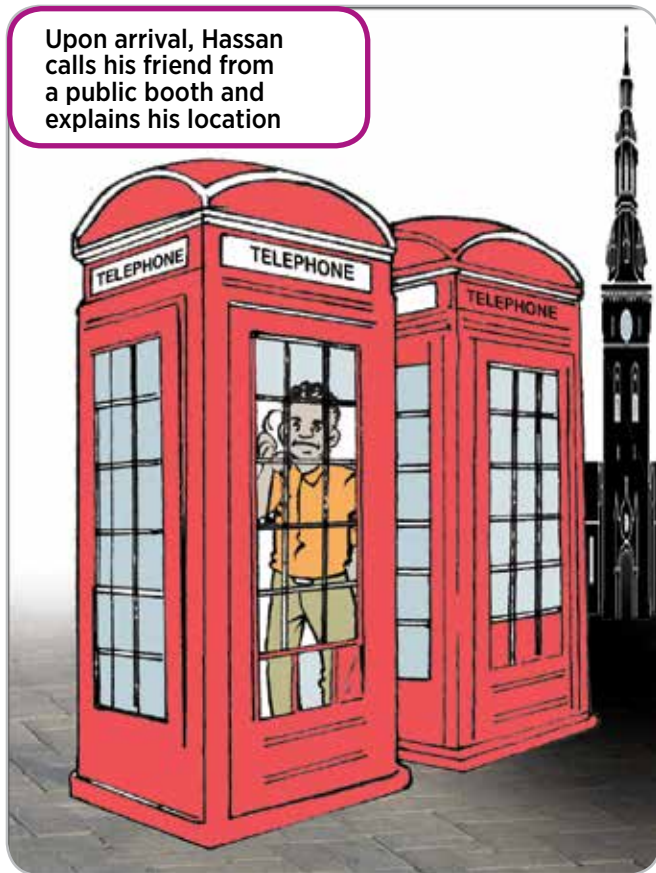


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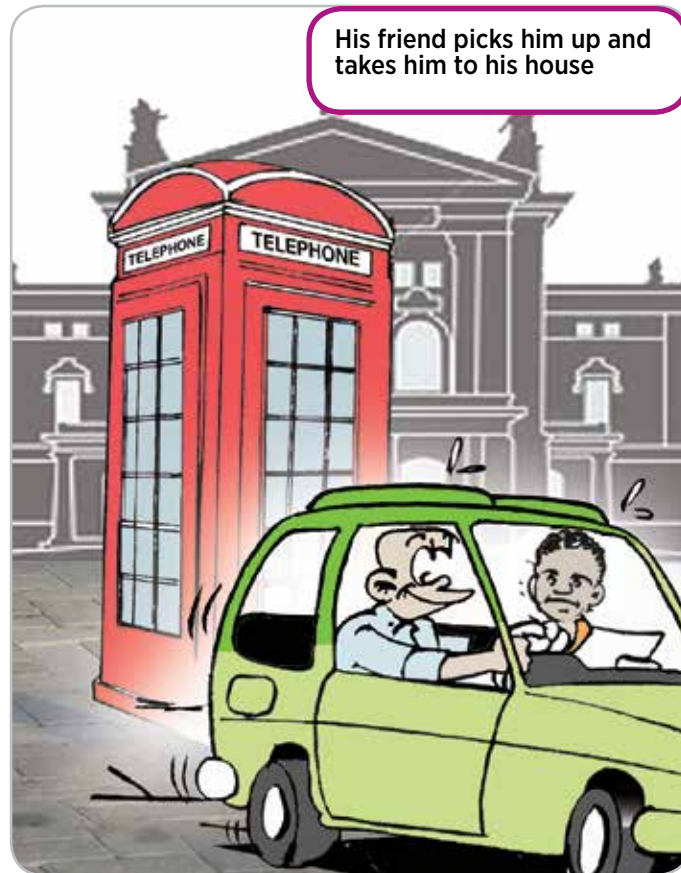
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Upon arrival, Hassan calls his friend from a public booth and explains his location



