastic charity things, but this one has a thumb drive on it. Neal must think he's pretty cool with that. I don't think he should even be using it.

Back in Harris's office, Harris responds.

HARRIS: I see. Thanks for coming to me about this, Patrick. I'll get back to you.

(CONT.)

In the Know

Supervisor Perspective

SCENE 1 (CONT.)

Later that day, Harris is talking on the phone with Vipul.

HARRIS: So, that's the issue, Vipul. Since you've been a stakeholder on the project, I'm sure you've gotten to know Neal.

VIPUL: Yes, I have.

HARRIS: I'm concerned that confronting him isn't going to get us anywhere. Patrick's been frustrated with Neal ever since I put Neal on your project. I knew that would happen since Patrick's been here longer, but Neal's got the more advanced skill set in the area.

VIPUL: And we've talked about Patrick being jealous in the past.

HARRIS: And you know Neal has a tendency to get defensive. If he hears anything is coming from Patrick, he'll take it as an accusation. Do you think there's anything to what Patrick's saying?

VIPUL: It's possible. There's something else you should know. Neal's been going through a messy divorce. He told me that he's been really stressed out about it and he's had to correspond a lot with his lawyer.

HARRIS: Oh no, that's terrible. I wish he had come to me.

VIPUL: He said it's impacting his sleep. Maybe that's why he's been working late hours and taking work home with him. At least let's hope that's what it is.

HARRIS: Either way, I need to talk to both of them.
