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Like usual, he was running late. It was 11:57 but the arranged time was 11:45. I had arranged a meal for lunch with my friend John when I heard he was coming down to the countryside for work. We haven't talked in ages, and I wanted to get closer to him again like in our youth. We were distant from one another after college, as he moved to the city and I stayed in the country. I've decided that I was going to just get up and leave if he didn't show up in 5 minutes. Before the 5 minutes is up, I hear the entrance door opening, and I see John walking in. "Over here John," I said.

"Oh... Hey Lennie." John replied.

John walks over and takes a seat.

"It's good to see you, John. How long has it been, about 5 - 7 years?" I asked.

"Yeah, it's been a while," John answered.

"We have a lot to catch up on, let's talk while we eat. I'm starving!" I said excitedly.

We were at a Mexican restaurant. I ordered a Turkey Taco Lunch Bowl and John ordered Chicken Avocado Burritos. We completed our orders and started talking again.

"So.. how's your work going so far?" I questioned.

"It's going great, grow the way by little and getting some profits here and there," John explained. "What about you?"

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“No, no. It’s fine. I’m full and the meal was delicious. I really have to get going now, my brother is probably looking for him. I’ll pay for the meal. Thanks for the offer, but maybe next time.” John replied promptly.

“Oh, definitely, you have to get to your brother. We can have another meal next time when you're free. You don't have to pay, I'll pay. Go head out, it was nice meeting you. I'll see you later.” I said.

“Thanks for the meal. I got to really go now. Bye.” John said.

“Oh wait! I really wanted to say, thanks. It was great meeting you. We have a lot to catch up on. See you next time.” I shouted.

“Yeah, yeah. It was nice meeting you. I have to go now. Goodbye.” John replied.

It was nice meeting him again. However, I regret not asking him to stay a little more. I should have started another conversation. I’m really happy though, I got to talk with him. I hope this meeting was a success and we see each other more often again. It was nice meeting him. I looked at my clock to see how long it passed. It was:

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