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Village 1 – My situation

I am one of five children in a wealthy gentry family. I will not inherit the estate but a good marriage prospect, and a suitable match has been found. I feel I am too young to marry. My family are willing to let me move to the town and work in the mayor's household as a domestic servant.



Village 1 – Your choices

- 1- Move to the town and take up the job as a servant in the mayor's household.
- 2- Remain in your home and prepare for your marriage.

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Village 2 – My situation

I am the only child of parents who are rich farmers, working a large area of land. As I am a girl I will not inherit the land, but I will pass it to my future husband.



Village 2 – Your choices

As the only child you must remain in the village and learn how to look after the land so you can help your husband in the future.

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Village 3 – My situation

I am the youngest of three daughters of parents who are rich farmers, working a large area of land. I will not inherit the land, but my parents have found me a job as a domestic servant with the local gentry family.



Village 3 – Your choices

- 1- Take up the job as a servant with the local gentry family.
- 2- Move to the town and look for a better job there.
- 3- Remain in your home and continue to help with the running of the farm.

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Village 4 – My situation

I am the youngest of four children of parents who are rich farmers, working a large area of land. I will not inherit the land, but my parents have been able to secure me a formal apprenticeship with a silk worker in the town.



Village 4 – Your choices

- 1- Move to the town and take up the apprenticeship with the silk worker.
- 2- Remain in your home and continue to help with the running of the farm.

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Village 5 – My situation

I am one of three children of a single father who is a farmer, working an average area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have two brothers, and my father cannot afford to keep me on the farm. Instead he will let me become a servant in a different household, either with a relative who is a grocer in the town, or a local farming family.



Village 5 – Your choices

- 1- Remain in the village and take up the job as a servant at a nearby farm.
- 2- Move to the town and take the position as a servant with the grocer.

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Village 6 – My situation

I am the eldest of two children of parents who are farmers, working an average area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have a brother, and my parents cannot afford to keep me on the farm. Instead, they have found me a job in the town, working as a servant for a family friend who is a stone mason.



Village 6 – Your choices

- 1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a position as a servant.
- 2- Move to the town and take up the job as a servant with the stone mason.

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Village 7 – My situation

I am the youngest of four children of parents who are farmers, working an average area of land. I will not inherit the land, and my parents cannot afford to keep me on the farm. Instead, they have found a job for me in the town, working as a servant for a distant relative who is a baker.



Village 7 – Your choices

- 1- Remain in the village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
- 2- Move to the town and take up the job as a servant with the baker.

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Village 8 – My situation

I am one of five children of parents who are farmers, working an average area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have two brothers, and my parents cannot afford to keep me on the farm. However, they have found a job for me in the town, working as a servant for a cousin who is a fishmonger.



Village 8 – Your choices

- 1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
- 2- Move to the town and take up the job as a servant with the fishmonger.

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Village 9 – My situation

I am one of two children of a single father who is a farmer, working an average area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have a brother, and my father cannot afford to keep me on the farm. However, he has found a job for me in the town, working as a servant for a family friend who is a cloth worker.



Village 9 – Your choices

- 1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
- 2- Move to the town to take up the job as a servant with the cloth worker.

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Village 10 – My situation

I am one of three children of a single mother who is a farmer, working an average area of land with the help of my uncle. I will not inherit the land as I have a brother, and my mother cannot afford to keep me on the farm. However, she has found me a job in the town, working as a servant for her sister-in-law who is a seamstress.



Village 10 – Your choices

- 1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
- 2- Move to the town and take up the job as a servant with the seamstress.

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Village 11 – My situation

I am the eldest of two sisters. My parents are farmers, working an average area of land. As I am a girl I will not inherit the land, but it will pass to my future husband. However, in the meantime my parents could do with extra income and have found a job for me in the town, working as a servant for a cousin who is a saddler.



Village 11 – Your choices

- 1- Remain in your village and learn to run the farm, looking for a local marriage. Let My sister take the job in the town.
- 2- Move to the town and take up the job as a servant with the saddler, leaving my sister to help with the farm.

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Village 12 – My situation

I am one of four children of parents who are farmers, working a poor area of land. I will not inherit the land, and my parents cannot afford to keep me on the farm. However, they have found me a job as a servant at a nearby farm.



Village 12 – Your choices

- 1- Remain in my village, taking up the job as a servant at a nearby farm.
- 2- Move to the town and look for a better job there.

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Village 13 – My situation

I am one of three children of parents who are farmers, working a poor area of land. I will not inherit the land, and my parents cannot afford to keep me on the farm. They cannot help me find a job.



Village 13 – Your choices

- 1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
- 2- Move to the town and look for a better job there.

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Village 14 – My situation

I am one of three children of parents who are farmers, working a poor area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have two brothers, and my parents cannot afford to keep me on the farm. They cannot help me find a job.



Village 14 – Your choices

- 1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
- 2- Move to the town and look for a better job there.

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Village 15 – My situation

I am one of two children of a single mother, My father having died when I was young. My mother earns a living from her small amount of land and by brewing and baking on the side, but is unable to support me any further. She cannot help me find a job.



Village 15 – Your choices

- 1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
- 2- Move to the town and look for a better job there.

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Village 16 – My situation

I am the only child of parents who are farmers, working a poor area of land. As I am a girl I will not inherit the land, but it will pass to my future husband. For now my parents cannot afford to keep me, but still need my help at certain times of year. They cannot help me find a job.



Village 16 – Your choices

As your parents still need me nearby, me must remain at home and try to find casual work in the village.

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Village 17 – My situation

I am the only child of parents who are farmers, working a poor area of land. As I am a girl I will not inherit the land, but it will pass to my future husband. For now my parents cannot afford to keep me, but still need my help at certain times of year. They cannot help me find a job.



Village 17 – Your choices

As your parents still need me nearby, me must remain at home and try to find casual work in the village.