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What first greeted me
upon entering that room
were the sad, quiet faces
as we all sat around the table.

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Thinking of her,
wondering why
and what happened
and some of it came out later.

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But what was also on my thoughts
was finding out how management
had known about it all day long
as they readily pursued their disturbing calculation

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In getting a full day's work out of us
before breaking the news.

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