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Sick employee?

In a casual conversation with the HR director, you learn that an employee left work three weeks ago due to what appeared to be a common cold. The employee left on Tuesday, returned on Thursday, and still sounded congested on Friday and Monday. Now, three weeks later, the employee has been in and out of the office with the same symptoms. The HR director seems to think the employee is simply being dramatic and taking advantage of sick leave.

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