

“How much land does Sime Darby want?”



“After the 63 years, will they give our land back to us?”

“All together, Sime Darby wants **768,959 acres**.¹ They will then plant oil palm and rubber on **543,631 acres**.² All that land will be under their control for **63 years**.”³

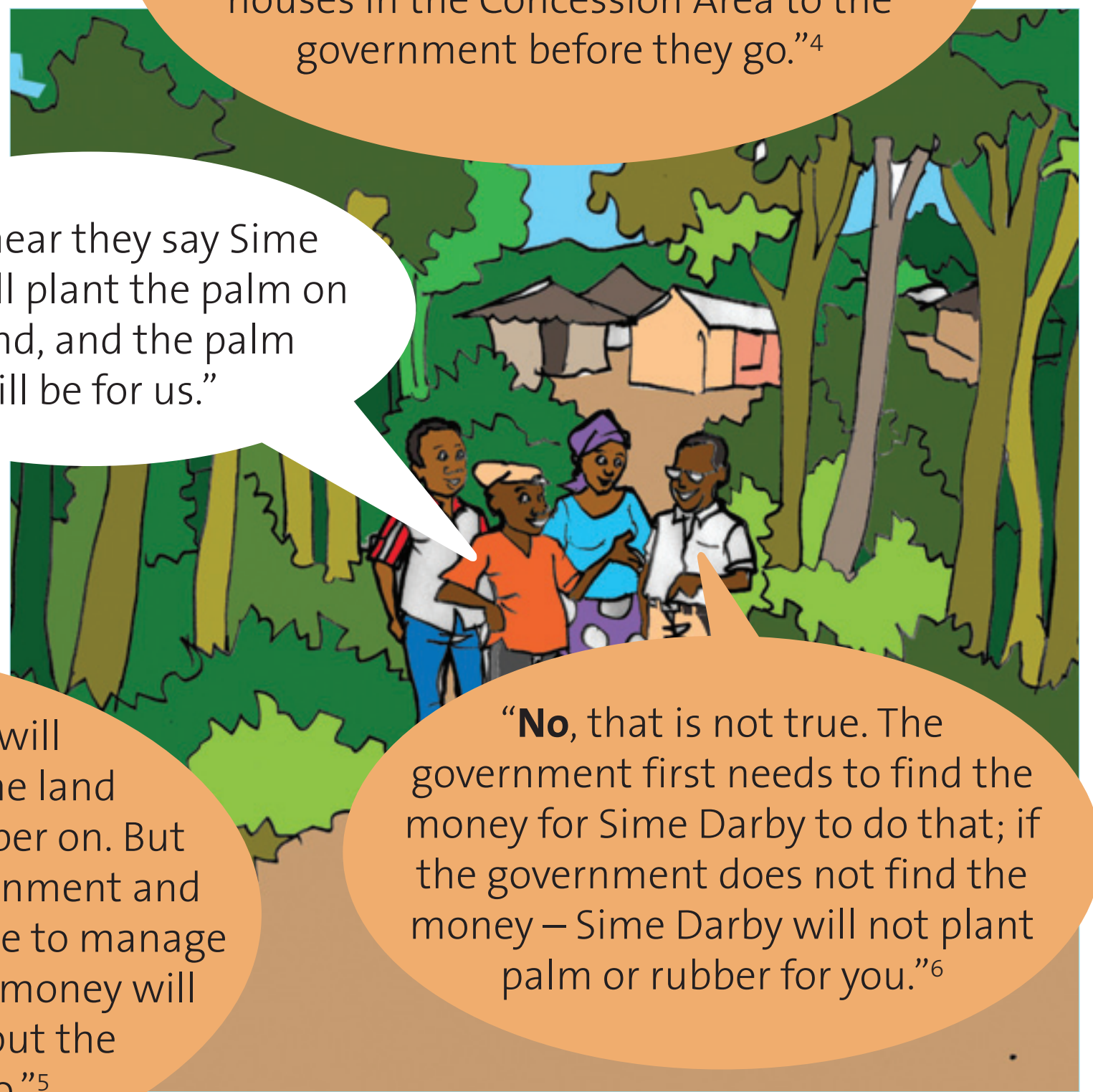
“**No**, The land will be with Sime Darby for 63 years. After the 63 years, if they want to go back to Malaysia, they will give all the land, palm, rubber and houses in the Concession Area to the government before they go.”⁴



“So what will we get when we give them our land?”

“But, I hear they say Sime Darby will plant the palm on our land, and the palm will be for us.”

“The contract says they will pay US\$5 per hectare for the land that they plant oil palm or rubber on. But the contract says that the government and Sime Darby will form a committee to manage the money. Maybe some of the money will come to your community, but the contract does not say so.”⁵



“**No**, that is not true. The government first needs to find the money for Sime Darby to do that; if the government does not find the money – Sime Darby will not plant palm or rubber for you.”⁶

Protect you, your Family and your Community ...

The contract is **not** in favor of the community. Plenty of things need to be changed in the contract to protect you, your family and your community.

If people in your town want more information get together and send for us. We will come and talk to you. If you want to sign any agreement with Sime Darby, ask an NGO that you trust or a lawyer to help guide you.

Don't sign papers that you don't fully understand!

