

English at Work  
*Episode 37: Rachel the rabbit!*  
第37集：同事 Rachel  
和难相处的同事工作



- Narrator:** 大家好。 这又是 Tip Top Trading 公司的一天。
- Denise:** (On phone) And I said no John, not at my age, I'd rather take the bus...
- Tom:** (On phone) Yeah Pete, that's great, so we'll deliver 2,000 bananas by Friday. Let's have a beer soon... yeah... cheers mate.
- Narrator:** 可是这里有两名工作人员在办公室里斗上了，谁都不肯让步。
- Anna:** So you did what? You ordered the second-hand ones?!
- Rachel:** Chillax Hannah...
- Anna:** Anna!
- Rachel:** They're just oranges...
- Anna:** Plastic lemons actually.
- Narrator:** Anna 觉得和 Rachael 一起工作很不容易，Rachael 可是顶头大老板 Socrates 先生的热门销售经理。把她派到 Tip Top 公司是来帮忙促进销售的，可是看起来起的却是反作用。
- Rachel:** Look, I'm off for a cappuccino, everything will be fine. Ciao.
- Tom:** Anna, has Rachel gone out?
- Anna:** Yes.
- Tom:** Phew. She's a bit of a man-eater. She almost ate me once.
- Anna:** She eats men?
- Tom:** Well, not exactly. I worked with her in my last job. She was always listening in to other people's conversations and she's always changing jobs. That's why they call her Rachel Rabbit – you know, big ears, always jumping from one job to another.
- Anna:** Rachel Rabbit! That's funny. So, she isn't that good then?
- Tom:** Oh, useless! She only worked for Mr Socrates because her father threatened to sue the company, after one of our plastic pineapples fell off a shelf and broke his toe. But, err... better keep that under your hat.

**Anna:** My hat?

**Tom:** I mean, keep it a secret.

**Anna:** Oh, right, I see. Well, now, she's ordered loads of second-hand oranges to send to our new customer in France.

**Tom:** But they wanted Imperial Lemons.

**Anna:** I know. I'm not sure what to do, so I'm going to have to speak to Paul about this.

**Narrator:** 对了, 有时候碰到难题的时候, 得向上级汇报, 请求指导。告诉 Paul, 你觉得 Rachel 做出的决定会直接影响到公司的业务 *I'm concerned that she's made a mistake that might affect the business.* 你也可以说 Rachel 没有起到她的作用或者是没有做她该做的工作。 *She's not pulling her weight.* 还有你也可以告诉上司你很难和这个同事一起工作。 *I'm finding it very difficult to work with her.*

**Anna:** Right. I'll try. There's Paul now... Paul could I have a word please?

**Paul:** Of course, Anna. Let's go in my office. Now, how can I help?

**Anna:** Err, well, it's Rachel.

**Paul:** Yes, amazing woman. Mr Socrates' favourite...

**Anna:** I know... but I'm finding it difficult to work with her.

**Paul:** Oh why's that?

**Anna:** I'm a bit concerned that she's made a mistake and it might affect our business.

**Paul:** Golly gosh. Really?! Why's that?

**Anna:** Well, she's ordered second-hand oranges for our new client in France.

**Paul:** That's marvellous... isn't it?

**Anna:** Well, I asked her not to. They wanted lemons... new Imperial Lemons.

**Paul:** Ah... not so marvellous. Anything else?

**Anna:** Well, speaking personally, I don't think she's pulling her weight. She doesn't seem to do any work and just keeps going out to buy cappuccinos.

**Paul:** Well, that's just not on. Look Anna, I will look in to this straight away and see if I can sort this out. Thank you for bringing it to my attention. Now, I think you've earned a custard cream.

**Narrator:** Anna 向老板 Paul 汇报了她的担忧。现在 Paul 可以决定是否要做进一步的调查。如果你在工作中碰到难相处的同事，也觉得自己不能解决同事之间的问题，那么报告上司是应该的，你可以用到以下的一些表达：

*I'm concerned that she's made a mistake that might affect the business.  
She's not pulling her weight.  
I'm finding it very difficult to work with her.*

**Narrator:** 不知道 Paul 会怎么处理这件事情。

**Paul:** There you are Rachel. Nice cappuccino? Could you step in to my office for a moment, I'd like a word.

**Rachel:** Ya, sure.

**Denise:** Ooh, I wonder what that's all about. Do you know Anna?

**Anna:** No idea.

**Tom:** She's probably going to get a promotion and a pay rise... and a custard cream!

**Rachel:** (False laughing) Thanks Paul, ciao. What a great guy he is. Such a great sense of humour! Looks like we're doing some good work Anna!

**Anna:** Wwwwwhat?

**Narrator:** Oh Anna. 我看 Paul 没怎么处理你提出的问题。不过别着急，我们慢慢来。好了，今天的白领英语就到这儿，我们下次节目再见！

- **Listening Challenge 听力挑战**

Tom 是怎么向 Anna 描绘 Rachel 的？

答案：Tom 说她是个食人者，比喻她能让男人都听她的话。