

ANITA'S DIARY

I TELL HER THAT ALL I WANT TO DO IS KEEP A DIARY, NOT SAVE THE WORLD.



I CAN ONLY WRITE A LITTLE BIT AT A TIME, AS I DON'T GET MUCH PRIVACY AROUND HERE, EVEN THOUGH IT'S JUST ME AND MAMI IN THE WALK-IN CLOSET IN THE MANCINIS' BEDROOM.



IT IS SO STRANGE TO BE IN THE VERY SAME HOUSE AS OSCAR, AND HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW!



I WANT TO BLOCK MY EARS AND NOT LISTEN TO THIS STUFF! WHENEVER I FEEL THIS WAY, I START WRITING IN MY DIARY SO THERE'S ANOTHER VOICE THAT I CAN LISTEN TO. A THIRD RADIO, TUNED TO MY OWN HEART.

SINCE MUNDIN WAS MOST AT RISK, BEING A GUY, HE'D STAY AT THE EMBASSY, AS IT'S OFF-LIMITS TO THE SIM IF THEY'RE OBEYING RULES ANYMORE.



JUST THE THOUGHT OF CHUCHA AT WIMPY'S MAKES ME SMILE.



POOR TIA MARI HAS TO THINK OF MEALS ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE!



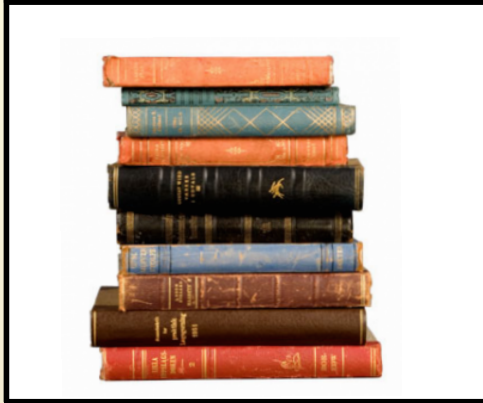
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WE GET MAIL HERE!



SUDDENLY IT STRUCK ME THAT FOR A WHOLE NIGHT, WE WERE LIVING WITH A DEAD BODY IN OUR GARAGE! IT SEEMED SO SPOOKY, AS WELL AS DUMB.



READING WOULD MAKE THE TIME PASS AND TAKE MY MIND OFF GLOOMY THOUGHTS ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING TO PAPI OR TIO TONI OR US.



TIO PEPE SAID THAT ONE THING ALL THESE FAMOUS PRISONERS FOUND WHILE THEY WERE LOCKED UP WAS THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP A SCHEDULE SO AS NOT TO GO CRAZY.

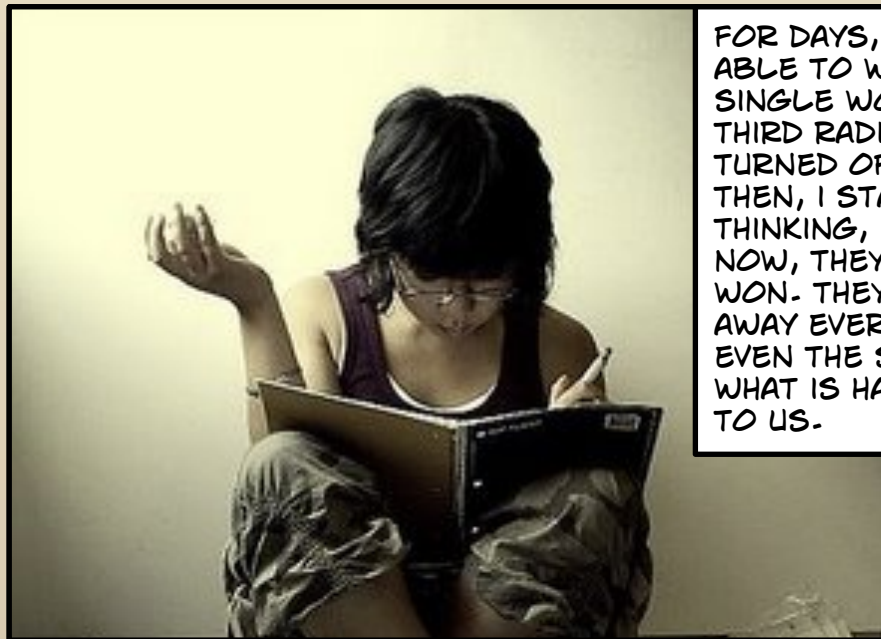
Your daily schedule Buttoned Up.

Stay on top of where you need to be and which tasks absolutely, positively must get done today.

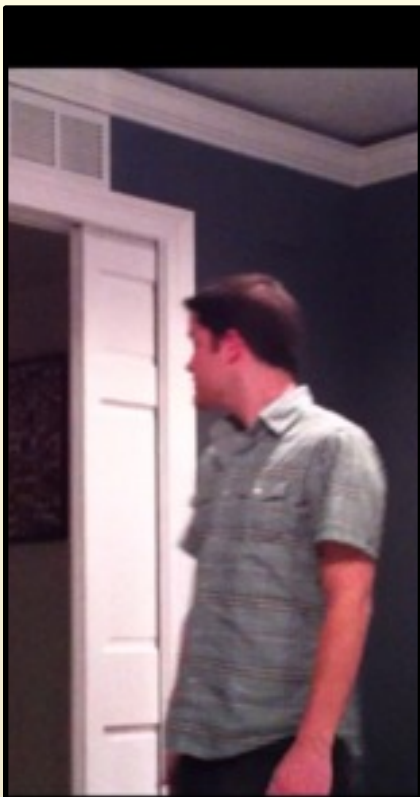
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MAMI AND I FELT TERRIBLE, AS IT WAS OUR FAULT THAT THIS HAPPENED. AND I FELT DOUBLY TERRIBLE LEAVING MY DIARY OUT IN THE OPEN! WHAT IF THE SIM HAD COME IN AND FOUND IT THERE? I COULD HAVE COST US OUR LIVES ON ACCOUNT OF MY CARELESSNESS.



