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The Magic Corn

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Once upon a time there was a peasant girl.

She lived on a small plot near the Ranchería River with her mother, her father, her four older brothers and her four younger sisters.

Every morning she walked, behind her father, to the corn fields. These plantations were renowned in the area because each corn plant produced twenty ears.

Upon returning home, the little peasant girl, curious, asked and asked her mother about the magic of growing so many ears. She looked at her tenderly and exchanged glances with her father, who nodded with a proud gesture.

To encourage her daughter, her mother taught her each of the twenty ways her family used to produce the twenty units. Then the young peasant woman planted the corn, and in fact, harvested twenty ears per plant.

The years passed, the girl became an adult, fell in love and made her own home. From her marriage, two girls and a boy were born, the boy being the middle child.

The little boy, curious like his mother, also saw the magic of the ears. After all these years, twenty ears per plant were still harvested; in rare cases nineteen.

But, unlike his mother when she was young, the boy did not like to enter the fields. Instead, he preferred to read and read about “ways to produce more units of corn per plant” on what was already known as the Internet, to which he had access thanks to his family's cell phone.



In his searches he learned of ways to produce twenty-two ears per plant; thirty ears; forty ears... many more units than those produced on his family's plot.

One day, satiated with reading, he approached his mother and told her not to plant, because he would plant corn and show her that he would get more than twenty ears per plant.

The mother accepted her son's request and set aside a piece of the plot for him to also plant corn.

After planting the corn, the son returned to reading more about how to produce more units of corn per plant and did not return to the fields.

His mother called him to do the work and have good results, but the son responded that he would continue reading, since he already knew more about corn than the family and did not need to learn the ways that could only make twenty ears and no more.

So the weeks passed and harvest time arrived.

In the part that the mother had planted nineteen to twenty ears were produced per plant, and in the part that the son had planted, the plants only produced one to two ears, with poor quality of the grain.

Disappointed, the son approached his mother and asked for forgiveness for his stubbornness. The peasant matron embraced him and kissed his forehead.

After helping with the shelling and grinding of corn, the son asked his mother if she would teach him the ways of the magic of twenty ears per plant. To which the woman responded: "There are things that are only learned through experiences. We will go to the plantations and I will teach you."

The peasant boy was very happy. The family continued to pass on the tradition of the magic corn.

The end.

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