

## GETTING THE PACKAGE TO THE AIRPORT

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(Secret Instructions)

You have just joined a new startup consulting company in the suburbs in Massachusetts. You have also just moved to this area and do not know very well how to get around. Public transportation seems to you completely impenetrable. Taxi service has been very unreliable. Road signs are few and far between; you are very tense about reading maps. The area is very complicated for a driver, with small towns, meandering roads, limited access highways, etc. You have just about learned how to get from your home to work without getting lost. Actually you did get lost — again — last night in the rain. Blimey, how you hate maps.

The weather is terrible. Your eyes itch. You are sorry you moved here. What you really need is time to think through each problem on your desk. You are depressed that your supervisor, Kim Rising, is coming in to see you, doubtless to ask you to do something.

It is 9 am; you cannot bear the thought of being interrupted. Your nose has also started to itch. Maybe you need new glasses? Your back hurts a bit from the extra driving last night. Your arms hurt from too much computer work. Is this the beginning of repetitive strain injury? You are not at all sure you can get through all the things on your desk.

**Ashley: Stay in character. You are a negativistic, dour pessimist. You spread depression everywhere, and are jolted by abrupt changes in your life. Nevertheless, if approached the right way, you are a terrific worker. So try to get into this character and be helpful only if you feel Ashley really would. But please drag your feet, in any way you can think of for the first five minutes. Be creative but be sure not to smile at your own creativity. (Ashley NEVER smiles.)**

**Please stay in the classroom or nearby?**