

When You Cannot Read Your Boss

For the guessing that eats your day when someone above you goes quiet or cold.

WHEN TO USE THIS

Use this after a short reply, a flat meeting, or a look you could not place.

What actually happened? Only what you saw and heard.

Words, tone, timing. Leave out what you think it meant.

How sure are you that it was about you?

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Not sure at all

Certain

What else could it have meant?

Their day, their workload, their own bad week.

What would it take to actually find out?

A question, a quick check in, or waiting until Friday.

Not knowing is uncomfortable. It is not the same as bad news.