



Naiara was sixteen years old when she came to The United States. She came right to Boston from Brazil.

She came with her mother in a search for new opportunities and a new life.



\* Translated from Portuguese.



Naiara's first day in America was, as she describes it, the worse day of her life.

Once in Boston, Naiara was told that there was "something" wrong with her passport. She was taken into custody and interrogated in a cold room.



\* Translated from Spanish

When Naiara explained that she didn't speak English, she was told that she would receive instructions in Spanish.



The Immigrations Officer questioning Naiara presented her with a document that she insisted Naiara sign.



The questioning of Naiara went on for hours. The document that she was being intimidated into signing was incomprehensible to both Naiara and her mother.



Naiara was bullied into signing a document, written in a language that she did not understand, so that she could leave the room in which she was being detained. She was only sixteen years old. This was Naiara's FIRST day in The United States.