

# “DIEGO IS SEEKING SOMETHING ELSE”



**(HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
FOR FORCED LABOR)**

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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.

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





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!

It's ok, but eat something first.



Later...

I'll be back!



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...

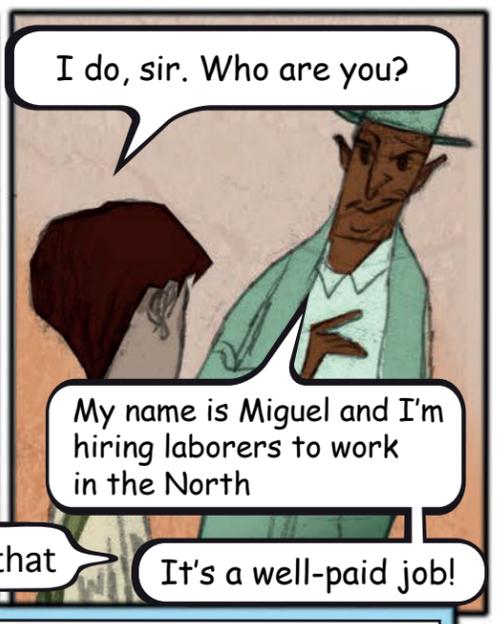


Diego is worried because he can't find a job.

You, boy!

Do you want to work?

Mmmm... I don't know about that



I do, sir. Who are you?

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

It's a well-paid job!



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

Thanks! But I don't think I will, it's far away.



Diego goes back home thinking about the offer.



Mom...

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

Your dad hasn't sent any money...



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



Where do you go, Diego?

I'm going North to work.

