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They're riding a T train at nine o'clock at night on Chinese New Year as it travels along the Embarcadero past the San Francisco Bay Bridge.

Across from the man, the pert brunette with the pixie cut and starched white blouse lets her tattooed right foot slip from its soft leather loafer.

Across from the woman, the grizzled man with the unruly grey ponytail and tan felt fedora adjusts the trouser crease sliding over his left knee.

They don't know each other yet.