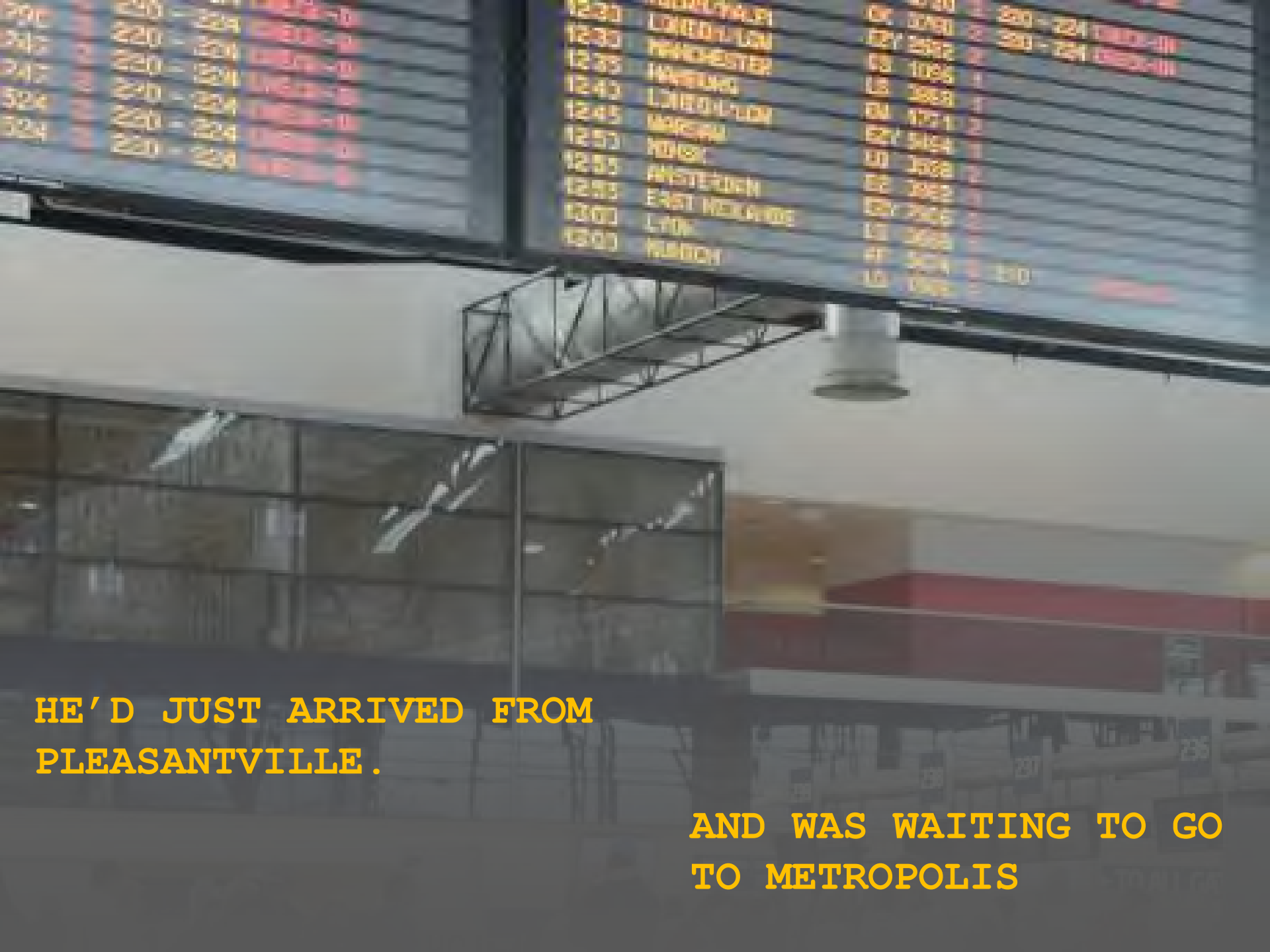




# *As the Aircraft Turns*

*A Richard Harvester Story*



HE'D JUST ARRIVED FROM  
PLEASANTVILLE.

