

energetic self-starter /1/ permanently loathed

"He walks in here, and the first thing he does is hang this poster above his desk that says, 'What Can I Do To Make This Company The Best It Can Be?'" said Lance Douglas, a 14-year veteran of the firm. "Then he **introduces himself to everybody in the office with a big smile** and a hearty handshake, and offers to take his department head out to lunch _____ 'we can _____ to know each other better.' God, I hate him."

Though Benson has not _____ been at Williams & Broderick a full week, he has already reorganized the company supply closet with a simple color-coding system, offered to _____ on some extra projects _____ the weekend and **purchased a birthday gift** for office manager Thom Heffernan's five-year-old son, _____ that he will be permanently loathed by virtually everyone else at the company.

"Oh, excuse me, Mr. Spivak, can I help you with these forms?" mocked co-worker Ellen Carper, repeating Benson's words from _____ in the day in a high-pitched, obsequious-toady voice. "What a friggin' _____." "I've been hauling my tired old _____ into **this hellishly sterile office** for 22 goddamn long and _____ years, planting myself here at this same windowless cubicle and cranking out the same _____ forms 'til I'm blue in the face," said William Richelieu, 51. "The last thing I need as I'm trying to _____ on to what little of my sanity remains is some young son-of-a-bitch running around trying to increase productivity and **get me to encourage 'team spirit.'** If he doesn't _____ running to the fax machine every time it goes off, I'm going to go to his house in the middle of the night and slash his tires." "Then we'll see who _____ up 15 minutes early," Richelieu added.

So _____, Benson has picked up several new skills outside his job description, teaching himself how to change toner cartridges, un-jam paper trays and replace the jugs on the office water cooler. He has sent out five separate memos offering tips on how things could be done more _____, and has even brought homemade cookies for "the whole staff." **"He should get cancer,"** said Janice Mulroney, who two years ago, in recognition of her 20th anniversary with Williams & Broderick, received a gift certificate _____ for dinner for two at a local Red Lobster. "Every day I curse this _____."

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