

# The Office

Season 10 (Bonus Episodes)

Micro-Meetings

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**INTRO**

INT. DWIGHT'S OFFICE - DAY

DWIGHT sits at his desk with OSCAR seated across from him.

OSCAR

What I'm saying is that if we can't find a way to cut back on the overtime, we'll—

DWIGHT's wristwatch begins beeping. He looks at it, presses a button to silence it, then turns his attention back to OSCAR with a frown. He shakes his head.

DWIGHT

Sorry, pal. Time's up. That's all I have you booked for. If you'd like, I can have Erin put another M.M. on my calendar.

OSCAR

(annoyed)

Dwight, this is ridiculous. There's no possible way that I could get all this across in a minute. I'm telling you that this is a critical matter that we have to address as soon as possible, otherwise corporate will—

DWIGHT

Hey, hey. I get it. We all have big important things to do. I mean, look at me, Oscar. I'm sitting in this powerful seat, behind this powerful desk, within this powerful—

OSCAR

Dwight . . .

DWIGHT

Look at this, you're making me  
burn my own P.T. here. Tsk,  
tsk . . .

DWIGHT waves OSCAR off in near disgust. OSCAR hesitates at first, but knows sticking around won't do anything. He leaves DWIGHT's office and you can hear him shout from outside . . .

OSCAR

Erin!

A closeup of DWIGHT sitting at his desk, head held high as if rather proud of the way that unfolded.

Cut to a TALKING HEAD of DWIGHT, still seated at his desk. His hands are rested together in front of him. He looks calm, sure of himself.

DWIGHT

An M.M. is a micro-meeting. It's like a normal meeting, only it removes all greetings, pleasantries and small talk. Plus, it forces people to be creative with their words since their time is limited. Most micro-meetings are about 10 minutes, but I've cut ours down to one minute.

DWIGHT pauses, reflecting on this a little.

DWIGHT

So, I guess these are more like micro-micro-meetings. Not to be confused with my macro-micro-meetings, which are still one minute, but involve everyone in the branch. M.M.M.s, for short. People get confused sometimes because the acronyms are the same for both, but that's not my problem.

DWIGHT looks at his watch.

DWIGHT

(to the camera)

All right, your time's up. Get the hell out of here.

Opening credits roll.

**EPISODE**

INT. DUNDER MIFFLIN OFFICE - DAY

MICHAEL walks into the office for the day, wearing his trench coat and holding his briefcase. He stops at reception to talk to ERIN.

MICHAEL

(serious)

Erin, how are you saving your money?

ERIN

What?

MICHAEL

How are you investing your money for the future? Do you have a 401K?

ERIN

(whispering)

Michael, I know what all those numbers and letter mean separately, but not all together like that. If you're asking where I save my money, though, I put part of each paycheck in a piggybank. Although, I have a separate piggybank that's a savings for more piggybanks,

because each one can only hold so many bills and coins.

MICHAEL drops his chin to his chest. He sighs, then turns his attention to the entire office.

MICHAEL

Hello, everyone!

Most look up; some, including STANLEY, act like MICHAEL isn't even there.

MICHAEL

I think you all need to seriously reconsider where Dunder Mifflin asks you to put your money.

OSCAR

Michael, what did you read this time?

MICHAEL

Actually, I didn't read anything. I haven't had to in the last couple of months.

MICHAEL holds up his phone, and a loaded app is displaying.

MICHAEL

This is an app for podcasts, and on it is a very informal series called 'The Savvy & Sexy Investor.' In yesterday's episode, they talked all about meme stocks.

DWIGHT pokes his head out of his office.

DWIGHT

Michael, did you book an M.M.M. for this?

MICHAEL

(making fun of DWIGHT)

No, but I booked an F.M.L. for this. Dwight, this is something you need to hear, too.

DWIGHT

Out of respect for a former regional manager and my current assistant to the regional manager, I will allow it. But only the length of two M.M.M.s.

MICHAEL

Fine.

MICHAEL turns to address the whole office again.

MICHAEL

I'm here to tell you to cash out your 401Ks and invest all of that money into meme stocks instead. The Savvy & Sexy Investor says those will only continue to gain in popularity over the next year, so your money will go a lot further there than anywhere else. What does that mean for you? More savings. Earlier retirement. Happier life.