AND WAS WAITING TO GO  
TO METROPOLIS

**When he saw her.**

**She was sitting, at the  
Flying Bean.**

**She was unhappy.**

**He pulled up a chair  
and asked...**


**“Why?”**



**She was eager to share.**







**She talked about Gate Limbo.**

**Where you wait, not really  
sure when you'll be able to  
board.**

**Should you get your laptop out? Or not?  
Will they call your group soon? Or not?  
Who really knows???**

**He agreed – those were dark times.**

**She talked about Pushback  
Prison.**

**Waiting for people to  
board... and then waiting  
for something else.**

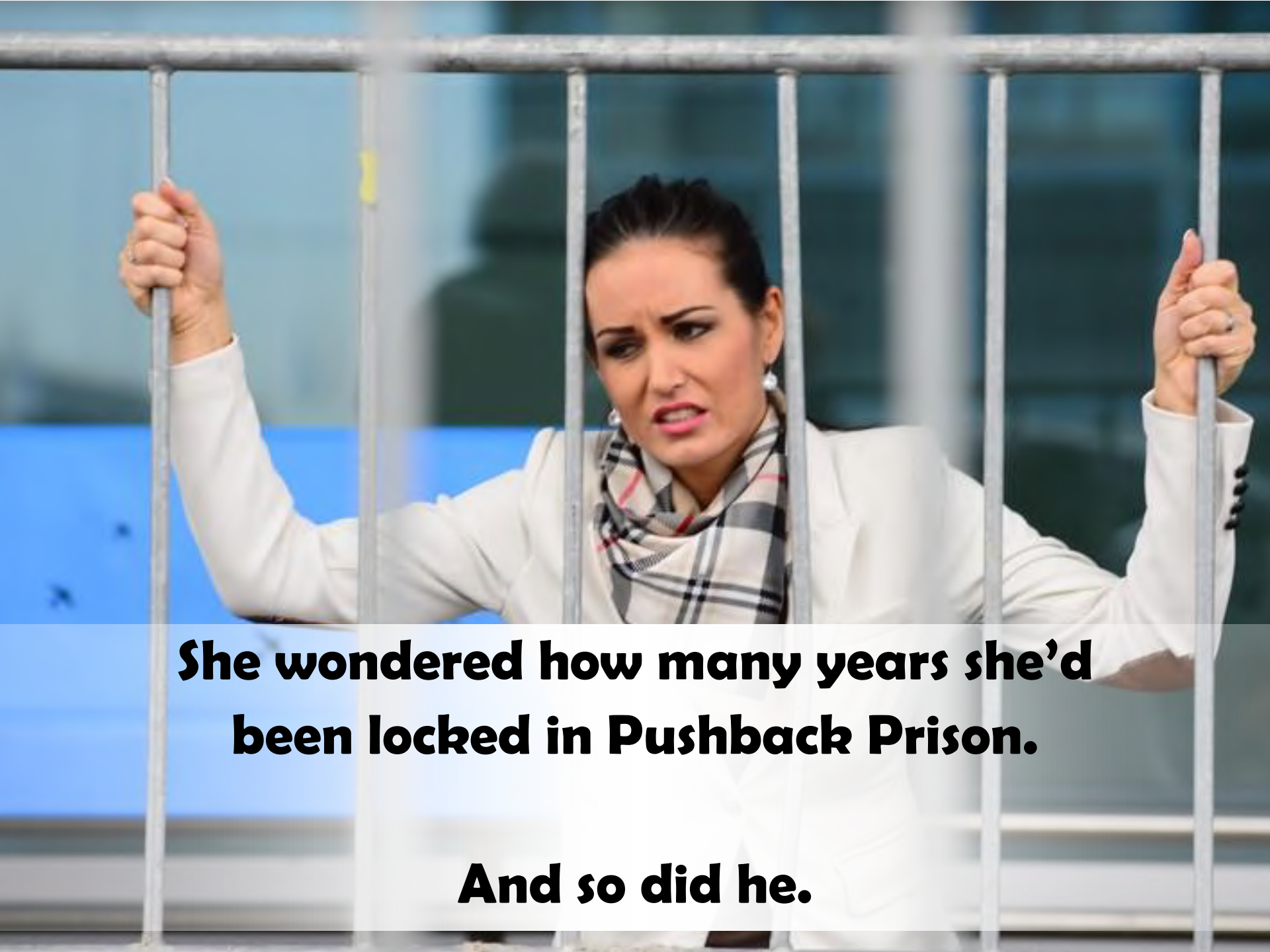
**But nobody really knew  
what.**

**All they knew was that it  
took forever.**

**And that your laptop had  
better be stowed.**







**She wondered how many years she'd  
been locked in Pushback Prison.**

**And so did he.**



**The worst was Deboarding Detention.  
Everybody just wants to move.**

**They want to escape to freedom.  
But they can't. Not yet.**



**She'd tried therapy.  
She'd tried to learn patience.**



**But sometimes, it  
was just too  
much to bear.**



**There was nothing they  
could do.**

**So they met, every week.**

**He, connecting from  
Pleasantville to  
Metropolis..**




**And she, from  
Alleytown to Gotham  
City.**





**Season by season, they shared their pain.**



**They grew  
closer and  
closer.**



**And began to look forward to  
their long connections.**

**And then one week, he  
brought a ring.**





**But she was nowhere to be seen.**



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HE CHECKED THE BOARD AND  
THERE IT WAS.

HER FLIGHT WAS  
LEAVING, RIGHT AWAY.