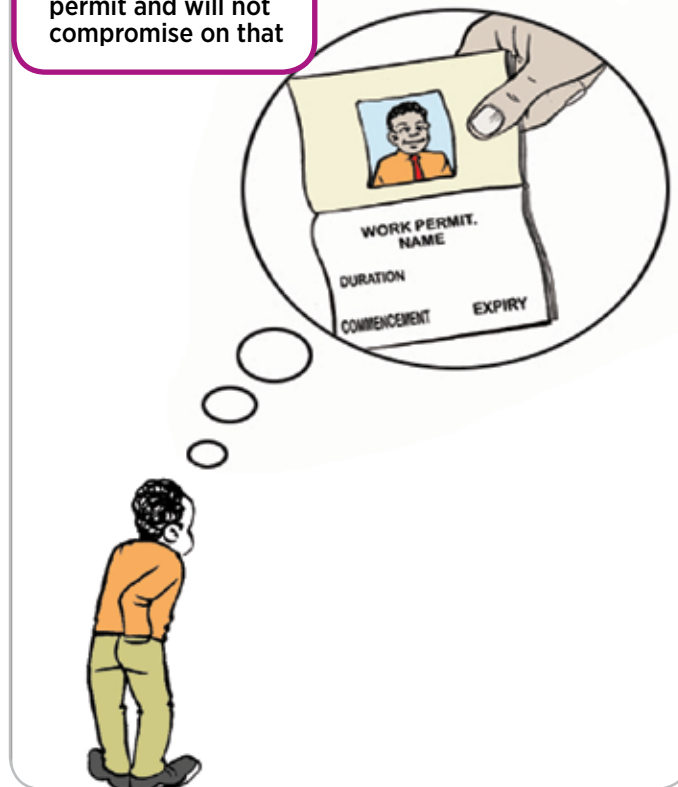
His friend picks him up and takes him to his house



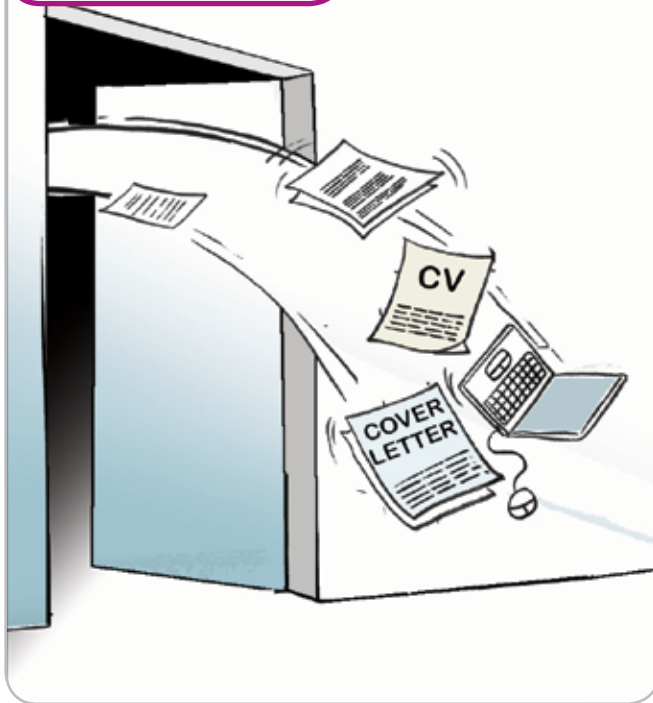
Hassan starts looking for a job from one office to another.



