



# DRAW ME THE WAY

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## AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF ROMA IN LITHUANIA



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WHAT COULD WE  
TELL?  
LET'S GO TO  
GRANDMA—SHE  
KNOWS  
EVERYTHING!

WE WILL CERTAINLY FIND  
HER AT HOME AS SHE  
LIKES TO SAY "THERE IS  
NO PLACE LIKE HOME."

















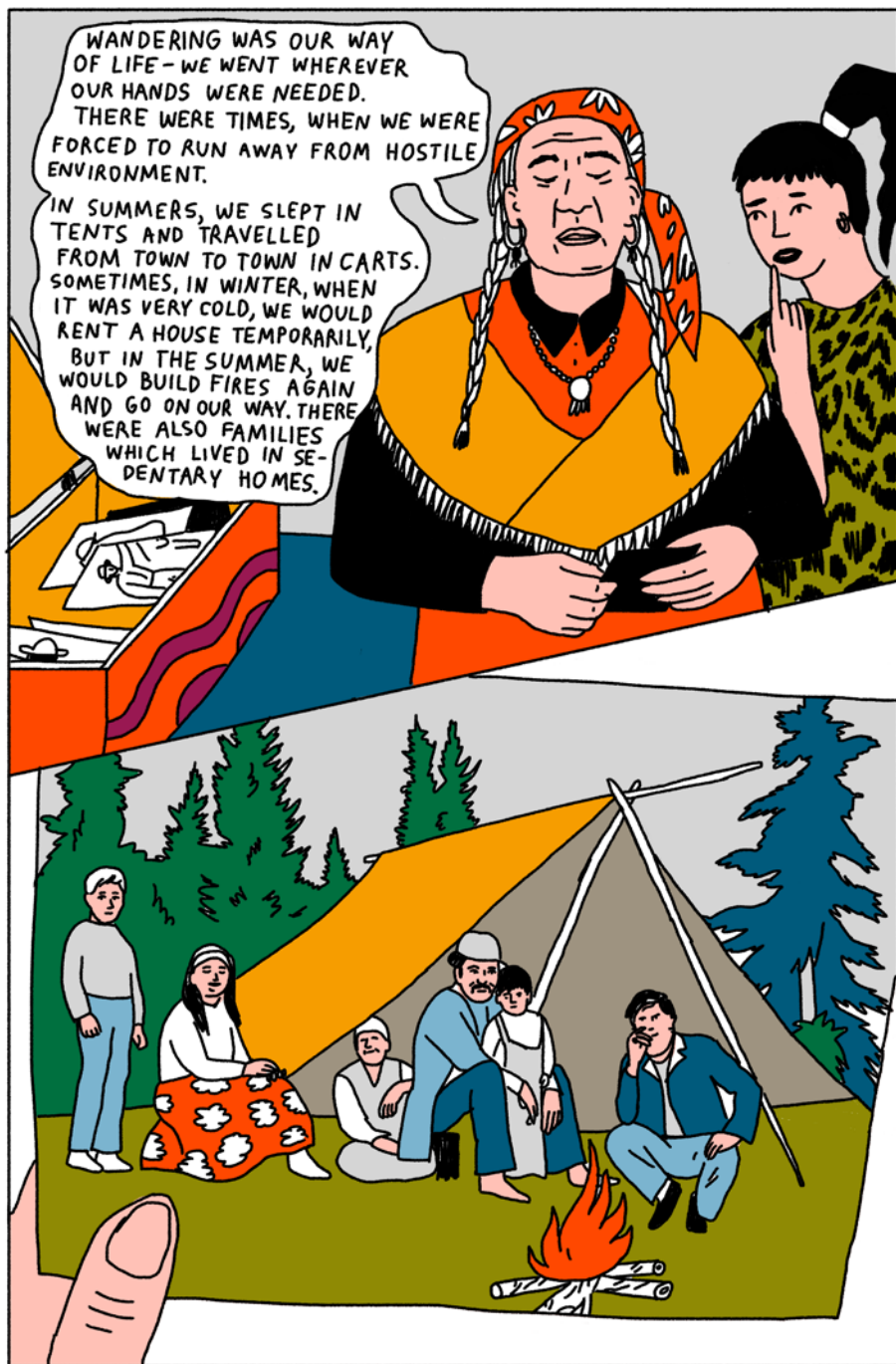
THEY REACHED LITHUANIA, FORMERLY  
KNOWN AS THE GRAND DUCHY OF  
LITHUANIA (GDL), AFTER THEY  
CROSSED THE NEIGHBOURING  
POLAND AROUND THE 16TH  
CENTURY.

