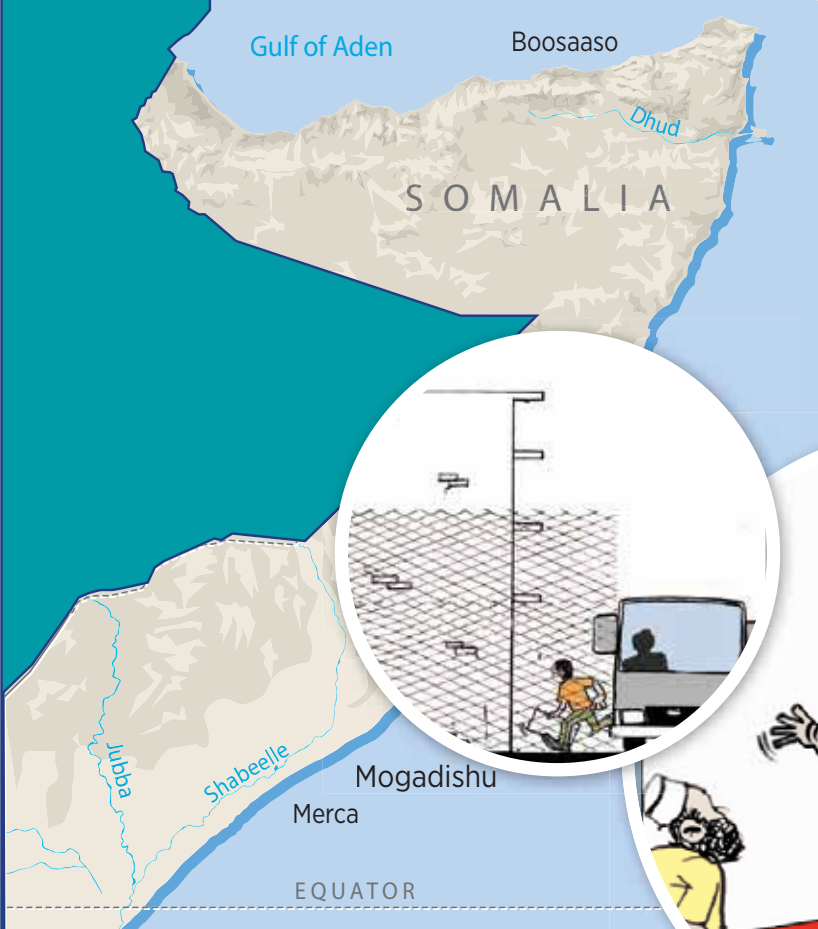


# Irregular Migration: Truths and Misconceptions

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Hassan begins to tell the officer his list of excuses.



The police officer interrupts him and with a stern warning he tells Hassan that he can already pre-empt what Hassan is going to say as he has seen many of these cases before



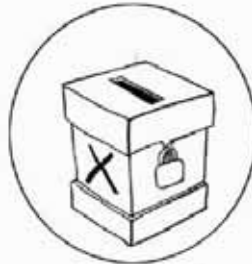
He advises him the best thing would be for Hassan to tell the truth as he has an obligation to do so if he wants to make any headway



Hassan looks at him and with little resolve left but optimistic he will succeed claims to have always been on the move across many borders in search of peace that he cant tell which country his story started.



Hassan tells of his journey from country to country and the insecurity that causes him to migrate and the suffering he's undergoes.



After which he finally tells the police that he would like to apply for asylum as he cannot tell his original country from the many he has been to.



The police officer looks at him keenly. He tells him his best option is to approach the National Police Immigration Service as they are the ones that have the mandate to deal with asylum cases and guides him to the immigration center



Humbly, Hassan meets an immigration officer and asks if he can be accorded some assistance



He begins to tell the officer his case and his intention to seek asylum.

