

### A Kind Villager

Once upon a time, a gentleman was traveling on a train. He felt thirsty and got off at a station in search of water. No sooner had he reached the water tap than the engine whistled and started. He ran back but missed the train.

It was getting darker and he decided to spend the night at the station. The next morning he enquired about the next train. He learned that the next train was on another day. So he decided to find a place for a day's stay. He went to the nearby hotel to ask for a room but found none. It was getting darker and he could not find a room.

At last he reached a small house in the village. He asked the owner of the house whether he could stay for a day. The villager readily agreed. That day the villager served him food and gave him a room to stay but did not ask or expect anything in return.

At night, when the clock struck seven, the gentleman heard a knock at the door. The villager opened the door. A man dressed in rich and gaudy clothes entered the hut and demanded the villager pay his debts. The gentleman realized that the kind villager was in need of money. The next morning he slipped an envelope with money in it under the door of the villager's room and left.

When the villager found the envelope, he saw that there was a note addressed to him. It read, "You helped me but did not expect anything from me in return. Yesterday I heard the conversation between you and the man and realized that you were in need of money. This is what you deserve."