

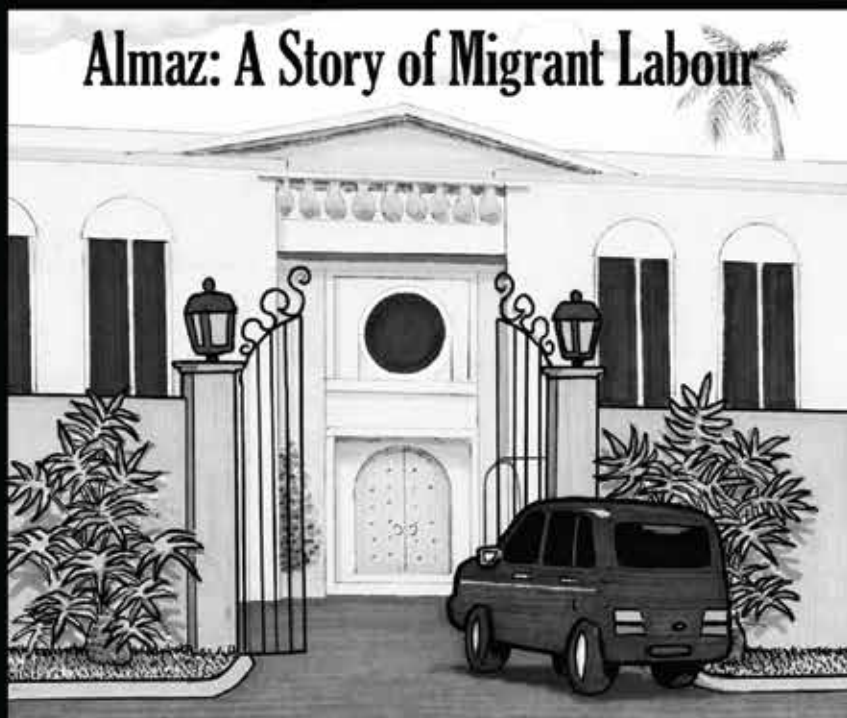
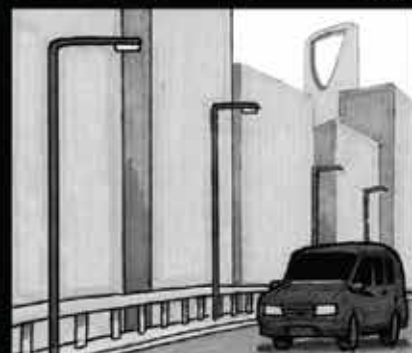


Ethiopia, 2012

The following is based on a true story.

FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN HER LIFE
ALMAZ FLEW

TO RIYADH





YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE THIRTY FIVE MINUTES AGO... WHAT'S YOUR NAME?



YOUR HOME IS SO BEAUTIFUL... MMM. THIS WAY.



YOU'LL CLEAN THE FLOORS IN THE MORNINGS - THEY GET SO DUSTY, JUST LOOK. FILTHY.



YES BUT YOU'LL MANAGE - I CAN SEE YOU'RE YOUNG AND FIT - DON'T MAKE ANY COMPLAINTS



YOU'LL MAKE THE BEDS AND WASH THE SHEETS...



YOU CAN COOK, I HOPE? THEY SAID YOU CAN



WELL CAN YOU OR CAN'T YOU?



I'M HERE MUM



WELL I HOPE SO - THE LAST GIRL WE HAD WAS WORSE THAN USELESS. WE EXPECT BREAKFAST EACH DAY AT TWELVE SO PLEASE BE PROMPT. MY HUSBAND HAS IMPORTANT WORK AND MUSTN'T BE MADE LATE...



THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL SLEEP - KEEP YOUR BELONGINGS TIDY...



YOU CAN GO TO SLEEP NOW BUT I'D LIKE THOSE FLOORS CLEANED BEFORE YOU START BREAKFAST TOMORROW. WE'VE BEEN WITHOUT A MAID FOR A WHOLE WEEK NOW!



