



# The Tale of the New Work Life

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Once upon a time, there was a country where the adults worked in special houses called offices. They traveled in various ways back and forth between their homes and the offices every day.



The offices consisted of long corridors with many small rooms. Each room was like a little island where the adults could sit and think and work in peace and quiet. It was comfortable. And a bit lonely.



Some difficult tasks were so hard that they needed to collaborate. But it was difficult when they sat in different rooms, so therefore they met in meeting rooms. Sometimes they also met when it was time for a coffee break.



So one day, those who were in charge of the offices decided to change everything — they tore down the walls between the rooms! Now it would be easy for everyone to meet each other and work together!





But it also became a bit chaotic. Many had trouble focusing on their work. Moreover, they had to find a new place every day. And when they needed to collaborate, the few meeting rooms were often occupied.



To be able to work undisturbed, more people started wearing noise-cancelling headphones. Therefore, they talked and collaborated less and less with each other. It was difficult with the headphones on.



Suddenly one day, a contagious disease came to the country. To stop the spread, no groups were allowed to meet. The adults were asked to go home and turn their homes into small offices.



In the beginning, it was strange, but also nice.

Because in the quiet corner of their home, they could work without being disturbed. They could once again think deeper thoughts and work focused on their tasks.





They also saved time when they didn't have to travel to the office every day. Now they had more time to spend with their families, take care of the home, walk the dog, or whatever they wanted to do.



The question was how they would collaborate now when they could no longer meet in meeting rooms. But then they realized that they could both see and work together through the computer by having video meetings.



Over time, it became somewhat boring to never meet "in real life." And soon, the video meetings became so numerous and lengthy that no one had time to think deeply or work with focus anymore.



So one day, the disease was no longer as dangerous. Now everything could go back to normal again. Happy and relieved, the adults threw off their masks — at last, they would be able to meet each other again!





Yet, there were few who wanted things to be exactly as they were before. They wanted to keep what was good. Like not having to travel to the office every day. That way, they saved both time and the environment was happier.



So, the adults came up with a new idea – they would take the best of both the new and the old and create a new work life! They could meet in the same place sometimes, and at other times, collaborate through the computer.



The adults were now free to work from the place that suited them, their work, and the planet best. And so, my friends, the adults began their journey towards "the new work life." All's well that ends well!