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¹ Concession Agreement between the Government of Liberia and Sime Darby Plantation (Liberia) Inc., Section 4.1(c).
² Section 4.1(c). ³ Section 3.1. ⁴ Section 3.3. ⁵ Section 19.5. ⁶ Section 15.2(d).
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“How much land does Golden Veroleum Liberia (GVL) want?”

“All together, GVL wants **864,868 acres**.¹ They will then plant oil palm and rubber on **543,631 acres**.² All that land will be under their control for **65 years**.³”



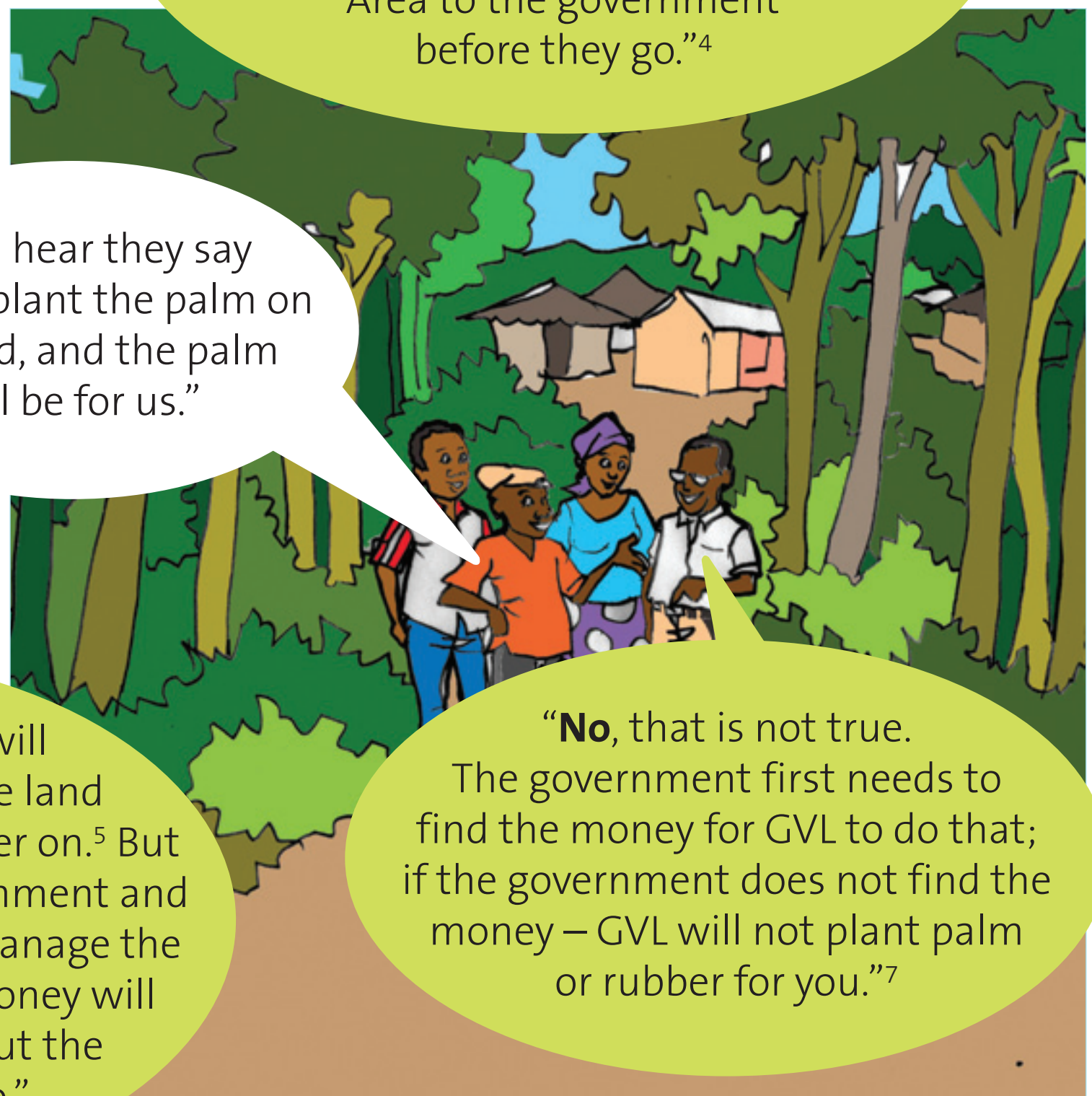
“After the 65 years, will they give our land back to us?”

“**No**, The land will be with GVL for 65 years. After the 65 years, if they want to leave, they will give all the land, palm, rubber and houses in the Concession Area to the government before they go.”⁴



“So what will we get when we give them our land?”

“The contract says they will pay US\$5 per hectare for the land that they plant oil palm or rubber on.⁵ But the contract says that the government and GVL will form a committee to manage the money.⁶ Maybe some of the money will come to your community, but the contract does not say so.”



“But, I hear they say GVL will plant the palm on our land, and the palm will be for us.”

“**No**, that is not true. The government first needs to find the money for GVL to do that; if the government does not find the money – GVL will not plant palm or rubber for you.”⁷

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¹ An Act to Ratify the Concession Agreement between the Government of Liberia and Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc., Article 4.1(d).
² Article 4.1(d). ³ Article 3.1. ⁴ Article 27.1. ⁵ Article 19.7(a). ⁶ Article 19.7(b). ⁷ Article 15.3(d).
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