



The day I left home for the city

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ویستگه‌ی بچووکی پاسی گوندکه‌ی ئیمە، قەرەبائۇغ و پىر لە
پاس بۇو. لەسەر زەویەكە شتى زۆرى لى بۇو كە دەبوايە
بار كرابان. شاگىرى شوفىرەكىن بە دەنگى بەرز ناوى ئە و
شويىناھىيان دەگوت كە پاسەكىن بۆي دەچوون.

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The small bus stop in my village was busy
with people and overloaded buses. On the
ground were even more things to load.
Touts were shouting the names where
their buses were going.

"City! City! Going west!" I heard a tout shouting. That was the bus I needed to catch.

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ئەو پاسەی بۆ شار دەچوو خەریک بۇو پېرى، بەلام
خەلکە کە هەر پالىان بە يەكتىرەوە دەنە بۆ ئەوهى بىئنە ژوور
و سوار بن. ھەندىك بارەكلانى خۆيان خستە ناو سندۇوقى
زىر پاسەكە. ھەندىكىشىان ھىننایانە ناو پاسەكە و لەسەر
رەفەي ژوورەوە يان دانا.

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The city bus was almost full, but more people were still pushing to get on. Some packed their luggage under the bus. Others put theirs on the racks inside.



ئەو پاسەي دەگەرەيەوە بە خىرايى پېر بۇو. گۈنگۈزىن شت
ئىستا بۆ من ئەوه بۇو كە بە دواي مەلى مەممە بىگەپىم.

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The return bus was filling up quickly. Soon it would make its way back east. The most important thing for me now, was to start looking for my uncle's house.

New passengers clutched their tickets as they looked for somewhere to sit in the crowded bus. Women with young children made them comfortable for the long journey.

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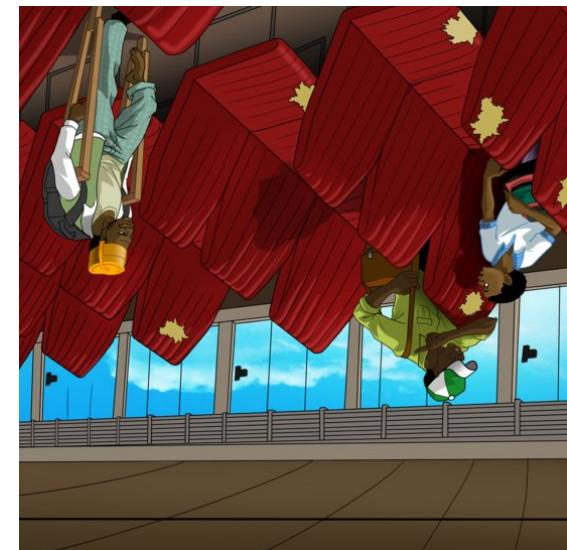
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Nine hours later, I woke up with loud banging and calling for passengers going back to my village. I grabbed my small bag and jumped out of the bus.

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બેની અદ્વિતીય ઘણાં રૂપ ૬ રૂપ કરું જો અને કરીએ.
દ્વારાં હોકારી ૧૦૮૮ ત્થી દ્વારાં ૧૦૯૦ ત્થી દ્વારાં ૧૦૯૧. અને
ત્થી દ્વારાં ૧૦૯૨ રુપાં ૧૦૯૩ હશે ૧૦૯૪ ને કરું જો અને કરીએ.





من به زۆر شوینى خۆم لە تەنیشت پەنجەرەيەكە وە
کرددەوە. ئەو كەسەي لە تەنیشت منەوە دانىشتبوو،
كىسەيەكى لايلىقنى سەوزى بە توندى لهناو دەستدا گرتبوو.
ئەو نەعلەكى كۆنى لە پىّدا بۇو، چاكەتىيکى كۆنى
لەبەردابۇو، ئەو پەشۆڭلا دىيار بۇو.

