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Boeing, ExxonMobil, and Chevron are
companies you wanted to work for as a Chemical Engineer

Your face lights up as you go on about the projects you could have
been a part of

Reality settles in and your smile disappears
If only I had papers...

Not knowing what to say, I look down and stay quiet
I realize you are trying not to cry

I can't do what I want just because I don't have a damn number to
my name

Mi querido hermano—Your status does not define who you are,
You are worth so much more than a number.