**He ran to the gate, and saw something very strange.**



**Her plane was parked sideways –jetbridges had been connected to both doors.**

**It had boarded so quickly  
that Gate Limbo had been  
banished.**





**And as he watched, it turned away.**



**Pushback prison was a thing of her past.**

*Aircraft photo: Julian Lau*

**He imagined  
her...**



**Smiling.**

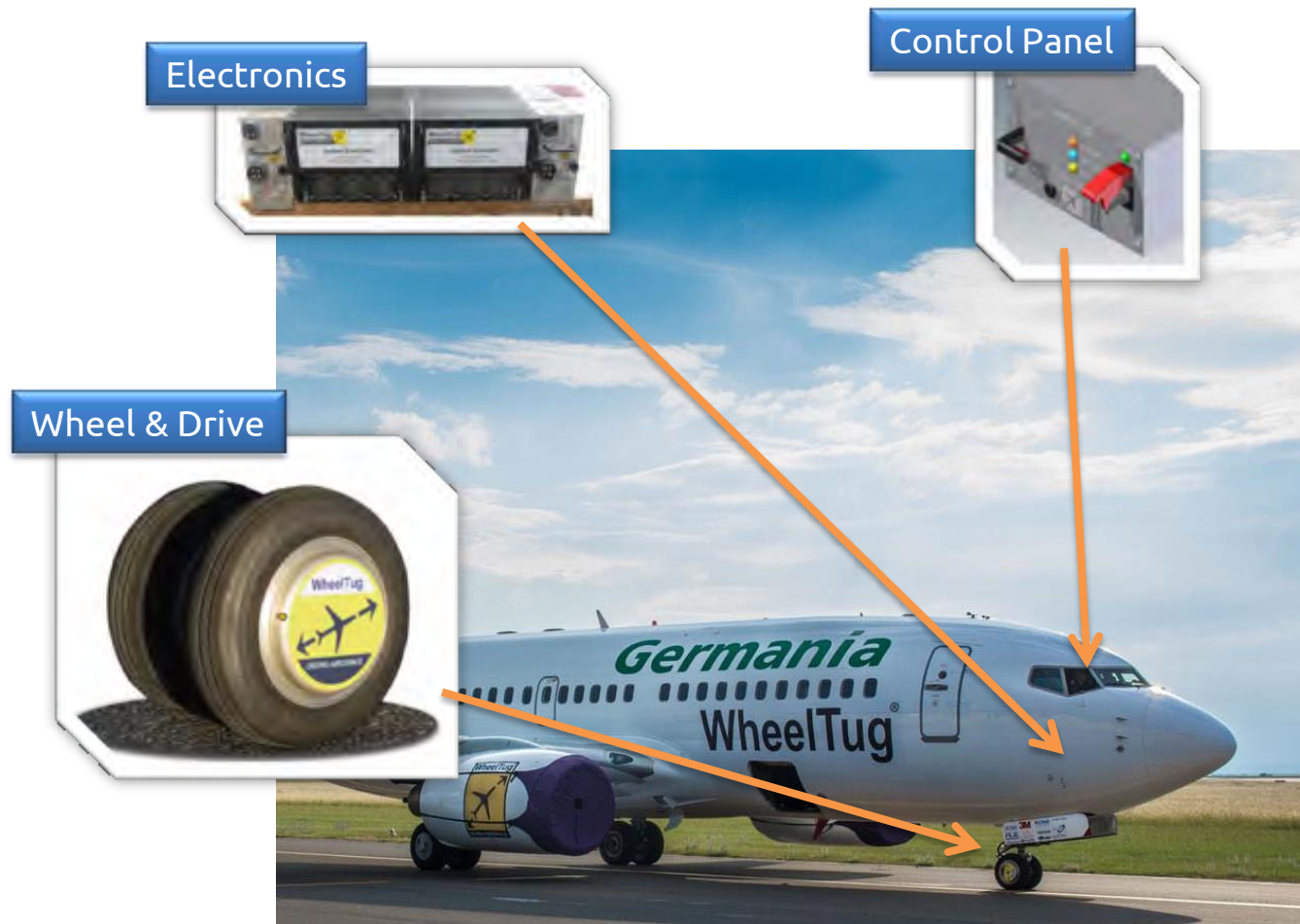
**He asked how this could be so.**

**And they told him.**





# WheelTug is a simple device...



**With a powerful impact.**

**An aircraft with WheelTug and a TaxiCam backup camera system...**

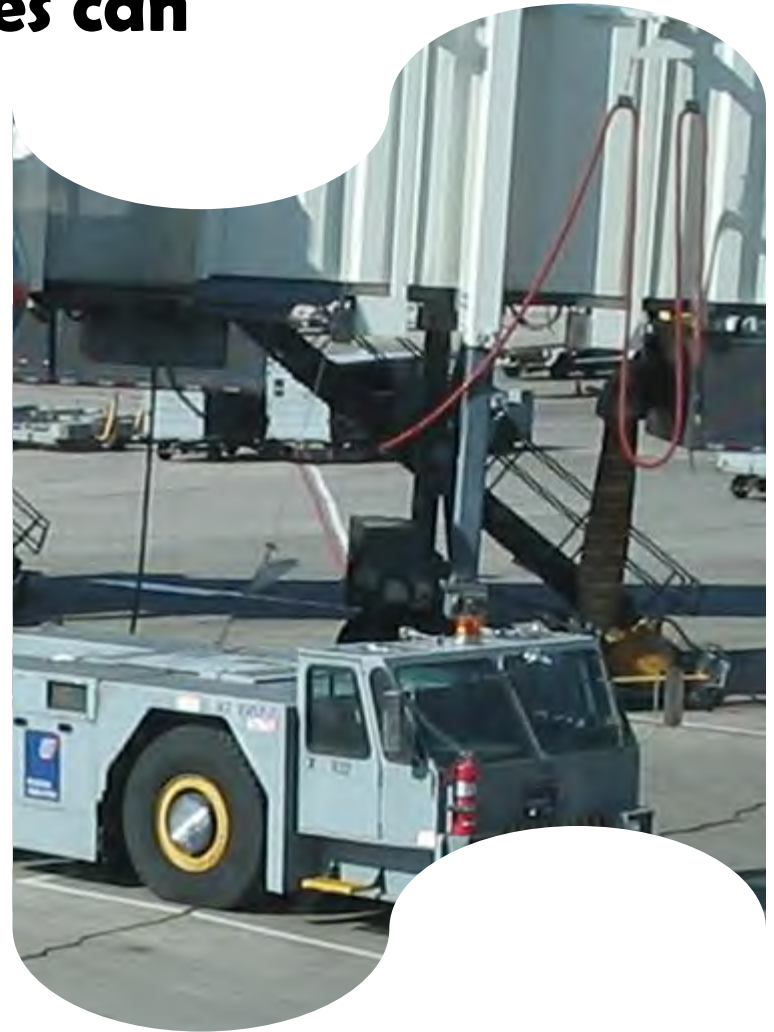


