

## **one RAT out of THE RACE**

Our waiter Joseph in a Florida restaurant was a fervent speaker ~ we enjoyed his funny accent and how he enunciated certain words. When I asked the 30-something-year-old from where he hailed, he told us he was a "relo" from Milwaukee, a former stockbroker who toiled for 14 years in the Wall Street rat race.

But his mom became sick after a routine surgery and she needed him in the sunny state, so he and his wife ~ no kids ~ moved to Florida to take care of her. This is the same mom who never missed a little league game, he said, and he's the youngest.

Joseph told us he slept very poorly in his previous life as a stockbroker. The couple showed up in Florida in a move that was supposed to be temporary yet they can't seem to "relo" back to the Milwaukee winters. Joseph told his wife when they got to Florida, "I'm going to be a waiter." Now he is one ~ a conscientious, friendly one ~ and he said, "I sleep great!"

Joseph has figured out something I wish I could.

**Joseph is one smart rat**