

SCENARIO

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CHARACTERS



PATRICK
Engineer



LUCY
Employee

SCENE 1

Passing through the manufacturing plant, Patrick sees Lucy and walks over to talk to her.

PATRICK: Hi, Lucy. Haven't seen you in a while. How are you doing?

LUCY: Oh, hey Patrick. I'm doing great, thanks. It's taken some adjusting, but, you know me, I like a challenge. How about you? I was wondering how things are going on my old team.

PATRICK: Same as usual, for the most part. The new guy, Neal, though...he's kind of a little strange.

LUCY: Strange?

PATRICK: Let's just say he has some unusual behavior....

LUCY: You sure he doesn't just take some getting used to?

PATRICK: That's what I thought at first, but he's definitely a little on edge. Seems like the disgruntled type.

LUCY: Like what kind of things does he do?

PATRICK: He's always working nights and weekends, like he's some kind of workaholic. 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.

LUCY: Sounds like he's a tough guy to get along with.

PATRICK: You know what's really strange?

LUCY: What's that?

PATRICK: 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.

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LUCY: Have you talked to Harris about him?

PATRICK: I don't want to be a "rat" or some kind of tattletale. And I don't want to falsely accuse him just because he's a little strange. To be honest, I don't know if Harris is going to want to hear some kind of accusation. Neal has the technical skills we need for this project, and you know Harris doesn't want to lose someone from the team, especially with the pressure he's under.

LUCY: But you know something's not right.

PATRICK: Yeah, I do. And I know I need to do something about it. I just have to figure out how.
