THE KIBITKA AND THE HOUSE

IN 1876, IN DAYS OF MY SERVING AS A JUDGE, THE TWO MEN HAD COME TO ME. THEY WERE TWO FRIENDS BUT HAD A GREAT FIGHT. ONE OF THEM WAS MISHARAND SECOND WAS KAZAKH. BOTH WERE GOOD CRAFTSMEN, WHO BUILT HUTS AND WOODEN HOUSES FOR KAZAKHS AND BOTH MADE GOOD PROFIT FROM IT.

THE REASON FOR THEIR FIGHT WAS FOLLOWING.

MISHAR HAD ONCE SAID, "WE SHOULD BUILD THE HOUSE FOR OURSELVES AS WELL; OTHERWISE WE MIGHT GET COLD IN WINTER."

TO THAT KAZAKH HAD OBJECTED, "NO, WE SHOULD BETTER MAKE OURSELVES A LITTLE YURT. IT IS COMFORTABLE BOTH FOR SUMMER AND FOR WINTER. IF SOMEBODY INVITES US TO WORK, WE CAN TAKE THE YURT WITH US, NO MATTER HOW WE GO."

"OH, BLAST IT, YOUR YURT! DAY OR NIGHT, ONE CAN'T GET WARM IN IT. YOU'LL BE GETTING FROZEN ALL THE TIME," MISHAR REPLIED FURIOUSLY.

"NO, BLAST IT YOUR WOODEN HOUSE, WHICH CAN NOT BE MOVED!" KAZAKH HAD REPLIED IN HIS TURN.

THUS, ONE PRAISING FELTED YURT AND THE OTHER — WOODEN HOUSE, THEY HAD A FIGHT AND DECIDED TO AND ASK THE JUDGE, SO THAT HE TOLD THEM WHO WAS RIGHT AND WHO WAS WRONG. SO THUS IT HAPPENED THEY WERE STANDING BEFORE ME.

I HAD KNOWN THEM BOTH GOOD AS HARD WORKING AND KIND-HEARTED, YET NAIVE PEOPLE.

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AFTER FINDING OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED, I ASKED THEM, "HOW MUCH DO YOU EARN EVERY MONTH?"

"WE BOTH EARN ABOUT FORTY OR FIFTY RUBLES," THEY ANSWERED.

"WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST FOR BARRACK AND TRAVELLING YURT?"

"FOR TWO PEOPLE IT'S ENOUGH TO HAVE ONE SMALL MUD HUT AND SMALL TRAVELLING YURT. THEY WILL COST ABOUT THIRTY RUBLES AND WE CAN MAKE THEM OURSELVES," THEY REPLIED.

"AND HERE HAVE YOU LIVED BEFORE?"

"WHEN ALL PEOPLE WENT TO ZHAILAU, WE HIRED YURT FROM SOMEBODY FOR SUMMER FOR TEN OR FIFTEEN RUBLES. IN WINTER, WE LIVED WHERE WE HAD THE LUCK TO FIND A PLACE. IF WE WANTED TO HAVE SEPARATE DWELLING, WE PAID FOR IT AS WELL."

THEN I TOLD THEM, "YOU BOTH ARE RIGHT. YURT IS VERY COMFORTABLE FOR TRAVELERS. WHEN THE SUMMER COMES AND PEOPLE GO TO ZHAILAU, AND YOU STAY IN WINTERING PLACES MOVING FROM ONE TO ANOTHER, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO HAVE A YURT. IN SUMMER YOU WON'T BE COLD IN YURT, AND THE AIR THERE IS BETTER THAN IN WOODEN HOUSE. THIS IS WHY YOU, KAZAKH, SHOULD MAKE YOURSELF LITTLE TRAVELLING YURT. IN WINTER, THOUGH, KAZAKHS DO NOT ORDER HOUSES TO BE BUILT, SO YOU ARE ENGAGED IN SMALL REPAIRS AND MOST OF THE TIME YOU SPENT OUTSIDE THE HOUSES. WHEN MEN WORKS ON THE FRESH AIR ALMOST FOR THE WHOLE DAY, HE NEEDS AT LEAST TO HAVE HIS SLEEP IN A WARM PLACE, SO HE CAN BE READY TO WORK FOR THE NEXT DAY. THIS IS WHY YOU, MISHAR, SHOULD MAKE YOURSELF A MUD HUT. THUS, BOTH OF YOU WILL SPEND THE SUMMER IN SMALL YURT AND WHEN WINTER COMES, YOU WILL LIVE IN THE HUT. YOU WILL NOT NEED TO PAY FOR LIVING EITHER, SO YOU'LL HAVE SPARE MONEY FOR BOTH YURT AND THE HUT. TO MY MIND, YOU'LL GET MORE PROFIT FROM IT."

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SO EACH OF THEM BELIEVED THAT MY DECISION WAS IN HIS FAVOR AND THOUGHT THAT HE WAS RIGHT.