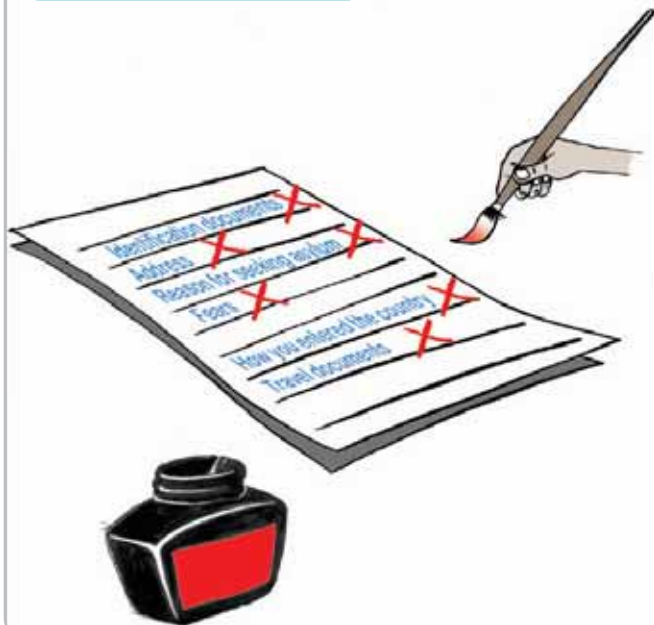


The immigration officer explains to him that for all asylum application he has to be registered and submit his application. In addition he has to state his name, age and address; submit his identification documents that show who you are; explain why you are applying for asylum and what you fear; he must explain how he came to the country and whether he had been in any other countries





Hassan explains to the officer that he has no documentation as they were all confiscated but however proceeds to lodge his application



The officer proceeds to take his fingerprints. Since his finger prints had already been taken at his first port of entry, the system flags them



The officer tells Hassan that it is not possible to lodge his application there. Hassan is confused and asks why

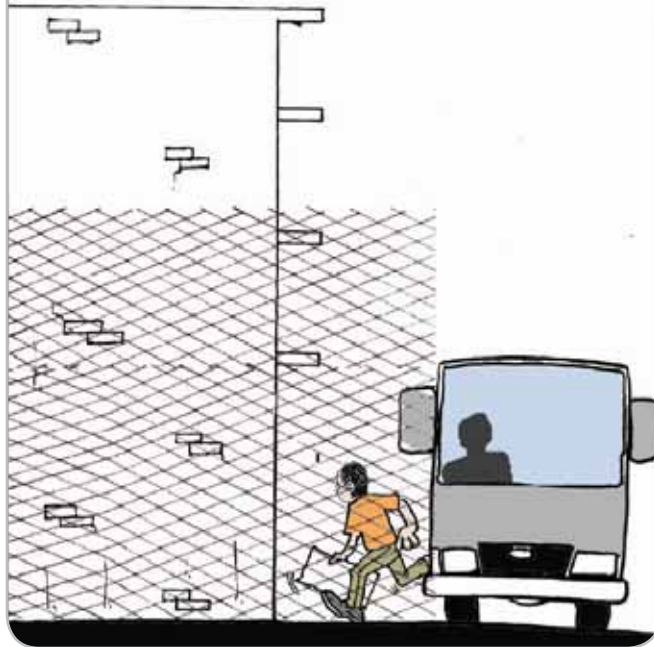


The officer goes ahead and explains to him that according to the immigration laws (Dublin II convention) an application is only valid in the country where an individual enters Europe first; the 'Dublin Procedure'. He also explains to him that asylum seekers have a habit of moving from one country to another seeking asylum usually having given false information. Fingerprints therefore acts as a way for authorities in different countries to help each other keep track of people.

