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Whoosh! The metro train races off from the station. The people speed by just as quickly, they have more important places to be. The speed with which they desire to get there is not currently possible in our day and age. With a population of 11.5 million persons, Moscow has a vast variety of public transportation. Buses, taxis, the metro, trolleys, and cable cars. However there are also two methods of private transport, the car and your feet. Driving in a city so massive is unrealistic the traffic is unbearable. Getting anywhere on time requires strict discipline, leave on time, and consider the hurdles one may be required to jump through.

Swish! A loud cry comes from an awaiting passenger, who for just a brief second has turned away from the train tracks. Even when the moon rises high above the city people are rushing to get to their destination trying not to be late and not disappoint their appointment. Where in the world one could be rushing to so late after twilight is a mystery, but still there is no end to people passing through.

A mother embraces her dear friend as they meet at the park, eyes full of compassion and love. As the children run around conversing and playing amongst themselves, they too look at each other with love. Holding hands as they run through the leaves attempting to help one another brace against the furiously fast gust of wind that is about to be released. Tossing leaves around even more effectively than the wind itself. The ants race around as their homes are invaded upon by giant creature with much agility. When it is time to go home everyone embraces once more and exchanges a kiss on the cheek wishing well until the next time they meet.

Once at home, things need to be done. Everything from the trip must to be put away, right away. Hands need to be washed in order to acceptable for the arrival of warm soup with black bread. Only serious discussion is to occur, have all the school assignments been finished, if not they need to be done right after lunch. Has the list of chores been satisfactorily completed, if not then they need to be completed again, correctly this time. Any other responsibilities must be completed before any sort of entertainment can begin. There is one, and only one, acceptance to this protocol, if any member of extended family drops by for a visit.

Aunts and uncles are not as regular, but always bring some sort of sweet treat. The teapot screams from the kitchen as a little table is set for tea and the tea compliments are taken out of the packaging and placed on fancy dishes. Then the colossal selection of tea is brought forth. Each selection is carefully evaluated and eventually everyone settles on the type they wish and the discussion begins. Hesitant to be labeled deep conversations, they vary from life problems to comic stories that have been experienced or passed down from other mutual friends.

However, the best visitor of all is from the grandparents. While grandfather is loved and appreciated, it is really grandma that stirs up all of the excitement. She gives big kisses that may not be well liked, but are well worth it for the delights that are distributed. Candy, toys, figurines, you name it grandma will bring it. She always loves, even when incredibly agitated. No such treatment is to be gifted from any family member.

When everyone leaves, the protocol returns, until everything is done no rewards are given, no matter how small they may be.