





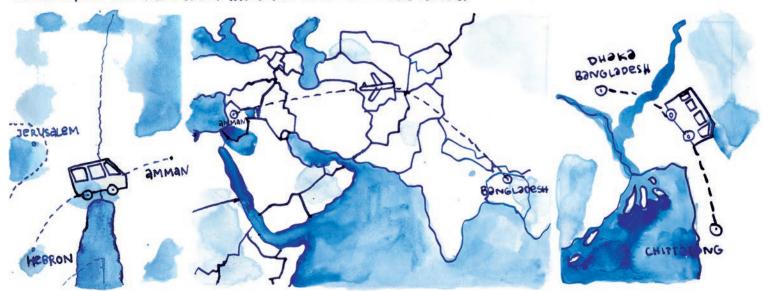




BOYON SOLDYMEN, 25 YEARS OLD, IS FROM POLESTINE. O DONGEROUS CHECK POINT SEPERATES THE TWO PORTS OF HER HOMETOWN OF HEBRON IN THE SOUTHERN WEST BONK. ONE PORT OF THE CITY IS DOMINISTERED BY THE POLESTINION NOTIONAL OUTHORITY, THE OTHER IS CONTROLLED BY ISROEL.



THERE WERE TIMES WHEN SHE COULDN'T GO TO SCHOOL, AND TIMES SHE WOULD HEAR GUNFIRE AT NIGHT. ON OCCASION, SHE AND HER FAMILY WOULD STAY IN ONE ROOM FOR WEEKS.



BOYON'S FOTHER SUPPORTED HER DECISION TO STUDY IN BONGLODESH, UNLIKE HER MOM WHO WOSN'T OS EDSILY CONVINCED.



SHE Was exposed to cultures from across asia at the university in Chittagong and learned a lat about leader ship and feminism.



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ACCORDED PALESTINE " NON-MEMBER OBSERVER STATE" STATUS AT THE UNITED NATIONS. THIS IS BECAUSE NOT ALL UN MEMBER STATES RECOGNISE PALESTINE AS A SOVEREIGN STATE.



OFTER FIVE YEARS, BOYON WENT BOCK TO HEBRON. SHE DOINED & GENDER -EQUALITY ORGANIZATION AND ROISED OWORENESS WITHIN HER COMMUNITY OBOUT WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

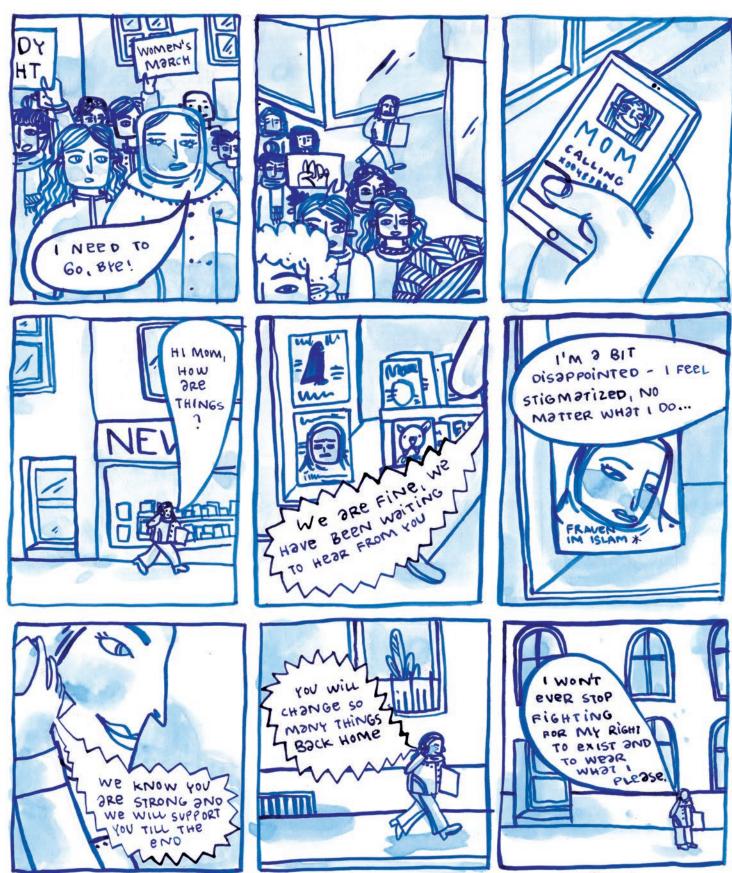


FOUNDATION, SHE TOOK HER CHANGE.



SETTLING IN GERMANY WAS NOT EASY. IN THE END THE RENOWNED GOETHE UNIVERSITY IN FRANKFURT ACCEPTED HER APPLICATION FOR A MASTER'S IN MODERN EAST-ASIAN STUDIES. BOYON WOS BEGINNING O NEW LIFE.

* MOTIVATION LETTER



BOYON IS PLONNING TO JOIN ON ORGANIZATION IN FRANKFURT THAT FIGHTS STEREOTYPES AND PROMOTES EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL RACES AND GENDERS.



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"In the German public sphere, the stereotypization of Middle Eastern women is often powerfully coupled with racist discourses", says Anna Antonakis-Nashif, PhD candidate at the Otto Suhr Institute for political sciences in Berlin. In her research, she focuses on the impact of moving to a Western country on the identity of Middle Eastern Women, as well as on the perception of these women in the German society. "Breaking the monolithic binary of 'liberated' versus 'oppressed' requires access to spaces of knowledge production and circulation such as media or academia." According to Antonakis-Nashif, a lot of German media continue to reproduce the stereotype of the oppressed Muslim woman. "Kübra Gümüsay, a feminist blogger and journalist, once defined herself as an 'intellectual cleaning lady'. I think that resumes very well the hard work that a constant negotiation of these hegemonic images entails."

A selection of Anna Antonakis-Nashif's research papers: http://exoriente.academia.edu/AnnaAntonakis

Kübra Gümüsay's blog "ein fremdwörterbuch": http://ein-fremdwoerterbuch.com

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