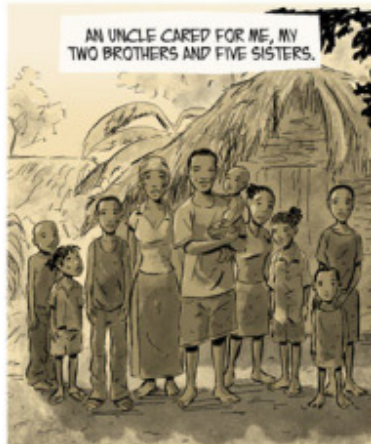
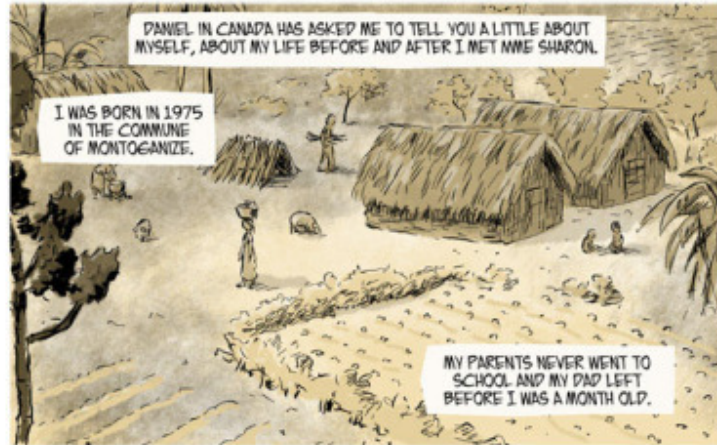
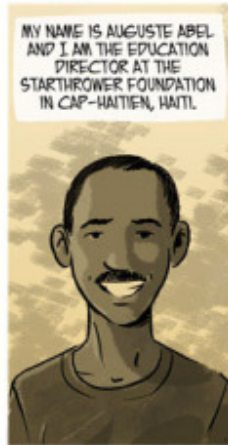
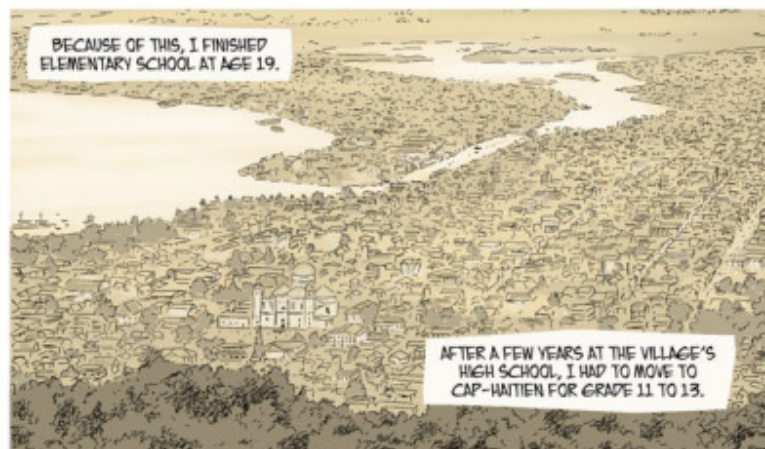
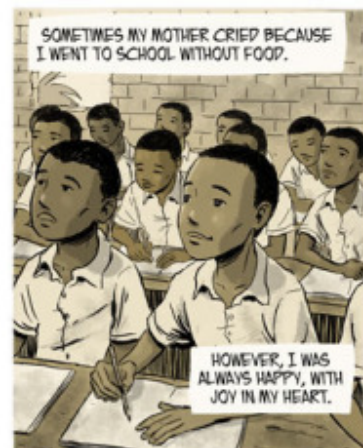


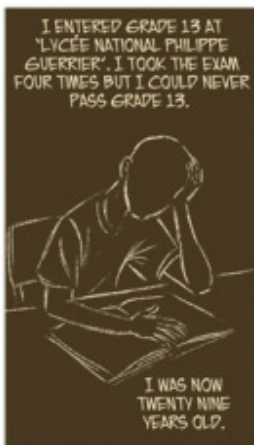
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AFTER A LITTLE WHILE, I STARTED TO HELP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CENTRE.



