

MONICA & BOSS

INT. BOSS'S OFFICE - DAY

The BOSS, a woman in her mid thirties, sits at her desk, poring over a file folder with concern.

A knock sounds at the door.

BOSS
Yes, please come in.

A female employee in her early twenties, MONICA, lets herself in. Her face is a mixture of confusion and nerves.

MONICA
You wanted to see me?

BOSS
Yes, please, come in. Take a seat.

Monica sits in the chair facing the desk.

BOSS
This is a ... sensitive issue to bring up. I thought all the memos made it clear enough already, but apparently not. Monica, you are aware that we monitor employee internet use, right?

Monica at once drops her composure, throws the chair out from under her, and runs to the door as though fleeing a predator. The door won't open. She bangs on it over and over again.

MONICA
Let me out! I need help! PLEASE!

BOSS
Monica! Sit back down!

Seeing no other option, Monica turns around to face the boss, with a desperate look of forced nonchalance.

MONICA
Ha! That was ... just a little joke ... to brighten your day! I'm kinda the office jokester here. "I love Monica's jokes! She's such an asset to the company," everyone's always saying that. I'm very valuable ... to ... whatever it is we do here.

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START

"INTERNET HISTORY"

BOSS

Calm down, I'm not going to fire you.

MONICA

Oh thank God!

BOSS

Believe me, if it was a punishable offense to look at erotica on the company dime, no one here would have a job - myself included!

The two of them burst into laughter. Monica stops early.

MONICA

Ew.

BOSS

To get to the point, Richard down in HR has brought it to my attention that some of the things you search for are a little ... concerning.

MONICA

Oh, well, that probably isn't even me. We switch computers a lot during the day. It's a game. Duck Duck Computer. I'm probably the goose right now! I should get going.

BOSS

I know it was you, Monica.

Monica again runs to the door. She tries the lock again - nothing. She throws her chair at the door.

MONICA

Please, oh God help! They're trying to hold me accountable!

BOSS

SIT DOWN. It's useless! No one can hear you scream.

Monica stops trying to leave and again faces the boss. The boss begins reading from the file folder.

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BOSS
December 8th, 10:15 a.m. You
searched for "Monica Davidson."

MONICA
That's my name.

BOSS
I am well aware.

MONICA
What's the big deal? What - you
haven't searched for your own name
before? Everyone does it! Well, I
mean, not *your* name--

BOSS
10:19 a.m. "Janet Grundhauser."

MONICA
That's ... your name.

BOSS
I'm well aware.

MONICA
Ok, ok, maybe I've searched your
name, once. Three times.

BOSS
You do realize I'm holding all this
information, right?

MONICA
Eight times.
(under her breath)
Those photos are *very flattering*.

BOSS
10:32. "Monica Davidson Janet
Grundhauser best friends."

MONICA
(whispered)
I think you're a very powerful
woman.

BOSS
10:35. "Richard Mullins."

MONICA
That's Richard. You know Richard,
in HR. Thought I'd ... check up on
him.

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BOSS

10:36. "Richard Mullins nudes."

MONICA

I ... figured if he had some on there, it would be good to find out and bring it to his attention. I pride myself on being a good citizen.

BOSS

10:37. "Richard Mullins nude massage oils." 10:38. "Richard Mullins firefighter nudes." Jesus, then these just keep going. "Richard Mullins nude backyard patio." "Richard Mullins nude old timey football helmet." "Richard Mullins naked single sock." Here's a good one: 10:39 - "Richard Mullins totally naked chicken stew recipe."

MONICA

That last one was supposed to be two separate searches.

BOSS

Monica, is there something you want to tell Richard? You *must* be aware that he sees all this stuff, right?

MONICA

Haha, what? No way! I lied before, you're the office jokester, you jokester.

BOSS

10:42. "Richard, I know you see all this stuff." 10:43. "Richard, oohhhh boyyy does this excite you?" 10:45. "Richard, I'm making so much chicken stew tonight, I'm just afraid I'll spill it all down my blues."

MONICA

That was supposed to be "blouse."

END

BOSS

And then after that all you searched was "Monica Davidson nudes wink wink." Why are you doing this, Monica?

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