

Rose Baker has a Career Change

It is 2002, and we are in the Dodger Industries factory, in Eagle Grove, IA.

Rose: Holy Crap, I'm not sure which job is more difficult: Working for hour after hour, sitting at a sewing machine, where the clothing pieces never seem to end? Or working on my feet for hours and hours on end, while working hard as the custodian of this factory?

Rose: Neither job is very rewarding, either. Oh well, what else can I do? Sometimes I think about a different career, but making that big change would be a very risky and scary proposition. But I would like to do something that would be rewarding and something I would be proud to do. I would like to help people when they are in trouble. I want to be challenged to learn new skills. I think that could make me a more confident person. But, most likely I will just take the safer road, and stay here at Dodger Industries forever.

(Manager enters the stage)

Manager: Rose, can I talk to you? I have some bad news.

Rose: Why, sure. What is it?

Manager: Rose, you are the nicest person here at Dodger Industries. That's why it is extra hard to tell you that we are closing this factory, and you will no longer have a job here. However, we will be offering educational assistance, if trying to begin a new career is something you would like to do. Think about it.

(Manager leaves the stage)

Rose: Well, this is news! Dodger Industries is closing the Eagle Grove factory! A decision is thrust upon me!

Rose: Educational assistance? That sounds interesting. But what would I study?

(Female Coworker enters the stage)

Female Coworker: Did you hear the news, Rose? They are closing the factory. I am thinking about going to nursing school using the educational assistance. I don't know, though. The classes are not easy, and the educational assistance won't pay for everything. I think it would be a rewarding career, however, and one that you could be proud of. Hey, have you ever thought about nursing school? You are just about the nicest, sweetest person I know. It would not be easy, but I think you would make an excellent nurse.

Rose: (Thoughtfully rubs her chin) Hmm, nursing school. That sounds like a great idea!