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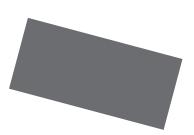
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Introduction



e li e in moments those th t re ui, n'p ssing those th t'r out n'hol'flesh to one n'those th t tou h e erything in et een oments our memories re te ho e re nom tter ho often e ttempt to push them si'e n' e ome ne they form our int ngi le org ns pulsing e ting flo ing throughout our o'ies en omp ssing our li es

oet n'ess yist Clu'i n ine rites emory is tough ple __ n the ess ys in lu'e' here ritten y stu'ents t North Hennepin Community College e regr nte' insight in the tough pl es of memory those spe ifi to the uthors ut lso those e hol's our o n those th t onne t one of us to the other e regr nte' n honest loo into the hum n on 'ition

Here e re le through ment l illness e re hel lose to the struggle ith o'y im ge n' ullying e re offere first-h n' ount of 'esegreg tion in the s e re llo e' on the insi 'e s f milies f ll p rt n' re re uilt e re gi en the mo ement of pl e refugees n' returnees n' the ple sure n' p in th t omp nies it

e re permitte ' to e ome p rt of these riters li es n ' it h s een n honor to e p rt of their ourneys if only from 'ist n e ith only their or 's to 'r us loser

in erely Brian Baumgart and Karen Carr

ge in Citizen: An American Lyric hi h s fin list for the N tion l oo r

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D^{ont m}, e eye ont t ith him

he su y tr in eg n slo ly mo ing s my f mily n' stoo in the mi'ile hol ing on to the sil er rs o e us monotone oi e of omputer me on s ying Ne t stop o ol t one of the f r en 's of the r n ol 'm n ith ne n' irty rustle' h ir me l ing to r's us s the m n ppro he' loser it s pp rent th the shomeless n' s ing for money she p sse' remem ere' h t my mom h 's i' loo e' o n s nning the soile' floor of the tr in stre n ith empty ottles n' pl sti gs noti e' the mi of 'irty t ttere' shoes ith shiny p tent ones remem ering not to m, e eye ont t ith the m n he tr in eg n slo ing 'o n s the s me oi e me o er the lou 'spe, er s ying o ol _____ his s our stop n' my ue to gr my mothers h n' efore e hoppe' of the tr in h t h' ust itnesse on th t tr in s n e ent ht oul 'h ppene ery

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espite the nee ' to e reful n ' re of our surroun 'ings s still le to ppre i te the ri h e uty n' history th t the n ient ity of os o h to offer eing le to 1 the s me streets my prents h ' l e' efore struly spet ul r Not only s le to see here my p rents h ' een r ise ' ut s re lly le to un 'erst n' the ulture they gre up in n' h t they ere onst ntly surroun 'e' ye h'y rom the e perien es h'in ys t is streets n'museums in ussi the su s le to re li e ho mu h of ulture sho, it must h e een for my f mily to mo e from the ustere streets of os o to innesot Ni e __or this t o ee trip s surroun 'e' y people of my o n ulture n'it s still ulture sho n only im gine the ulture sho, my p rents e perien e e ery 'y hen they mo e

The habit of being silent became a norm.

for they ere onst ntly surroun 'e' y people pl es n'things th t they h' ne er seen or he r' of y p rents lues ere teste' n' pushe' to the limit hen they mo e' here he ultur l lues s ell s other meri ns h' een r ise' ith ere so mu h 'ifferent th n those of my p rents or other ussi ns o e le to un 'erst n' the ultur l'ifferen es s something le rne' ith e ery en ounter h' on my trip hether it s ith people ne or omplete str ngers n ust t o ee s re li e' th t h e mu h fe er onts in my life e use of my p rents h t the onts th t' o h e in my life re mu h less stringent eg n to un 'erst n' the re son ehin' e ery ont Aleesa Kuznetsov Kuznetsov is a first generation American and has grown up in the Twin Cities. Her parents emigrated from Moscow, Russia in 1992 due to religious persecution and poor living conditions. She speaks Russian with her family and also is conversational in French and can read Hebrew. She is a PSEO student at North Hennepin and attends Robbinsdale Cooper High School. In the fall, she will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison and pursuing a degree in Communication Arts. She enjoys music and the arts, specifically singing, theatre and piano, and also plays tennis in her free time.