**doesn't need a tug, or even an engine start, to drive away. This saves time *and* cuts delays.**

**Detaching tugs, getting engine start clearance and starting engines can take 4-5 minutes per flight.**

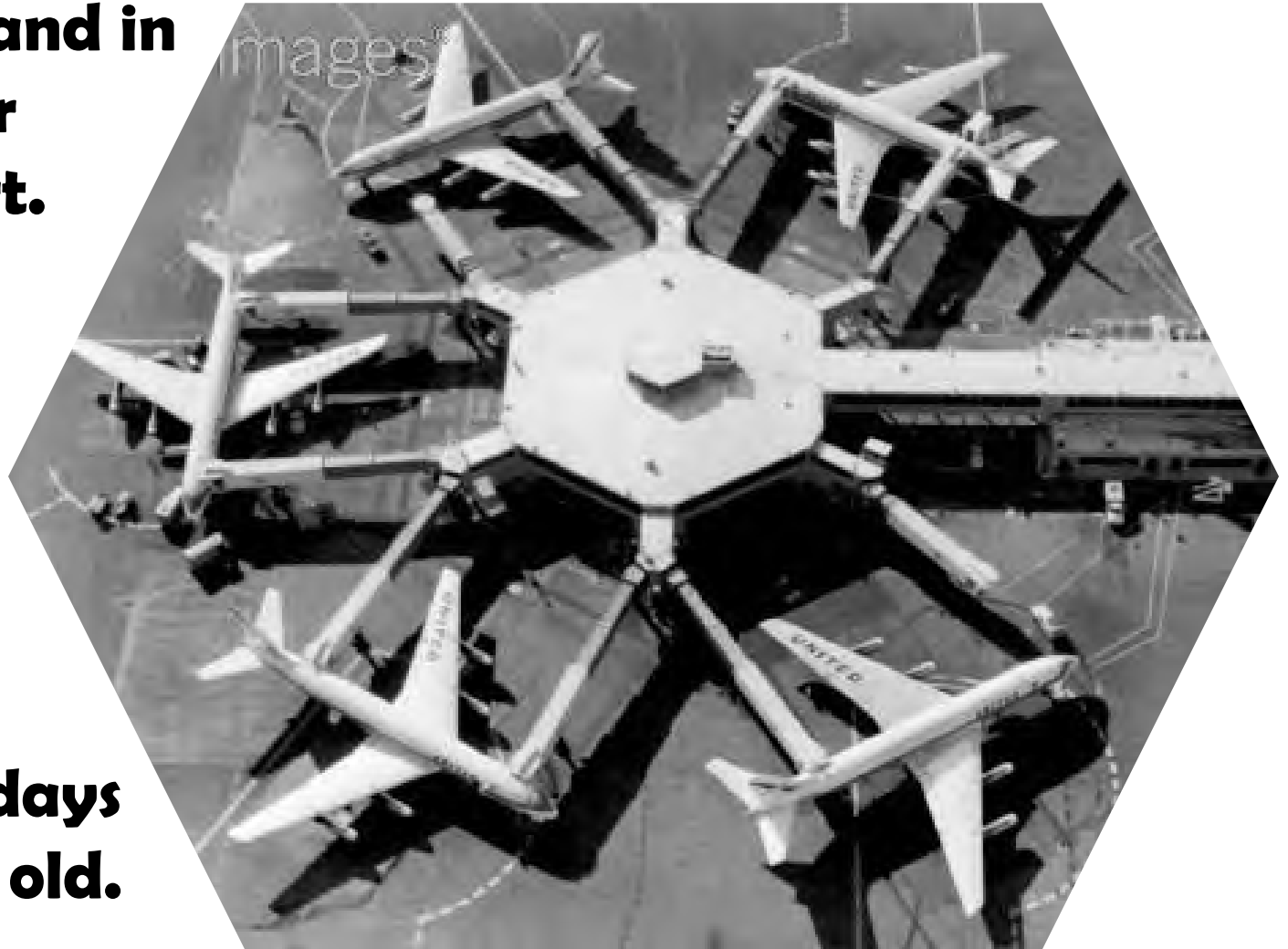
**And that's ignoring:**

- **tow-bar related delays**
- **requiring excess safety clearances because of engine use in the ramp**
- **slow ground crews**
- **and the risks in having near-minimum wage tractor jockeys pushing \$90 million aircraft.**