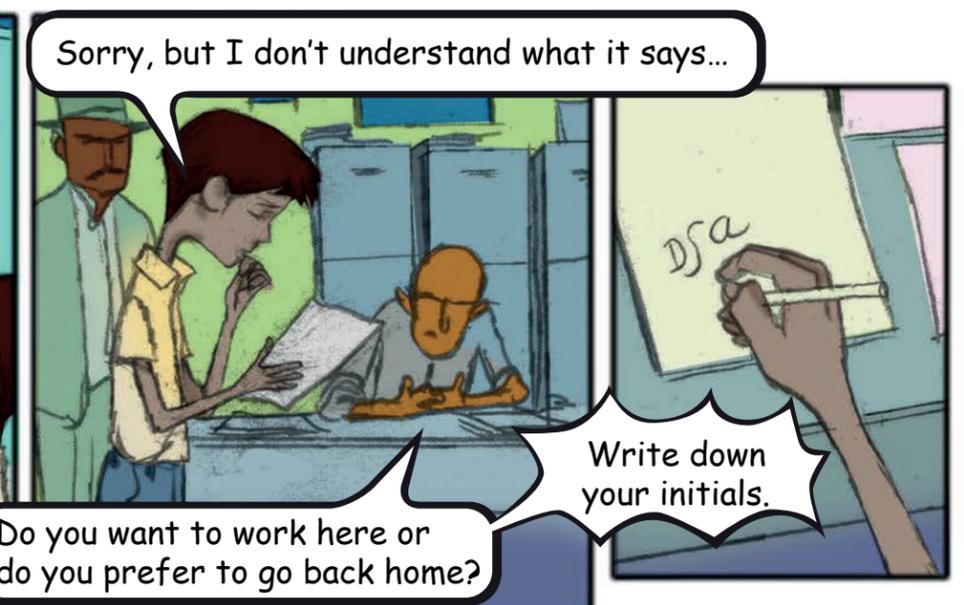
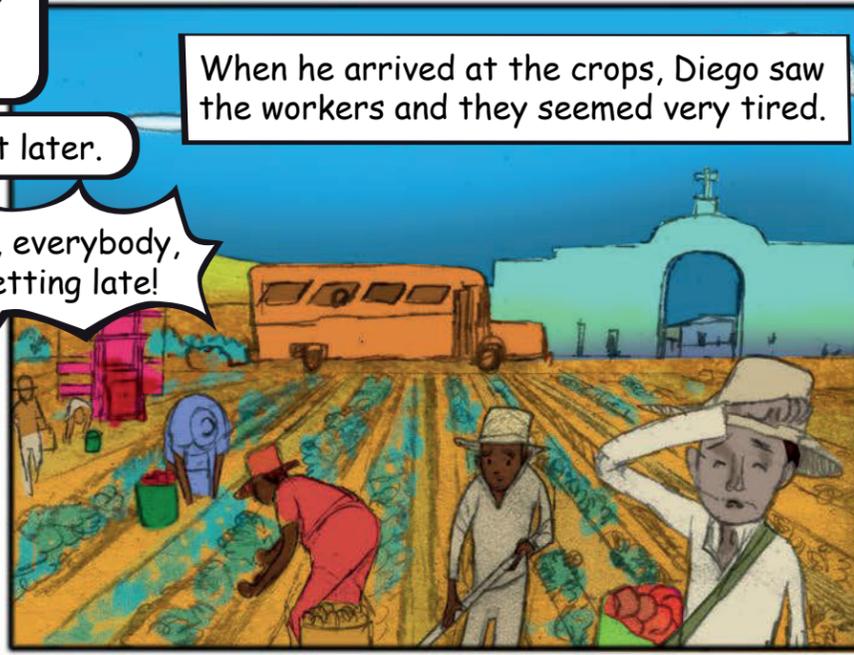
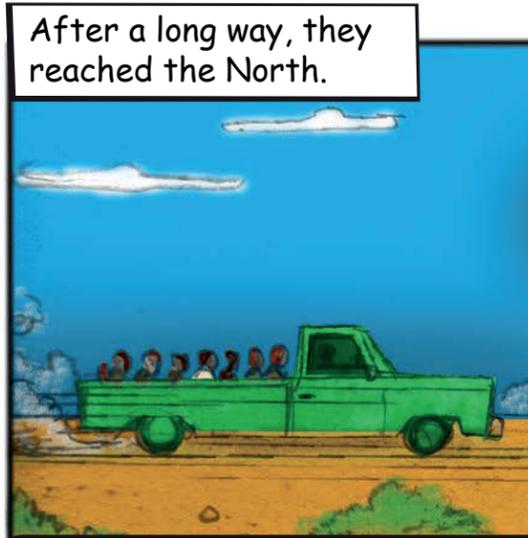
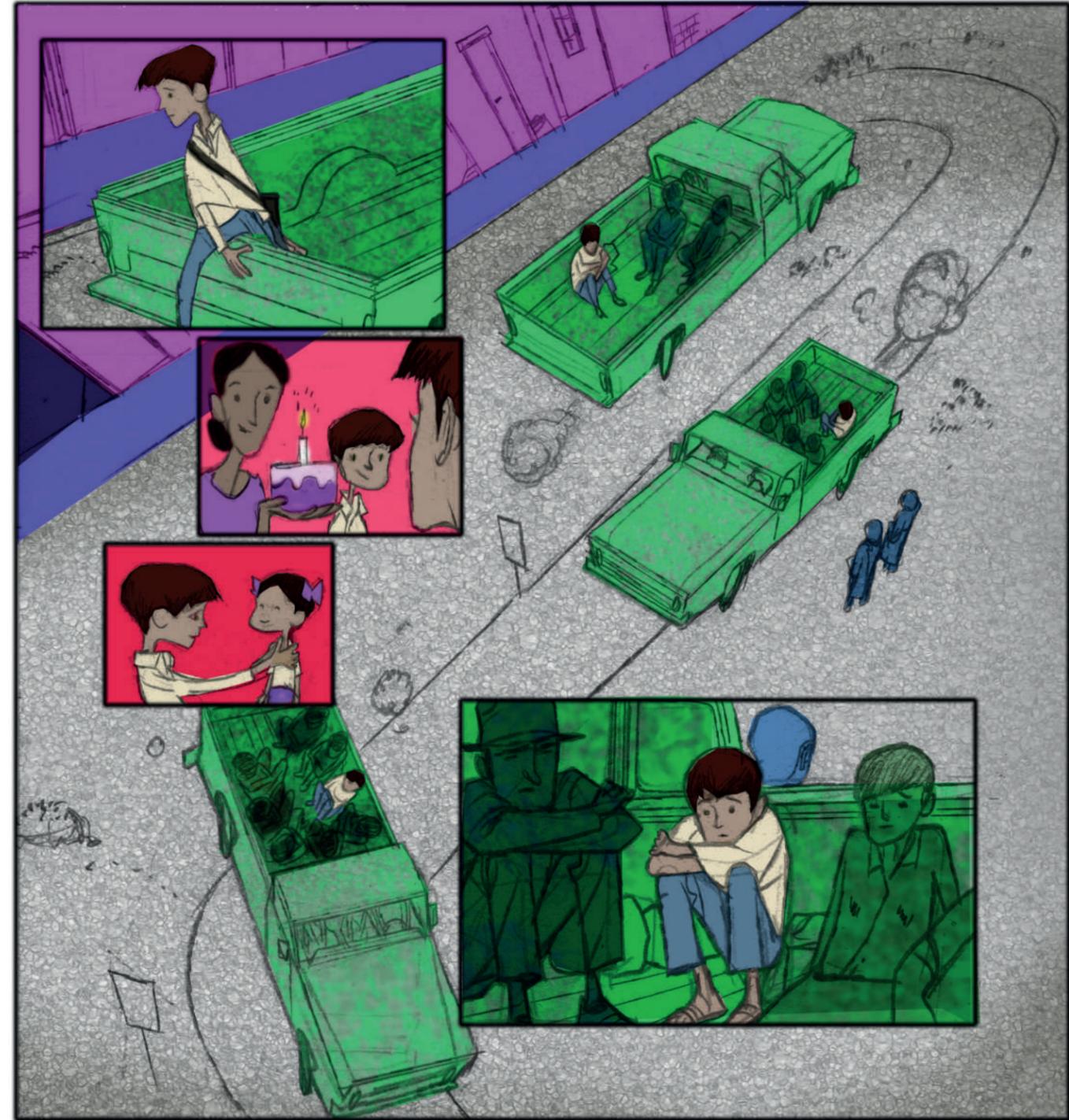