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m 'e goo' hoi e th t s i' es __ hen s the 'rin n' th t she h 'un 'erstoo' me h t goo' 'e ision s prou' of myself r ise' the up to my mouth n' too sip n' imme 'i tely ishe' oul 'spit it out t s tom to ui e n e t tom toes ut h e l ys h te' 'rin ing tom to ui e olitely _ ept it n' trie' to s llo s f st s oul ' n' foun' sm ll ottle of ter roun' me to 'rin right y or the rest of the flight ust s i' r nge ui e ple se __nytime the flight tten 'nt se ere' 'rin s 'r n only or nge ui e 'uring th t trip iously ommuni tion is ery import nt e en on n irpl ne n' l ngu ge s the most 'iffi ult p rt of my e perien e on the pl ne to ome to the

Anh Duong

In to er em r, e' on ourney th t imp te' my life in ery spe i l y th t oul' ne er h e im gine' his ourney s m 'e to my ill ge s in ite' y one of the ill gers to t, e p rt in n nnu l' n e festi l of my ill ge met the messenger of the e ent in oun 'e-the pit l ity of C meroon here resi'e' perm nently he n me of this lo l ill ge is es n, u me ning people of the forest, he signifin n e of this isit to es is th t es is my irth pl e n' my f mily omes from there H ing the opportunity to go to es 'uring their nnu l ultur l' n e s ery import nt to me e use h' the lu, to reunite ith my f mily espe i lly my gre t gr n' mother fter ye rs

n th t ' enturous ' y left my house ery e rly in the morning t m he ro 's ere so ' hey ere hilly stony n' mount inous ith no other me ns of tr nsport tion p rt from tre, ing tre, e' ery long 'ist n e of out miles lim ing n' es en 'ing hills s s e ting n' my he rt s poun 'ing he ro s so long felt so tire' nte' to gi e up ut something, ept on remin 'ing me in my min' to, eep on going ith one step fter the other ontinue' tre, ing

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felt so onfuse 's 'i'nt, no hi h 'n e to 'o to their e ts he 'n e group le 'me to the m in re his s here the m in ultur l ti ity st, ing pl e eople oth men n 'omen ere le to perform right on the st ge 'n ing tr 'ition l 'n es hey 'n e' refoote 's e ite 'n' 'n e'until my feet ere hurting ome people l e' ithout lothes Chil 'ren ere running roun 'n, e' hile nursing mothers ere re stfee 'ing their hil 'ren in pu li o l r fts ere 'ispl ye' s the p intings of the first e er n estors

fter the 'n e so er s in ite 'for lun h te lo l tr 'ition l foo' ith ro ste 'hi en lso 'r n lo l orn eer n'lo l p lm ine his s the only 'rin th t s il le t s n interesting e perien e in 'ee' his g e me n in r' emotion of oy n'ser e' s n energy st ili er for me he signifi n e of this inter tion n' onne ting ith people from my o n ill ge fter su h ery long time ill fore er rem in t the enter of my he rt

his ourney g e me the opportunity to reunite ith my f mily s so fortun te th t s le to see my gre t gr n 'mother g in fter ye rs he first time s her s hen s ye rs ol ' he s loo₁ ing so h unte ' n ' tire ' s if she s ust going to p ss

From that day, I learned that a journey of 1,000 miles begins with a step.

