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The Kayseri Man\textsuperscript{1} and the Confused Cuisine

A Kayseri man and a very polite gentleman from Istanbul were once traveling in the same compartment on a train. It was noontime when the train left the station at Kayseri. After it had traveled a short distance, the Kayseri man opened a bag and took from it some lunch: bread, cheese, and pastirma.\textsuperscript{2} Before he began eating, he offered some of this food to the Istanbul man.

"Thank you very much," said the Istanbul man, "but I should not eat any, for I have hemorrhoids."

The Kayseri man started to eat, but after only a few mouthfuls, he again felt compelled to invite his traveling companion to join him. "Are you sure that you do not want some of this food?"

\textsuperscript{1}People from Kayseri (in central Turkey) are purportedly very clever, very shrewd. Other Turks fear or pretend to fear them. A proverb says, "He may not be able to read or write, but if he comes from Kayseri, beware of him!"

\textsuperscript{2}A type of salted dried meat.
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Again the gentleman from Istanbul answered, "Thank but I shouldn't eat any of your food. I have hemorrhoids.

The Kayseri man replied, "Don't worry about your hemorrhoids. Eat some of my food now, and then you can your hemorrhoids later."