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I travel often in my career and right now I am sitting in the Chicago O'Hare airport and am listening to two people grump about their jobs. Actually, I am a little amazed that they are being so loud about their feelings. My guess is they feel safe that no one knows them so they can "spill" their feelings without fear of repercussion. So far, they have discussed how their supervisor is not listening to them, not training them

appropriately and not telling them what she really wants them to accomplish. In

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- You just turned me off to wanting to listen to you and I'm a stranger sitting beside you in the airport – how do you think your supervisor feels when you bring this attitude with you to work? Much like the adults in the in Charlie Brown specials on TV, I am starting to hear “Wha Wha Wha Wha”.

The employee just jumped on the phone with her supervisor . How do I know this? Because she said “Oh crap, it is our boss” before she answered with a perky “Hi there”. I swear I was listening to “Cybill, the character with multiple personalities”. The conversation was short but this new character was a sweet smiling kind soul who said at the end of the conversation “Can't wait to see you next week – we are so excited about this project”. Honestly, I want to reach over and say “Hey Cybil, what did you do with the other personality that was here 30 seconds ago?”

The lesson for today – watch what you are saying in a public place – you might end up as a subject in a blog. The lesson for another blog – honesty in the workplace!

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