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14 INT. TOTAL PAPER - TED'S OFFICE - DAY

DINA, 30s, hot tempered and always looking for a cause to fight (justified or not), sits across from her boss, TED, 50s, stern-faced and full of disappointment.

TED

Dina, throwing staplers at coworkers is not only frowned upon here at Total Paper, it's also illegal. It's a form of assault.

DINA

That's why I aimed for his lower body and not his face.

TED

Not the point. You're lucky Vikram decided not to press charges.

DINA

And he's lucky I aimed low. So we're both lucky. All good.

TED

(sighing)

Dina, I'm going to have to let you go. For everyone's safety. I hope you understand.

Dina shrugs this off. She does not understand.

DINA

Totally. Won't happen again. We're all cool.

TED

Dina, listen to me. We're not all cool. I'm letting you go.

DINA

Okay, okay, I feel you, Big Ted. It's water under the bridge. Gonna get back to work.

TED

Dina. There's no bridge and you should not get back to work. Now, please acknowledge you understand that you're fired.

DINA

DINA (CONT'D)

(using air quotes)

"place of work".

TED

Why are you making air quotes? This is a place of work.

Dina stands.

DINA

Lesson learned. By the way? I'm going to Essence Fest with my girls this weekend. So I'm gonna need Friday off.

TED

Dina, you can have <u>all</u> the days off. You're fired. As in you <u>don't</u> have a job. Do you understand me?

DINA

Yep, see you bright and early Tuesday. So glad we did this, Ted. I feel like this is progress.

Dina exits. A banged-up Vikram spots her in the hallway and runs in the other direction. Flustered, Ted calls after her.

TED

Dina! Don't make me call security!

15 INT. LISA'S HOUSE - DAY

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LISA COOPER, 30s, Type A, no nonsense, wearing nurse's scrubs, reviews a very detailed list.

LISA

Here's their schedule: bath time, snack time, homework time, ten minutes of TV, bed time.

DELORES, 60s, watches Family Feud, barely listening to Lisa.

DELORES

Steve Harvey could get it on the Lord's day. While I was at church.

LISA

Mom! Focus!

DELORES

Will you calm down?! I have raised kids before.

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