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Your laws, as I said, were brought from Europe. I said... we cannot understand that... there's so many, so many laws. You don't know which... how to turn around because we could disobey some law that puts us in jail or something. We never know. We could be walking down the street. We did something wrong. We look like somebody that did something wrong or anything like that. It's anything to get us in... to arrest us or to let us go. Whatever. But we don't understand those. But if you talk to us in the Indian language or common, ordinary English language... what we're doing... what we're breaking the law or anything like that... we could understand that. But, if you could explain it to us, then we'll understand. Otherwise, we could say yes to anything. We're going to put you in jail the rest of your life. Is that okay? Yes. We don't understand what you said, but it says we agree. So, they take us. They put us in jail.