“DIEGO IS SEEKING SOMETHING ELSE”

(HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR FORCED LABOR)
Diego is a 14 years old boy who seeks opportunities in his community.

Chirp!

Noooo!, Chirp, you got me dirty and, that's the only one I have!

Hi, mom! Harvest isn't ready yet.

Nooooo, Chirp, you got me dirty and, that's the only one I have!

My son, It's so good that you're home! I had some squash, two peppers, a tomato and some beans.

Diego is seeking something else: Human trafficking for forced labor.
Is that all? I know, ask don Julio if he can sell you on credit some chicken meat.

Last time he told me we owed him too much already, I don't know if I want to...

The money my father sends us is not enough and that worries me!

Don't worry, my son, everything's going to be ok, you'll see.

Your shirt is dirty! Let me wash it for you so it dries up before the sun is gone.

What's wrong with Paco?

He's sick in his stomach, I don't have any meds left but let's wait until he gets better.
It shouldn’t be like this, I’ll see if I can get a job!

Later...

I’ll be back!

It’s ok, but eat something first.

Where can I find a job?

In the square there are several places where I can ask...

Diego starts looking for a job.

Good afternoon, I’m looking for a job...

I’m sorry, nothing I can offer...

We don’t hire minors in here.

I’ve already hired someone...

Diego is worried because he can’t find a job.

I do, sir. Who are you?

My name is Miguel and I’m hiring laborers to work in the North

Mmmm... I don’t know about that

It’s a well-paid job!

Do you want to work?

You, boy!

Think about it. We leave today in the evening. I’ll be around. Just bring me these documents if you’re interested.

I’ve already hired someone...

Thank you! But I don’t think I will, it’s far away.

Diego goes back home thinking about the offer.
Mom...

Mom...

Your dad hasn't sent any money...

I borrowed some money, but it is almost over and I'm afraid we're going to lose our house.

Don't worry, I'll take care of everything. Have some rest, mom!!

Tell my mom that I leave her a letter and soon I'll send her some money.

Shhh...

Where do you go, Diego?

Can I go with you?

I'm going North to work.
Hurry up, boy! We got to pick up more people.

I'm Luis, your foreman. You, guys, are going to harvest tomatoes! Get on the bus!

Excuse me, but nobody told us how much we're getting paid nor our working time...

We'll talk about that later.

Get on, everybody, it's getting late!

When he arrived at the crops, Diego saw the workers and they seemed very tired.

Come in to sign up your contract.

Sorry, but I don't understand what it says...

Write down your initials.

Do you want to work here or do you prefer to go back home?

After a long way, they reached the North.
And so the daily routine started in the tomato fields with exhausting working shifts.

Hurry up if you want to eat!

Keep on working!

This is very little food...

Can’t complain, though!

I prefer my mom’s food...

At night he’ll find a tiny room crowded with people.

After a very hard week, Sunday is finally here. It’s payday.

You earn quite a sum, but... We have to deduct some fees for the accommodation, service and food...

Finally!

Fellow workers, let’s demand a fair salary or we leave! And nobody harvests!

Agreed!!

You can’t, you signed one year contract and we have your documents...
Diego decides to run away.

You!! Where do you think you're going?

Stop there or you'll regret it!!

Help! Stop, please!

Ok, ok, I don't understand you...

But I do!!

¡Namech naustia nech paleuika! (Help me, sir, I beg you!)

Hi! I speak your language. Tell me, what can I do for you?

Easy, boy, my friend here speaks your language, we're going to help you.

Thanks so much! well...
I'll translate for you, don't worry.

Everybody in the farm is arrested and the laborers are set free.

The following day...

I'd rather go back home with the money I could get back.

After a long journey...

Thank you!!

Thank you!

When Diego is walking home, he finds Miguel trying to deceive Diego's little brother.

Come on, boy, I'll give you a job and you'll get good money.

Wait a minute, you deceived me!! I won't let you do that to other people.

And, Will I see my brother?

Just because you say so...

Diego, you're back!
Listen, everybody! This man offers job, but everything he offers is illegal and people are exploited.

That's true, I went with him two years ago...

Finally at home!

Mom!

I have good news!

Mom, I'm here!

Trafficking in persons for forced labor is a reality. Spot the signs, and report any situation to the authorities at 800 55 33 0000

Diego! So good you're back, nothing makes me happier than seeing you again.

The End
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