



THE DRIVER HANDS ME FLOWERS THAT I KNOWAREN'T REALLY MEANT FOR ME.

TO HELP ME PREPARE FOR THIS TRIP, I WAS GIVEN A BOOKLET OF TRAVEL TIPS.



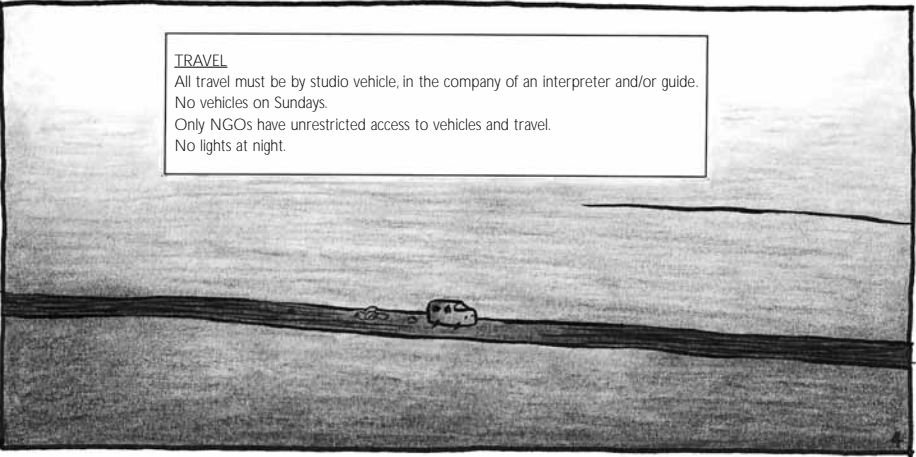
THANKS.

HOW NICE.

HYGIENE  
Bring your own medication.  
Do not drink the tap water.

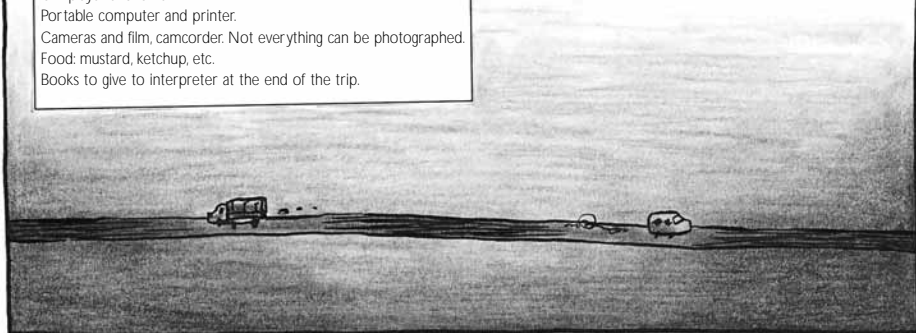


TRAVEL  
All travel must be by studio vehicle, in the company of an interpreter and/or guide.  
No vehicles on Sundays.  
Only NGOs have unrestricted access to vehicles and travel.  
No lights at night.



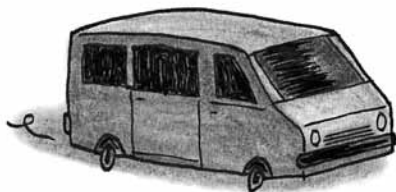
ALLOWED

Audio cassettes.  
CD player and CDs.  
Portable computer and printer.  
Cameras and film, camcorder. Not everything can be photographed.  
Food: mustard, ketchup, etc.  
Books to give to interpreter at the end of the trip.



PROHIBITED

Mobile phone (confiscated at airport and returned on departure.)  
Pornography.



