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My writings are inspired by my brothers unfortunate experience when he landed in a 3rd world country with a 1st world naivety. He was a stranger in a strange land. His flight was long, over 12 hours. The flight was connecting 8 hours later. So he had 9 hours to kill in a foreign land. After his international flight he had to exit and find the domestic airport to check in.??Where was the domestic terminal he thought as he cleared the arrivals hall. Your hotel is waiting sir, come with us the 2 men in suits told him as he entered the arrivals hall. I didn't book a hotel he informed them. As they seemed to know a lot, he assumed they were staff. He was told the airport was dangerous at night and he should leave with them. As they were leaving with his bags he had to chase after them. What do you have to do to make them understand the meaning of NO.??He had to run after his bags as the men were taking them. An airport transfer and a hotel, just what he needed after a long trip, and these men were very keen to help. What a great place, nice friendly people. They bundled him into a car and drove him to a swish hotel, then left him waiting while they went to reception he thought to pick up his key.

It started to get a little scary at this point. He watched as they argues with the hotel staff, before they angrily told him the hotel was double booked, they had another hotel to go to. They are ripping me off here, he realised. Was this really happening? The men were trying to negotiate a slice of the hotel room fee. The receptionist said no to the mens proposal and asked them to leave.Once they delivered a victim to a hotel, the scam was to overcharge him and pay the men off. Your environment is new and you are not as confident as you would be at home. How do you know the local police number 999 or 112 or 000.

In total he was in 3 hotels before one agreed to rip him off \$450 for a 5 hour stay. He realised the thieves made a lot of money at the room rate was \$25 a night.?Is there a lesson to be learnt from this? Well..... think ahead of course and arrange [airport transfers](#).

What a great story to tell at the wedding, to which he arrived safely. Luckily it was a happy ending.

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