On a crowded train, travelling somewhere in Europe.

Morris a U.S. Marine walked the entire length of the train looking for a seat before realizing that the only seat available was currently occupied by a well-dressed, middle-aged French woman's poodle.

A weary Morris asked, "Ma'am, may I have that seat?"

The French woman just sniffed, and said to no one in particular, "Americans are so rude. My little Fifi is using that seat."

Morris walked the entire length of the train again and discovered that the only seat available was in fact the one currently being occupied by the poodle.

Trudging tiredly back, Morris arrived once more before the French woman and said, "Please Ma'am, may I sit down? I'm very tired?"

She snorted, "Not only are you Americans rude, you are also arrogant. Why should I care if you are tired?"

This time, Morris didn't say a word, but simply picked up the little dog, tossed it out the train window, then sat down.

The woman shrieked, "Someone, defend my honour! This American needs to be put in his place!"

An English gentleman sitting nearby spoke up,
"Sir, you Americans seem to have a penchant for doing the wrong thing.
You hold your fork in the wrong hand, and you drive your cars on the wrong side of the road.
And now, sir, you seem to have thrown the wrong bitch out the window."