**INCREDIBLE! HE'S SMOKING  
IN AN AIR-CONDITIONED CAR  
WITH CLOSED WINDOWS!**



**GREAT.**



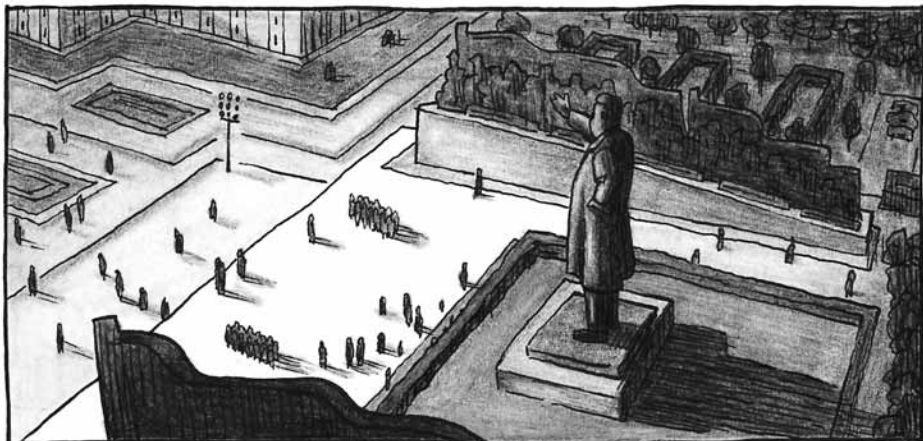
**I CAN'T BREATHE  
AND I'M COLD.**

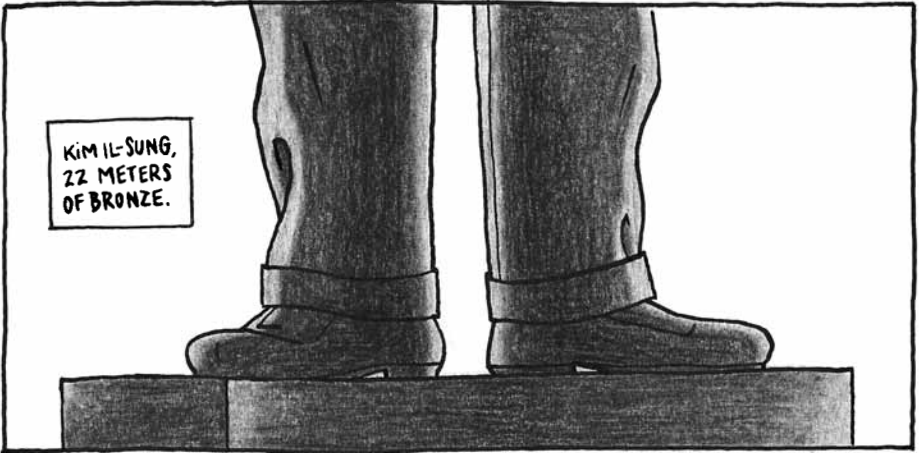


MY GUIDE SUGGESTS WE VISIT THE HIGHEST POINT IN THE CITY TO ADMIRE THE VIEW BEFORE GOING TO THE HOTEL.

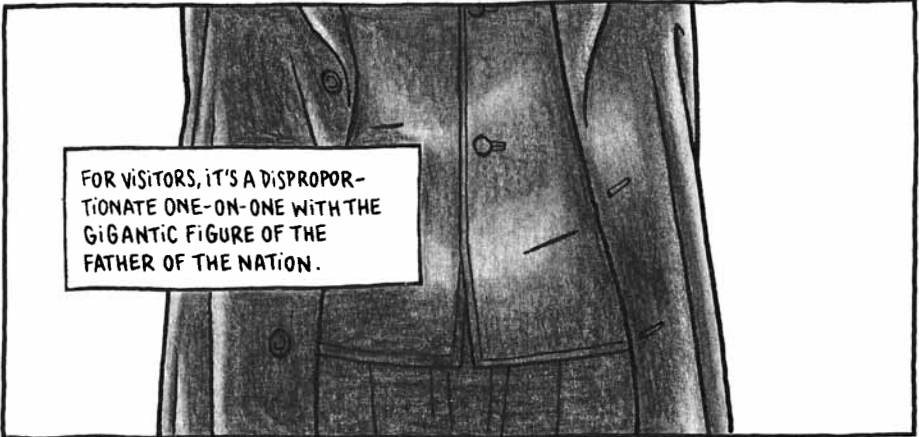


AN ELEGANT WAY OF TAKING ME ON A STOP THAT'S OBLIGATORY FOR NEWCOMERS WITHOUT BEING OBVIOUS.





