

**Flash Fiction Competition – June 2024**

**48 hours – 500 words**

**Brief – write a story involving two characters.**

**Must include whispering, and these words, *edge, uniform, jar, needle*.**

**By Amy Ferguson**

**Friday 7/6/2024 – 11:15am**

**From: seth@seamlessintegration.com**

**To: adelle@blueskythinking.com**

Hey Adelle,

It's Seth here, we met last week at the training about creating uniform practices on deliverables for consumers who don't yet have their needs met. I was up the back if you can remember.

Did you happen to save the notes?

What did you make of the presentation anyway?

**Friday 7/6/2024 – 3:30pm**

**From: adelle@blueskythinking.com**

**To: seth@seamlessintegration.com**

Hey Seth,

Yes, I remember you – LOL

See attached.

It definitely wasn't edge of your seat stuff, but I liked how she used that jar and needle analogy to demonstrate the effectiveness of time factors relating to the unmet needs. So, if I took anything away from it, it was that.

There are constant whisperings around our office that they are adopting that system for the wider team... we are now all in fear of our jobs!

Adelle.

**Friday 7/6/2024 – 3:50pm**

**From: seth@seamlessintegration.com**

**To: adelle@blueskythinking.com**

I've heard the same thing at my work over time but nothing has ever come of it – it's just managers trying to justify their jobs. We just get on with the work and the rumours go away. I'm sure they will at yours too.

Hey, our team will be at Elliott's Bar tonight for drinks, I've heard your team hangs out at the Fermentation Lounge but if you were willing to cross enemy lines, we are usually at the table near the back.

**Saturday 8/6/2024 – 11am**

**From: adelle@blueskythinking.com**

**To: seth@seamlessintegration.com**

Sorry! Time got away from me yesterday and I didn't leave the office until 6pm. I stopped by Elliott's but didn't see you.

I hope you're right about the managers. Shame you work for the competitor....

**Saturday 8/6/2024 – 11:20am**

**From: seth@seamlessintegration.com**

**To: adelle@blueskythinking.com**

Competitor? I prefer product rival.

I saw you at Elliott's – I tried to wade through the crowd but by the time I got to the front, you were gone. I'm sorry I missed you. Was that you in the red dress?

I think we can do this work stuff a lot better. If we were to use the systems that we currently have in place but adapted for the new environment...?

**Saturday 8/6/2024 – 11:30am**

**From: adelle@blueskythinking.com**

**To: seth@seamlessintegration.com**

OMG I have been saying this for months! Why can't they see the cost saving here? So frustrating!

Yes, that was me. Sorry, the bar was packed!

**Saturday 8/6/2024 – 11:35am**

**From: seth@seamlessintegration.com**

**To: adelle@blueskythinking.com**

I know! If the managers can't see that, they deserve to get sliced out of the market by innovators. Thoughts?

I really tried to reach you through the crowd.... Any chance we could have do over? Maybe somewhere a little less crowded?

**Saturday 8/6/2024 – 12:05pm**

**From: adelle@blueskythinking.com**

**To: seth@seamlessintegration.com**

When?

**Saturday 8/6/2024 – 12:10pm**

**From: seth@seamlessintegration.com**

**To: adelle@blueskythinking.com**

Tonight? The corporate climbers club?

**Saturday 8/6/2024 – 12:30pm**

**From: adelle@blueskythinking.com**

**To: seth@seamlessintegration.com**

Sorry for the delay – just cancelled my Tinder date...

I like that place... Shall I bring my laptop?

**Saturday 8/6/2024 – 12:35pm**

**From: seth@seamlessintegration.com**

**To: adelle@blueskythinking.com**

Leave the laptop, bring the red dress. See you at 7.