FOR DAYS, I WASN'T ABLE TO WRITE A SINGLE WORD. THE THIRD RADIO WAS TURNED OFF. BUT THEN, I STARTED THINKING, IF I STOP NOW, THEY'VE REALLY WON. THEY'VE TAKEN AWAY EVERYTHING, EVEN THE STORY OF WHAT IS HAPPENING TO US.



BUT ONE CARD HAD BEEN TURNED OVER: THE QUEEN OF HEARTS!



OSCAR WAS STANDING IN THE YARD, LOOKING UP. I DUCKED DOWN BEFORE HE SAW ME.



...OSCAR STEPPED INSIDE THE CLOSET AND RAN HIS HAND OVER THE HANGING SUITS AND DRESSES, THEN STOPPED COLD. SOMETHING HAD CAUGHT HIS EYE. VERY QUIETLY, HE BACKED OUT OF THE CLOSET AND SHUT THE DOOR.

IT TURNS OUT TIA MARI ASKED OSCAR THIS MORNING WHAT BOOK HE MIGHT RECOMMEND FOR SOMEONE ABOUT HIS AGE, AND HE PULLED THIS ONE OUT.



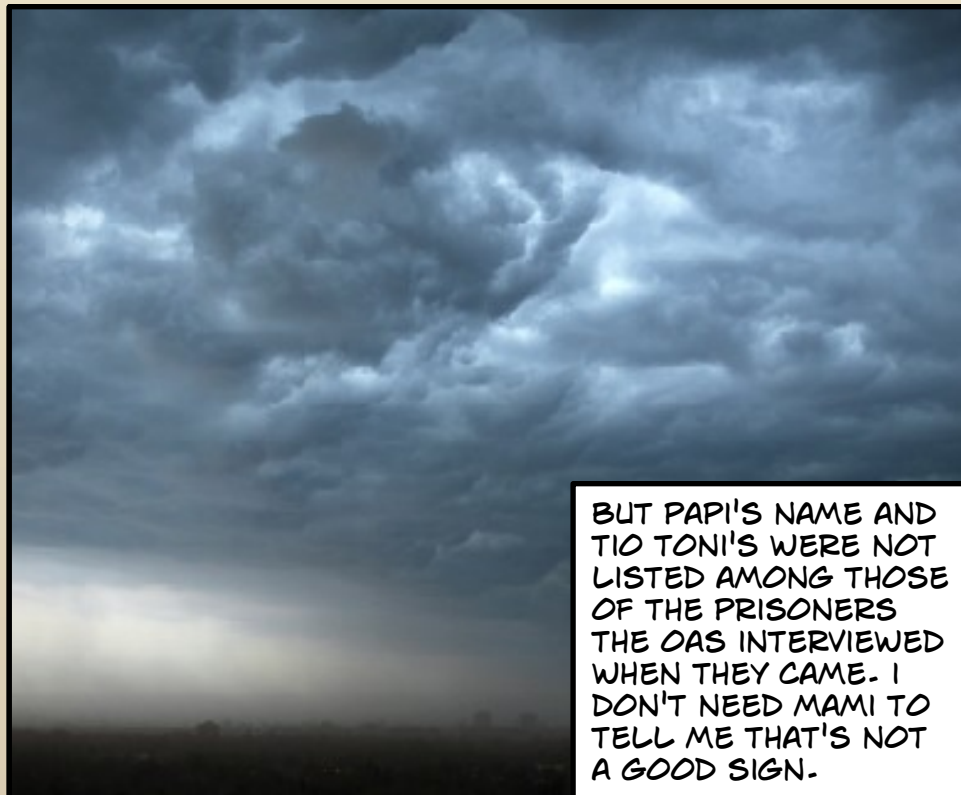
JUST KNOWING THAT I MIGHT HAVE A SECRET COMMUNICATION GOING WITH OSCAR MAKES EVERY DAY BRIGHTER.



TIO PEPE JUST RETURNED FROM THE EMBASSY NEXT DOOR WITH SOME EXCITING NEWS - MUNDIN IS GOING TO BE EVACUATED SOON!



SHE [MAMI] ISN'T SLEEPING AS WELL ANYMORE, AS SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY EQUANIL LEFT. TIA MARI SAYS THAT THE DRUGSTORES ARE ALL OUT. IT SEEMS THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS TAKING TRANQUILIZERS.



BUT PAPI'S NAME AND TIO TONI'S WERE NOT LISTED AMONG THOSE OF THE PRISONERS THE OAS INTERVIEWED WHEN THEY CAME. I DON'T NEED MAMI TO TELL ME THAT'S NOT A GOOD SIGN.

"MUNDIN!!" MAMI
CRIED OUT.



SHE [CHUCHA] SAID TO
TELL YOU TO GET
READY TO USE YOUR
WINGS AGAIN.



I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY
OWN MOTHER WITH HER
BAD NERVES WAS PART
OF A SECRET PLOT! ... I
FELT SO PROUD OF HER!



MY HAND IS SHAKING SO HARD -
BUT I WANT TO LEAVE THIS RECORD
JUST SO THE WORLD KNOWS--

**OH MY GOD -
THEY'RE COMING
THROUGH
THE HOUSE!!!**

