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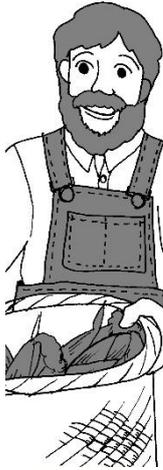


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Estevan had always lived
in the country
and always wanted to
live there, too.

He was a farmer.

He grew corn and wheat.

He had three cows,

two pigs,

one goat,

and seventeen chickens

- eighteen,

if you counted the one

that he had for dinner

the night before his trip.

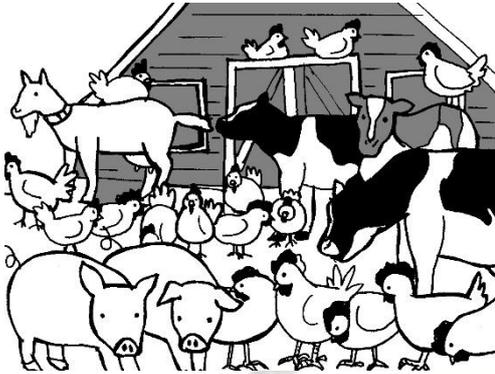
And during dinner that night was

when he told his wife

that he would be going into the city

the next day

to do some business.





"But you hate the city, dear,"
his wife said.

"That's right, Sara,
I do,
but there's business
that needs taking care of.
I've got to go."



He didn't have any problems
getting a ticket
for the train
at the ticket window.

"One ticket to the city,"
was all he said
to the man



behind the window
who within a moment
slid a blue train ticket
along the counter
and under the window.

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"Thanks,"
he said,
and got on the train.



The rest of the day would not be that easy. Trains were not a problem for Estevan, but the subway was something that this man from the country knew nothing about.



Estevan found himself in the middle of the city at a subway station. He was looking at the ticket machine and wondering where the ticket man was. Was he behind all those buttons?



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Estevan stroked his beard and wondered what he would do.

Everyone was getting their tickets and hustling throughout the station so quickly.



Estevan felt uncomfortable.
He also felt a little embarrassed
standing in front of the ticket machines,
not knowing
how to get a ticket out from them.



"Excuse me,
would you like some help?"



A lady seemed to suddenly appear
next to Estevan.
She was smiling
and seemed quite relaxed
compared with all the other people
who were rushing around
to and from their trains.



Even though Estevan was a little bit shy,
he didn't mind
telling the stranger,
whose name was Ella,
that he needed help.



And she did help him.



She helped him
with the patience and consideration
of an expert teacher.



Estevan was so pleased
with Ella's help
that he decided
he didn't mind the city
as much as he had previously thought.



In fact,
he was so grateful to Ella that
he sent her



a big bag of fresh corn
two weeks after
she had helped him.

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