Most companies demand to his work permit and will not compromise on that

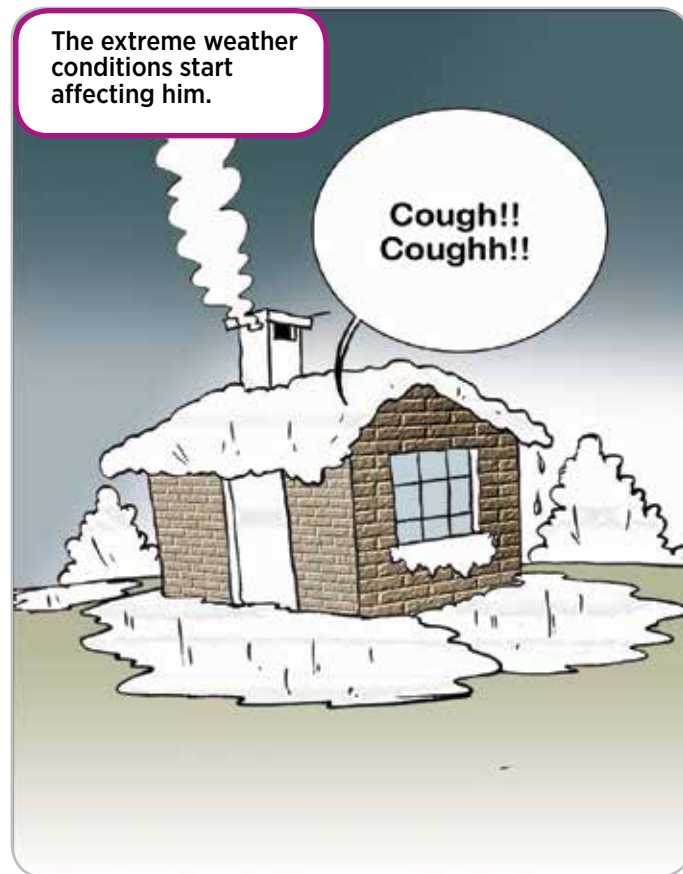


Despite him having a degree most companies don't even recognize his qualifications



In some instances, communication becomes a problem.





At one point, the staff at a hospital refuse to attend to him for lack of documents.



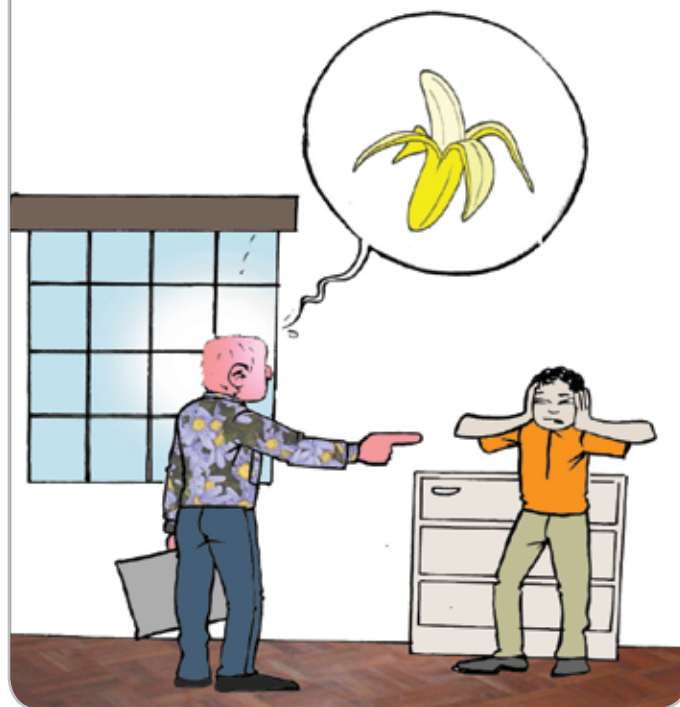
Hassan decides to look for domestic jobs as an option.



He works as a gardener for some family and at times cleaning.



Hassan gets racially abused.



Frustrated, he decides to look for a job elsewhere.



