



Farmer J. and "the Gift"

"Hey! Need a ride?" "TOMATO?"

"FIREWOOD?" FARMER J'S
GENEROSITY NEVER FAILS.

"J" I SAID, "DON'T GIVE IT AWAY—
YOU WORK HARD FOR THAT."

LEWIS HYDE SAYS GIFTS DEFINE
THE BOUNDARIES OF COMMUNITY—
THEY UNITE, CONNECT, FORM
THE BONDS OF SOCIAL OBLIGATION.

COMMODITIES ALIENATE, THEY
DISTANCE, BUT THEY CAN
ALSO FREE—OR UNATTACH.

STILL, I REMEMBER THE
TOMATOES HE GAVE ME
BETTER THAN THE
ONES I BOUGHT.

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