





SUZIE!

WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT'S GOING
ON? WHAT ARE
YOU NOT
TELLING ME?

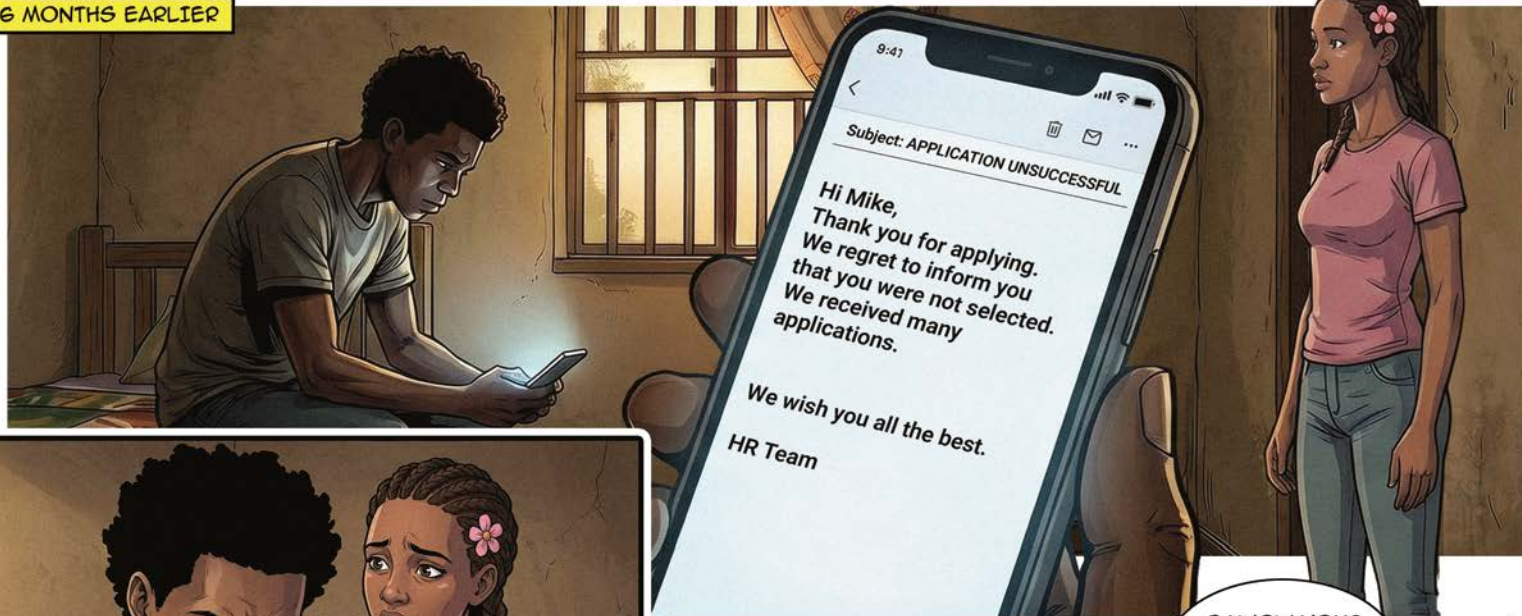


OH MUM... IT WAS
MEANT TO BE A GOOD
SURPRISE...WE DIDN'T
THINK IT WOULD TURN
OUT LIKE THIS...

SUZIE! YOU'RE
SCARING ME...

IT'S ABOUT
MIKE...

6 MONTHS EARLIER



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Subject: APPLICATION UNSUCCESSFUL

Hi Mike,
Thank you for applying.
We regret to inform you
that you were not selected.
We received many
applications.

We wish you all the best.
HR Team



REJECTION,
REJECTION,
REJECTION -
EVERYTIME! WHEN
WILL MY TIME COME?

MUM HAS SPENT
SO MUCH ON MY
COLLEGE FEES...
I KNOW I'M
LETTING HER
DOWN SUZIE.



I KNOW YOUR
TIME IS COMING.
YOU'LL GET YOUR
BIG BREAK!

THEN ONE DAY.



MIKE? IS THAT YOU?
BRO CHILL, ARE YOU STILL DREAMING
OF GOING ABROAD? COZ LISTEN -
I'M GOING FOR AN INTERVIEW...

SOME JOBS HAVE COME UP
AND THEY'RE PAYING REALLY
WELL... YOU KNOW THE BEST
PART? MY GUY, IT'S FREE!
YOU'RE NOT PAYING A
SINGLE DIME... I'M
TELLING YOU THIS IS IT!