y the net hour loo, e' ther ith te rs n' oy he s sitting ne t to the, ing n' the other prin es of the ommunity oul 'nt it to, iss her on her forehe ' n' to tell her ho s so lu, y n' fortun te to see her g in fter ye rs n' for eing her gre t gr n'son he rrie' me on her legs he ' n e' roun' the ompoun' ith p ssion t s ple sur le moment for oth of us y gre t gr n'mother s le to less me s lso le to see my f mily n' other f mily mem ers hey ere so e ite' to see me hey me loser to i entify themsel es to me

in lly this isit tou he' my life s'eeply ffe te' y the e perien ing of em r ing on long l itnessing the nnu l ultur l festi l of my o n ill ge n' reuniting ith my f mily s le to e lesse' y my gre t gr n'mother in e then h e een mo ing for r' ith her spirit in me hene er some things get me 'o n thin, of the l st time s my gre t gr n'mother n'her spirit lifts me up his m'e me e ome m n rom th t 'y st rte'm, ing 'e isions th t sh pe' my history n'one of those 'e isions's enrolling t North Hennepin Community College le rne' th t if inh it nts in poor ommunity struggle to li e 'espite their h r'ship hy shoul' not struggle to go to s hool so th t oul' h nge the ne t gener tion of people through my, no le'ge ill ne er forget this e perien e hen s le to see my gre t gr n'mother to less me efore she fin lly p sse' y in his isit sh pe' my life to l ys thin, here me from n' to try to mo e for r' ith my ill ge n'f mily t the enter of my he rt

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S on is n er ge or ing-l ss meri n His f mily me o er from si out thirty-fi e ye rs go n' in ll th t time he h s only li e' in slo ly-'e elope' yet frien'ly su ur n re of innesot Hes the he 'of his o nf mily eryone in his neigh orhoo' refers to him s the most h r'- or ing n' frien'ly person th t they e e er met n un' y n' tur' y fremoon fter finishing his t o o s hes l ys usy in the front y r' of his house t_{\perp} es goo' re of the l n ters the trees n' fi es the ri s He onst ntly neels 'o n on his right nee ehin' those ushes ne r the e'ge et een his l n n' the street n' trims the ugly r n hes rom f r y e n only see his h t o e the height of the thi green ushes ut sometimes hen people l their 'ogs y he re e ls his he ' n' greets them

on li e most people is lso p rt of igger f mily His p rents h e ten hil 'ren eight oys n't o girls Hes the ol 'est His mother use' to e sm ll-s le f rmer n'his f ther s sol 'ier ho p rti ip te' in i il r hen he s young his f mily s re lly poor in f t ll of their neigh ors ere poor y y 'y they relie ' solely on the limite ' sour e of pot to th t theyolelye of nee

e 'es l ter his mother re lle ' hile her eyes ere lre 'y full in te rs telling her gr n ' hil 'ren l ys remem ere ' th t moment ou guys must not no ho h r'our li es use ' to e he 'y he uit s hool remem er loo ing t your silen e f ther the ol 'est son lying there in his sleeping pl e His h n 's ll rough from or ing hugge the oo sh r He urie the si e of his he in the pillo n'f e' the ll pi e' up note oo on top of net st on the floor n' too loo t it re thing in her mouth s sh, ing spe, ing slo ly in te rs Hish n' riting s s ni e s it s hen he s in first gr 'e n the 'r only he r' soft so ing soun' ut ne he rie' lot ust y loo ing t him my he rt ro e into pie es ou guys ust 'ont un 'erst n' seeing your f ther s rifi ing h t he l ys nte to 'o e use of me un le to support him felt useless in his life His grief is ll my f ult __he too, the slee e of her shirt n' ipe off h t seeme ' li e her l st 'rops of te rs

