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There is a "sedianka" in one of the suburbs of SOFIA. ("Sedianka" is the name given to the "meetings" among women of one or more houses - according to the number of persons living in the houses - often held in the house, of one of the participants. While the women attend to some sewing or knitting, one of them reads the papers or some Communist book or other. Then there are the usual stupid discussions, or the conduct of one of the "comrades" is criticized.) Among the women there is one poor thing who has a long line of kids and therefore a lot of things to sew and knot to make them a pair of socks or a sweater. This poor woman has a very limited education and in fact despite having had to listen to a lot of it, she does not understand anything about Communist propaganda. So she is quite busy with her work and does not care at all what her "comrades" are talking about. At a certain moment the "presidentesse" asks her to be less taciturn and to express her views, too. "For example - she asks her - what do you know about what STALIN said about the great LENIN?" The poor woman lifts her eyes from her work and while she goes on knitting she replies: "Well, you see, I'm a poor worker woman: I don't understand politics and I'm not interested in the "kliuki" (gossip, scandals) of the Party."

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