Tell my mom that I leave her a letter and soon I'll send her some money.

Can I go with you?

Shhh...





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.

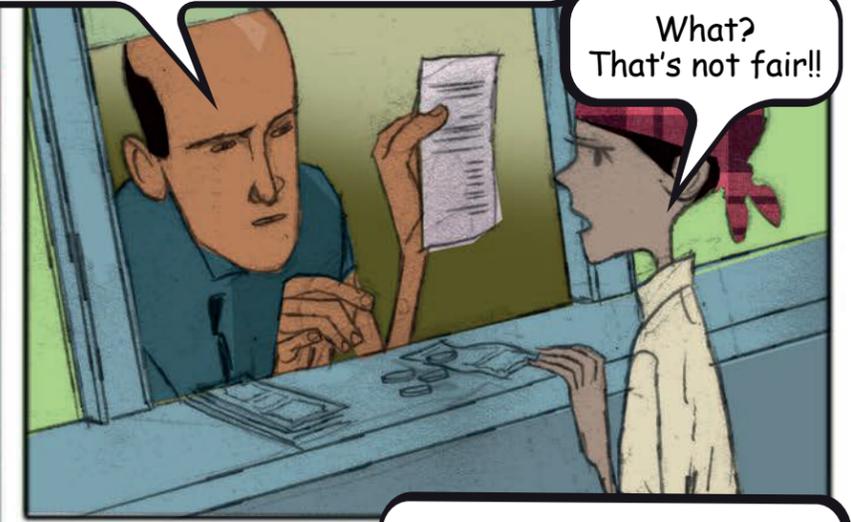


After a very hard week, Sunday is finally here. It's payday.



Finally!

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



What? That's not fair!!

