

Dialogue: A new Factory

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be cheaper to manufacture the clothing there.
The meeting is in its final stages.

Mr. James It seems to be clear that the best option
will be to expand our existing facilities in
Germany.

Mr. Grev No, Mister Chairman, I do not agree with
that opinion.
That is a stupid idea.

A heated discussion takes place.

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Miss Smith Mister Chairman, these discussions lead
nowhere.
I propose that we put this matter to a vote.

Mr. Grev I agree, mister Chairman, and would like to
propose that we expand our factory in
Germany.

There is a sudden silence.
Miss Cagney raises her hand.

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Miss Cagney I'll second the proposal.

Chairman Ladies and gentleman, we have a
proposal.
It has been seconded by miss Cagney.
The proposal is for expanding our existing
facilities here in Germany.
Do I have a counter proposal?

Mister Grey makes a counter proposal.

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Mr. Willard Yes, Mister Chairman.
I'd like to propose investigating the
possibility of opening a new factory in India
after we have looked at our financial
situation.

Miss Rudolph Mister chairman, the counter proposal is
not clear.
Could the previous speaker please
rephrase his proposal.

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Chairman Mister Willard, please rephrase your proposal, and please make it short.

Mr. Willard Yes Mister Chairman.
I would like to propose that we open a new factory in India.

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Chairman Thank you Mister Willard. Loud and clear.
Does anyone second this proposal?

Miss Rudolph I do, Mister Chairman.

The chairman reads the proposals and mister Willard cheers for India.

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Chairman We have two proposals on the table.
One for expanding our existing facilities in Germany, the other for opening a new factory in India.

Mr Willard Yes, India.

The chairman puts the matter to a vote.
The members of the meeting raise their hands and the chairman counts the votes.

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Chairman Let us vote by a raise of hands.
First to the counter proposal.
Who is for opening a new factory in India?

Miss Jones Eleven votes, Mister Chairman.
Eleven for India.

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Chairman Now to the original proposal.
Who would rather expand our existing facilities here in Germany?
Please raise your hands.

Miss Jones Oh no! Eleven for Germany and eleven for India.
We have a tie.

Everyone starts talking at the same time.
Some 'Boos' are heard.

Chairman That means I have the final say.

Mr Grev The casting vote.
And we all know where you stand.

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annoyed

Miss Rudoln That's not fair!

smiles

Chairman Well, I'm for Germany.
Quality counts. And we can't guarantee
that in India.

The members express their displeasure and start
arguing.
The chairman hits with his gavel on the desk.

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Chairman Order! Order please!
Please calm down. We can talk later about
the details.
I herewith close the meeting.

Annoyed

Mr Grev That means India is off the table.
Damn!

Write the final part of the Minutes of the Meeting
beginning at where the dialogue started.
Cover what had been said.

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about the vote.