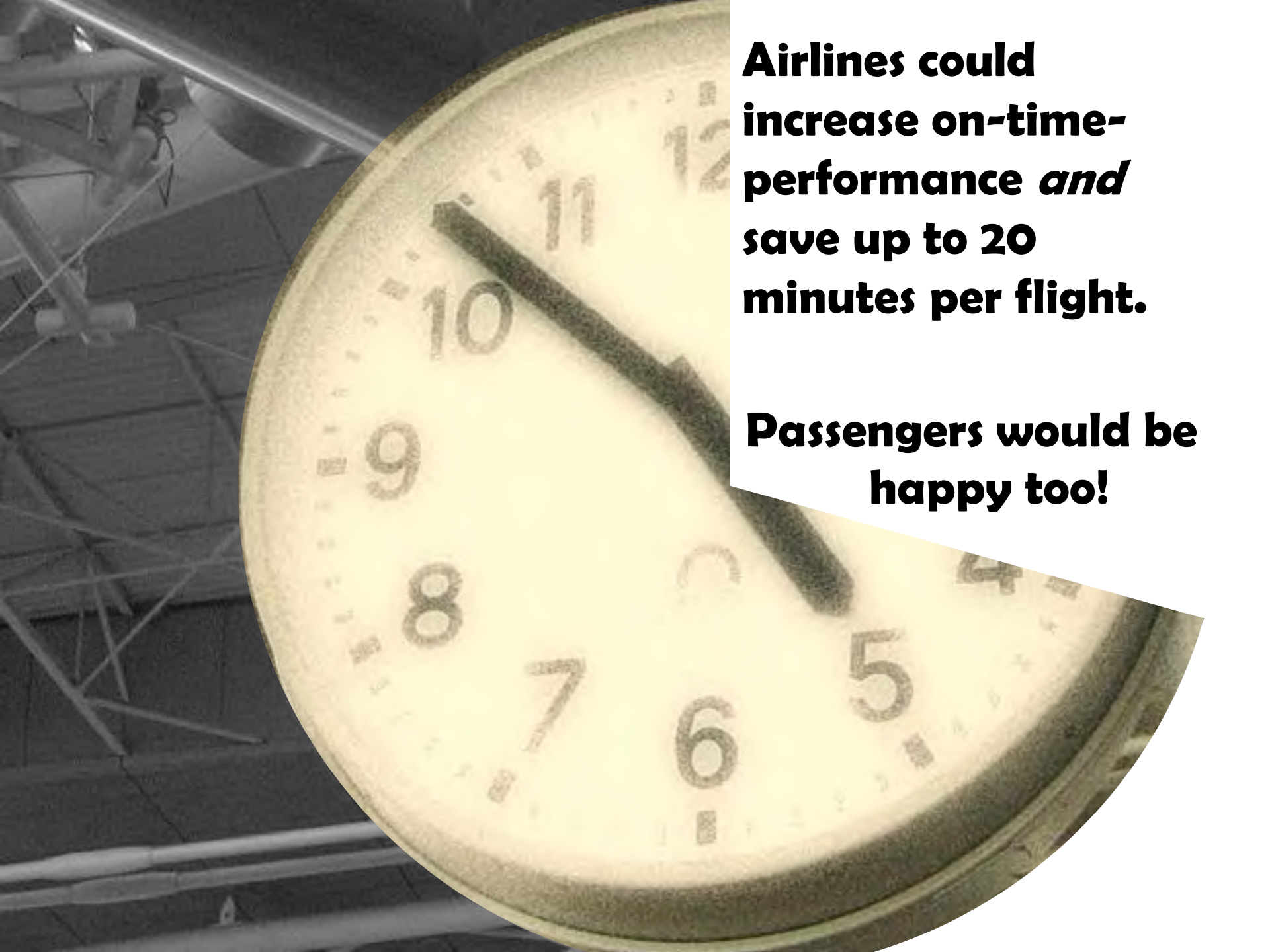
**Finally, an aircraft without jet blast can turn sideways at the gate – moving passengers faster and in greater comfort.**