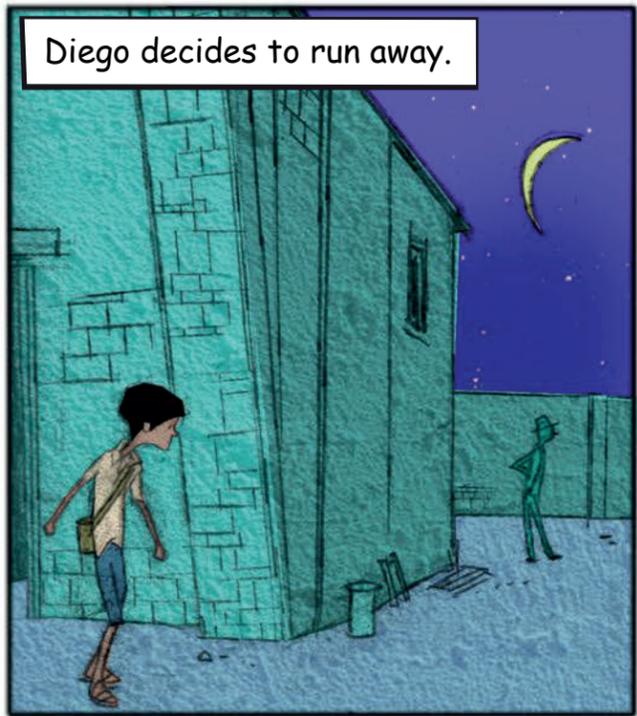


Fellow workers, let's demand a fair salary or we leave! And nobody harvests!

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!

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

iNamech nauatia nech paleuika!  
(Help me, sir, I beg you!!)

But I do!!

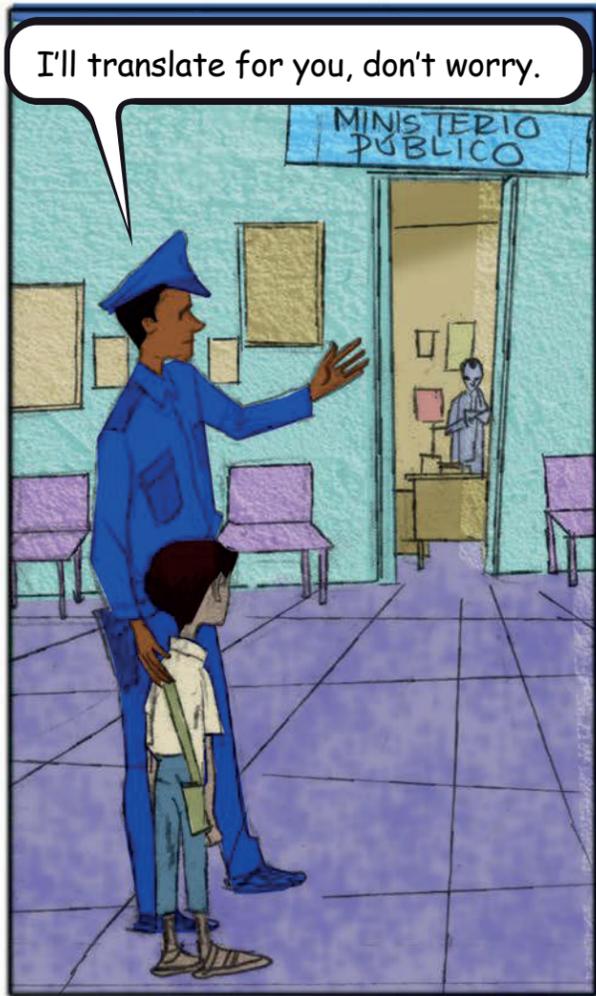


Easy, boy, my friend here speaks your language, we're going to help you.