TOBY

Michael, a year isn't a long-term investment. Besides, I don't think you should be telling people how to invest their money at work. If anything, that's a discussion people can have with me, since it's HR-related.

MICHAEL

Why don't you go back to your crypt, Toby, because if we're talking about long-term investments you're an example of

the worst one imaginable, because you're neither savvy nor sexy.

INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

MICHAEL TALKING HEAD as he's seated in front of the window.

MICHAEL

Podcasts are incredible. It's like the T.V. had sex with a book and they made a baby.

MICHAEL takes a second to think on this comparison.

MICHAEL

Or like you're watching something on T.V., but you're blind. So you can only hear it. And I know that might sound boring, but it's really not. For example, I was listening to a podcast on my way into work today, and it was so captivating that at one point I completely forgot I was driving. Went straight through a red light.

INT. ATHLEAP MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

JIM, DARRYL, KEVIN, GABE & ALLEY are all in a meeting, but they're all kind of just sitting there, looking at each other in silence.

GABE

I can stand a lot of terrifying things. Uncomfortable silence is not one of those things. It makes me feel scared and alone, and like crawling under the table to curl up in a little Gabe-ball.

DARRYL

For real, Jim. You're really gonna make us have these micro-meetings?

It kind of kills the . . . you know, Athleap culture. We're loosey goosey, keeping the conversation flowing in order to keep the well of ideas full.

KEVIN

I don't know about any of that, but Dwight keeps calling them M.M.s, and that just reminds me of M&Ms.

KEVIN gets visibly flustered.

KEVIN

At the very least, can we have these M.M.s with some M&Ms? That way, and I think I can speak for everyone when I say this, we don't have to forget about the candy? Because that's pretty important, too.

ALLEY

I'd like to second that. Not because I confuse the two. I just don't really care for meetings in general, although you peeps know that by now.

JIM

I know, I know. They're not the greatest. It's Dwight's initiative, though, and since our merger with Dunder Mifflin, him and I have been trying to see a little more eye to eye on things.

JIM looks at the camera with a forced smile.

JIM

As tough as that is.

INT. ATHLEAP CALL ROOM

JIM TALKING HEAD. He sighs as if not wanting to be there.

JIM

No, you heard it right. We merged with Dunder Mifflin. Turns out, Wells Fargo Center had their thumb on both Dunder Mifflin and Athleap. And, as our biggest client, and top five for Dunder Mifflin, they more than strongly hinted that they'd like to see us together. It's mainly only the case on the books and for client-pleasing purposes, but lately Dwight's been pushing me to become a little more integrated, especially since we share the office and all.

JIM rubs his forehead.

JIM

I had to cave with the micro-micro-meetings before he went to David Wallace with any of the other ideas. It kept him happy, for now. In the meantime, that leaves some of his other ideas off the table, like inter-company brainstorms, his merged company name suggestion of Dundleap, which sounds like a children's game, and worst of all, LARPing. I'll let you all Google that last one.

INT. DWIGHT'S OFFICE - DAY

DWIGHT TALKING HEAD.

DWIGHT

LARPing stands for live-action role playing. I am part of numerous leagues, including the Scranton Squires.

DWIGHT pulls a long sword out from under his desk. It's real and looks ancient. He's admiring it.

DWIGHT

Most amateur leagues use foam weapons. When you've been in the game for as long as I have, you need a little something more real. That's why the Scranton Squires use real weapons. This sword belonged to my Great Great Grandpa Axel, who used it to fight in the Franco-German War.

DWIGHT looks at the camera.

DWIGHT

It was used more recently by me in an accidental stabbing of my friend Chester during one of our Scranton Squire scrimmages. So, yeah, a lot of history behind this sword.

INT. ATHLEAP MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

The entire Athleap crew are still sitting around the conference room table.

DARRYL

OK, well, I'll go first. Jordan Howard's got his media day with Lowe's for their new—

A double-knock comes from the conference room window. It's DWIGHT, holding his watch up and pointing to it. He points behind him with a disappointed look on his face, telling then Athleap team their micro-micro-meeting time is up.

DARRYL

Great, considering this was a micro-micro-meeting, I'm glad I got a micro-micro-part of my

update in. I'll leave you all in anticipation for our next M.M.