**As in days  
of old.**



**Flight connections can be more closely spaced.**



**Airlines could  
increase on-time-  
performance *and*  
save up to 20  
minutes per flight.**

**Passengers would be  
happy too!**

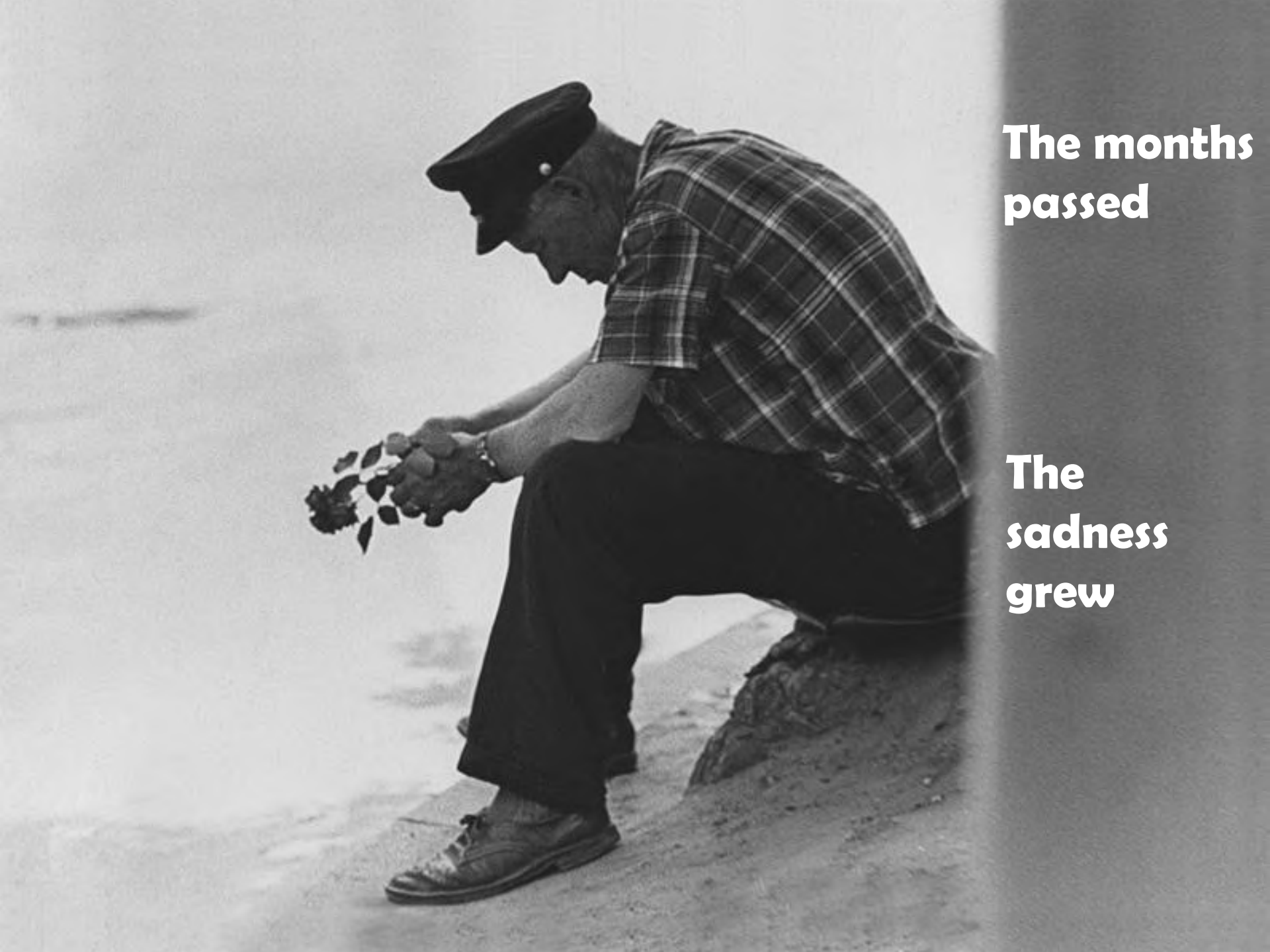




**Knowing there was  
something better only  
made...**

**Gate Limbo,  
Pushback Prison,  
And Deboarding  
Detention...**

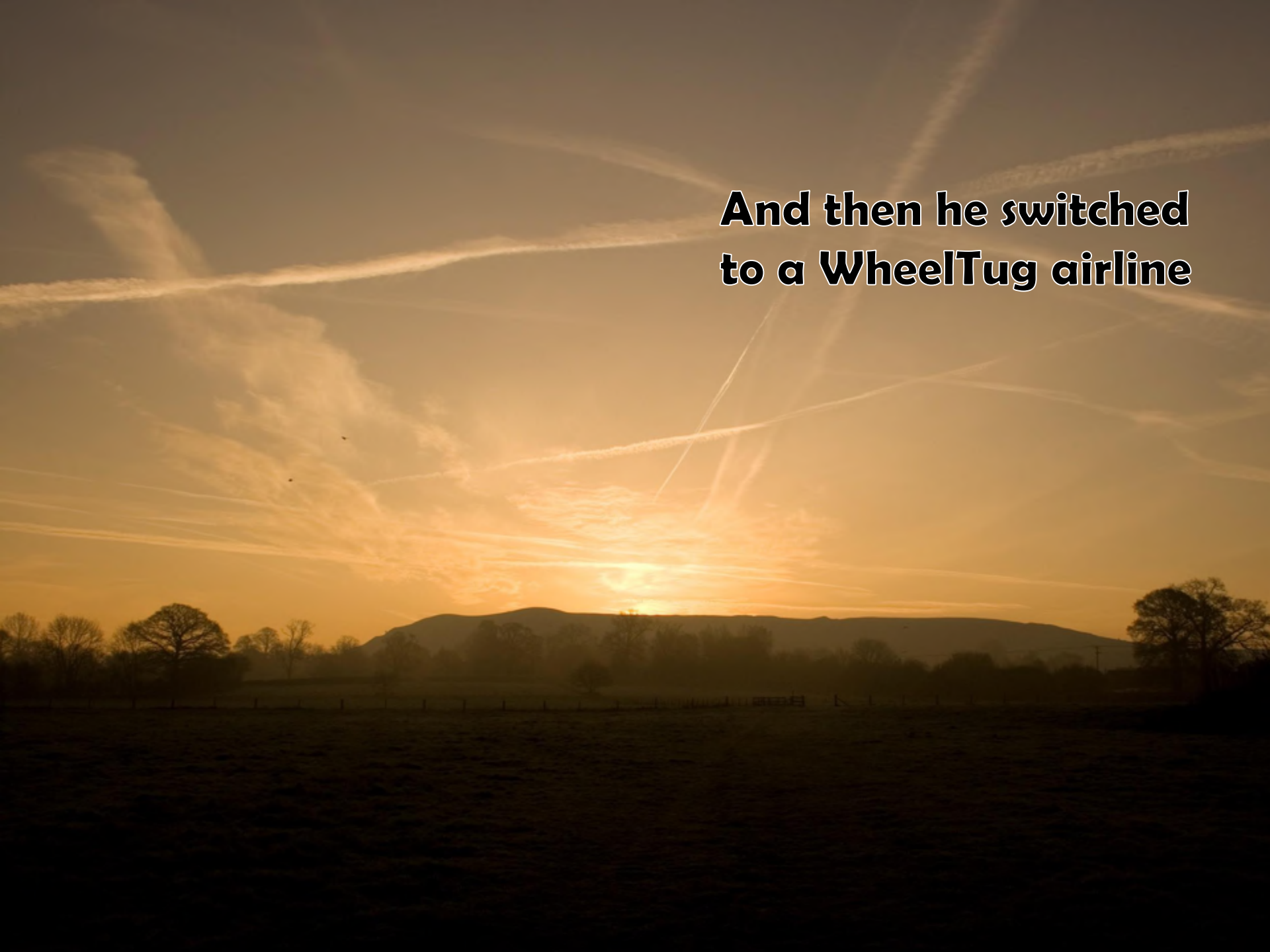
**All the more painful.**



**The months  
passed**

**The  
sadness  