WHEN THEY WERE LEAVING, ONE OF THEM SAID THAT HE WOULD BUY HIMSELF A YURT, AND THE OTHER — THAT HE WOULD BUILD HIMSELF A HUT. SO I CALLED THEM BACK AND ASKED, "WILL YOU BUILD A HUT TOGETHER OR WILL EACH OF YOU BUILD SEPARATE ONE?"

TO THIS KAZAKH REPLIED, "LET MISHAR MAKE HIS HOUSE BY HIMSELF. AS FOR ME, I WILL FIND MYSELF A YURT"

THEN, TO EVERYTHING I HAD SAID BEFORE, I ALSO ADDED, "MISHAR, WHEN THE SUMMER COMES, YOU WILL LIVE IN THE KAZAKH'S YURT, SO YOU WILL PAY HIM FOR HALF OF ITS COST. AND YOU, KAZAKH, WILL LIVE IN MISHAR'S WARM HUT IN WINTER, SO YOU WILL HELP HIM TO BUILD IT."

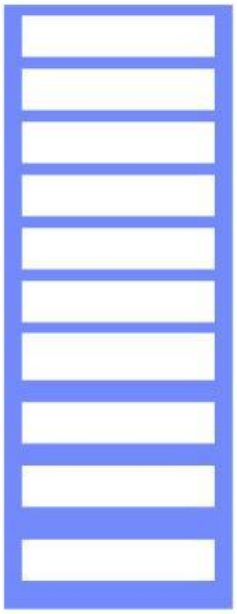
SO EACH OF THEM APPEARED TO BE RIGHT AND THEY LEFT THANKING ME FOR THAT ADVICE.

THE END

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TRUE OR FALSE

1.MISHAR AND KAZAKH WERE FRIENDS WHO HAD A FIGHT.
2.MISHAR AND KAZAKH WERE BOTH CARPENTERS.
3.MISHAR SUGGESTED BUILDING A HOUSE FOR THEMSELVES.
4.KAZAKH PREFERRED A YURT OVER A WOODEN HOUSE.
5.MISHAR BELIEVED THAT A YURT IS MORE COMFORTABLE THAN A WOODEN HOUSE.
6.THE JUDGE ADVISED MISHAR TO BUILD A YURT.
7.THE JUDGE ADVISED KAZAKH TO BUILD A WOODEN HOUSE.
8.MISHAR AND KAZAKH EARNED AROUND 40-50 RUBLES PER MONTH.
9.THE COST OF A MUD HUT AND A TRAVELING YURT WAS AROUND 30 RUBLES.
10.MISHAR AND KAZAKH USED TO RENT A YURT DURING THE SUMMER.



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FILL IN THE GAPS

IN 1876, IN DAYS OF MY SERVING AS A _____(1), THE _____(2) MEN HAD COME TO ME. THEY WERE TWO _____(3) BUT HAD A _____(4) FIGHT. ONE OF THEM WAS MISHARAND SECOND WAS KAZAKH. BOTH WERE GOOD _____(5), WHO _____(6) HUTS AND _____(7) HOUSES FOR KAZAKHS AND BOTH MADE GOOD _____(8) FROM IT.

YURT IS VERY COMFORTABLE FOR _____(1). WHEN THE SUMMER COMES AND PEOPLE GO TO _____(2), AND YOU STAY IN _____(3) PLACES MOVING FROM ONE TO ANOTHER, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO HAVE A _____(4). IN WINTER, THOUGH, KAZAKHS DO NOT ORDER HOUSES TO BE _____(5), SO YOU ARE ENGAGED IN SMALL _____(6) AND MOST OF THE TIME YOU SPENT _____(7) THE HOUSES.

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QUESTIONS

1.WHAT WAS THE REASON FOR THE FIGHT BETWEEN MISHAR AND KAZAKH?

A.MISHAR WANTED TO BUILD A WOODEN HOUSE FOR THEMSELVES.
B.KAZAKH WANTED TO BUILD A WOODEN HOUSE FOR THEMSELVES.
C.MISHAR WANTED TO BUILD A YURT FOR THEMSELVES.
D.KAZAKH WANTED TO BUILD A YURT FOR THEMSELVES.

2.HOW MUCH DO MISHAR AND KAZAKH EARN EVERY MONTH?

A.THIRTY RUBLES
B.FORTY RUBLES
C.FIFTY RUBLES
D.SIXTY RUBLES

3.WHAT DID THE JUDGE RECOMMEND MISHAR AND KAZAKH DO?

A.BOTH BUILD WOODEN HOUSES FOR THEMSELVES.
B.BOTH BUILD YURTS FOR THEMSELVES.
C.MISHAR BUILDS A MUD HUT AND KAZAKH BUILDS A YURT.
D.MISHAR BUILDS A YURT AND KAZAKH BUILDS A MUD HUT.

4.WHY DID THE JUDGE RECOMMEND MISHAR TO BUILD A MUD HUT?

A.MISHAR SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME OUTSIDE REPAIRING HOUSES.
B.MISHAR NEEDS A WARM PLACE TO SLEEP DURING WINTER.
C.MISHAR WILL BE TRAVELING DURING SUMMER.
D.MISHAR WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD A YURT.

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