KEVIN

Stop saying M.M.!

Everyone in the room looks fed up with each other. They get up from the table and leave.

JIM stops outside the conference room to address DWIGHT.

JIM

Dwight, I said we'd try out the M.M.s. Do you really have to hover over us like a concerned parent?

DWIGHT puts his hand on JIM's shoulder.

DWIGHT

Oh, Jim. It's an M.M.M., not M.M. Get it right. And yes, I do think of myself as a concerned parent.

DWIGHT leans in closer to JIM.

DWIGHT

(whispering)

And me giving you all these fantastic ideas to improve our companies is me lifting up my shirt and breastfeeding you to keep you alive. So you're welcome.

In disgust, JIM removes DWIGHT's hand from his shoulder.

JIM

A daytime nightmare is exactly what I was hoping for, so yes, thanks terrorizing my mind with that image.

JIM walks away. As he does, ALLEY spins around in her chair. She looks up at JIM, whose expression indicates he's clearly still thinking about DWIGHT's comment.

ALLEY

Let me guess, it was the comment about him breastfeeding us? Or was it the one about him changing our diapers?

JIM

Breastfeeding.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

MICHAEL is sitting at the kitchen table with KELLY, CREED and ANDY. They're all drinking out of Starbucks cups.

KELLY

You're telling me I could buy BlackBerry for, like, 10 dollars?

ANDY

No, he's saying you could own a part of BlackBerry for 10 dollars.

KELLY

That's the same thing.

ANDY

No, what you said sounds silly. The way I put it is legendary.

MICHAEL

It was pretty legendary.

CREED

Tell me, chief, how much power comes with owning a share?

MICHAEL

What do you mean?

CREED

If I own part of BlackBerry, does that give me the power of one of their factory workers or their CEO?

MICHAEL

(unsure of himself)

Somewhere in the middle. Like middle management.

CREED

Awesome sauce.

KELLY

Yeah, but Michael, I hate BlackBerry. If my friends knew I bought it they'd never look at me the same.

MICHAEL leans in over the table, smiling.

MICHAEL

That's the beauty of it all. You can sell it for even more money than you paid for it in just a day or two. Your friends will never have to know.

OSCAR enters the kitchen with PAM. They're going to fill up their coffee mugs, only MICHAEL's little gathering grabs their attention. They approach the table.

PAM

Ooh, Starbucks. All right, who's the one treating and how can I get in on this?

ANDY

Former boss man has treated us, and it was solely for business purposes.

MICHAEL

Correct. I treated them to a premium coffee beverage to show them that I've made money by investing in meme stocks, and now they can, too.

ANDY

(British accent)

And we are forever grateful for this.

MICHAEL

Don't get carried away. It's just for illustration purposes. Once this lesson is over, you can each expect a Venmo from me for the exact cost of your drink.

KELLY

But Michael, I got a venti seasonal Frappuccino with two extra shots in there. That's, like, at least seven dollars by itself.

MICHAEL

Then I guess you should be smarter with your investments. And savvier. And sexier.

OSCAR

You do realize that just because you're listening to an investing podcast like The Savvy & Sexy Investor, which by the name is a horrendous name for a podcast, it doesn't make you qualified to be giving personal finance advice to others.

MICHAEL

"Being savvy and sexy is one thing. Teaching savvy and sexy is another."

PAM

And quoting lines from the podcast doesn't help you, either, Michael.

OSCAR

How much have you gained from these meme stock investments, anyway?

MICHAEL

Nearly fifty dollars, actually. And that's just in a few days, so, put that in your pipe and smoke it.

CREED gives MICHAEL a high-five.

OSCAR

Michael, the reason these stocks are even a thing is because they have the attention of a very uneducated audience that decides to work together to influence the stock's price. These are incredibly volatile and not suitable as long-term investments.

MICHAEL creates two circles with his hands and puts them to his eyes. He's staring at OSCAR with them as if they were binoculars.

MICHAEL

I'm sorry, Oscar, I can't see you from all the way up here.

MICHAEL removes the binoculars and reverts to a serious look.

MICHAEL

In case you couldn't tell, that was me looking at you from on top of my meme stocks. You were below me, in case that wasn't obvious.

