

The normal daily routine for person in the United States is getting up, getting ready, going to school or work, and coming home. In the Middle East, it is far more different and dangerous. After learning of all that the refugees coming into the U.S. had to go through, it amazes me that they still have the strength to move on with their lives. They used to live lives of fear and danger, constantly wondering if their day of death had come. It also astounds me that only 1% of those who applied for refugee status are actually approved. This is a very small amount when there are so many people who wish to start a new life in America.

One story that really stood out to me was the story of a young man and his little brother coming from [Somalia](#). It was only him and his brother and they each had very few belongings with them. They were given a home, and the young man got a job as a doorman at the Kahler hotel. This story is so heart-warming because only after a few months, this young man had become employee of the month at his work place. He was able to start his life over on good terms and live his life as best he could for the sake of himself and his little brother. The young man was finally able to pursue the job he wished to have. He inspires me to keep going, even if it gets so hard and I want to give up. He and his brother pushed through the hardest things. He also taught me to be thankful for what I have and where I am today. I've come to appreciate all the family and friends in my life. I don't know what I would do without any of them. So, the next time you feel things aren't going as you planned or the way you wanted, just think about the fact that things could be a lot worse. Keep working through it and be strong; eventually things will get better.

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