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Min digot qey mêrên Norwêcî zilamên herî baş ên cîhanê ne, lê ew ne rast e! Berî ku ez wî zilamê ku bû mêrê min nas bikim, ez li Bangkokê di kargehekê de dixebitim, û ew li Pattaya dijiya. Me bi rêya Înternetê hev nas kir û di dawiyê de bûn cotek.

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I thought Norwegian men were the best men in the world, but that is not true! Before I met the man who became my husband, I worked in a factory in Bangkok, and he lived in Pattaya. We met through the Internet and eventually became a couple.

Piştî demekê me biryar da ku em bizewicin. Ez ji malbateke feqîr hatim, lema jî hebûna mêrekî biyanî yê ku bikaribe debara malbata min bike, bû parekî sedema ku ez bi wî re bizewicim.

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After a while we decided to get married. I came from a poor family, so having a foreign husband who could take care of my family was part of my reason for marrying him.

Em koçî Norwêcê kirin, û min dest bi dibistanê kir ku ez Norwêcî hîn bibim. Demek dijwar bû. Ehliyeta min tune bû, mêrê min mecbûr ma bi ajotina min bibira dibistanê, li benda min bisekine û vegere. Ji her alî ve saetek bû. Piştî demekê em nêzîkî hev bûn, lê wî dîsa jî israr kir ku min bi ajotina dibistanê. Wî nedixwest ku ez bi tenê bimeşim.

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We moved to Norway, and I started going to school to learn Norwegian. It was a difficult time. I did not have a driver’s licence, and my husband had to drive me to school, wait for me, and drive back. It was an hour each way. After a while we moved closer, but he still insisted on driving me to school. He did not want me to walk alone.

Nizanim paşeroj wê çi bi xwe re bîne. Plana min ew e ku ez biçim dibistanek din, lê mêrê min naxwaze ku ez wiya bikim. Ew plan dike ku dûrtir biçe da ku karê min tevlihev bike. Ez dixwazim li ber xwe bidim lê nizanim çawa. Jiyana li welatekî din bi mêrekî pîr re ji ya ku min texmîn dikir dijwartir e.

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I do not know what the future will bring. My plan is to go to another school, but my husband does not want me to do that. He is planning to move further away to make it difficult for me. I want to resist, but I do not know how. It is not as easy to live in a foreign country with an old man as a husband as I thought it would be.

Ji dema ku ez hatim Norwêcê hema hema tu pereyê min nemabû. Mêrê min carekê ji bo firavînê pere da min, lê ji ber ku pereyê min pir hindik bû min ew parast. Hevalên min ên li dibistanê dixwazin ji min re bibin alîkar ku karekî peyda bikim. Mêrê min, min ji bo karê paqijiyê minasib nabîne.

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I have hardly had any money since I came to Norway. Once, my husband gave me money for lunch, but since I had so little money, I kept it. My friends at school want to help me to get a job, but my husband says I cannot. He does not think working as a cleaner is appropriate for me.

Li şûna wî karekî din ji min re hebû – çêkirina garajê. Ew serkar bû û min her tişt kir. Ji ber ku nexweş bû, nikaribû pir tişt bike. Ji çêkirina garajê pere stend, lê neda min.

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Instead he had another job for me – building a garage. He was the boss and I did everything. He could not do much because he was ill. He did not give me any of the money he made from building the garage.

Rojekê gava ew li malê tenê bû, wî got ku ew bêzar bûye û biryar da ku em kûçikek bistînin. Min kûçikek nedixwest ji ber ku ez piştî dibistanê westiyam û karê malê hebû. Wî got ku ewê her roj bi kûçikê bimeşe, lê di dawiyê de ez neçar bûm ku hem kûçik û hem jî mêrê xwe yê pîr biparêzim.

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One day he said he was bored when he was home alone, so he decided we should get a dog. I did not want a dog as I was tired after school and I had homework to do. He said he would walk the dog every day, but in the end I had to take care of both the dog and my old husband.