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This is a story about Pedro Hernandez. He is 25 years old now and lives with his family in Holyoke.

He remembers when he came from Puerto Rico five years ago to look for work...

Pedro... Carlos Rivera
Nena... Anixa Rivera
Monserate... Irma Luz Pares
Renter... Efrain Torres
Police Officer... Francis Monagnan
Trucker... Anastacio Antonetty
Pawn Shop Owner... Ivonne Flores
Esteban... Francisco Santos
Tobaco Boss... John Comings
Doctor... Tomas Nieves
Secretary... Norma Rivera
Efrain... Rafael Hernandez
Lawyer... Carmen Madriñan
Factory Owner... Claudie Frapier
People at Party... Linda Davidson
    Maria Espinosa
Janitor... Teo Figueroa
Little boy... Rafael Hernandez
I am looking for my friend Efrain, but I am not sure where he is. I wish I had not lost his address.

I am hungry now and tired. Maybe I can sleep in this building for the night.

Did you ever sleep in a hallway?

Were you ever in a new city with no place to go?

What would you have done if you had the same problems?

What do you think will happen to someone sleeping in a hall?
WHILE PEDRO WAS SLEEPING, A MAN OPENED HIS DOOR.

SEEING THE STRANGER, HE DECIDED TO PHONE THE POLICE.

Hello, police? Can you send a patrol car to 399 Park st.? There is a stranger sleeping in the hallway.

Ok, get in the car, You're going to the Salvation Army.

THE POLICE COME QUICKLY.

PEDRO GOES TO SPEND HIS FIRST NIGHT AT THE SALVATION ARMY.
The next day...

Now I'll go right away to Holyoke. I hope my friends are there.

So Pedro went to Route 91 to hitchike a ride to Holyoke.

Are you going to Holyoke?

Yes, can I give you a ride?

Thanks for the ride.

You're welcome.
STILL HUNGRY AND WITHOUT FRIENDS, PEDRO TRIES TO THINK OF A WAY TO GET MONEY...

Maybe I can pawn my ring or guitar to get some money for food.

How much for the guitar? $10.00
How much for the ring? $15.00

You have 4 months to pay me back.

That's good. I'll pawn the guitar and the ring.

I'll miss the guitar and the ring from my mother, but I need the money badly.
HE SOON FOUND HIMSELF IN FRONT OF THE JARAQUAY...

This looks like a good place for some food and a drink.

Where are you staying? Maybe I can help you find a place.

That would be nice, but I'm low on money.

There must be a room to rent somewhere around here.
The next day Pedro goes to look for a job.

Hi Esteban. I'm looking for work. Do you know of any?

Pedro is now working in tobacco with his friend Esteban.

It's hot here. Why is the day so long?

Don't worry. They'll soon lay us off.

This is the 6th factory and still no place has a job for me.

You could try tobacco work.

Where do I go to get the job?

You can get the bus with me tomorrow at 6:00am.

Time to go back to work!

The only breaks in the day come early in the morning and one half hour for lunch.
Call an ambulance quick!
Pedro is hurt badly.

The ambulance comes quickly.

Have you ever been in a hospital?
Do you know where the nearest hospital to your home is?

...And Pedro is taken to the hospital.
PEDRO GETS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AND HAS TO FIND WORK.

Pedro, are you going back to work in tobacco?

No, I'm going to look for a job in a factory.

Good idea. I'll go to bed early tonight and go to the personnel office tomorrow morning.

Why don't you go to Smith Wool, Ace State and Planet Press tomorrow? One of them should be hiring.

Great! I'm sure that you'll have good luck.

FARLY THE NEXT MORNING, HE GOES TO LOOK FOR WORK.

How long will it take him to find work?

Where should he look for work?
BUT JOBS AREN'T EASY TO FIND.

I was here last week. Do you have any work?

Yes, I remember you. We have an opening in the labelling department.

...and no job there.

...but one place told Pedro to come back next week.

...but jobs aren't easy to find.

There was no job there.

Oh, I'll take it. When do I start?

You can start today.

...AND ON THE JOB.

Do you like your new job?

Yes, I do! It's much better than tobacco work.
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

That looks like my friend Pedro from Puerto Rico.

Pedro! When did you come here from Puerto Rico?

I've been here six months. I was trying to find you, but I lost your address.

I have worked here for 5 years. Now I'm the union steward. The union will help you if you join.

Sure! I'll join.
ONE FRIDAY AT PAY TIME...

I'm sorry, but somebody stole the paychecks. You'll have to wait until they are found.

THE OWNER OF THE FACTORY ENTERS:

This is terrible! How will I pay the rent?

I wonder who stole the checks?

Pedro, we think that you stole the checks!

But, I didn't steal any checks.

Probably because you are new, but don't worry. The union will help you.

Is Pedro Ramos here?

Efrain! Why do they think I did it?

I hope so!
THE UNION HELPS PEDRO BY GETTING HIM A LAWYER...

I think we should meet with the management first.

I wasn't even near the office. It will be OK.

SO, THEY CALL IN THE JANITOR...

I was working in the office in the morning and saw her in the safe.

Was there anyone else there that day?

Only the janitor

Why did the secretary steal the paychecks?

What will happen to her?
Will you come back to work tomorrow. I'll raise your salary.

I'm sorry, Pedro. I'm glad it wasn't you.

It's over now.

Yes, I'll see you tomorrow.

I'm so happy that everything turned out well.
THE NEXT DAY, PEDRO WANTS TO CELEBRATE. SO HE LOOKS FOR EFRAIN...

Hi Pedro! Let's eat together.
OK, but let me pay.

There's a party at my house. Why don't you come and have some fun?

Yes I will. When is it? Will there be any girls?

For 7 months I've been living here. I've suffered a lot. I hope things change.

I'm glad to be back on the job.
It was a bad mistake. It won't happen again.

Saturday night, and there will be a lot of girls.
Great!
THAT EVENING PEDRO GOES TO THE PARTY...

Hi, Pedro.

Hi, Efrain. This looks like a nice party.

Hello, my name is Pedro. Do you want to dance?

Yes. My name is Monserrati.

THEY DANCE, AND PEDRO ENJOYS HIMSELF.

PEDRO LIKES THIS GIRL ALOT...
They talk about their problems and get to know each other.

How long have you been here?

I've been here for over a year.

And, they fall in love.

... Maybe things are getting better for Pedro and Monserrate?