

JOINING HANDS for a BETTER FUTURE

-WOUNDSCAPES- TENSION WITH NEW GEOGRAPHY

New York, beginning of the XXth century. This European family has just arrived in America leaving behind their country, their family and friends, their language and way of life... possibly for ever.

Can you imagine yourself in the woman's situation? Maybe she is illiterate, but with the help of a friend (you are that friend) she was able to write a letter home telling them of her feelings, hopes and despairs, at the very start of her new life.

Dear diary :

I have just arrived in America and I'm very frightened. I hope this new big change will give us a new opportunity in life. My main objective right now is to have a job and try to face difficulties and problems as language barriers and misunderstandings. I know that immigrant integration is not easy. We have to come to terms with a new way of life and culture and get to know and meet new people.

Unfortunately, we don't have enough money to buy a house or at least to stay at a hotel. That means that we are homeless. That is the reason why we have to do our best and work extremely hard in our new country. There are many racist people who believe that we don't deserve anything and who criticize us because of our way of thinking, the color of our skin, our country of origin. I'm trying to explain them that I have left my country due to necessity and to find a better future for my children.

I'm very worried about my children and I take into account what they may be suffering, in fact they are just kids. I feel like if everything that surrounds me crashes down on me. I don't want to seem to be desperate, but the truth is that I must take control over the situation immediately. In general, I hope that our dreams come true and to reach a life like any American.

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