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OK. I will put my clothes on at 3:30 a.m.

Act calm. God will be with you.

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I feel strange but this is not fear.

For North Koreans in China, Seeking Freedom Is More Perilous Than Ever



By Choe Sang-Hun

Choe Sang-Hun was given exclusive access to text messages, audio files, bank records, videos and other material for his reporting.

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The North Korean software engineer was desperate.

He had been sent to northeastern China in 2019 to earn money for the North Korean regime. After working long hours under the constant watch of his minders, he found an email address on a website