

# MY NAME IS SUE



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## Words used in this story

- account:  
checking  
account, savings  
account
- advice
- answer
- application
- ask
- bank, bank  
manager
- be
- bill
- business
- buy
- call
- change
- charge
- come
- cook
- cost
- coworker
- credit,  
credit card
- customer
- date
- day
- dinner
- employee
- fees
- forget
- friend, girlfriend
- get
- give
- go
- go shopping
- have
- help
- idea
- impress
- impression
- information
- kitchen
- keep
- know
- letter
- learn
- like
- look
- love
- make
- manage
- money
- month
- nail salon
- name
- notes
- need
- offer
- pay
- picnic
- pretend
- protect
- restaurant
- run
- say
- sign
- spend
- subject
- table
- take
- talk
- taxes
- team
- television
- tell
- think
- trouble
- truth
- visit
- waiter
- want
- work
- worker
- worry

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 this story and other short stories based on "We Are New York".



**Like I always say,  
we're a team here.**

**We give each other good advice  
about love and money.**



**My name is Sue.**

**I work in a restaurant.**

**I am a cook.**

**I am a cook in a fancy restaurant  
in Manhattan.**



**This is my coworker, Abdul.**  
**He is a waiter in the restaurant.**  
**He is a hard worker and a good friend.**  
**We are a real team here.**



**Sophie isn't disappointed.**  
**She says she isn't rich either.**  
**She works in a nail salon.**  
**They are both happy to learn the truth.**





**Jorge tells Sophie the truth.**

**He tells Sophie that he works in a restaurant.**

**He tells Sophie that he isn't rich!**



**This is our coworker, Jorge.**

**He is also a waiter in the restaurant.**

**This month, he is  
“Employee of the Month.”**

**Jorge gets a free dinner  
because he is “Employee of the Month.”**



**Jorge has a date with Sophie.**

**It is their first date.**

**They go to Jorge's restaurant for the free dinner.**

**But, Jorge doesn't tell Sophie that  
he works at the restaurant.**

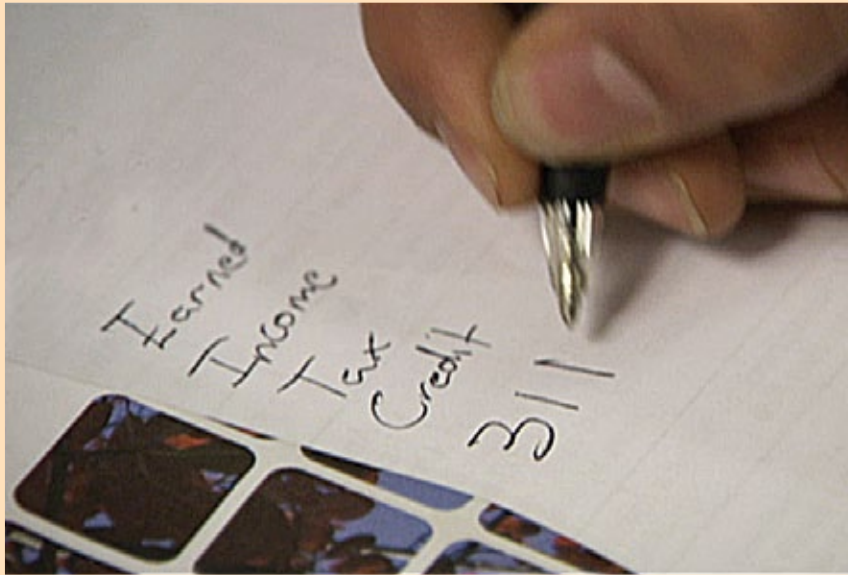
**Jorge pretends to be a customer.**



**For their next date, Jorge and Sophie  
go on a picnic in Central Park.**

**It's not fancy, but it's not expensive either.**





**Jorge takes notes.**

**He is going to call 311.**

**He is going to get more information  
about the EITC.**

**Jorge is learning a lot  
about managing his money.**



**Sophie looks very beautiful.**

**I think she likes Jorge.**

**Jorge is happy, but he is also nervous.**

**He wants to impress Sophie.**



**Suddenly, Jorge runs into the kitchen.**

**He says,**

**“I need your help!**

**Sophie wants to know the name of my bank.**

**I don’t have a bank!”**



**Abdul has information about the  
Earned Income Tax Credit.**

**“The Earned Income Tax Credit is a way to  
get money back from taxes.**

**It’s free. Call 311.”**





**“Before you know it,  
a \$200 television costs you \$500 or more!  
Forget the credit card.  
Don’t spend more than you have.  
Sophie will love you for who you are.”**



**Abdul says,  
“Don’t worry.  
Tell her you have a checking account.”**



**I want Jorge to make a good impression.**

**I say,**

**“Tell her you have two accounts.**

**A checking account and a savings account.”**



**I tell Jorge,**

**“You can get into trouble with a credit card.**

**When you buy things on credit,  
you have to pay the bill right away.**

**If you don't have the money,  
they charge you extra.”**



**Jorge says,**  
**“With this, I can get a credit card.**  
**I don’t have to pretend to be rich.**  
**With a credit card, I can get \$5,000!”**



**Abdul has a better idea.**  
**He says,**  
**“Change the subject!**  
**Don’t talk about business at the dinner table.**  
**You can talk about banks another time.”**





**Jorge doesn't have a bank account.  
He thinks banks are too complicated.  
Abdul offers to help.**



**I am happy for Jorge.  
He has a new girlfriend.  
He has a good bank.  
Then one day, Jorge comes to the  
restaurant with a letter.  
It's an application for a credit card.**



**For example, he learns about FDIC.**

**That is the  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.  
The FDIC protects your money in a bank.  
It's important to look for the FDIC sign.**



**The next day, Abdul and Jorge  
visit banks together.**

**They go shopping for a bank account.  
Jorge asks the bank manager many questions.**



***What kind of accounts do you have?  
Does it cost me anything to keep my money here?  
Do you have an account with no fees?***



**The bank manager answers  
all of Jorge's questions.  
She is happy to help Jorge.  
And Jorge is happy, too.  
He learns a lot about banks.**