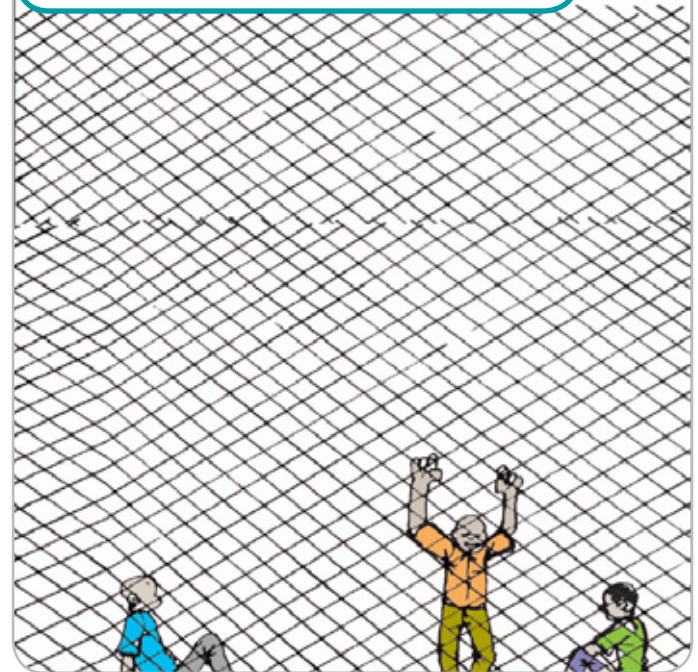




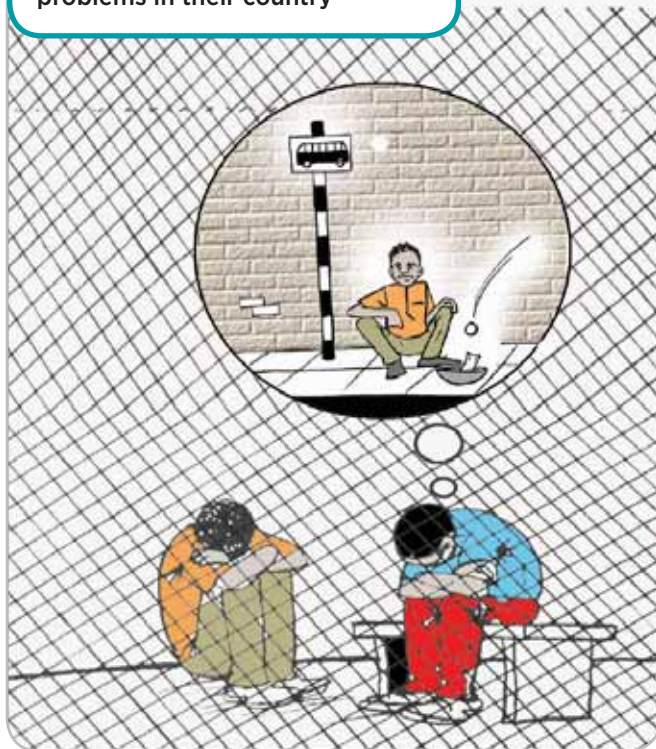
Hassan is therefore taken to the asylum reception center as he awaits to be sent back to his first destination country



While at the center, Hassan meets other immigrants with different stories. Some are awaiting their status, others like Hassan have fallen victims of the Dublin II Accord, struck between European countries as they regulate immigration policies



Just like Hassan many recount the struggles they have endured while trying to escape the problems in their country



Hassan stays in the camp for three days before he's sent back to the country of first entry



There Hassan has to lodge an application again. Hassan is now a dejected man as he sees it as a repetitive cycle.



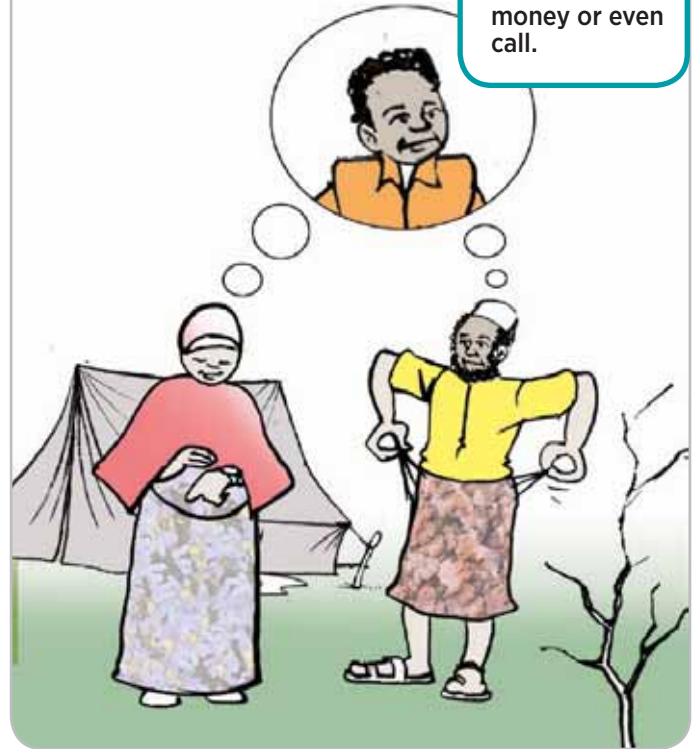
He has to await the status of his application. But for Hassan his future seems bleak and wishes he was back home....