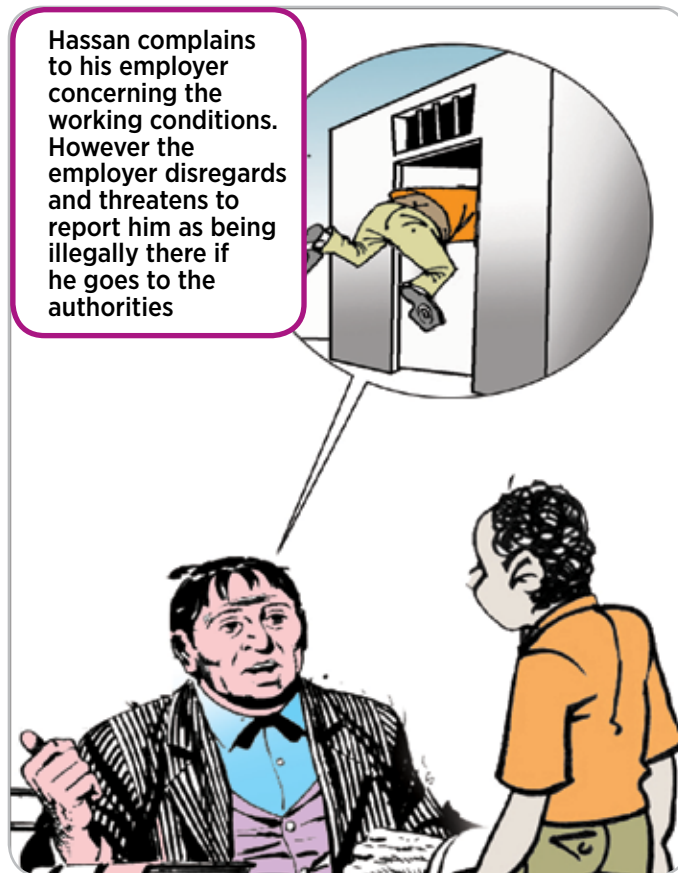
He gets a security job at a food outlet.

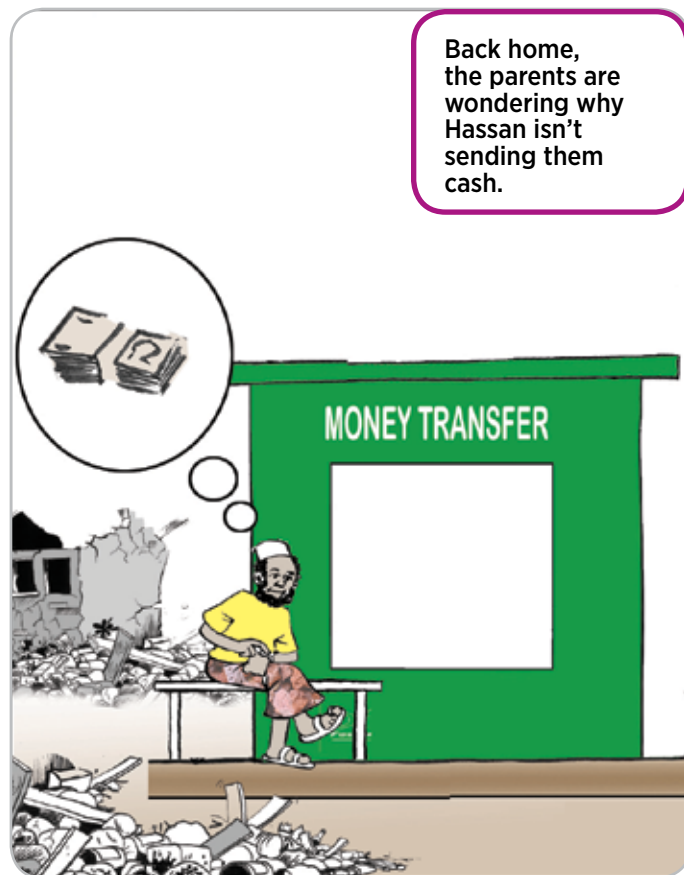
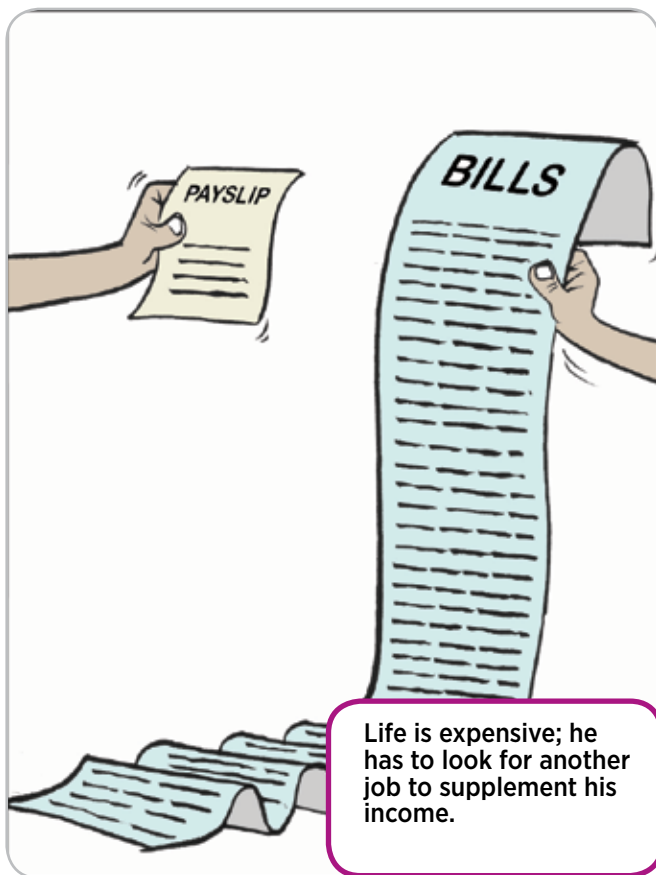