grew**

**And then he switched  
to a WheelTug airline**



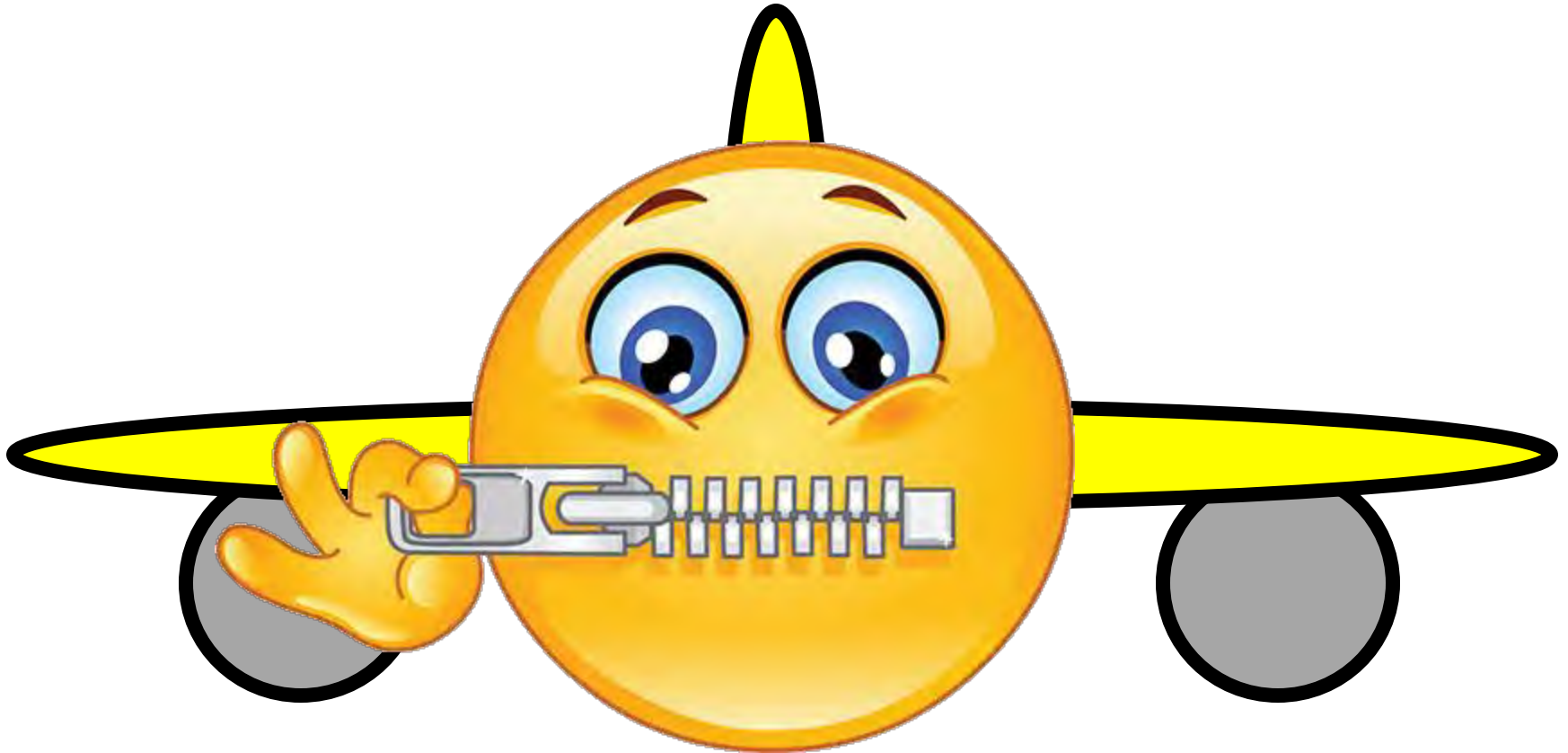


**The pain  
was gone.**



**And he enjoyed knowing  
that his plane was saving fuel  
and reducing emissions.**

**He had no idea cutting ground time increased  
available seat miles without adding aircraft.**



**That can be our little secret.**



**He was at the  
Pleasantville Café, far  
from any airport.**

**He was enjoying his  
newfound time.**

**Then he saw her there,  
happy. He sat down  
