



A train of mixed freight is just entering Horseshoe Curve on the way down the mountain near Altoona, PA. The area is very scenic with a large, public viewing area inside of the curve. It is one of the most famous places for watching trains in North America. It is several miles east of the highest point on this railroad line between the Atlantic Ocean and Ohio River. Steep grades make it necessary to put extra locomotives on the rear end of heavy trains to help them over the summit.

Bruce and Ginger are regulars at the tracks. He remembers bothering his sister a lot to take him down to the trains when he was little. After he married and had children, he took his young sons to watch trains. One of his sons even grew up to be a Conrail engineer for a while. Now that Bruce has retired from truck driving, he takes his grandsons to watch trains. His favorite train is 21M, a high priority intermodal train. He has just heard on the radio that it is nearby and is waiting for it to appear.