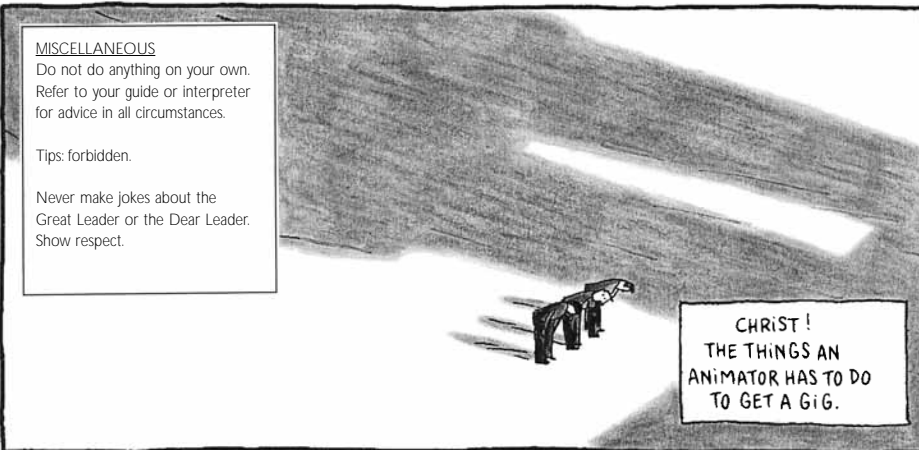
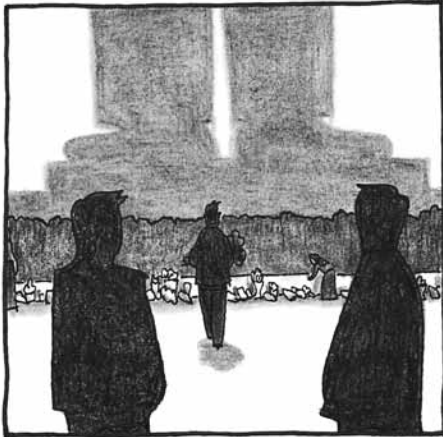
KIM IL-SUNG,  
22 METERS  
OF BRONZE.



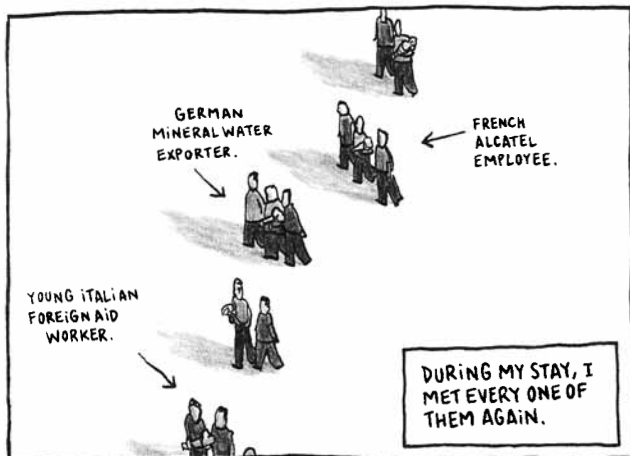
FOR VISITORS, IT'S A DISPROP-  
ORTIONATE ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE  
GIANTIC FIGURE OF THE  
FATHER OF THE NATION.



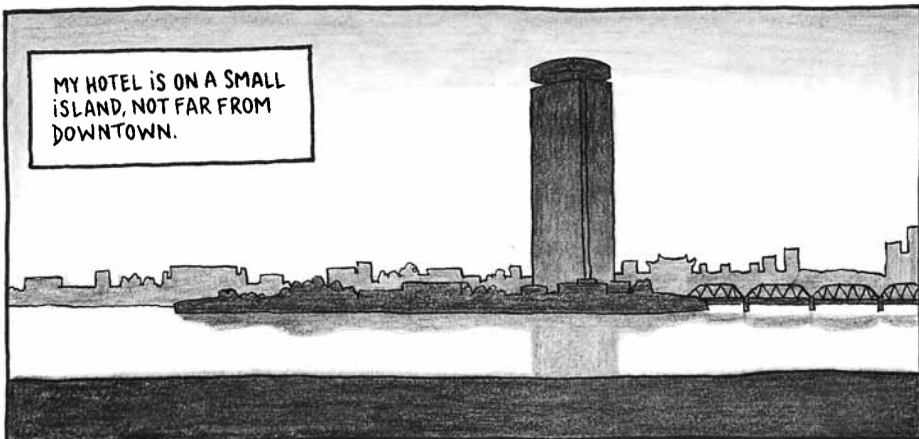
WHO, DESPITE HIS  
DEATH (1912-1994), IS  
STILL PRESIDENT.



BACK IN THE PARKING LOT, I COME ACROSS ALL THE FOREIGNERS WHO WERE ON THE FLIGHT, ALONG WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE GUIDES.



MY HOTEL IS ON A SMALL ISLAND, NOT FAR FROM DOWNTOWN.



IT'S GOT THOSE GOOD OLD STANDARD ROOMS—COLD AND IMPERSONAL, JUST LIKE THEY LIKE THEM IN ASIA.