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**The Fadlallah Family**

Your family, like many others in Kemet, owns a small plot of land that you farm. You grow grains, mostly wheat and barley, which is used to make beer. You also keep a vegetable garden and some animals including geese for eggs, meat, and fat, a few cows for milk and meat, and some pigs.

As is typical in your culture, the men do most of the work in the fields while the women care for the house and children. However, when market day comes, everyone goes to the boat landing to exchange your surplus for needed items.

Your house has one room and, like those of almost everyone in your village, is made of mud bricks. Last season’s flooding did some minor damage to your house, which you would like to repair and need about 40 or 50 bricks to do so. You are also in need of some linen cloth to make new clothing for your growing children and some foodstuffs that you could add to your diet. If you can find some, you would also like to trade for some new sandals for the children since theirs are becoming worn and are almost too small.

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**The Her-Uben Family**

Your family, like many others in Kemet, owns a small plot of land that you farm. You grow barley, for your family’s beer, and flax, which is used to make linen cloth. You also keep a vegetable garden and some animals including hens for eggs, meat, and fat, and a few goats for milk and meat.

As is typical in your culture, the men do most of the work in the fields while the women care for the house and children. Your women are also skilled weavers and are able to use some of the flax you grow to make high-quality linen to sell at the market. When market day comes, your whole family goes to the boat landing in hope of trading your flax for needed items.

Your flax sales have already enabled you to build a house with two rooms, which means you are well off by village standards. Like those of almost everyone in your village, your house is made of mud bricks. Your family is expanding rather rapidly, though, and you are hoping that you will soon be able to add yet another room to your home. You are also in need of some linen cloth to make new clothing, some sandals for your growing children and some interesting foods that you don’t ordinarily have.

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**The Tepemkau Family**

Your family owns a relatively large parcel of land outside the village. You grow a variety of crops, mostly wheat, though no one in your family actually works in the fields. Your mud-brick house has four rooms, unlike most others in the area that have only one room. While you are not a nobleman, your family lives well and quite comfortably.

Though you own the land and can trade your surplus wheat, a large portion of your harvest is paid to the field workers – three hundred litters each for a season’s labor. Therefore, the men in the family also work as merchants, buying and selling goods both at the local market and at others in the area. You have even on occasion traveled to Thebes to the busy marketplace there.

The women love the men to travel abroad where they can buy luxury items such as make-up and hair wax, since no such products are available locally. Everyone still enjoys the family trip to market, though, to trades some bags of wheat for the delicious food items, high quality cloth, and other things that catch their fancy.

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**The Wahankh Family**

Your family lives in a one room mud brick house provided by the owner of the land on which you work. The men of your family are farm laborers for a local merchant who also grows wheat and other produce. He provides your family with a house and a small plot of land behind it where you can grow a vegetable garden. You even have room to keep chickens that provide your family with eggs, meat, and fat for cooking.

Working as a field hand is hard and for much of the year your time is spent on the job. Besides the house and garden that is provided for you by your landowner, if the harvest is good, you can earn as much as three hundred litters of wheat for the season’s labor. Thankfully, this was a good year and you have wheat to trade for needed items at the local market.

Life is certainly not easy, but your family is fortunate in that the women are also skilled workers. In addition to tending the garden and caring for the house and children, they are excellent weavers and seamstresses. Their high quality clothing is much desired, especially by the wealthier people of the village. They have completed one woman’s gown and four children’s gowns to sell at the market this week.

Between the litters of wheat and the linen clothing, you are prepared for a wonderful afternoon at the market. You are even hoping to be able to trade for a cow or goat to provide daily milk for your family.

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**The Netikert Family**

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As is typical in your culture, the men do most of the work outside the home while the women care for the children and, in your case, the household pets. One of your housecats, in fact, recently had a litter of kittens that are ready for new homes, so you are thinking of bringing them to market, since cats are quite beloved in Kemet. When market day comes, everyone in the family goes to the boat landing to exchange what you have for needed items.

You also slaughtered one of your cows a while ago and have tanned pieces of leather to sell for making sandals. You probably have enough for twenty pairs!

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**The Pasebakhaennuit Family**

Your family, like others in the village, owns a one room house with a small plot of land around it. You keep a vegetable garden but have little room for anything else since you have a kiln in the yard for baking clay.

The men in your household are skilled potters and also make mud bricks to sell at market. The women care for the house, garden, and children. They also enjoy cooking, sewing, and baking, and they brew an excellent beer. When market day comes, your whole family goes to the boat landing in hopes of trading pottery and mud bricks for needed items.

Since the men of your family spend their time working at a craft, most of your food supplies must be bartered for at market. Your family provides many of its own vegetables and herbs, but you must trade for grains, meat, poultry, and other foods.

The women are hoping to find some interesting meats or fish to prepare a special stew and would like to trade for some linen to make a few new pieces of clothing for the family. Your household supply of barely for beer making is also in short supply.

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**The Ini-Herit Family**

Your family, like others in the village, owns a small plot of land that was planted as an orchard by your grandfather. You grow mostly figs, dates, and pomegranates. You also keep a vegetable garden and some geese for eggs, mean and fat, and a half-dozen cows for milk and meat. Your house has one room and, like those of almost everyone in and around your village, is made of mud bricks.

As is typical in your culture, the men do most of the work in the orchard while the women care for the house, the children, and the animals. One of your cows calved in the spring and you are hoping to sell the young animal at this week’s market. Owning a cow is very helpful to a family since it can provide milk and cheese for many years.

The women in the family love to cook and are hoping to trade the calf for some fish, fruits, and maybe some pastries for a special gathering. The birth of a healthy, new child is certainly something to celebrate! Members of your family are also excellent leather-workers and produce very comfortable sandals. They have several pairs that they can sell and would like to trade for more leather, if possible, to make more.

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**The Darwishi Family**

Your family, like others in the village, owns a one-room mud brick house that is located near the boat landing. There is a small plot of land behind the house where you grow a vegetable garden, but there is little room for much variety in plantings.

The men in your household are fishermen; their boat has been passed down in the family for at least three generations. It is very important to care for the wood hull so the boat will remain river-worthy. While the men fish, the women care for the garden, the house, and the children. They are also excellent bakers, so their breads and cakes are in much demand in the village.

Since the men of your family spend their rime fishing, most of your food supplies must be bartered for at market. Your family provides some of its own vegetables and herbs, but you must trade for grains, meat, poultry, fruits, and other foods.

At the market this week the women are hoping to find some meat or fowl, so the family can eat something for dinner besides fish. The women, as always, need wheat to grind into flour for baking, and the men want to find some food fat to oil the wood of their boat.

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**The Kamuzu Family**

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**The Ahmose Family**

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