



Collaborative short stories

Topic: Gender Equality

Subtopic: Work

Promotion of the head surgeon

Once upon a time, in a big-city hospital two surgeons – a man and a woman were going to apply for a promotion. Jessica had a big family – she was a mother of three kids and she needed the money. On the other hand, John was single but he wanted to buy an expensive car.

On Monday morning Jessica arrived early enough before her working hours to go to her boss's office. Mr. Smith welcomed her and after some time she reluctantly asked if she could be promoted. Jessica was highly qualified and her boss was aware of that. First, she had a master's in Medicine, then she specialized in Germany and also she behaved professionally at work. After listening to her carefully, Mr. Smith said he would think about Jessica's request.

Then, it was John who wanted to be promoted, too. He wasn't very active at work, he had a master's degree and he hadn't done anything else to develop professionally. He was sometimes quick-tempered and impolite. John had the same answer by the boss but he knew he was a man and ...

On the next day Mr. Smith called both Jessica and John in his office to inform them about his choice. The eagerly awaited decision was welcomed by John as he had been chosen to be promoted. Jessica burst into tears and left the office quickly. She had to suffer again only because she was a woman.

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