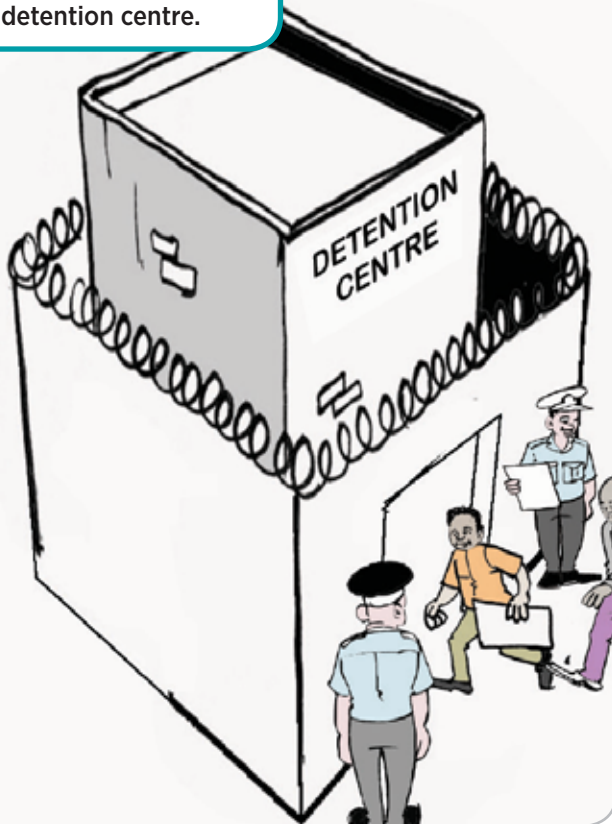
Back home Hassan's  
parents are angry.



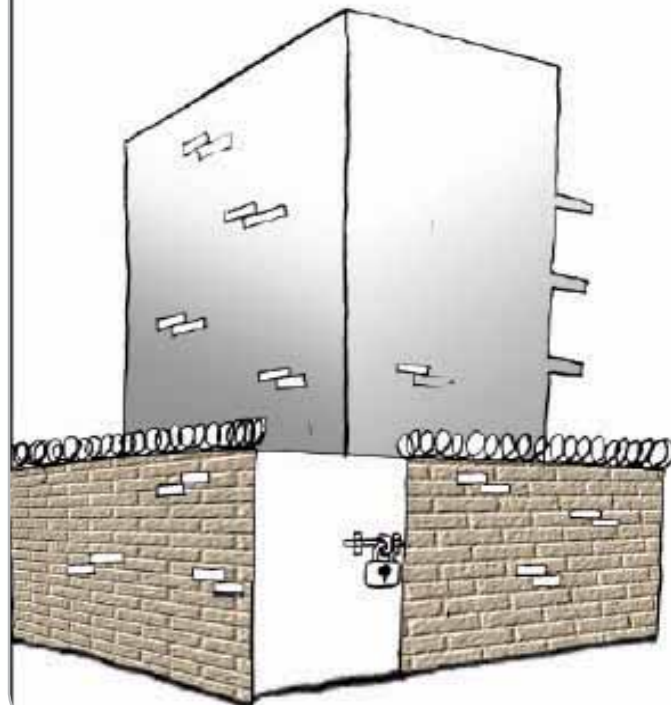
They don't  
understand  
why Hassan  
doesn't send  
money or even  
call.



Hassan is back at the detention centre.