Hassan works long hours, bad weather and with no proper clothing.



Hassan complains to his employer concerning the working conditions. However the employer disregards and threatens to report him as being illegally there if he goes to the authorities





After staying for several months, his host now wants Hassan out as he is becoming a financial burden to him.



Hassan asks his host to give him time to look for a place to stay



His host agrees to give him two weeks



After two weeks Hassan still hasn't found a place. He has a disagreement with his host over this and he packs and leaves



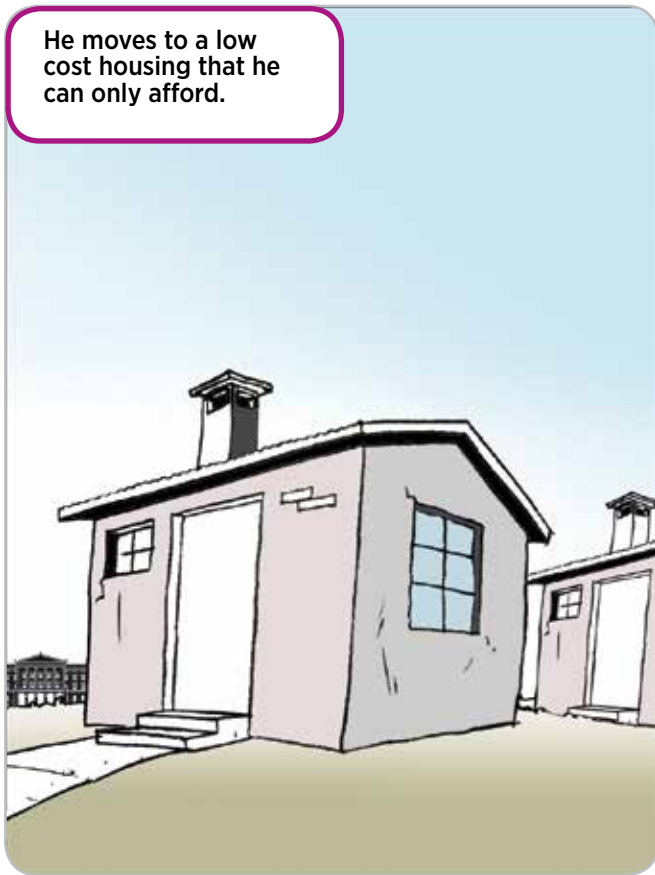
To avoid meeting
with law enforcers,
Hassan's movement
becomes minimal.



