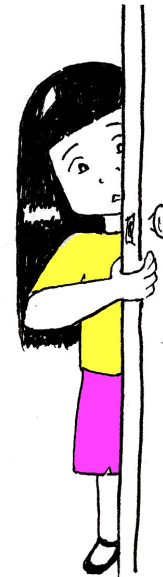


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# SCARED



A COMIC AND ACTIVITY BOOK TO HELP  
IMMIGRANT CHILDREN TALK ABOUT FEAR.

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THIS COMIC IS FOR ALL THE CHILDREN  
WHO HAVEN'T FOUND THE WORDS TO  
DESCRIBE THEIR UNIQUE FEARS. I HOPE  
ROSITA CAN HELP.

A NOTE FOR ADULTS: THIS ZINE  
DISCUSSES THE TOPIC OF DEPORTATION  
WHICH MAY MAKE A CHILD  
UNCOMFORTABLE. IF YOU CAN, BE BY  
THEIR SIDE WHEN THEY READ THIS.

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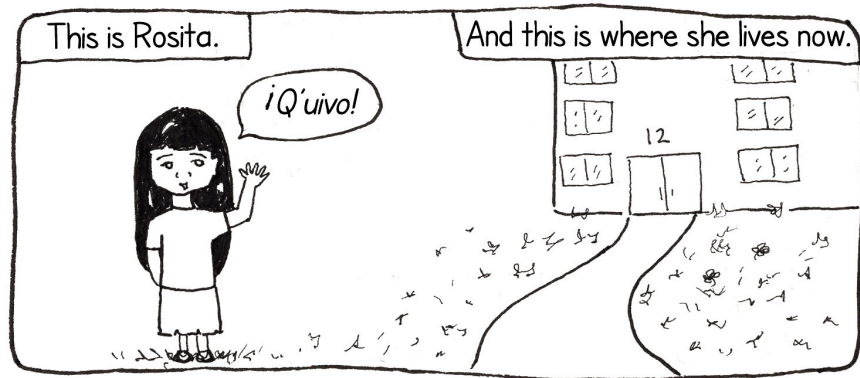
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What can we do?

Immigration can be a very hard topic to tackle but there are things we can do to stay safe.

**Do not open the door:** If you think police or ICE officers may be at your home, you do not have to open the door. Officers can only come in if they have a piece of paper with the word "warrant". They have to show you this to enter. Many officers try to enter without this paper but they cannot.

**Stay silent and do not sign anything:** If an officer talks to you, you do not have to say anything. They may try to ask a lot of questions including "are you a legal resident" but you should not answer them until a lawyer is with you. You or your family may also be told to sign forms you do not understand. Do not sign those forms and try to talk to a lawyer immediately.

**Take pictures and notes:** If you see someone being taken away by an officer, try to take a picture or video and try to take notes on what the officers looked like, and their names or badge numbers if you can. This can be very hard to do but can also be helpful to fight for a family member or neighbor in court.

**Connect with community:** There are many people working hard to protect undocumented people. Stay connected with those people and keep their contact information handy.



Something really weird happened at school once. I'll let Rosita tell the story.



One day at recess, kids said to me "you're not from here, show me your papers". I don't know what they want but my friend ScholaR said to ignore them.

But I know they yell at me because I'm not born in this country.



Pero who cares! I am here now. I go to same school they do. I am a good kid, too. Why do they make fun of me? No sense.



Do people make fun of you sometimes?

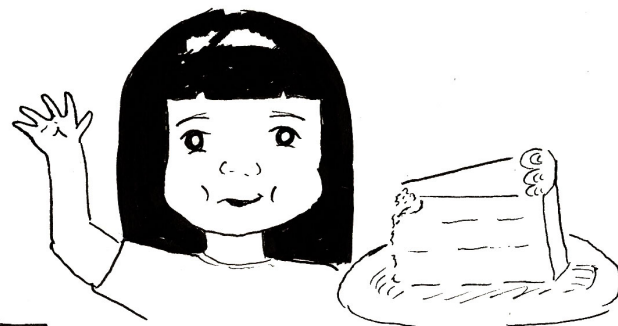


What do they say?

I still have LOTS of questions. And I still get scared. Pero I am happy I have my coloring book to keep me calmada, calm, I am happy I have my friend to listen to my stories, I am happy I have my mom to answer my questions, and I am happy that there are people helping me and my mom stay safe.

I am also happy to eat this cake again. Thank you for reading my story! ¡Gracias por leer mi historia!

Bye!



*What helps me most when I am scared is talking to my mom. At night, we drink canela together and I ask her lots of questions.*

**"¿Dónde está Mr. Vidal? / Where is Mr. Vidal?"**

*- She says he is back in his country.*

**"¿Porque se lo llevaron? / Why did they take him?"**

*- She says it is because he is undocumented.*

*He does not have "papers".*

**"Nosotros somos indocumentados? / Are we undocumented?"**

*- She says yes, but there are many people who are helping us stay safe and hopefully get papers.*



*How does it make you feel?*

Draw or write how you feel on this page.