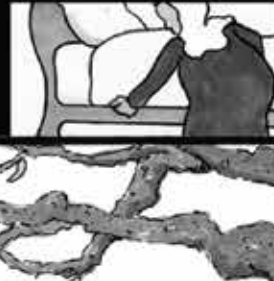
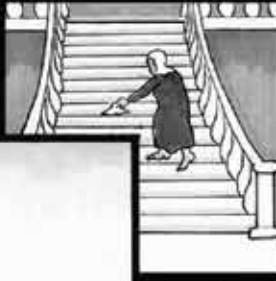
ALMAZ WOULD WAKE
AT FIVE EACH MORNING
AND PRAY BEFORE
STARTING WORK







FOR SEVERAL
WEEKS

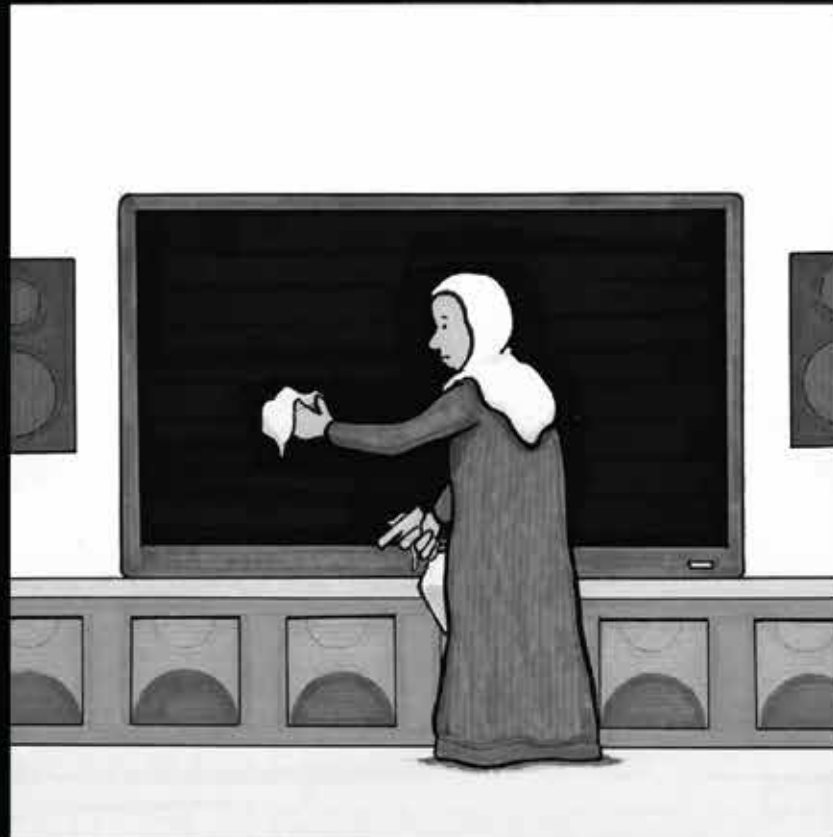


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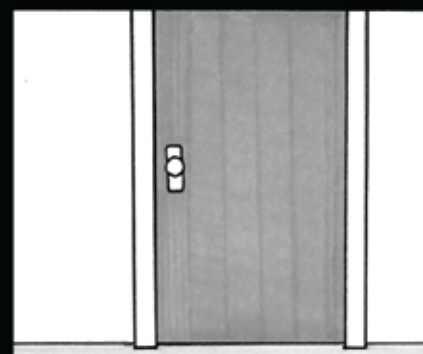
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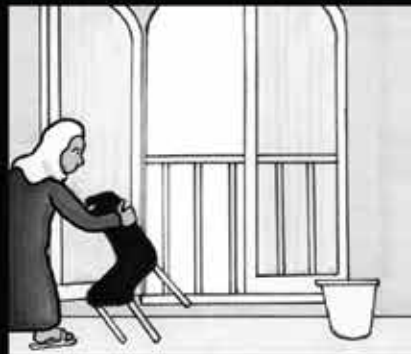
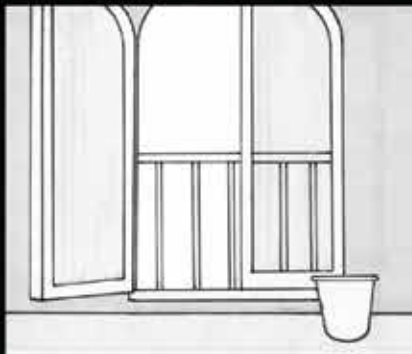
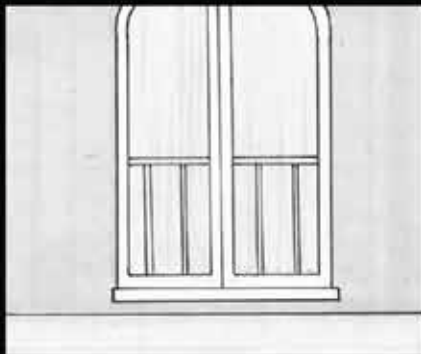
















This story was based on a testimony received in April 2014.

We interviewed the real Almaz as she recovered from her ordeal at a women's refuge in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Names and identifying details have been changed.