

Narrative

How would you feel if you worked non-stop for fourteen hours, and earn very little money and still have to send that money back to your parents and eight other siblings? Well my name is Prena and this is my story.

The day was bright and sunny but I was feeling the total opposite. It is time for me to go to school! “The favorite part of my day,” I say to myself.

My feet feel like fire because I’m stepping on the super hot streets of Kathmandu Nepal while wearing no shoes. As I arrive to school I see my teacher. “Hello Prena how are you today?” “Good,” I say. As I am happily learning I seek to become a doctor one day, but I think that is pretty tough because I don’t have access to expensive stuff like a university.

I see every second of my learning very valuable and important to me. Next Thing I know class is over.

“Whoa, what just happened?” As I look around my tiny room I see I have been robbed, and sit there crying for what seemed like forever. I now barely own anything, and knowing I don’t have any money-which I was supposed to send back to my parents- makes my emotions burst. I’m employed as a domestic worker for a family, and it’s time for me to start the household chores. I start by sweeping the rusty, dirty floors of this house and try not to think about what just happened.

After I’m done, all of these ideas start to appear in my head, “What am I going to do?”, “How am I going to fix this?”, “What will happen?”

Then I look around the room and notice that my one and only necklace that my mom gave me of our family is gone. I also don't see the money that I earned yesterday in my secret compartment. A lot of my valued things are gone.

Finally, I notice that the only thing that I can do is probably try to work more hours so I can get paid more. I go downstairs to ask the father of the family I work for if I can work longer today. It was like a miracle! He said I can get paid a bonus because of how much effort I put into my job, because it is a very tiring job to do continuously from day to night. He has never been that generous to me before. Suddenly, my life went from dark to bright in no time!