

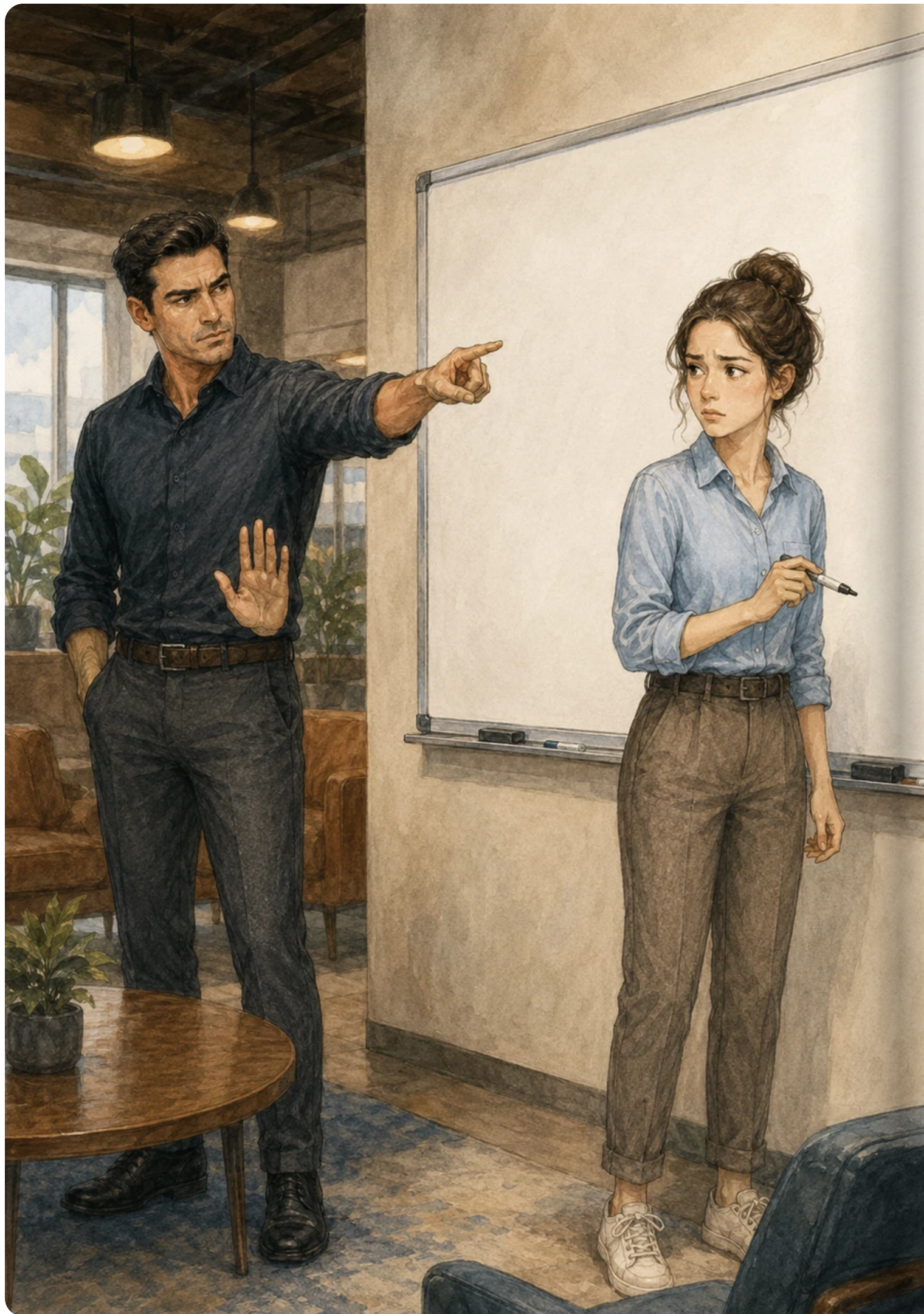


When Code Isn't the Only Problem

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Laura sits in a bright, modern meeting room, staring intently at a glowing virtual conference screen. Sofía, the project manager, smiles as she introduces Andrés, the new external client who gestures expansively while describing his dream app. Laura balances a pen over her notebook, her brow furrowing slightly as she realizes the client's grand ideas lack any concrete technical requirements.



Back in the internal team lounge, Carlos, the senior tech lead, casually points to a whiteboard while giving Laura her next assignment. He brushes off her questions with a quick wave of his hand, telling her to just start building the user module immediately. Laura stands before the blank board with a dry-erase marker, feeling completely lost as she is forced to build a foundation entirely on assumptions.



Seated at her dual-monitor desk surrounded by the quiet hum of the office, Laura types an urgent question into the team's internal chat channel. Hours tick by on the wall clock behind her, but her screen remains entirely silent, showing no replies from her teammates. Nearby, a colleague blissfully commits new code to the repository, completely unaware that his work is about to clash with hers.



Carlos stands over Laura's desk during a tense code review, pointing aggressively at her screen with a deeply frustrated expression. Laura looks up at him with a mix of exhaustion and defense, holding up her hands to explain that no architecture was ever documented. The heavy air between them highlights the painful gap between his unspoken expectations and reality.



The entire team gathers nervously around a sleek conference table for the final presentation to Andrés. The client crosses his arms and frowns deeply at the demo tablet in front of him, expressing bitter disappointment with the final product. Sofía looks down in dismay while Laura shrinks back slightly, the heavy silence in the room confirming their collective failure to align.



After the chaotic meeting, the team retreats to a quiet lounge, looking exhausted but deeply reflective. Carlos sits with his head lowered, open to listening rather than blaming, while Sofía takes notes on a tablet. Laura looks at her colleagues with a sense of relief, realizing that everyone finally understands that programming was the easy part compared to truly listening.



Determined to fix their mistakes, Laura sets up a brand-new shared digital workspace on a large interactive screen. She stands confidently with a stylus, mapping out clear user stories, system boundaries, and wireframes. Carlos and Sofía stand beside her, nodding in agreement as they actively collaborate to build a transparent blueprint for the project.



Laura hosts a lively, interactive workshop with Andrés, using colorful sticky notes to map out the exact features he needs. Instead of guessing, she asks direct questions and listens patiently to his answers, bridging the gap between client imagination and technical reality. Andrés smiles, feeling genuinely heard and understood for the very first time.



With a crystal-clear roadmap in place, the development room transforms into an energetic hub of synchronized collaboration. Laura and her fellow programmers easily merge their code, sharing instant feedback over their headsets and celebrating quick wins. The previous tension melts away, replaced by the smooth rhythm of an aligned and communicative team.



On the final launch day, Andrés triumphantly taps the screen of the newly completed platform, his face lighting up with genuine satisfaction. Laura, Carlos, and Sofía stand together proudly, watching their successful creation compile flawlessly. They celebrate not just a beautiful piece of software, but the powerful communication that brought it to life.