**WORK ABROAD
NOW!!!**
**BIG MONEY!
URGENT JOBS!!!**

- Russia-Gardener (HIGH SALARY!)
- Canada-Farm Worker (NO FEES!)
- Dubai-Security Guard (FREE VISA!)
- * Qatar-Driver (HIGH SALARY!)
- * UK-Caregiver (IMMEDIATE START!)
- * USA-Hotel Staff (100% GUARANTEED!)

CALL AGENT NOW!
0722-123-456 (LIMITED SLOTS!)
DO NOT MISS! *Terms Apply*



ARE YOU SURE
ABOUT THIS,
MIKE?

I THINK IT'S REAL, SUZIE... BUT FOR
NOW, LET'S NOT TELL MUM. I WANT IT
TO BE A SURPRISE. WE'LL FINALLY
MAKE IT SUZIE AND I'LL BUY MUM LAND
AND MORE COWS - WE'LL BE OKAY.



OKAY, MIKE,
BUT BE
CAREFUL.

DON'T
WORRY.

THE NEXT DAY.



SO, GREAT NEWS FROM YOUR ASSESSMENT, WE'VE SEEN THAT YOU'RE QUALIFIED FOR THE LANDSCAPING JOBS IN RUSSIA. YOUR SALARY WILL BE 300,000 SHILLINGS A MONTH WITH BENEFITS



MY FRIEND THIS IS GOD'S FAVOUR. THEY SAID THEY'RE PAYING FOR THE FLIGHT, VISA, MEDICAL...

EVERYTHING...I CAN'T EVEN BELIEVE IT...TRULY IT'S GOD.



MIKE...WHY THE RUSH?

THEY'VE SORTED EVERYTHING OUT...



CAN WE AT LEAST SEE THE CONTRACT? WE NEED TO VERIFY THIS OPPORTUNITY IS LEGIT. YOU SHOULD WAIT EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR TODAY...WE READ THE CONTRACT, TALK TO PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN SENT BY THAT AGENCY, AND THEN TOMORROW IF WE'RE SATISFIED... YOU GO.





SUZIE,
THIS IS MY
CHANCE, I
CAN FEEL IT.



OKAY, BE
SAFE.



I'LL SEND
LOTS OF
MONEY...NOW
IS OUR TIME
TO MAKE IT.

LATER



I'M GOING TO JOIN THE
RUSSIAN MILITARY...I'M AN
EX-MILITARY. I HEAR THE
PAY IS GREAT THERE...

I HEAR THE PAY IS
GREAT. MYSELF I'M
GOING FOR A
SECURITY JOB.

I CAN'T WORK IN THE
MILITARY - WE'RE
GOING TO BE
GARDENERS.

I'LL BE A TRUCK
DRIVER - I'VE ALWAYS
LOVED DRIVING
LARGE TRUCKS.

US TOO - I THINK IF ONE
IS COMFORTABLE WITH
THEIR JOB - THAT'S WHAT
MATTERS - I MEAN; WE ALL
JUST WANT TO MAKE IT.

HERE... AND
DON'T COME BACK
CRYING WHEN IT
ALL GOES WRONG



WHY DID THE
GUARD AT THE
AIRPORT TELL
ME THAT? THAT
IS SO WEIRD.

ANYWAY, IT'S
ADVENTURE
TIME!

FAR FROM HOME



YOU ARE
ALL RUSSIAN
SOLDIERS
NOW!



EXCUSE...
WE DON'T
UNDERSTAND
THE LANGUAGE
THE CONTRACTS
ARE IN.



SHUT UP! YOU DO
WHAT WE SAY AND
YOU DON'T ASK
QUESTIONS! IF
ANYONE SPEAKS
ANOTHER WORD, I
WILL SHOOT THEM.