I WELCOMED PEOPLE, TALKED TO THEM, WROTE THEIR NAMES DOWN IN THE REGISTRY, GOT INFORMATION AND THEIR LIFE STORIES.

IT WAS NOT ONLY YOUTH COMING FOR HELP FOR SCHOOLING, BUT ALSO ADULTS AND CHILDREN COMING TO ASK FOR FOOD, OR THE SICK WHO NEEDED MONEY TO BUY MEDICINES...



...AND EACH ONE OF THEM HAD A DIFFERENT LIFE STORY.

AT ONE POINT, MME SHARON HAD MONEY FOR ME TO FINISH HIGH SCHOOL, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO LOOSE MY JOB. SO I WORKED FROM 8 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. AND ATTENDED SCHOOL FROM 3 P.M. TO 8 P.M.



IT WAS THE BEST SCHOOL YEAR OF ALL MY STUDENT LIFE...

...MY MIND WAS AT PEACE, I STUDIED BETTER BECAUSE I WAS NEVER HUNGRY AND I FINALLY GRADUATED THAT YEAR. I WAS NOW THIRTY TWO YEARS OLD.

AFTER I GRADUATED, I STARTED WORKING FULL TIME AT THE FOUNDATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION. I HELP THE STUDENTS WITH THEIR STUDIES, KEEP A LIST OF ALL THE KIDS WE SPONSOR, AROUND A HUNDRED BETWEEN ST-RAPHAEL AND CAP-HAITIEN. REGISTER THEM IN SCHOOLS AND PAY FOR THEIR TUITIONS AND EXAMS AMONGST OTHER THINGS.

WE NOT ONLY SEND THEM TO SCHOOL, WE TAKE CARE OF THEM WHEN THEY ARE ILL, PAYING FOR ANY MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, LIKE SURGERIES, DENTAL MAINTENANCE, ETC...



WE HAVE A DRINKING WATER AND A FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM FOR ALL OF THEM.



WE ALSO OFFER A COMMUNITY CENTER WHERE THEY REST, EAT, STUDY AND PLAY TOGETHER...



...I AM A WITNESS TO THE BIG DIFFERENCE THE STARTHROWER FOUNDATION MAKES IN THEIR LIVES.

MY LIFE IS BETTER NOW. SINCE  
I'VE BEEN WORKING AT THE FOUNDATION,  
MY ECONOMIC SITUATION HAS CHANGED.

I NOW LIVE IN 'HAUT-DU-CAP',  
NOT TOO FAR FROM THE CITY.



I'M RENTING A THREE ROOM HOUSE  
THAT I SHARE WITH FIVE OTHER PEOPLE.  
THERE IS NO ELECTRICITY, NO  
BATHROOM AND NO KITCHEN.



EVEN IF THINGS ARE NOT EASY,  
I'M ABLE TO HELP MY MOTHER,  
AND PAY FOR MY TWO SISTERS  
TO GO TO SCHOOL.

THE STAR THROWER FOUNDATION  
MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN  
MY LIFE. THANKS TO THEM,  
I FINISHED SCHOOL,  
LEARNED TO DRIVE A CAR,  
LEARNED ENGLISH,  
HAVE A JOB TODAY,  
AND I HAVE FRIENDS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH DANIEL  
FOR ASKING ME QUESTIONS.  
I WAS HAPPY TO ANSWER.

NOW YOU KNOW  
PART OF MY LIFE.

TO EACH OF YOU I SAY WITH GRATITUDE:  
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE  
STAR THROWER FOUNDATION  
AND HELPING IT GROW IN HAITI.



AUGUSTE ABEL,  
ONE STARFISH...

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THE END