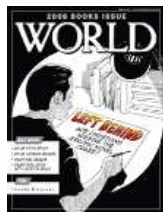




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There's no wireless access at the first coffee shop. So his mom takes her two younger children to a local park while Brandon grabs a laptop bag and dashes across busy 8th Avenue to a Starbucks where he grabs a table, opens the laptop, plugs in an ear bud, and is racing against the clock, getting past firewalls to log into class. Starbucks' site requires money so he searches for other free signals and, finding one, makes several attempts before hitting success.



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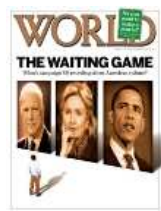
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