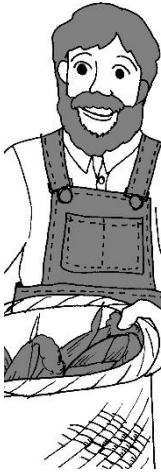


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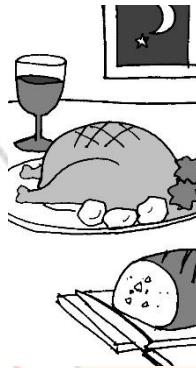
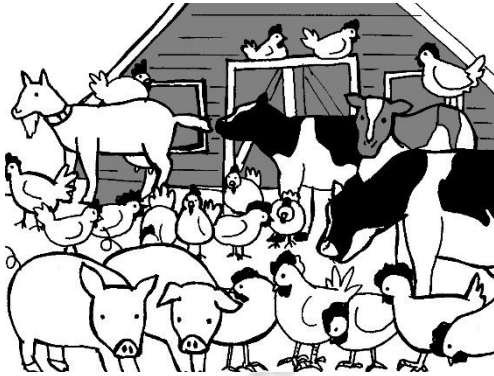


Estevan had always lived  
in the country  
and always wanted to  
live there, too.

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.



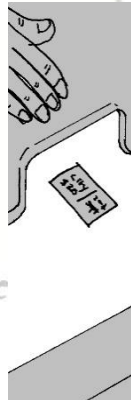
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And during dinner that night was  
when he told his wife  
that he would be going into the city  
the next day  
to do some business.



"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.

"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.

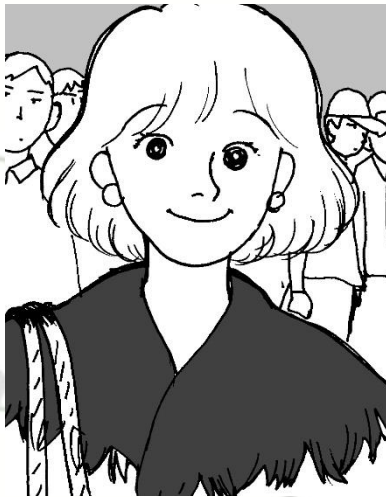


Estevan felt uncomfortable.

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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