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I squeezed in next to a window. The person sitting next to me was holding tightly to a green plastic bag. He wore old sandals, a worn out coat, and he looked nervous.



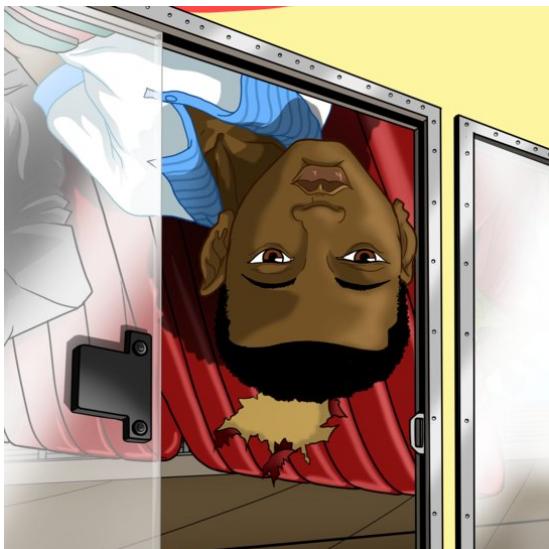
لە رىڭا توانىم نىبۈ ئەو جىيگايەي شارە گەورەكە لە بەر
بکەم كە مامم لىي دەزىيا. لە بەر خۆوە قىسم كىردىن، هەتا
خەوم لېكەوت.

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On the way, I memorised the name of the place where my uncle lived in the big city. I was still mumbling it when I fell asleep.

I looked outside the bus and realised that I was leaving my village, the place where I had grown up. I was going to the big city.

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But my mind drifted back home. Will my mother be safe? Will my rabbits fetch any money? Will my brother remember to water my tree seedlings?

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ههموو که لوپه له کان بار کران و گهشتیاره کانیش له
شوینه کانیان دانیشن. دهستفروشه کان هیشتا به
پاله پهستو ده لاتنه ناو پاسه که، بوئه و هی شته کانیان به
گهشتیاره کان بفروشن. ههموویان ناوی ئه و شتانه یان
دهگوت کرد که بو فروشتن پییان بwoo. من پیموابوو ئه و
وشانه گویم لیبیون، زور سهیر بوبون.

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The loading was completed and all passengers were seated. Hawkers still pushed their way into the bus to sell their goods to the passengers. Everyone was shouting the names of what was available for sale. The words sounded funny to me.



هه رچی سه فهره که بهره و پیشه و ده چوو هه واي ناو
پاسه که زور گرمتر ده ببوو. من چاوه کانم داخته و به و
هیوايی خهوم لی بکه ویت.

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As the journey progressed, the inside of the bus got very hot. I closed my eyes hoping to sleep.

A few passengers bought drinks, others bought small snacks and began to chew. Those who did not have any money, like me, just watched.

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As the bus left the bus stop, I stared out of the window. I wondered if I would ever go back to my village again.

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ئەو جموجۇلۇنە بە لىدانى ھۆرنى پاسەكە كۆتايىان پى
ھلات، كە ئەوه ئاملازىيەك بۇو بۇ ئەوهى كە ئېمە ئاملاھىن بۇ
رۆيىشتىنин. شاگىرد شوفيرىك ھوارى كرد كە
دەستفرۆشەكەن دەبى بىرۇنە دەرەھوھ.

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These activities were interrupted by the hooting of the bus, a sign that we were ready to leave. The tout yelled at the hawkers to get out.



دەستفرۆشەكەن پاڭىيان بە يەكتىرەھە نا بۇ ئەوهى لە پاسەكە
بچنە خوارەھە. ھەندىيەكىيان باقى پارەكلىيان بە
گەشتىارەكەن دايەھە. ھەندىيەكىشىان لە كۆتايىي كات
ھەولۇيان داشتى زىياتى بفرۆشىن.

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Hawkers pushed each other to make their way out of the bus. Some gave back change to the travellers. Others made last minute attempts to sell more items.