

At the Factory Gates

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GRANDMA...PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY WITH GREY POV. SHE HAS TO WORK...WHAT CHOICE DOES SHE HAVE? THESE DAYS EVERYONE USES FORMULA MILK... THE BABY'S NOT SICK BECAUSE OF THAT!



YOU YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS THESE DAYS...WHO LISTENS TO THE OLDER GENERATION.. DO YOU THINK WE KNOW NOTHING?

GRANDMA, YOU ARE RIGHT I KNOW...BUT WHO WILL FEED MY BABY WITHOUT MONEY AND WHO WILL PAY THE DOCTOR IF SHE GETS SICK?



IF YOU GAVE HER YOUR BREAST INSTEAD OF THAT...IT WOULD NOT HAPPEN. THEN MAYBE YOU WOULDN'T NEED A DOCTOR ALL THE TIME!



GRANDMA YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. LIFE'S NOT LIKE BEFORE, WE'VE SO MANY RESPONSIBILITIES NOW. GREY POV HAD THREE MONTHS OFF WORK FOR MATERNITY LEAVE AND THE FACTORY PAID FOR THAT BUT THEY CANNOT PAY FOREVER!

WAAAA!!
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I DON'T KNOW DARA... MAYBE GRANDMA IS RIGHT...SINCE I STOPPED BREASTFEEDING AND BEGAN GIVING GREY PEK THIS FORMULA MILK SHE'S SICK ALL THE TIME. NOW ALL MY MONEY GOES TO PAY FOR THIS MILK AND THEN THE DOCTOR.



GREY POV MAYBE YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT TAKING A LITTLE MORE TIME OFF WORK.

SISTER I KNOW YOU ARE TRYING TO HELP BUT WHEN I WAS ON MATERNITY LEAVE I GOT 50% OF MY NORMAL WAGE. THAT'S THE LAW. NOW I HAVE TO WORK TO GET MY FULL PAY AGAIN...IT'S LIKE THAT!







SINA...YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...YOU'RE NOT A MOTHER! THESE DAYS WHO CAN SIT AT HOME ALL DAY FEEDING A BABY. THAT'S WHY THEY MADE THIS KIND OF MILK IN THE FIRST PLACE!

DARA... LISTEN TO YOURSELF...DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT? HOW CLEAN IS THE WATER FROM YOUR FAMILY'S WELL...

...IS IT ALWAYS BOILED FOR LONG ENOUGH AND THEN COOLED TO THE RIGHT TEMPERATURE?




OKAY, OKAY SINA...I'M SORRY BUT WE BOTH KNOW THAT AFTER THREE MONTHS GREY POV HAD TO GO BACK TO WORK... HER MATERNITY LEAVE IS OVER!




DAUGHTER YOU COULD HAVE LITTLE GREY PEK BROUGHT TO YOU AT THE FACTORY SO YOU CAN FEED HER THERE...

I DON'T KNOW, I'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT THAT...MAYBE IT'S NOT ALLOWED...



GREY NIANG'S MOTHER TOLD ME THAT HER DAUGHTER'S FACTORY ALLOWS HER BABY TO COME TWICE A DAY TO BE FED...AND NOT FROM A BOTTLE!



REALLY?...THIS IS WHAT I WANT TO DO SO MUCH!

THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN GIVEN ANYWHERE YET TO SET UP A BREASTFEEDING ROOM.



THAT EARLY EVENING AT THE SNOOKER CLUB





THE NEXT DAY AT THE FACTORY MEETING ROOM





LATER THAT DAY.....