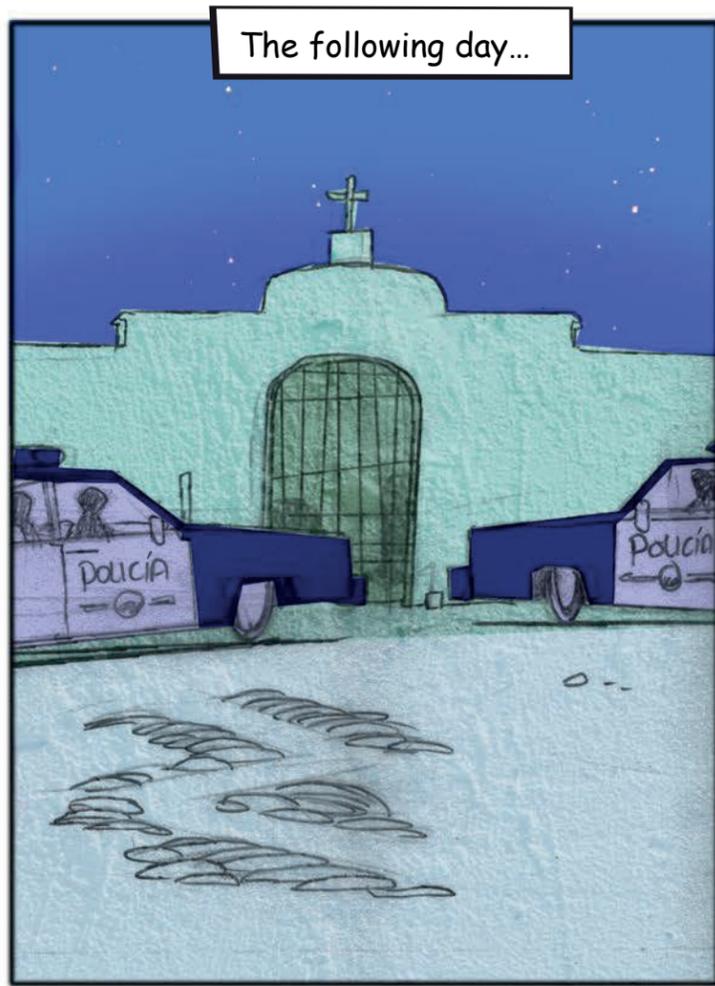


Hi! I speak your language. Tell me, what can I do for you?

Thanks so much!, well...



I'll translate for you, don't worry.



The following day...



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

Thank you!!



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



After a long journey...



Thank you!

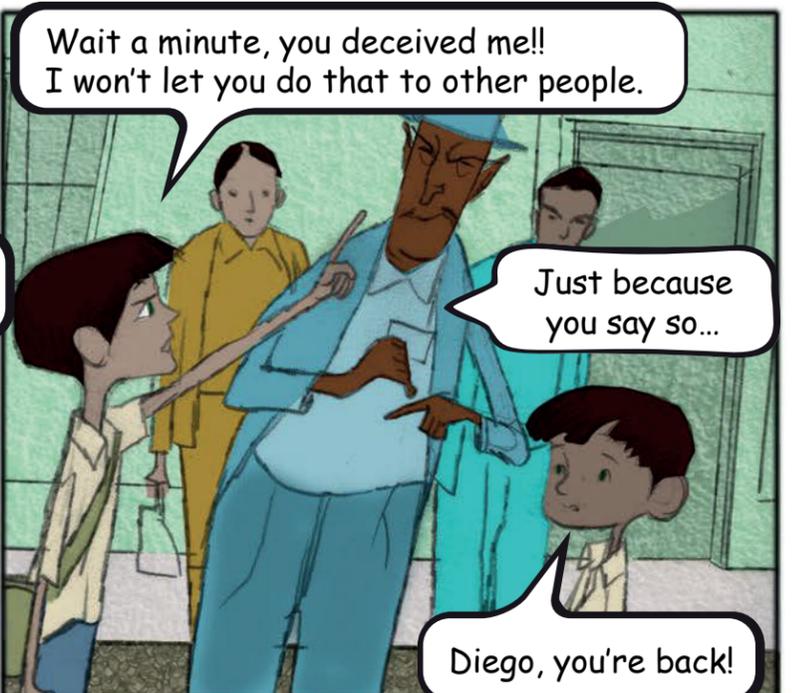


When Diego is walking home, he finds Miguel trying to deceive Diego's little brother.



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

And, Will I see my brother?



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

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.

Do not worry, we are going to investigate it so you're protected.

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



Finally at home!

Things are not so bad anymore, Diego...



Mom!  
I have good news!

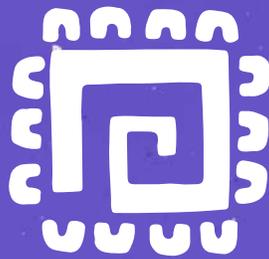


Diego! So good you're back, nothing makes me happier than seeing you again.

Mom, I'm here!

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The End



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