Left the workplace in a hurry

You'd received a call shortly before lunch and you seemed nervo us after

You left food in the break room refrigerator is very out of character

You proceeded to speed down 787 which is not at all out of char acter

But when you arrive home you decided to keep the car rolling You parked in the supermarket parking lot a few blocks away and listened to public radio

The station was doing a fun-drive and it was annoying

There was snow on the ground, but it was about a week old

And in upstate New York, that makes the snow the same colour as the shitty, winter sky

Things were really bleak

The heat in your car makes your lips dry, so you go into a supe rmarket

It's a low end grocery store and the shelves are poorly stocked All the packaged food was unhealthy and all the fruit looks bad You walk around for almost 10 minutes looking for an avocado Before you realise this market doesn't carry avocados

You settle for a packet of corn chips and a can of chili

Then you realise you needed a can opener

It's ok, you needed one for the house anyway

In the checkout line you listen to a couple talk about their child

Like he's a termite infestation

They seem to wanna go home even less than you do

You left your car in the lot and walk to the park

It's mostly homeless people

But one mother is trying to get her child to enjoy the terrible snow

You feel embarrassed opening the can of chili

But then realise the company you're in and decide it doesn't matter

After you dump your chili into the bag of corn chips you realis e you don't have a fork

For a desperate moment, you consider using a stick

But, ultimately, decide to go without utensils

By the time you're done you should be embarrassed

Your face and your coat are stained with chili

The phone starts to ring but your fingers are so messy you hesi tate to pick it up

When you see who called, you're glad you missed it

The mother and her miserable, cold child seem to be judging you

You spend the rest of the night walking around

You realise your phone's dead when you attempt to call a friend for a place to stay

So you return to your car
The supermarket's still open but it's just you and the employee s now
You buy some wet wipes
For a time you debate sleeping in your car
It's now too late to call anyone
So you go home
It takes a long time for you to open the door
And when you do...