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My dear Mr. Ahmad,

Thank you for your letter of 1. October. It has made me a deep impression and I have thought about it a lot. Unfortunately what you propose cannot be done, much as it would interest me to make your acquaintance and to have you here for some time. But things must be very different where you are ~~there~~ ^{from what} they are here. You probably think that a man like me would have a number of servants in his house, and so why should not one of them be a scholar. This is not so. Living here is very expensive. Some families of much the same standing as mine have no servant at all, but perhaps a char-woman who comes a few times a week for an hour or two. I am lucky in having in my house a very efficient maid who helps my wife with the house work. When she has her evening out, as to-day, my wife cleans the dishes and I often help her drying them, as I did half an hour ago. To have more than one servant is considered a great

luxury. The mere necessity of providing room for their dwelling increases the costs of your house. In addition to the keep, a female servant gets about 1 £ per week. And she is not very rich by that. A man-servant, of course, needs more. For if he takes a girl to the cinema or to a tea-shop, naturally he pays.

So, if you wanted to come to this country as a servant, you would have to go to a very rich family. But I should not advise you to do that. You are probably better off where you are.

If I can give you any further advice, write me again. I have great sympathy with you. I should like to help you.

Yours very sincerely

E. Schrödinger.