OSCAR

I understood that, thanks. All I'm saying is to be mindful of these investments. They're like riding a rollercoaster that's destined to crash.

ANDY

What if we like rollercoasters?

INT. MAIN DUNDER MIFFLIN OFFICE - DAY

ERIN and NELLY are standing at the water cooler, laughing while mid-conversation. DWIGHT comes storming out of his office and stops uncomfortably close to them.

DWIGHT

Let me see your calendars.

ERIN and NELLY look at him, confused.

NELLY?

What?

DWIGHT

Your calendars, people. Get them pulled up on your cellular devices this instant.

NELLY doesn't do this, but ERIN does, showing her phone to DWIGHT.

DWIGHT

Ah-ha. I see. This water cooler time is unaccounted for. Back to your desks it is.

NELLY

Dwight, I really don't think—

DWIGHT

You're right! You really don't think! Now, if you want water cooler time off the clock, I am willing to keep the building open until six o'clock so that you ladies can chat it up.

MEREDITH

(from her desk)

Hey, ladies. Ditch after-work water cooler talk. I've got something similar, only it involves a bottle of vodka in my desk drawer, plus a couple of Jakey's male stripper friends.

NELLY

I think we'll pass, dear.

MEREDITH

They don't have to be just male strippers, if that's the difference maker.

DWIGHT intercepts the attention of NELLY and ERIN from MEREDITH.

DWIGHT

Last warning.

DWIGHT walks away, still holding ERIN's phone.

ERIN

Dwight, can I have my phone back?

DWIGHT

Once I believe you've learned your lesson.

ERIN looks at the camera with a look of worry.

INT. MAIN DUNDER MIFFLIN CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

ERIN TALKING HEAD. She's wearing the same concern she had while near the water cooler.

ERIN

I guess this is my first time being grounded since I didn't meet my parents until I was already an adult.

She pauses, looking up at the ceiling, then back at the camera.

ERIN

I wonder if Dwight will let me go home to see Pete, or if I have to spend the night sleeping in the office until I'm ungrounded.

INT. MAIN DUNDER MIFFLIN CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

The entire office, Dunder Mifflin and Athleap, is gathered into the conference room, chairs in rows and facing the front of the room where DWIGHT stands.

DWIGHT

It seems there is some confusion about my micro-micro-meetings.

JIM

No confusion, we just don't want them.

DWIGHT

(mocking)

And I wish Jim were forced to work at my farm without pay, but we can't all get what we want now, can we?

DARRYL

What you described right there is slavery. Is that what you're saying you want, Dwight?

DWIGHT looks flustered, red in the face and eyes darting around the room.

DWIGHT

No . . . I, uh, I would pay him. Yes, I would pay Jim for his much-appreciated time and effort. But it'd be minimum wage! No overtime or holiday bonus!

RYAN

Oh, great, Dwight. Just make the poor poorer and the rich richer.

PAM

We're not poor . . .

JIM

Yeah, and Dwight's not rich.

DWIGHT

I am rich in ways beyond your imagination.

CLARK

What does that even mean? Seems like the kind of thing a Disney villain would say.

ANDY

(Jafar from Aladdin voice)

And with this magic lamp, I wish to be the rich in ways beyond anyone's wildest dreams!

MICHAEL laughs, turning around and giving ANDY a fist-bump.

MICHAEL

Toy Story, nice.

JIM suddenly pops up out of his chair.

JIM

Oh, look at that! Dwight's M.M. is up. Time to get out of here.

Everyone follows JIM's lead and stands up, heading for the door. DWIGHT jumps in front of it. While blocking off the exit, he's fiddling with his phone. A moment later, he puts the phone back in his pocket.

DWIGHT

Ah! Not so fast, another M.M.M. has been booked. Get your butts back in those chairs.

Everyone reluctantly sits back down.

DWIGHT

Good. As I was saying, M.M. meetings are not a joke.

PAM

I thought they were M.M.M.s?

DWIGHT

Right, sorry. Thank you, Pam. M.M.M.s are the future of this company. They exist to maximize our productivity, allowing you to get more done in a given workday.

JIM jumps up again.

JIM

Aaaand, another M.M. has ended. See ya later, everyone!

