

LAY OFF!

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INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

ANTHONY's working from home on his laptop. He gets a phone call.

ANTHONY
Oh, lay off, you micro-managing,
git! Why don't you go f--
(answering it)
Fiona! Hi!

FIONA
Good morning, Anthony. We're
about to begin a remote meeting.
Is there any reason you'll be
unable to join?

ANTHONY
No! I just didn't... Sorry, are you
sure? I can't see the invite.

The Teams call link pops up on his screen.

ANTHONY
Oh. What's this about?

The call ends.

Ant joins the Teams call. Eli is the only other one online.

ANTHONY
Hey, Eli. How's it going?

ELI
Let's see how this meeting goes,
then I'll let you know.

Another user joins the call. No video.

ANTHONY
Oh, hi. Uh... Khalil. I don't think
we've met.

Nothing.

ELI
His bio says head of HR. Looks
like our day is about to go
South.

ANTHONY
Well, it's been nice working with
you, Eli.

ELI
You too, mate.

ANTHONY

Do you think if we disconnect our internet, it'll delay things?

ELI

Ha! Maybe. If it keeps us on the payroll for another week, it might be worth a shot.

KHALIL

I can hear you.

Awkward...

ANTHONY

It was only a joke.

Fiona joins them and launches into things.

FIONA

I hope you're all well. Between the two of you and everyone here with me in the office, it is my regret to inform the team that due to difficulties in the business--

But she doesn't finish. The call's been disconnected.

ANTHONY

Hello? Fiona? Eli?... Khalil?

He tries rejoining the meeting, but can't. And he can't get a dial tone on his phone either.

ANTHONY

It was only a joke.

FADE OUT.