*Clankless in Seattle*

*Imagine…*

***Even though it was going to be a hectic day, Jyoti was excited to get to work today. She would be flying on one of Pacific Airlines new airplanes, the Hercules 2200.*** 

***She had heard so much about the sleek new design of this larger aircraft. She checked-in with security and headed down the jetway to the plane.***



***As she was getting the passengers settled into their seats, she could hear the happy murmur of the people around her discussing their business and leisure plans with one another. The captain finally came on the intercom to inform the passengers and crew that it was time to shut the cabin doors and do the final cabin checks before take-off. The flight attendants dutifully went over the safety protocol, and they took their jump-seats ready for the plane to ascend gracefully into the sky. Once the pilot was cleared for take-off, the plane gained speed and Jyoti could feel that familiar lift of the plane as the airport drifted out of view.*** 

***Suddenly, there was a strange, dull ‘clank’ that she had never heard before during take-off. A few of the passengers in the rear of the plane heard it as well, and they gave her a quizzical, concerned look. Nothing seemed amiss with the take-off and the plane was still gaining altitude. Jyoti knew she would have to do some investigating once they got to their cruising speed.***