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Upon entering the plane, the man goes directly to the bathroom and intentionally leaves the briefcase. A maintenance man, whom we shall call Harry for convenience, picks up the briefcase, goes out the back entrance of the plane, and puts it in his catering truck.

Harry drives the catering truck from the airport to a southwest section of the city. Once in the city he drives up to a four story tenement, parks the truck, and enters the building. Inside, he goes up three flights of stairs and enters apartment 2. The apartment has no furnishings except for a table and chair which are illuminated by a bare light bulb dangling from the ceiling. Harry puts the briefcase on the table, where the contents are divided into three equal portions, one for each of the waiting men. Harry receives a parcel of money from each man, leaves the apartment, and drives off into the sunrise.

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2. There is a woman at the information desk of United Airlines.
3. United Airlines has no flight 452.
4. The plane arrived at 5:02.
5. The man is restless waiting for the plane to arrive.
6. The plane is arriving from New York.
7. The man coming off the plane is from Japan.
8. The plane is going on to Los Angeles.
9. The man entering the plane was nervous and because of the had to go to the bathroom.
10. Harry left out of the back entrance of the plane.
11. Harry worked for a catering company.
12. Harry went to the third floor of the tenement.
13. The apartment has no furniture except for a table and chairs.
14. There are three men seated around the table.
15. The contents of Harry's briefcase are divided equally among the men.
16. Each man gives Harry a large sum of money.
17. Harry leaves the apartment at dawn.
18. The story is about a drug deal.
19. The story takes place in a city which is not on the coast.
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