No the teen ger h s gro n up m rrie ' n ' e ome the f ther of three hil 'ren or un no n re sons he r rely tells his hil 'ren out his p st e perien es n' neither 'oes his ife His 're m of getting goo'e'u tion no see's in his hil 'rens min' hene er he gets h n e to sit ith his f mily he ne er forgets to remin his three sons of the import n e of getting n e 'u tion 'espite th t they re ll e ellent stu 'ents in s hool hen his ol 'est son n me ' i h el s in his senior ye r in high s hool n out to enter ollege the f ther urge ' him to isit 'ifferent s hools n' to t, e the st n ' r 'i e ' tests He lso ent online to loo for ' i e from other e perien e p rents n' ro e to the oo store loo ing for something th t might e helpful for his sons ig 'e ision He thought e'u tion oul' ring his hil 'ren righter future n' gui e them to e ome etter iti ens of the orl ' nli e his usi e f ther her rely 'rin s re lly lo es his i's n' ne er onsi ers physi l iolen e s me ns to te h them to e ome etter people ometimes he oul't e ee off from or to le his f mily

on mping trip or ust spen ' time together in his mother's house Coming from poor f mily he un 'erst n 's ho it feels to or, t enty-four hours ' y ut still orry out eing hungry the ne t ' y to 1 ys e fr i ' of not h ing money to see 'o tors hen

He teaches his kids to help people who suffer.

si ness uses you to l in the 'r ness trying to fin 'his t el e-ye r-ol 'rother hol ore 'to loo, fter the, ettle pro ly lost some here o he te hes his, i 's to help people ho suffer to support ol 'people to 'on te foo ' money n 'l or for the homeless shelter hen they h e time to ysit for the single moms n 'to 'o h t they n 'o to m, e others li es less miser le ost import ntly he tells his sons to l ys e responsi le in the f mily n 'lo e e h other rothers must help e h other out not e m ' not on e in hile fight ut lo e e h other h ts ll he e pe ts from them

on h s 'one so mu h for his f mily n ' p rti ul rly his hil 'ren ut he l ys feels th t its not enough He nts to 'o more His effort ser es not only for the ellness n ' future of his f mily ut lso to fulfil his 're m home

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m from os ngeles C liforni

m from one e room p rtment home to three 'ults n' y m from ueen-si e ' e ' in the li ing room from hi h often o e to fin ' my p rents in ompromising position e ' from hi h often rie ' until they stoppe ' h t they ere 'oing e' hi h still remem er to this ' y

1969 & 1971 – Axochiapan, Morelos

m through my p rents from e i o

m the hil of my n estors ho follo e the rules n ne er stu, out m the result of oth strit p renting n no p renting m from f mily of l oholi s ho n rin, eer li e ter hile m the one ho ho es on sip m from gener tion of re ellious hil ren ho me home t se en hen their mother s i los uiero ntes e l s seis e home efore si

m from p ir th t sep r te' three ye rs fter my irth ome from ourney ross the ountry o li ious t the time to the f t th t oul' ne er return to my

pre ious life, no ing only th t oul 'spen' my first inter surroun 'e' y sno ome from the flight o er st tes on 'ering hen ell l n' n' silently pr ying th t nothing ent rong m the e 's of s e t on my moms ro s s she l e' through the irport ith her he 'o n only loo, ing up hen she her 'her n me

1999 - Minneapolis, Minnesota

m from hi en room in inne polis often forgotten in my orner m ithin the hite lls hi h s me uietly pl y s my ousins r n through the h ll ys yelling in l ngu ge oul 'nt un 'erst n' n' giggling s hispere ' ter_in the foreign l ngu ge m from hil 'hoo' spent st ying up ll night iting for my mom to ome home s fely hoping th t she oul 'nt run into the people ho nte ' her out of the ountry m from hil 'hoo' here _ ing up in the e rly hours of the ' y to m n n' om n h ing se s norm l

2001 - Bloomington, Minnesota

m from lurre ' house in loomington here spent my young ye rs hi ing n'in onfusion often on ere ' hy oul nt t l to my f ther hen my step ' ' s home or hy oul 'nt ring myself to s y gr is to the m n ho h 't en my mom n'me into his re hen no one else oul min the r ith mn ho oul ' not re ' n' ho spent hours letting me try to te h him e en though ll the oo s h ' ere in nglish m the h ppy moments here he intro 'u e ' his sister s my unt n ' lle ' her su h ust s m the sh ttering moments here mother s i they ere nothing of mine m in the orner of the room rying for N m f Nr No Nr N N n eeNmy Nu Ne 0

s the perfet first hil 'mm'e of long nights omit n' ne e perien es mfille 'ith lughter te rs n's rems ome from h ir-pulling s r t hing n'iting m the first mutterings of gu __n' the giggling es pe of o topus __ m from 'ys of eing reple' n'ignore' from eing pushe' to the __ of the list m the forgotten 'ughter ho y losing her role of ueen fin lly g ine' ontrol of herself