and asked,**

**“Wheeltug?”**

**And she said “Yes.”**





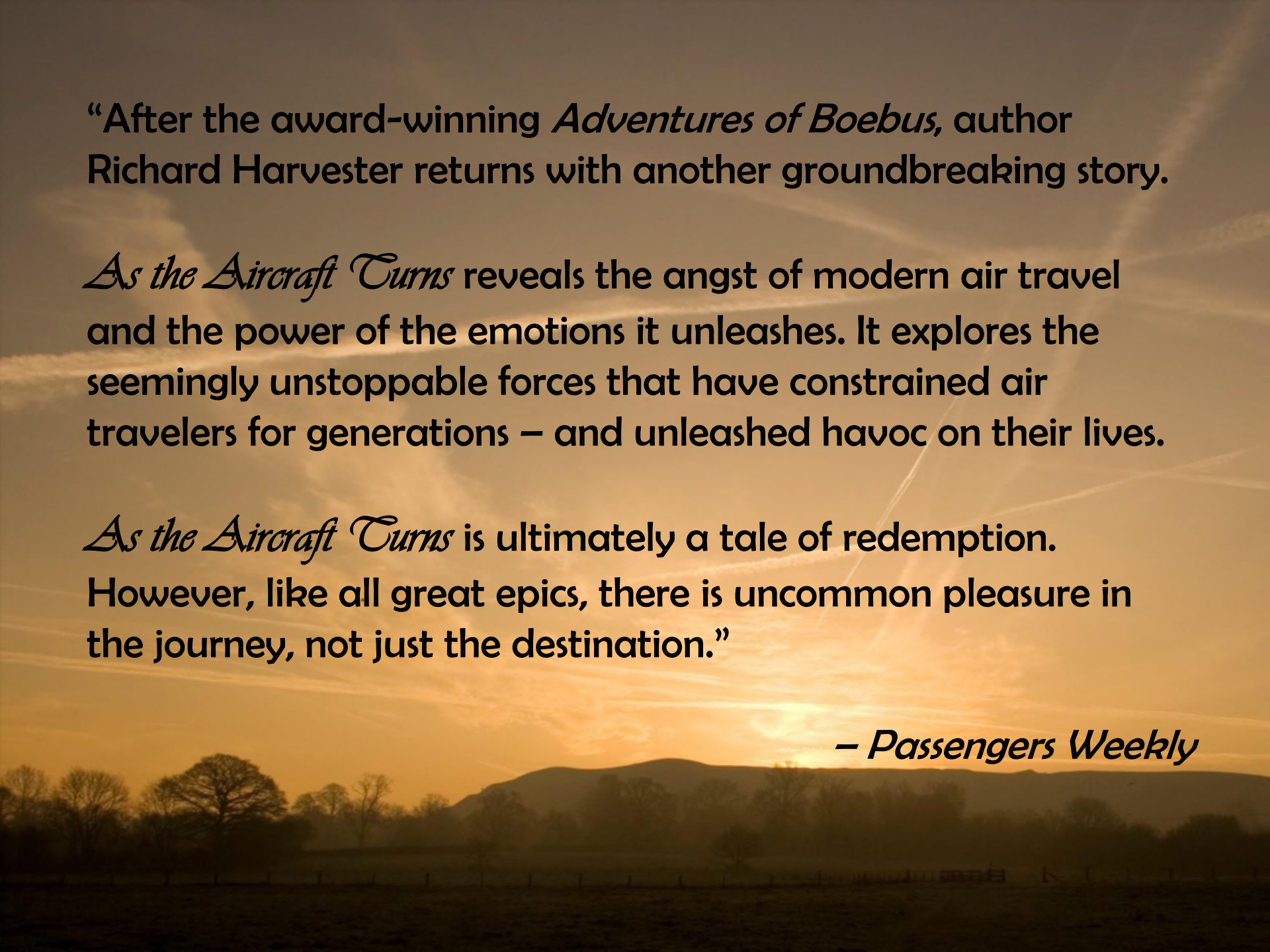
**As the months  
went by...**

**They shared  
stories of time  
saved and  
annoyances  
avoided.**

**Once again,  
they grew closer.**

**And then, one day, he  
brought her a ring.**





“After the award-winning *Adventures of Boebus*, author Richard Harvester returns with another groundbreaking story.

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– *Passengers Weekly*