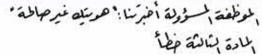






The job centre gives out folders. You got one from the migration office, too. There has to be order./Germans don't speak English well, so I have to learn German./I like that perspective./But you don't have to prove anything to me now with certificates and documents .../Germany—the country of documentation. Here ... this is my ID card./Official document issued by the municipal office: Ahmad was granted refugee protection







بسبب هذه بوديمة لم يستقبلونا أنا دأحمد لدك مكتب بعمل ، كانوا دا ثما يربهلوننا بسيداً



وبيدجابة ذاتهًا: "غيرصاطة "، ولكنها حاطق ، سَستطيعيدم! تفة دائرة لهجرة ! كُسرنتص بأحد مسرحذا الطاتف *





ُرْهِبَ إِلَى طِلْمَةَ الْهِرَةَ عِلْمَعَاطِعَةَ مرةَ أُحْزِلَى أُخْبَرُونِي حَسَّالَهُ : * لسرنصدر وشقِتَ أُحْزِنْ أُبِراً * مِعَكنا عدنًا إلى مكتب العمل .



مِنكسروا مُرْج المجرة تستظر أنصالنا ! مرام طفة المسؤولة مرة أخرى : هذا غيرمسموج به أبداً "



لم أستطع تفهم ذلك أبداً. لذا حاملت أستخدام هاتغي المحول، والموظفة : كلاا ا عنا لسريتوم أحد بالاتصال "





تعن شِقيقت لدى مكتب الممل ني مدنية أخرى .لقد نصحني بأبر أطلب مقابلة المديرة المسؤولة .

دربست بكليماء طيوتر في علب ، لطب في ومشعد ، معهدتم فله علي أ يد ألتحق بحبيش المدسد . خابة عام 2015 أتية إلى أطانيا . تم خرري إلى ولاية كسونيا ، تمضاء لايبزيغ · بعد أحدمشر شحراً جصلت على موعد لدى دائرة الهجرة. مبل المرب حدثنا أحدب حسرماء نه دم ما زجاً ، على المرد عندكم أنه يُنتظر شهوراً للحصول على أوراحه ، يدمع كل مخا لغاته مدأجل إجرادات بسبطة غتاج وتستأ طريلاً، ولكسر يمكنك عوضاً عد ذلك وخيع بعض المال في جواز سفرك" يامدم ياملام ! أعرض عسير يورون ملفك بساطرا آحا! آحا ا ش أهلاً مصلاً غ 14 إنه لطف م لقدجصلت على لكبثر سهاساعة سرميل إيقويه وأحدمانها. أيضام الحققة في إجرادات طب بلوني . بعدمشرس يوماً مصت ع بدِمَامة ولتى بوجبها ستط مكتب لعمل مرايح

I studied biochemistry in Aleppo. Medicine in Damascus. Then I was supposed to join Assad's army. I arrived in Germany near the end of 2015. I was sent to Saxony—the Leipzig region. After eleven months I received an appointment at the foreign national's office./Before the war, a friend in Damascus once laughed at us, saying: "You always have to wait months for papers there, pay every fine ... the simplest things take forever, opposed to just placing a banknote in your passport."/Right, Ahmad, why don't you staple a fifty note to your folder./"Oh, thank you! Welcome to Germany! You're very kind!" I received a lot of help. From Yvonne and her friends. Even from the interviewer during the asylum procedure. 20 days later I received my residence permit./With it you're allowed to go to the job centre and find a flat.





بعد طول انتظا رحضرت بلديرة، دمض عسرنفسيا بكل هدمد متمت با لسشراح طل ١٠ السسيدة مسردا ثوة الهجرة تنتظرا تصاللا.

لكنها نجامة مالت "كلا، لسرأخوم بمكاطلها . لسرأ محل" حارت إضّاعا بإشرة بمكافق الطرور وتكسر دوير جدوئ ، نجأة ريرحاتفي إنتال .



موضعته ع أذنه بلديرة . بسبيرة مسر دائرة , للجرة على لطرف , لمذخر ، تستطر اتصا نسارلذي أخرَّها عسر بتوجه للفداء .