Time - Earth, Universe

m from pl e here suffering h ppens m m 'e of e perien es e h ' n 'e en those th t l here the nglish n 'p nish l ngu ge ' n e ithin me in t le of their p st ome from pl e here one must e in 'epen 'ent here loneliness n ' 'e th re the only ert in things in life m the re tion of something igger th n me n ' hesit te to put ll my trust into someone nnnspy soen

Gaing to Schul During Desegregation

By / ⇔; AB >ℬ

Being in the outh s hil going to s hool s uite n e perien e in my young life

s p rt of history 'uring the ye r s eight ye rs ol ' uring th t time i il rights s trying to 'esegreg te s hools h t s hen l hil 'ren ere not llo e ' to go s hool ith hite hil 'ren

s one of those hil 'ren th t ro, e the rrier of integr ting the pu li s hools in the outh syoung n's re't the time 'i 'nt un 'erst n' fully ht s going on ne th t there ere lots of people in ol e' in this situ tion th t s in he me'i s surroun 'ing the re th t h' to l to get to the front 'oor of the hites hool here felt s not nte' here ere hite people on the one si'e lling me nigger n' telling me to go home th t 'i 'nt elong there here ere no hite hil 'ren th t 'y in l sses he te her s hostile n' unin iting in l ss s t there n' follo e' instru tion en s un omfort le s s ne it s the right thing to 'o t th t time

en then s young girl elie e'in e u l rights s little girl m r hing long ith i il rights le 'ers in ren 'ississippi here ere s enes li e out of mo ie people eing spr ye' ith te rg s n' e ten ith sti s n' lle'nigger o er n' o er g in y the ren 'oli e ep rtment s frightene' n' s re' hile going through stuff 'i'nt re lly un'erst n' eople r n some ere s re ming

his intense horrifi situ tion ith integr ting the s hool ent on for eq s l_i ing into s hool ith my s inny little legs s s re' ut prou' to go through the isle he me'i on one si'e n' n ngry mo on the other si'e the mo s hites mostly men ith some omen n' some stu'ents ith their p rents he group on the other si'e s supportie n' they nte' to see h nge he polie n' i il rights le 'ers ere lso there felt 'irty n' out of pl e ery ' y th t tten 'e' th t s hool people ere lling me n mes n' spitting got hippe' ith oo 'en p' 'le on my ehin' it hurt so 'ly 'i 'n t₁ no hy this s h ppening for h' 'one nothing rong felt li e must h e 'one something rong ut h t s it

sh me ' 'i 'n t tell my mother h t h ' h ppen to me e use 'i 'n t nt ny trou le for me or my mother t h ' gotten so th t ust oul 'n t go to th t s hool nymore tol ' my mom h t h ppene ' to me eing hippe ' ith th t oo 'en p ' 'le y the prin ip l fter t l ing it o er ith my mom tol ' her th t oul 'n t go

re li e' hy h'gotten hippe's e use h'use'the throom th t'y s lle'to the offi e here h'to lie ross the prin ip ls h ir n's hippe'ust e use h'use' the rest room th t'y elling my mom nte'out of the s hool my mom too, me out of the s hool n'enrolle'me in nother his s the orst e perien e in my young life

perien ing su h neg ti e situ tion in my life set me up for not li ing s hool n' not trusting people th t ere in uthority H ing e perien e' th t neg ti e input in my young life h s sh pe' my life in the orst y

Diane Hall was born in Grenada, Mississippi. Her parents are the late Peter and Irene Hall. She has four siblings.