Hassan has to
leave on the
streets before he
can find housing



He moves to a low cost housing that he can only afford.



To be able to pay his bills, he teams up with a guy who also has similar problems.



In desperation, Hassan approaches one family and explains his actual position while appealing for assistance.



The family takes him in and gives him menial jobs, he can now afford some meal.



He asks for his pay
and the employer
refuses to pay.



An angry Hassan
demands his
pay but the boss
stands his ground.



The employer threatens to alert the police should Hassan keeps asking for a pay.



Fearing the consequences of a possible deportation, Hassan agrees to work for free. He is now a slave.



He tries to make up with his former host so as to be assisted, the host having stayed there longer.



Hassan goes back to the immigration office.



Through a translator,
he is interviewed as
they try to determine
his status.



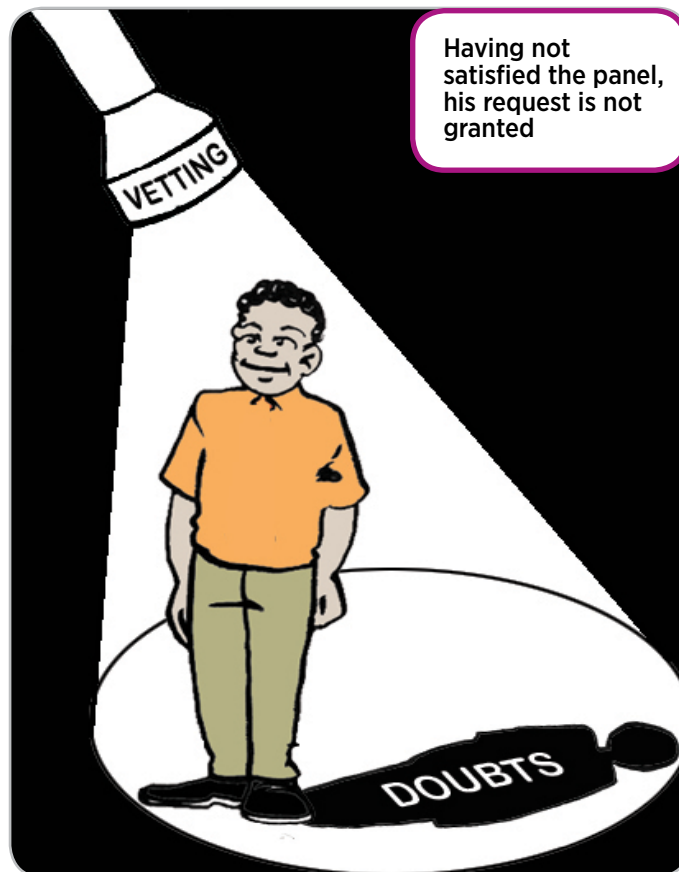
With no
documentation,
he is asked of the
country that he
first entered.



Fearing arrest, he lies that his resident country is where he has always been.



Having not satisfied the panel, his request is not granted



He is given an option of appealing but within some duration.