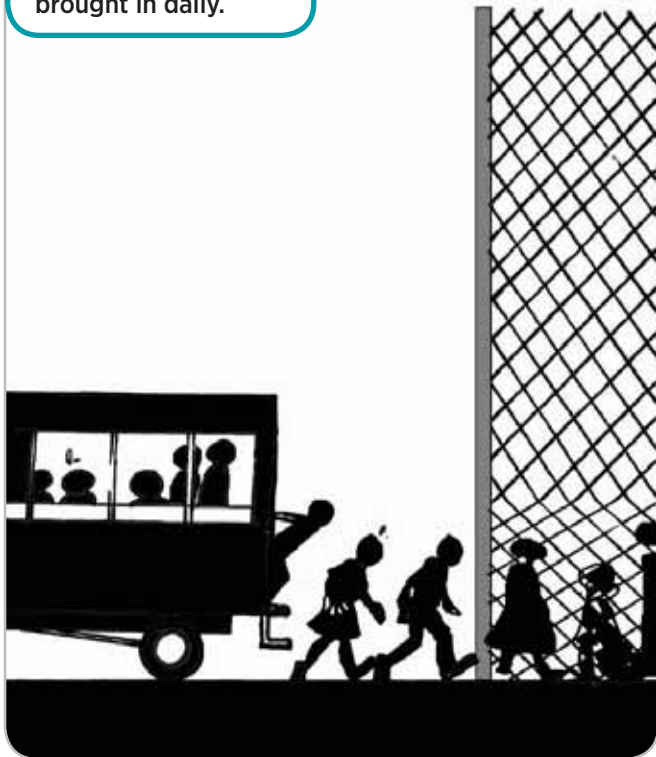


Movement at the centre is restricted.





The living conditions are not good. More migrants keep being brought in daily.



A new migrant at the centre helps Hassan with a phone to call home.

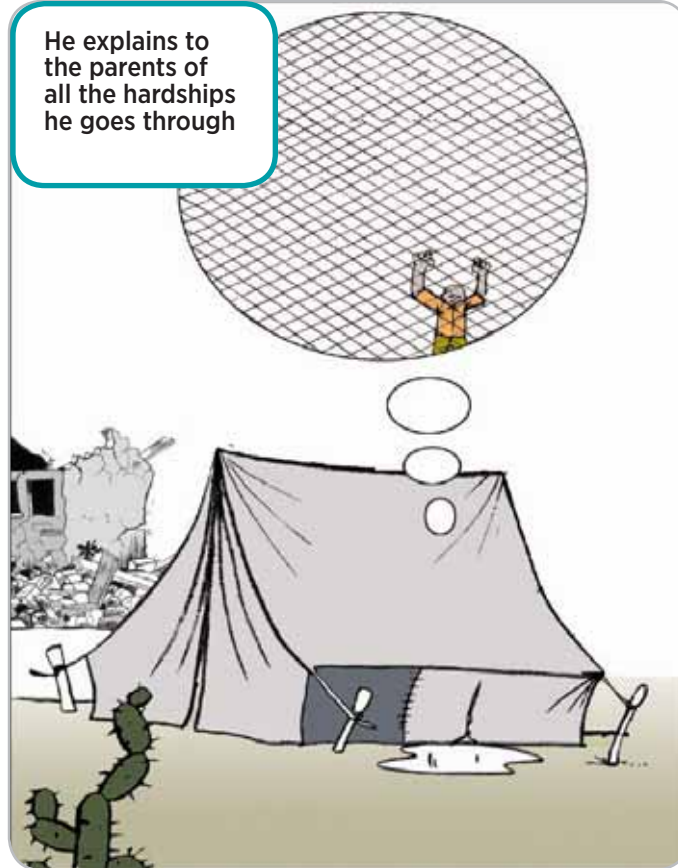




An unhappy Hassan asks his father to contact the agent for a refund of their money