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"B.A.B.Y. H.U.E.Y. Baby Huey, Hey, hey, Baby Huey, Woo!"

still enthome t night n' rie' ut t s hool h' put on m s, n' on in e' myself th t it s not me it s them h t oul' 'o Ho oul' get these people to li e me hen ill m tter to the 'ults th t s roun' hen

n u y re lys irrors __u y ent through uite fe perio's ts hool hen she 'i'nt feel li e she elonge' e use of the n er in her n' the m ny oper tions she h' to re onstrut ther f e fter hi h her f e s still 'isfigure' she too felt li e n outsi'er he st tes hool e me ttle groun' n' me home t the en of the 'ye h uste' ith the effort of eeping my o'y so tense n' h r' th t s sure nything oul' oun e off it __ hen person is going through t unting n' te sing from others it is e h usting ou feel li e you e een hit y __ ru _ n truly rel te e use th t is ho felt m ny 'ys e ten n' ro en

n s hool no oys nte to e my frien ut they ere ugly n' imm ture so it 'i'nt re lly m tter oys ere ust someone th t

sh re'sp e ith th t is ho they eg n to loo, to me ho nts to e frien's ith those stin, y oys ny y ts ust h ssle _____ hose ere my thoughts n re lys ess y she s ys she felt li e 'og n' monster the ugliest girl they h'e er seen _____Her iggest 'is ppointment me hen the oys th t' te' her sister eg n to t unt n' te se her out eing errys girlfrien' n'she, ne th t snt ompliment to him ut it s n insult out her

here s perio' hen felt so 'o non myself th t ontempl te' sui i'e tu lly 'i't e h n'ful of pills he m ul n e me n' s t en to the hospit l umors t my s hool fle li e ir 's on their y south for the inter eoples i'h 'to get my stom h pumpe' s so em rr sse' 'i'nt return to s hool for t o ee s t th t point h 'to 'o something ut h t o fo use'

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theme musi th t gui es me n' eep it in my he rt in my s' times ts hitney Houstons *The Greatest Love of All*

"I decided long ago, never to walk in anyone's shadows. If I fail, if I succeed, At least I'll live as I believe, No matter what they take from me, they can't take away my dignity, because the greatest love of all, is happening to me, I found the greatest love of all, Inside of me."

h t h e le rne 'uring my tri ls n'suffering is ept n e in ny situ tion is the first step to re o ery h t gr e is gift n' th t h e to ontinue to listen to the inner oi e th t li es in me h e to ontinue to utili e those th t h e een lesse ' ith to h e roun 'me n' ontinue to see f e th t h e ne er seen ut no in my he rt e ists

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Audua Pugh was born in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of a single parent. Her family originated from Mississippi, then migrated to Cairo, Illinois, and later moved to the Morgan Park area of Chicago, Illinois, where she grew up until adulthood. She moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1985. Audua is a recovered drug addict, having turned her life around over ten years ago. She is an active servant in her church and community. Currently she serves as president of the Women of Destiny Women's Auxiliary, member of the Usher Board and Deaconess Board, Church School Teacher, VBS Teen Teacher. In 2014 she was appointed to serve as Vice President at Large of the Women's Auxiliary for the Minnesota State Baptist Convention. On January 9, 2012, Sister Pugh decided to pursue an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from North Hennepin Community College, where she maintains a GPA of 3.8 and is a member of the Honor's Program, Phi Theta Kappa, Founder of Weak yet Strong Recovery Group and the Women on Wednesday, Women of Color Group. She is also the treasurer of Student Senate and manages the NHCC Food Cupboard. She is married to Rev. Michael Pugh, and they have two adult children, a fifteen year old, three grandchildren, a dog, and a cat. She enjoys spending time with her family, watching movies and participating in church and community events – and reminding people that "U R Appreciated".