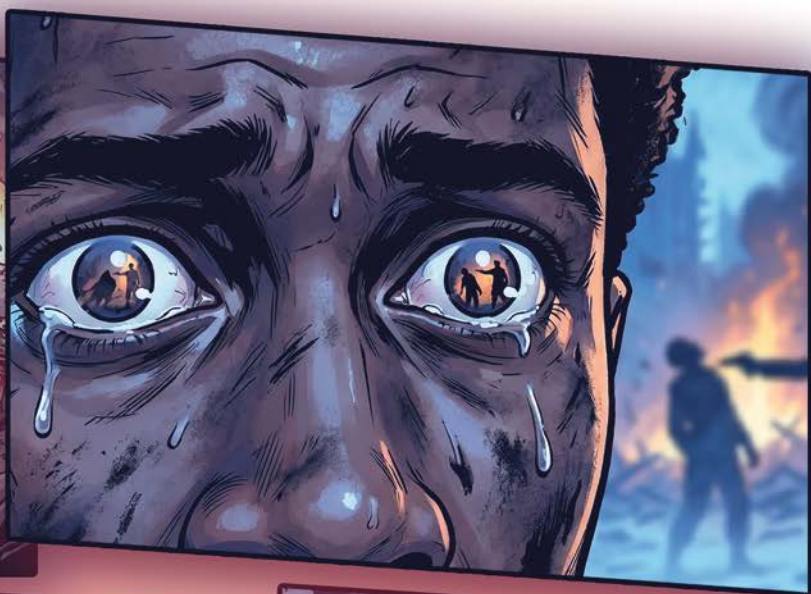




1 WEEK LATER









SUZIE, IT'S MIKE... I'M ON THE FRONT LINE... I DON'T THINK I'LL MAKE IT BACK. EVERYONE IS DYING. I DON'T SEE A WAY OUT. TELL MUM I LOVE HER.



I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.

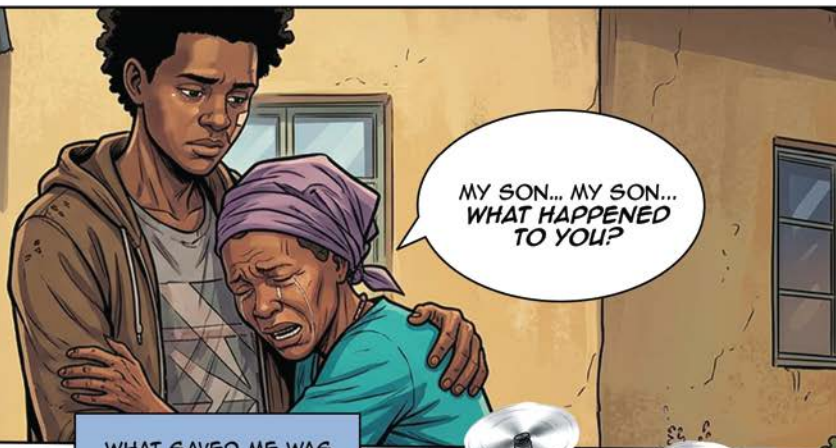


FEW DAYS LATER...

WE HAVE TO WARN OTHERS.







I WAS TRYING TO REACH THE RIVER TO CROSS AND HIDE IN THE FOREST. UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS SPOTTED BY A DRONE. IT CAUGHT UP WITH ME.



WHAT SAVED ME WAS HIDING BESIDE A DEAD BODY - THE DRONE THOUGHT I WAS DEAD





I BIDE MY TIME UNTIL THE DAY I GOT A CHANCE TO STEP OUTSIDE FOR FRESH AIR WITHOUT A GUARD. THAT'S WHEN I ESCAPED AND MADE IT TO THE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.



THEY GAVE ME A TEMPORARY PASSPORT SINCE MINE HAD BEEN TAKEN, AND PAID FOR MY TICKET - BECAUSE IT TURNED OUT THOSE PEOPLE HADN'T BEEN PUTTING ANY MONEY ASIDE FOR US...EVERYTHING WAS A SCAM.



I CAME BACK WITH NOTHING. ALL THAT RISK I TOOK, I NEARLY DIED, AND THE ONLY THING I HAVE ARE THESE INJURIES. THE WOUNDS WILL TAKE TIME TO HEAL.



BUT I'M LUCKY TO BE ALIVE. IT'S GOD. THE OTHER OPTION WAS DEATH. MANY DIED.



I'VE LEARNED THERE ARE THINGS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MONEY. LIFE HERE IN KENYA, EVEN WITH ALL THE STRUGGLES WE HAVE, IS GOOD. I WAS LIVING A SWEET LIFE. HERE I HAVE FREEDOM - I HAVE THE PEOPLE I LOVE - AND PEACE. AND THERE'S STILL A CHANCE TO BUILD MYSELF UP AND EARN MY OWN HONEST MONEY...EVEN IF IT'S LITTLE. THAT'S WHAT MATTERS.

STOP-CHECK-CONFIRM



1. Stop:

Don't make a decision the same day when you're under pressure.



2. Check:

Request a written contract in a language you understand.



3. Confirm:

Verify the employer and type of visa through an official channel.



4. Tell:

Involve family or someone you trust.



5. Keep copies:

Of all documents between you and the agent, such as contracts and the office address.



If you are in danger:
Speak to a trusted official source such as an embassy or immediate family.



For emergencies while travelling, carry a document with emergency contacts.



Before you travel, tell someone your exact location and provide your recruiter's details.