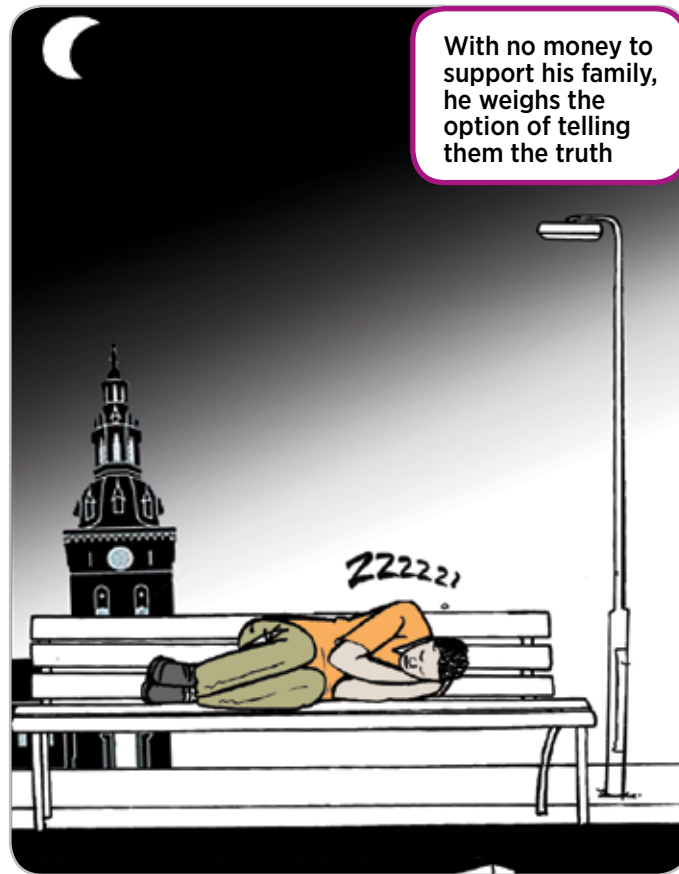
He goes back to his poor paying menial jobs.



He has stayed long without communicating, his parents call with a list of expectations.



With no money to support his family, he weighs the option of telling them the truth

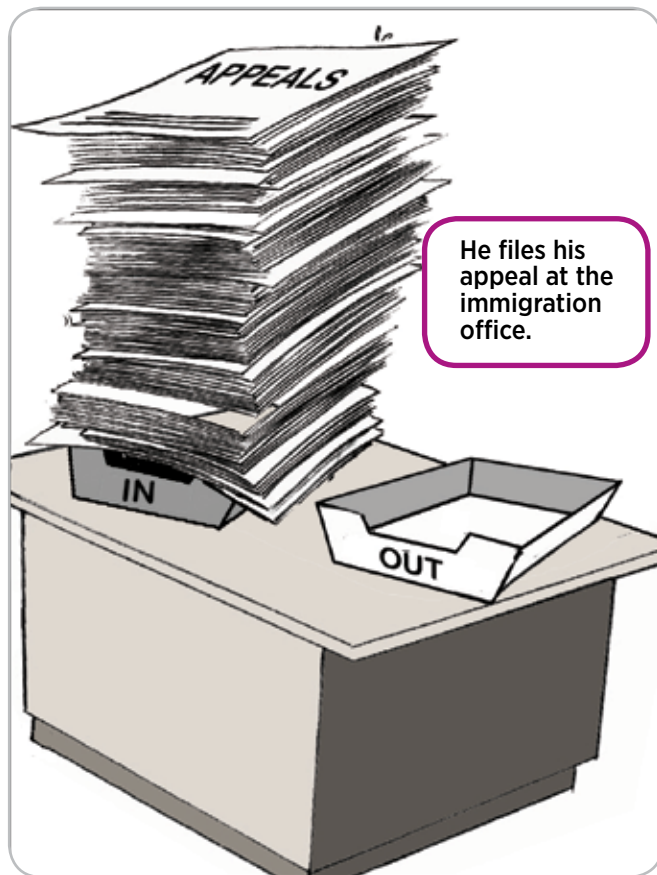


The racial frustrations at work are unending.



As a last resort to put his suffering to an end, Hassan is now ready to explain his case to the immigration office.





Options are running out. Before he is aligned in court, Hassan thinks of his last option, applying for asylum.



Armed with a long list of negative excuses about his country of origin, he presents himself at a police station



Synopsis

Despite meeting his host at his destination country, Hassan finds a totally different scenario from what he had anticipated. Without legal documents, it becomes difficult for him to get a job.

In his status, only menial jobs are available but are also poorly paid and at times never paid at all. Life is expensive and accessing basic facilities is beyond his reach. He tries to acquire a legal status but all his efforts hit a dead end. Hassan is tormented by the thought of his family that is eagerly waiting for his assistance, not knowing that he is also struggling to make ends meet. As a last option to put an end to his suffering, he approaches the authorities, ready to open up about his true status.