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Jeffrey Clark absolutely hates to fly but loves to travel. He is 35 years old, married with children. He is a recovering alcoholic which is why he is now just starting to figure this whole "life" thing out. His favorite word is "resolve." He is a Phi Theta Kappa member and takes great pride in this because of how horrible of a student he was in high school. He has lived in 6 states and 2 countries. He was in Germany when the Berlin Wall fell, and he was in Florida when the Challenger blew up. He has a strange connection with British culture and feels he should be living there. Maybe it's all the rain. There is more than one way to be deemed a success in life.

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The Market Place

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There s this m r et pl e right t the entr n e of u u'ur m efugee mp in h n he mp is lo te' in the mi''le of so hi h is 'pl e for refugee mp onsi'ering the f t th t the so n ti e 'ont li e outsi'ers espe i lly i eri n out per ent of refugees on the mp ere i eri n in lu'ing myself y ol'er rother n' spent most our 'ys roun' the m r et pl e pl ying m r les t hing mo ies t the i'eo lu mo ie the ter t hing people pl y i'eo g mes mostly n' ort l om t or ust en oying the str nge ut f mili r e t of the m r et he m r et pl e is not ust the m r et its e ery here ne r the m r et he r th t the m r et pl e th t m 'e huge p rt of my hil'hoo' memories s torn 'o n in the interest of 'e elopment ut the memories e h ' there ill li e on ith us fore er

remem er our ' enture e ery' y st rte' on th t long spine- hilling ut still e utiful 'usty ro ' th t le' from the m r et pl e to re here e li e' r eling on the ro ' in the ' ytime s the e sy p rt le ing the m r et pl e n ' going _ home t night s hen the ushes roun ' the ro ' r n he' out e rs n ' eyes h t s hen the s ying e usu lly referre ' to ery o 'y is for yelle 'shoul 'ere 'n' pushe 'e h other ith the tempo of the mr, et usy mr, et omen n' men shoute 'out of their lungs h t they ere selling to ttr t uyers the mr, et s li e n' so ere the thie es th t en oye 'pi, ing po, ets oul' ne er figure out hy the mr, et groun 's ere l ys et y eit s to get ri 'of some of the loo 'th t l ys le, e' from un 'er the 'oors of the sl ughterhouse h te' those noises th t me from th t sl ughterhouse h te' the y it m 'e me feel n' h te' the little hole th t it h ' on the 'oor th t m 'e it loo, li, e the nim ls ere st ring t me y e the mr, et people m 'e the groun' et e ery morning to elimin te some of the o 'ors from their rotten fish he mr, et h ' eir ' smell mi ture of fresh n' rotten fish mu ''y smell from et groun' n' loo ' from the sl ughterhouse

itting on high rotten stool th t ro $_{r}$ e' $_{r}$ n' forth t the right orner of the m r, et s my f orite m r, et om n Her' r, ro n rin, les ere isi le through her e utiful f e n'h n's Her eyes ere 'ull n' the hitening on her teeth h' long gone ut she h' the frien 'liest smile in the m r, et Her $_{r}$ s le ne' s if she rrie' the orl' on her $_{r}$ hen she l_{r} e' he 'i' not yell mu h s omp re' to the other m r, et omen he s le rly ol 'er n' iser th n most of them No one e er, ne here she got her fish from their eyes ere l ys right n' ryst l le r their s, ins ere t no time 'ulle' or 'is olore' n' they onst ntly smelle' of fresh ter s if they ' een ught minute efore you ought them he use' to ep my fish sep r te e use her fish ne er l ste' long on the m r, et s her f orite ustomer

hin, ing _ no h ' lot fun t the m r, et pl e still remem er the y my rother n ' oul ' run to the m r, et le ping one step t time still remem er ho e oul ' t , e off our slippers t night n ' run home li, e there s no tomorro n still re ll the smell of the m r, et n ' ho it m 'e me feel pl n on going , sometime in the future to isit the re here the m r, et pl e s lo te ' hope to see some f mili r f es



***************** No biography submitted.

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