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Monday, September 10, 7:30 AM; Tracy Industries D.C. offices (11:30 PM on Tracy Island)

"Lena!"

She looked up to see Tom standing in the doorway, his look of surprise changing to one of delight. She got up and smiled back at him as she walked around the desk. "I know; why didn't I tell you I was returning? I didn't want a fuss made. My doctor cleared me to return last Friday, and I saw no reason to postpone it."

He moved into the room and hugged her. "Well I, for one, am glad you're back. I don't know how you were able to do everything. Louise and I ended up splitting things between us. She took care of representing the department at those meetings you were always going to, while I handled things right here. And somehow we were able to muddle through without causing the whole place to come crashing down around our ears."

She chuckled, then asked, "You never went to any of de meetings?"

"Well, I did go to a few at the beginning, and I've been to them when you've gone on your other trips. But I found myself growing impatient faster and faster. I asked Louise to take over going to some of them, and she was able to handle them a lot better. She even gave me very concise overviews of what went on. So we decided that she would take the meetings, and I would cover things here. It worked out well. I hope you don't mind."

"No, I don't. Has anyone else said anything about dis arrangement? I mean have any otter supervisors said anything?"

His smile was rueful. "Only one. And I bet you can guess who."

She snorted a laugh. "I'm sure I can. So I won't take dat bet."

"Lena!"

She and Tom turned to see Louise in the doorway. "Yes, Louise, I'm back. And before you ask, I didn't tell you all because I didn't want you to make a fuss."

"Well, okay," Louise replied, as she moved into the room and hugged Lena, unconsciously imitating Tom. "But I do think it's mean of you," she continued with a twinkle in her eye, "to deprive us of a chance of having a party."

When the chuckles died down, Lena said, "Okay, you two. Go take care of anything you need to at your desks. I promised my doctor I'd go see Dr. Miller, and I'll be heading to his office shortly. When I return, I'll want you two to come in and fill me in on what's been going on while I was

gone. Let's say, around 10."

They agreed and left her office. She finished checking her emails and walked out around 8:30. She was spotted by another member of her team, who led the calls of "Welcome back", peppered with a "You should have told us you were coming back" or two. She dealt with them, and fifteen minutes later, was on the elevator, heading to the floor where the company doctor had his office and clinic.