He explains to the parents of all the hardships he goes through

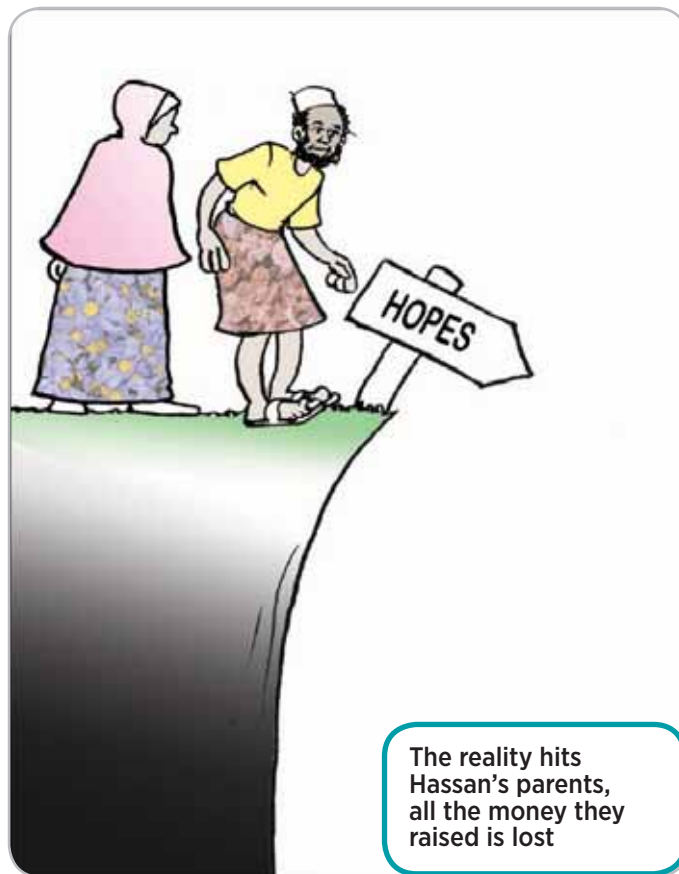


When contacted, the agent dismisses any refund proposal.



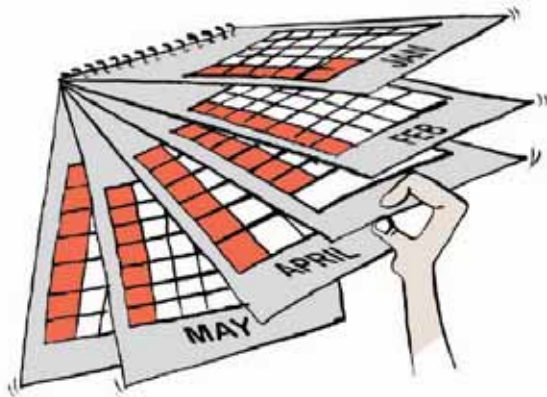
The deal was irregular, Hassan's father cannot get justice.

As an excuse, the agent claims Hassan never followed his instructions



The reality hits Hassan's parents, all the money they raised is lost

At the detention camp, days turn into months. Hassan is still waiting for his application to be processed



After many months in the centre, Hassan, together with others are taken to an immigration centre



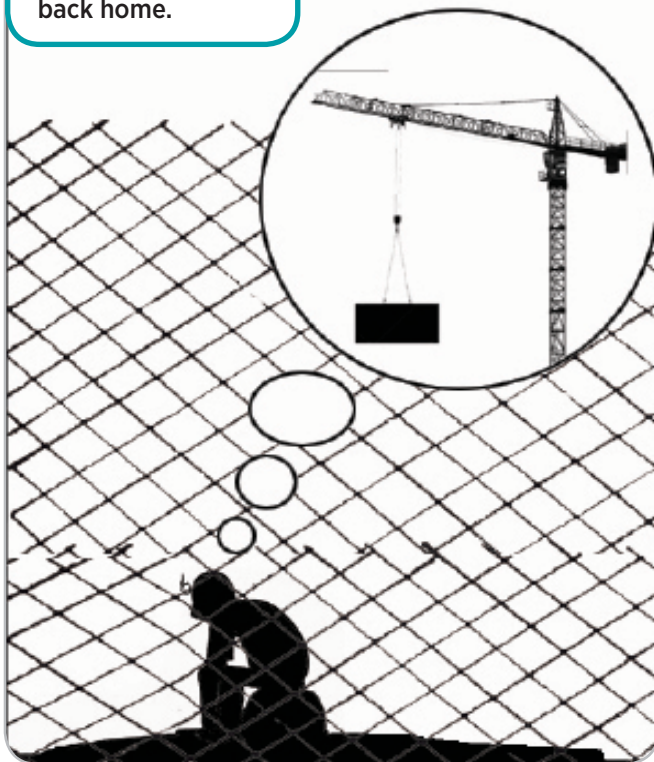
Their application has been assessed, and the verdict is given



