



## BAGGAGE CLAIM

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*At the busy Toronto Pearson International Airport, suitcases, like people, regularly come and go. Passing through, these bags make journeys to temporary locations for people during their fun excursions, work trips, honeymoons, or visits to family. But they could also be on their way to a new life, taking whatever it can hold onto, while entering a completely new location, and readying itself and its owner for whatever adventures lay ahead.*

“What do you mean you can’t find my suitcase?”

“Sorry, Miss. It seems that your bag was checked in correctly, but it was not unloaded off the plane,” a frazzled airline worker explained. “The next flight has already begun boarding so your bag must be retrieved at a later time. We apologize for the inconvenience.”

A wave of shock and hopelessness rushes over Jessica as she slumps back quietly. Loosening her ponytail, her dark hair falls messily onto her shoulders, along with what felt like the weight of the world.