



Ewa (4)

For three weeks already, Ewa has had toothache in a molar. Every day it's getting worse. Her mother has tried everything – ice packs, chewing on raw onions, even the pain killers of the old lady who she's taking care of – nothing works. Ewa's cheek keeps on swelling. By now, she has trouble eating solid foods, that's how much it hurts her. If only she could go to a dentist... Back home in Belarus, Ewa would get treatment – but in Germany noone can help her. Ewa and her mother are undocumented migrants - „illegals“. Just by being in Germany, they are committing a criminal felony. If they are caught, they will be sent back to Belarus and that scares Ewa's mother so much that she cries herself to sleep at night.



Kim (27)

Kim is afraid. Last week she has noticed that her belly has gotten considerably rounder. She's always been so careful and now this... For ten years already, Kim has been living in Switzerland. As a tailor in the shop of a friend, she is managing to earn enough money to keep afloat and even send a bit back to her family home in Vietnam every month. Being pregnant is a catastrophe for her. From a colleague she has heard of a doctor who takes care of undocumented migrants who are pregnant. But he wants more money for one appointment than she earns in a week. The delivery will cost 2000 Franken, she has heard – unless she would have it at home. But she' heard about all the things that can happen then. An abortion is no option for here – but how can she ever raise the money?



David (35)

David is angry. Again, his employer has withheld his pay. He knows that David cannot go to the police or the unions. Ever since his asylum petition was denied five years ago, he has been living in the shadows of illegality. The young man from Ghana has been taking on jobs on tomato fields, in hotel and restaurant kitchens and on Napoli airport, where the planes are cleaned at night by clandestini - „illegal“ migrants. While the Italian state is relatively liberal towards the clandestini, as they are important for local business and agriculture, he is de facto without legal rights. By now, he is used to some employer withholding pay. But this time it's different. While lifting a heavy crate, he has dislocated his right shoulder. For two days it hurt like crazy and he didn't go to work. On the third day, he dragged himself back to work – he couldn't risk his job. But there was already some other clandestino in his position. His boss told him to look for a new job. And his bed in the small apartment, which he shared with six other workers for a whopping 400 Euro a month – that would have to be cleared as well. What can he do now? Where can he go with his arm? Who will hire him like this?