DWIGHT again rushes over to the door to block everyone from exiting. He's on his phone again, too, presumably to book another M.M.M.

DWIGHT

Not so fast! I—

DWIGHT freezes.

OSCAR

What now, Dwight?

DWIGHT looks up at everyone.

DWIGHT

Kevin just booked a meeting in here, for right now.

Everyone sits down once again. DWIGHT shuffles over to the nearest open chair and takes a seat. He sighs as KEVIN takes the front of the room. KEVIN's arms are crossed and he's pouting.

KEVIN

I don't like meetings at all, but you know what I hate more? M.M.M.s. Or M.M.s The right to put two Ms right next to each other belongs to Mars, Incorporated on behalf of M&Ms candy. I will not let any of you get away with this.

ANGELA

Technically, the Ms aren't next to each other. There's an ampersand between them.

DWIGHT turns around and winks at ANGELA.

KEVIN

No, there's an 'and' between them.

OSCAR

An ampersand is an and.

KEVIN

I'm confused.

DARRYL

It's another way of writing the word 'and.'

ERIN

I'm with Kevin on this one. 'And' is a fine word. I don't think we need something like 'ampers' to spice it up.

It's DWIGHT who jumps out of his chair this time.

DWIGHT

Time's up! My turn. Sit down, Kevin.

DWIGHT starts for the front of the room, but MICHAEL beats him to it. DWIGHT goes up to him.

DWIGHT

(whispering to MICHAEL)

What are you doing here, Michael?

MICHAEL

(whispering back to DWIGHT)

Check the calendar, Dwight. Double booking. Double booking goes to me since you have your own office.

The camera zooms out to reveal ANDY is also at the front of the room.

ANDY

Make that triple booked, boss and former boss. I want to use this time to practice my role as an Ork in Valley View High School's stage adaptation of The Lord of the Rings.

MICHAEL

That's not work related.

ANDY

No, it's not, but neither was Kevin's M&Ms meeting. Besides, what's your meeting about, Michael?

There's an awkward pause.

MICHAEL

Getting savvy and sexy by investing in meme stocks.

The three men at the front erupt in a shouting match at each other. Eventually, more office members join them at the front, claiming they've now booked the room for a meeting.

INT. DWIGHT'S OFFICE - DAY

DWIGHT is sitting at his desk while JIM leans back against the wall behind him. It's a joint TALKING HEAD.

JIM

So, we finally landed on micro-micro-meetings not being a good idea for either of our offices.

DWIGHT

Yes, it turns out my subordinates found a way to take advantage of my genius idea, ultimately leading them to all revolt against me by double- or triple-booking meetings. Normally I'd be proud of them for such a joint uprising, but in this case it does a lot of damage to my reputation with David Wallace considering I told him this idea would be revolutionary.

JIM

But! We managed to save Dwight's idea so that he can still talk

about how it's going with David Wallace.

JIM holds up a whiteboard with a word, then a phonetic spelling of it, followed by its definition. He turns his head to read it aloud.

JIM

M.M.M.M.s, also known as mega-macro-micro-meetings, are meetings that are between 10 and 30 minutes, either between two individuals, a group, or the entire office.

INT. MAIN ATHLEAP CONFERENCE ROOM

JIM TALKING HEAD. He's smirking.

JIM

Also known as 'meetings.' A revolutionary idea.

## **OUTRO**

INT. MICHAEL'S CAR - EVENING

MICHAEL is heading home for the day in his car. He turns to the camera in the passenger seat.

MICHAEL

So, by the end of the day today BlackBerry took a hit. A pretty big one, actually. Luckily, I was able to sell it in time to profit about a quarter of what I put into it. A hundred dollars in, 25 dollars out. That's how it's done.

MICHAEL pulls up his phone while driving and opens an app.

MICHAEL

None of that matters anyway, because at the end of the day it was all about awareness. You see, The Savvy & Sexy Investor is my podcast, and I'm just trying to gain some followers.

MICHAEL clears his throat, then looks at the camera.

MICHAEL

Excuse me.

He taps a button on his screen.

MICHAEL

(in a dramatically deep voice)

Hello, everyone, hope you're staying savvy and sexy out there. In today's episode, we're going to be talking about DogeCoin.

**END OF EPISODE**