THE GDL WAS  
FAMOUS FOR ITS TOLERANCE  
OF PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT NATIONA-  
LITIES: IT DIDN'T MATTER WHERE  
YOU CAME FROM. THE ONLY IMPOR-  
TANT THING WAS WHAT YOU WERE  
CAPABLE OF.



WANDERING WAS OUR WAY  
OF LIFE - WE WENT WHEREVER  
OUR HANDS WERE NEEDED.  
THERE WERE TIMES, WHEN WE WERE  
FORCED TO RUN AWAY FROM HOSTILE  
ENVIRONMENT.

IN SUMMERS, WE SLEPT IN  
TENTS AND TRAVELLED  
FROM TOWN TO TOWN IN CARTS.  
SOMETIMES, IN WINTER, WHEN  
IT WAS VERY COLD, WE WOULD  
RENT A HOUSE TEMPORARILY,  
BUT IN THE SUMMER, WE  
WOULD BUILD FIRES AGAIN  
AND GO ON OUR WAY. THERE  
WERE ALSO FAMILIES  
WHICH LIVED IN SE-  
DENTARY HOMES.



When the Soviet government initiated the sedentarisation of Roma.





THIS IS  
HOW SEDENTARY LIFE  
IN A PERMANENT HOME BEGAN.

















AND NOW, TELL ME, HOW  
ARE YOU DOING AT  
SCHOOL?

ESMERALDA GOT TWO OF  
LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE.

TATTLETALE!

WELL, I AM HAVING  
A HARD TIME WITH  
THAT LANGUAGE. IF IT  
WAS IN ROMANI, IT  
WOULD BE EASIER.  
BUT I GOT AN  
EIGHT ON MY  
MATHS TEST...

AND I AM VERY HAPPY BECAUSE  
MANTAUTAS AND UGNĖ FROM THE  
NEXT HOUSE WILL START ATTENDING  
OUR SCHOOL. NOW WE WILL NOT  
ONLY BE BEST FRIENDS, BUT  
ALSO CLASSMATES!

AT SCHOOL...

*Istorija-gyvenimo mokytoja*  
*(Ciceronas)*

ROMA PEOPLE CAME  
FROM INDIA.

THEY DID ALL KIND  
OF JOBS, LIKE WORKING  
WITH METAL, LOOKING  
AFTER HORSES,  
WAVING BASKETS.

ROMA HAVE LIVED IN  
LITHUANIA SINCE THE 16TH  
CENTURY.

THIS IS OUR  
FLAG.





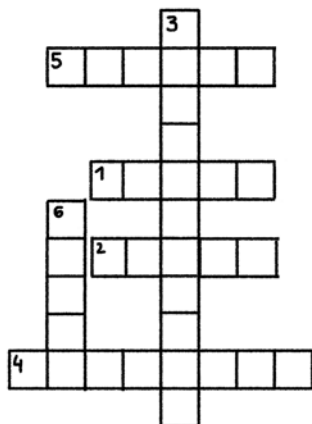








# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ① FROM WHICH COUNTRY DID THE ROMANI CAME TO EUROPE?
- ② HOW MANY ROMANI GROUPS LIVE IN LITHUANIA?
- ③ WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE HOLOCAUST IN ROMANI?
- ④ WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE TRADITIONAL SPANISH DANCE THAT ORIGINATED WITH THE ROMA?
- ⑤ WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE ROMANI GROUP THAT HISTORICALLY LIVED IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY?
- ⑥ WHAT OBJECT IS DEPICTED IN THE ROMANI FLAG?

✱ ANSWERS:

① INDIA ② THREE ③ SAMUDRAPEN ④ FLAMENKO ⑤ LOVARI ⑥ WHEEL





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