*What do you do to feel better?*

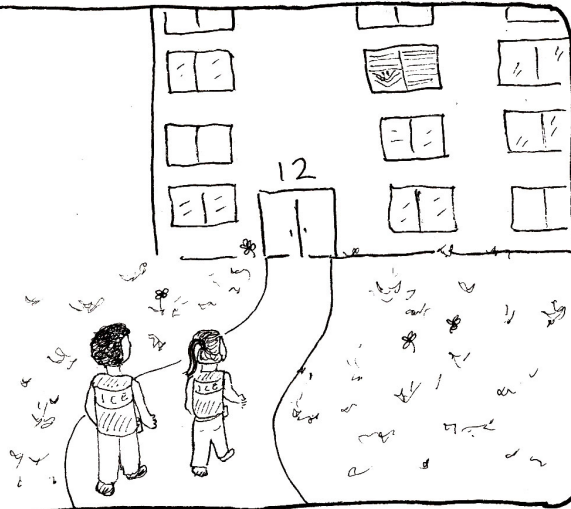


Something even weirder and kind of scary happened at Rosita's home one day.

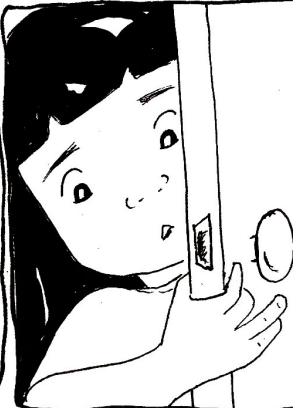
One day, something really weird happened that scared me.



People came to where I live. They look like police but I'm not sure...

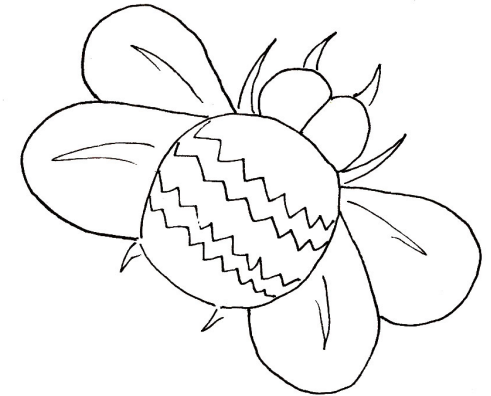
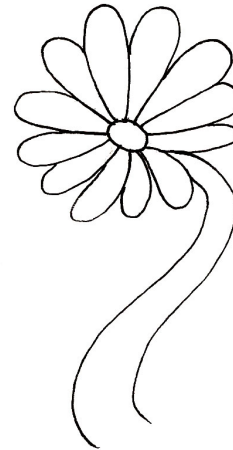
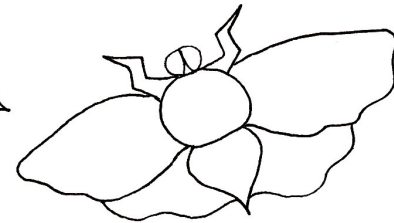
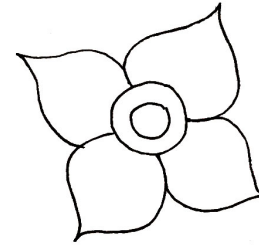


I heard yelling and I opened the door to hear better. I heard them yell, "Mr. Vidal, open the door!" Mr. Vidal is my downstairs neighbor.



Sometimes, if I do not stop being scared, my mom says I get "inquieta". That means like, I can't be still. I can't stop worrying and I squirm a lot. When I feel like this, I start to color and play with my fidget spinner!

Let's color!





Thank you for listening!  
I do not tell many people  
my scary story.

I told my friend, ScholaR, one time.

She gave me a hug...kind of.

Do you tell someone about when you  
are scared? Draw them here.

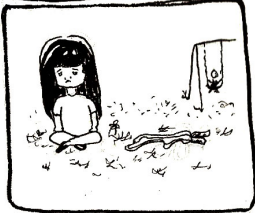
My mom saw me and she pulled me  
from the door and closed it hard!

She told me, "vete a tú cuarto". "Go to your  
room". I did. But then it got really quiet.

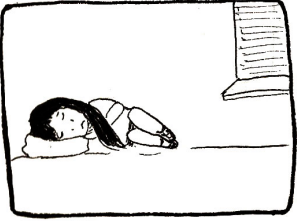
I look out my window and I see  
the people take away Mr. Vidal.

Mr. Vidal never came back. And I could not go outside for TWO  
WEEKS after this day. My mom said it was too dangerous. I did  
not understand why it was dangerous but I was very scared. I  
think Mr. Vidal also was not born here and that's  
why the people took him. I do not want those  
people to take me or my mom. It scares me...  
a lot...

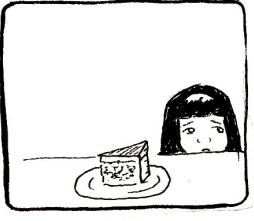
After this day,  
I did not want to play.



I felt tired a lot.



And I did not want  
to eat cake.



Have you been scared for your family  
before?  
What are some things that scare you?

If you want a little break now, it's ok. Take your time.  
But if you want to keep going that is also ok. It's good to  
talk about what scares us but sometimes it  
doesn't feel good. It will be ok though.



How does your body feel when you are  
scared or very worried?