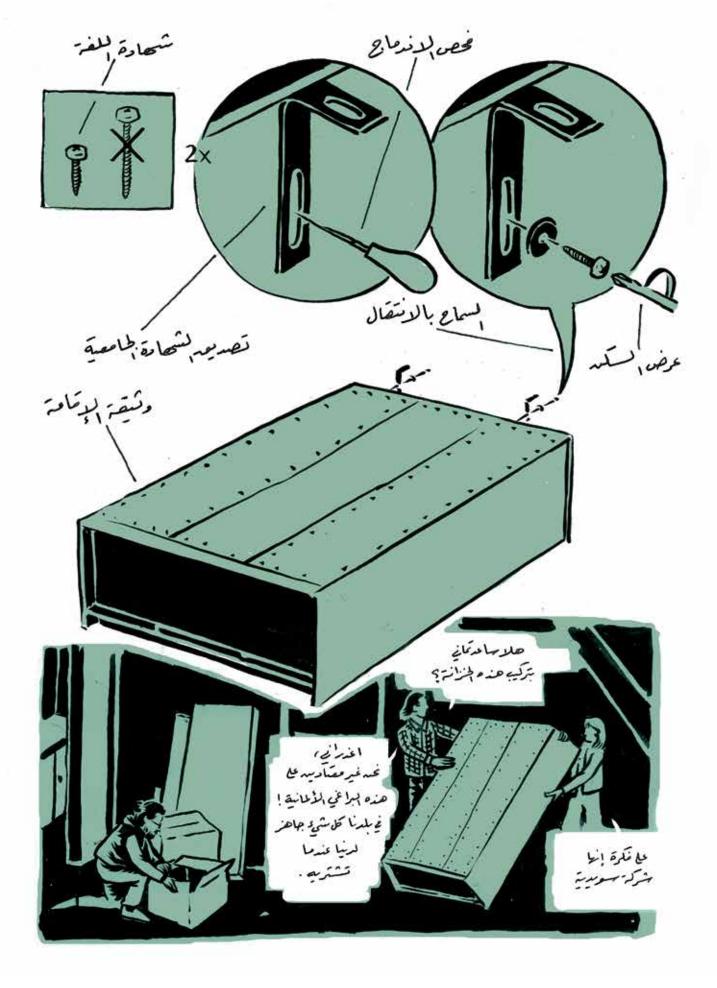


نجأة ساركاشيَّ عامايرًام . مجرد تصور آلاف النامس عليم وحدهم خوض كل هذا ، ينهكني !

Eventually the team leader came. She introduced herself very calmly, and I explained to her: the woman at the migration office is waiting for a call./But even she said suddenly: "No, I won't phone with her. Won't do it." I spent ages trying to persuade her, desperately, when suddenly my phone rang./I held the phone up to the team leader's ear. The woman from the migration office was on the line, asking why she hadn't received a call yet. She'd like to take her lunch break now./Then everything took its course. The notion that thousands of people have to go through this process alone is frustrating.



From the ground floor we were finally able to go up to the second floor. One step to heaven. With my residence permit I'm allowed to move out of the refugee shelter./Official document issued by the job centre: regulations for the size and cost of one-room flats/The landlady should write out an offer-which I brought with me to the job centre./Luckily Ahmad was able to become the new tenant. Private landlards aren't so eager when it comes to "foreign applicants". And even if you've found a flat, it's often already rented out by the time the job centre has looked everything over.





How did you come to meet Ahmad?/At a local cultural project. Have you guys actually considered taking someone up into your shared flat? I know someone who ... /We've already done that. But then he was going to get deported. I honestly have troubles going through with that again./Why?/The people need more assistance than we can maybe give. To see how their motivation plummets, the cryptic bureaucratic processes, the waiting ... it gnaws at you./Still, you guys have room. Who else even does?/Yeah, you're probably right.



To Learn More ...

Others who are helping people find homes: http://www.kontaktstelle-wohnen.de
The Refugee Council in Leipzig: http://www.fluechtlingsrat-lpz.org

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