

My father read the New Yorker  
Cover to cover each week  
The best writing in the United States  
he'd say, maybe the world  
Look at these great opening lines  
they still believe  
and I believe too  
in the great opening line  
and I think I know  
well, I know I know  
I know a little something about this  
I was an editor myself once  
in the army.  
that's why I'm telling people I work in communications  
which, technically is true, because the mail room  
is where "communications" (makes air quotes)  
come from, we are a division of communications  
I don't say I work in the mail room  
because it's unbecoming  
it's not who I am  
people will think less of me  
or, I think, they'll ask  
why is that guy, a smart guy  
some would say a really smart guy  
why is HE in the mail room  
he must be a real fuck up  
to be that smart and not be an executive  
of some sort  
but I'm not a fuck up  
so as far as anyone needs to know,  
I'm a communications guy  
a guy who works in communications  
you can hint at it being an executive position  
without exactly saying so  
you can talk about track changes  
things executives do  
a lot can be implied  
so we are saying I work in communications  
with no mention of the mail room  
and really, you don't have to say anything

I'll just refer to it casually  
yeah, yeah, yeah, communications blah blah  
and everyone will respond  
aw, yeah, work, the pressure, etc  
and then we'll move on to something interesting like sports  
no one will know the difference  
because I am the kind of guy who works in communications  
no one will think twice about it  
and i'm NOT the kind of guy who works in a mailroom  
and as long as I never say it, no one will think it  
you don't have to say anything though, really  
I just want you to know, in case you have to  
go along with it

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i don't wanna pay someone to fix the hole in the ceiling  
because it's cosmetic  
it doesn't matter  
when water pours out of it, just get out of the way  
put a bucket down there  
water the back yard with it  
some guy's gonna come here  
and want to charge me about five thousand dollars  
just to fix the pipes  
it's just water  
and sure, the hole is maybe unsightly  
but people get wrapped up in things like that  
it's just a hole and a leak  
it's a little inconvenient for your mother  
because she practically lives in the kitchen  
but I keep telling her  
she doesn't have to do that  
so it's a choice  
and not one I'm willing to spend five thousand dollars for  
I mean, we can't, we don't have five thousand dollars  
even with your mother's second job  
we barely make ends meet  
so the hole, for now, stays  
Speaking of your mother, Eileen!! When's dinner?!

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so we're just gonna follow joe  
you can't go that way joe  
he has to turn around  
well, I have to follow him anyway  
cuz I don't know my way around here  
no he has to  
he's getting in behind me now  
no he's pulling around in front  
i guess i'll follow him  
because he did such a good job the first time, not!  
what are you doing, joe  
i think he's lost yeah we're lost  
well it won't be the first time we've been lost  
knowing joe he probably has a gps on him  
but yeah i think we're lost  
we should have stayed on that road  
i think we blew it  
i think we're way off  
but he has gps he said he was going to put it on, so we'll see  
is it on 70, are we on 70  
i thought it was on 38, oh here's 38  
well we're not even going to get to the train station at this rate  
so plans might have to be changed radically  
if you don't make this train you'll be sleeping at our house  
i mean, that's fine with me  
I guess I can take you to Elm Street tomorrow  
Joe, what are we doing here  
i don't know this area so i don't i don't know anything at all  
first of all from this road i don't think you can turn left  
you can't turn left here joe  
well i guess you can if you have to but i don't know where he's going  
give me a sign joe  
woah he's taking us on a crazy ride  
here he comes – what's he telling us  
roll down the window

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we are 100% Irish  
Now, I know you know  
because I told you  
that there's a little smidgen of Welsh in there  
but we don't want people to know that  
the Welsh are, how shall I say  
a little crazy  
like the way they say Gin drinkers are crazy  
there's something a little off  
and even though there may be something a little off  
we don't want to call attention to it  
plus, your bloodline, it's basically pure  
there's not enough Welsh to make too much difference  
unless you got the crazy part  
but you probably didn't  
let's just say for argument's sake that you didn't  
right? So you say you're 100% Irish and you don't seem crazy  
it's all the same, then  
and if you just say "I'm 100% Irish"  
people will respect that  
you're a thoroughbred