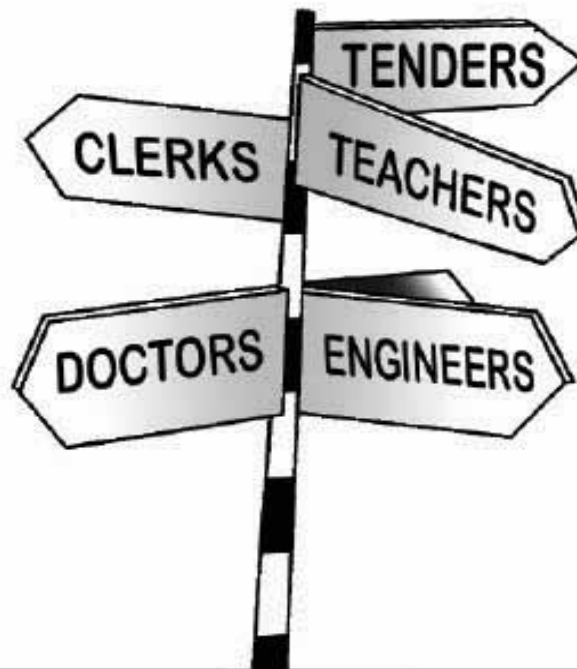
Their asylum application hasn't been successful. Those whose country of origin can be established are to be deported



Idle at the Centre,  
Hassan imagines  
of the slow growth  
back home.



He wishes if he had stayed at  
home with his parents. With his  
education, by now he could have  
landed a job and would have  
helped rebuild his country





After many months at the centre, another bunch of migrants is taken to the centre.



Hassan's many visits to the asylum centre have now become a routine, rejection after another.



With every visit, unfortunately, the chances of any migrant qualifying for asylum keeps dwindling so they keep being taken back to the detention centres



Back at the detention centre, Hassan realizes that his life is wasting away waiting for an asylum he is not sure will ever be granted



His high hopes and big dreams crashed, Hassan finally loses hope of ever qualifying for asylum.



He approaches the camp officer and requests for an appointment at the migration office



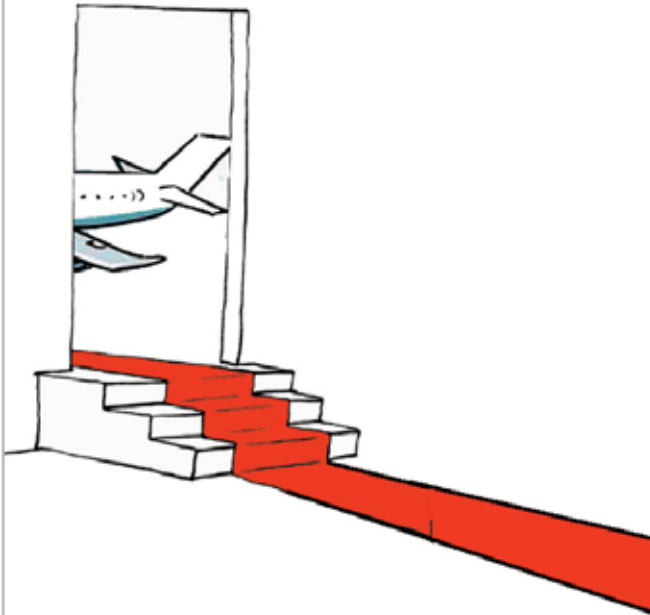
At the migration office, he confesses he has suffered too much here and is ready to go home



The immigration center arranges for all rejected asylum seekers to be repatriated. Hassan makes a phone call to his parents back home informing them he'll be coming back.



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Back home in Mogadishu his family prepares and eagerly awaits for his return

Hassan finally arrives and is happy to be back as his life home will be better than the streets....



## Synopsis

After many years of struggling and suffering, Hassan finally realizes that an irregular migration cannot work. He is left with only one option, going back home to reconstruct his life afresh.

Despite having wasted a lot of his productive time chasing wind, he is finally happy back home and is hopeful that soon he will be able to recover all what has been lost