

## The Conference Room Fallout

### **SCENE**

It's a busy Wednesday afternoon at ABC Technology, Inc. a mid-sized software and IT company based in Philadelphia, PA. STEVE, a quiet, yet successful Sales Manager, is walking down a long hallway to the coffee station when he overhears a shouting match going on between two of his employees. He finds them and the rest of his sales team in a nearby conference room.

### **STEVE**

(Entering the conference room)

Woah! What's going on here? What are you guys fighting about? I could hear you from down the hall.

### **JEFFREY**

(Walking over to STEVE)

We were originally discussing an idea that Marsha had come up with, but she became irrational when we pointed out the flaws in her plan.

### **MARSHA**

(Quickly standing up and point at JEFFREY.)

I did not get irrational! That's just like you, Jeff. You cut me off when I'm speaking, and don't expect me to continue with my thought. I hadn't even gotten halfway through saying my idea before Pete started tearing it to shreds!

### **STEVE**

(Turning to PETE, looking surprised)

Pete, is this true?

### **PETE**

Not entirely. You see, I was merely informing Marsha that her idea needs much more fine tuning before being presented to the rest of the group. For example, when she states...

### **MARSHA**

(Becoming more frustrated)

See, Steve?! He's doing it again. How am I supposed to be creative, when I've got these guys pointing out every imperfection?

**STEVE**

(Turning to MARSHA)

Now Marsha...

**JEFFREY**

(Yelling)

Relax, Marsha! You're being overly emotional.

**STEVE**

(Turning to JEFFREY)

Now Jeff... wait a second...

**MARSHA**

(Eyes watering. Fighting back tears.)

I am NOT being overly emotional, Jeff!

(MARSHA begins to cry and darts out of the conference room.)

**STEVE**

(Looking confused, STEVE turns to APRIL who is sitting quietly at the conference room table.)

April, have you really been in here this whole time?

**APRIL**

Um... yeah. Should I... still be taking minutes?



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