

## THE PROMOTION

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ADRIAN, The eccentric boss

MORGAN, The likeable new employee

BLAKE, The qualified veteran employee

The call begins.

ADRIAN

Hello team! Thanks for making time for the call.

MORGAN

Sure! I love spontaneous video calls. It makes me feel like I'm a movie star every time I see my face on the screen.

BLAKE

You said it was urgent... which is the only reason I agreed to an after-hours work call.

ADRIAN

Yes, thank you. It is extremely urgent. It has to do with the promotion. As you know, it's between the two of you.

MORGAN

Yes, and I just want to say, Blake, I would be thrilled with either of us getting the promotion.

BLAKE

Thanks, Morgan.

MORGAN

I just really look up to you.

BLAKE

Maybe because I trained you.

MORGAN

That's probably it. I've learned so much from you in the past few months, and you Adrian.

ADRIAN

Has it only been three months? I feel like you've worked here so much longer.

BLAKE

Time certainly does seem to slow down when you're around.

MORGAN

I know! I can't believe it either! It'll be three months on Wednesday.

BLAKE

Oh my God.

ADRIAN

What was that, Blake?

BLAKE

Oh my God... we should throw an anniversary party for Morgan.

ADRIAN

That is actually a great idea.

MORGAN

You guys don't have to do that.

ADRIAN

We'll have something else to celebrate at the party, because Morgan, you got the promotion!

MORGAN

Shut up.

BLAKE

No seriously, shut up.

MORGAN

This is amazing! I can't believe I'm getting promoted after only 3 months.

BLAKE

I can't believe it either.

ADRIAN

I've really seen you make great strides since you were hired, and I think you have a lot of potential.

MORGAN

This is the best day of my life, or at least in the top ten.

BLAKE

I'm sorry. Is this why you called for this meeting?

ADRIAN

Yeah, isn't it exciting?

BLAKE

Why am I on this call?

ADRIAN

Well, we'll all still be working together, so I thought you'd like to be a part of this big news for Morgan.

BLAKE

I'm thrilled. Why couldn't this have been an email? Or why couldn't we have done this tomorrow?

ADRIAN

Emails are impersonal and this news was too exciting to wait until tomorrow.

BLAKE

Just so we're on the same page, you had me sign into an EMERGENCY meeting at 11pm, so you could promote someone else for a job that I applied for?

ADRIAN

You're making it sound like you're not excited for Morgan.

MORGAN

I really view this as a team effort, after all, I couldn't have done this without you, Blake.

BLAKE

Believe me, I know.

ADRIAN

What would you have me do? Meet with you both privately and tell you the results individually?

BLAKE

Yes!

ADRIAN

See, it's this kind of attitude that prevented you from getting that promotion.

BLAKE

You mean thinking logically?

ADRIAN

I mean not thinking like a team player.

BLAKE

How am I not a team player? I have trained four separate people in the last three years, and I outlasted each of them. Now I'm up for promotion and you give it to someone who's been here three months.

MORGAN

Three months on Wednesday.

BLAKE

And you expect me to be excited about it?

ADRIAN

Actually, I'm glad you brought up training, because since Susan left, you know the most about the job and I'll need you to train Morgan.

MORGAN

Oh yay! It'll be just like old times!

BLAKE

Do you hear what you're saying? Do you hear how ridiculous that sounds?

ADRIAN

There's nothing ridiculous about it, sometimes I feel like you knew that job better than Susan.

BLAKE

I'm out of words to say.

ADRIAN

Then let's congratulate your new boss one more time! Congratulations!

BLAKE

To my... new boss.

ADRIAN

I'm going to pour some champagne to celebrate!

BLAKE

Believe me, I'll be drinking too.

MORGAN

I would join you, but I'm not old enough to drink.

End of scene.