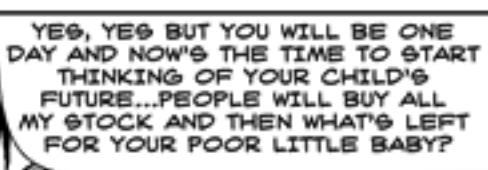
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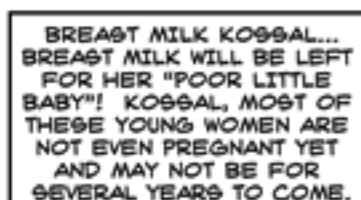
SISTER...WE ALL KNOW HOW THAT PRECIOUS BUNDLE OF JOY GROWING IN YOUR STOMACH NEEDS TO BE NURTURED AND FED THE BEST MILK FORMULA AVAILABLE.



BUT KOGGAL I'M NOT PREGNANT?!



YES, YES BUT YOU WILL BE ONE DAY AND NOW'S THE TIME TO START THINKING OF YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE...PEOPLE WILL BUY ALL MY STOCK AND THEN WHAT'S LEFT FOR YOUR POOR LITTLE BABY?



BREAST MILK KOGGAL... BREAST MILK WILL BE LEFT FOR HER "POOR LITTLE BABY"! KOGGAL, MOST OF THESE YOUNG WOMEN ARE NOT EVEN PREGNANT YET AND MAY NOT BE FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO COME.



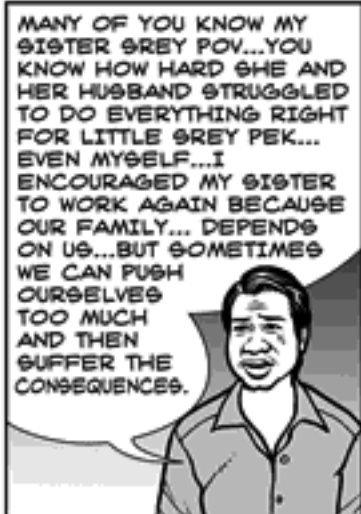
SISTER...CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY HERE?...THIS IS GOOD STUFF, IT'S EASY TO PREPARE...YOU JUST ADD WATER...IT'S SAFE AND FULL OF THE KIND OF NUTRITION YOUR BABIES NEED!



SISTERS...THINK BEFORE YOU BUY THIS "MIRACLE PRODUCT". YOU HAVE MILK ALREADY...A MOTHER'S MILK COSTS NOTHING! IF YOU'RE HEALTHY AND EATING WELL YOU CAN GIVE YOUR OWN MILK TO YOUR BABY FOR MANY MONTHS... EVEN YEARS! AND, IT'S MUCH HEALTHIER THAN FORMULA MILK!



THREE WEEKS LATER AT GREY PEK'S FUNERAL





SON...IT'S OK DON'T GO ON...LET SINA SPEAK FOR US...SHE IS LIKE OUR FAMILY.



...WE CAN'T TURN BACK TIME...WE ALL WISH THAT WE COULD...BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO GREY PEK HAS HAPPENED TOO MANY TIMES BEFORE AND WILL SURELY HAPPEN AGAIN IN THE FUTURE... UNLESS ALL OF US LEARN FROM THIS AWFUL...TRAGIC EXPERIENCE.

ONE WEEK LATER.....



...IT'S BEEN A DIFFICULT FEW WEEKS FOR US ALL AT WORLD BRAND CLOTHING...



...WE HAVE ALL LEARNED SOME PAINFUL LESSONS...BUT NONE MORE SO THAN GREY POV AND DARA AND THEIR FAMILY. THIS ROOM, WHICH I'M PROUD TO OPEN TODAY, IS A CHANGE THAT HAS COME TOO LATE FOR SOME OF US...FOR THAT I AM DEEPLY GADDENED...





AFTER WORK FINISHES KOSSAL IS WAITING IN ANTICIPATION...





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KEY MESSAGES FROM THE EPISODE

- YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO MATERNITY LEAVE.
- EXCLUSIVE BREAST FEEDING FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF A BABY'S LIFE HELPS IT TO STAY HEALTHY.
- DON'T GIVE YOUR BABY FORMULA INSTEAD OF BREAST MILK.
- THE LAW SAYS YOU CAN BREASTFEED YOUR BABY IN WORK TIME.