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Mary **was leaving** the **very** next day but she said she **might be able to rent** a **place** for both of us and then wait **for me to** join her. I **agreed immediately**, I was so **excited**. I started **getting organized** and packing my bags **right away**. It didn't **take** long to make all the **arrangements**. A week **later**, I **arrived in this** small town called Uherske Hradiste. Mary **picked me up at** the train station and **took** me to the apartment she had rented. She already had a job **teaching** kids **at an** elementary school and she loved it. She **knew how to make** the kids love her. They **thought she was** an angel sent from heaven.

Anyway, Mary was **much better at** teaching than I was. It **would have been** easy to get a job like that, **actually**. I **could have gone** to any school, they were just waiting to **hire** people like me. No one **cared about** papers, **being** a native speaker was **good enough** for any principal. **The problem was**, I'm **not much of a** teacher **myself**. I **have trouble explaining things** to people. A teacher **needs to know how to** explain things. But **what else** was there **for me to do**? I **figured** maybe I should **take it easy** at first and **see if** something **comes up**.