

Morning.

Edith is in her office waiting for Mariposa to arrive.

Rose speaks over the intercom. "Good morning ma'am. Ms Prynter has arrived."

Edith leans forward and presses the button on the intercom.

"Good morning. Thank you. Could you show Ms Prynter in please."

A knock at the door and Rose enters followed by Mariposa.

Edith stands.

"Ms Prynter ma'am." says Rose.

"Good morning Ms Prynter." says Edith.

"Good morning ma'am." says Mariposa, following Rose's lead.

Rose turns to leave. "Thank you." says Edith. "Thank you." says Mariposa. Rose turns, smiles then leaves the room and closes the door.

"Please have a seat." says Edith.

Mariposa walks to the seat at the middle of the row of seats that are to Edith's left, turns, then pauses and then, as Edith sits, sits.

"I hope that your hotel accommodation is satisfactory." says Edith.

"Yes, fine. I have had dinner, a good night's sleep and breakfast."

"Excellent," says Edith, "... so how can we help you about our work?"

"Well," says Mariposa, "I know nothing about localizable sentences absolutely nothing at all. I started work at Enormous Telephones last week. It is my first job since graduation. I started on Monday and was starting on the induction programme when, on my second day there, my manager called me into her office and asked me if I would be willing to consider going on an assignment to England, for at least a month, possibly longer. As I was staying in the company's hotel until I found some more permanent accommodation it was easy to move, so I agreed. I was then taken to a senior manager's office and asked if I knew anything about localizable sentences and I said 'no' and the senior manager said 'good' and explained that the assignment is for someone who starts from knowing nothing about localizable sentences to learn as much as possible about them and send a report. I was asked not to look up anything about localizable sentences on the web and not to ask anyone about the topic so that I could arrive here still knowing nothing about them so that everything I know about them is what I learn here."

"Ah," says Edith "that is helpful."

Edith thinks of the results of Gregory's project and decides that that is the best way for Mariposa to learn.

"As it happens," says Edith "we have a learning package that someone who was here on a student placement prepared: his task was to start from knowing nothing about localizable sentences and we had a process whereby every question he asked, and the answers, were all in writing and every demonstration to him was videoed.

"So if you would like to start by studying the learning package - it will take at least several days -"

"That sounds good." says Mariposa.

"Also," says Edith, "whilst recognising that you are a visitor and not a member of our staff, nevertheless you are welcome to use the staff common room as if you are a member of staff and you are welcome to sit in on our staff meetings. You are also welcome to join in our social activities too, if you so choose."

"Thank you." says Mariposa.

"So, if you would like to come with me I will show you around the building and then we can go to the common room and you can meet some of the others as they come in from time to time."

"Thank you." says Mariposa.