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Zhāng xiān sheng nín zài xiǎng yí xia
WC: 张先生，您再想一下.....
Mr. Zhang, give it a bit more thought...

nín zhè yàng wǒ men hěn nán bàn
WC: 您这样我们很难办！
If it's like this, it'll be difficult for us to do!

hǎo de nà xiān zhè yàng zài jiàn
WC: .....好的，那先这样，再见！
... OK, let's leave it at that for now, bye!

Note: The phrase 那先这样 (nà xiān zhè yàng) is a common way to end a phone call in Chinese, to be continued later. The rough English equivalent would be "Let's leave it at that for now" or "That's all for now".

zhè ge Zhāng xiān sheng zhēn shì nán bàn
WC: 这个张先生真是难办！
This Mr. Zhang is really hard to deal with!

méi bàn fǎ zhè jiù shì gōng zuò
ZM: 没办法，这就是工作。
What can you do, that's work.

Note: 没办法 (méi bàn fǎ) literally means "there's nothing that can be done", but here it's really closer to "What can you do".

kè hù zǒng shì duì de
Caption: (客户总是对的！)
(The client is always right!)

hái hǎo míng tiān jiù shì zhōu mò le
ZM: 还好明天就是周末了！
At least tomorrow is the weekend!

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jiā yóu
ZM & WC: 加油！
We can do it!

Note: Chinese people use the word 加油 (jiā yóu) all the time! It's a way of encouraging someone, like the English equivalent of "Good luck!" or "You can do it!".

Zhāng Míng Wáng Chūn nǐ men shuō shén me ne zěn me zhè me kāi xīn

XM: 张明！王春！ 你们说什么呢？怎么这么开心？

Zhang Ming! Wang Chun! What are you guys talking about? Why are you so happy?

Note: Here, 呢 (ne) is used to help form the question.

Xiǎo Měi hài

WC: 小美，嗨！

Hi Xiao Mei!

méi méi shén me nèi nèi ge

ZM: 没，没什么，那，那个……

Nuh, nothing... uh, um...

Note: Here, Zhang Ming is stuttering because he's nervous. He also uses the word 那个 (nèi ge). The literal meaning of this word is "that one", but you'll find that often times it's the equivalent of "um" in English.

xiàn zài shì qǐng Xiǎo Měi yì qǐ chī fàn de hǎo jī huì

ZM: 现在是请小美一起吃饭的好机会！

Now is a great opportunity to ask Xiao Mei out to eat!

Vocabulary

Characters	Pinyin	English
再	zài	again (future)
这样	zhè yàng	this way, like this
难办	nán bàn	difficult to do, difficult to deal with
没办法	méi bàn fǎ	nothing can be done
客户	kè hù	client
还好	hái hǎo	fortunately
加油	jiā yóu	good luck, You can do it! (used to encourage someone)
嗨	hāi	hi
没什么	méi shén me	nothing
那个	nèi ge	um
机会	jī huì	opportunity, chance

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