

A man exhorts refugees to walk to Austria. Ahmad wanted to follow, but already paid a smuggler to get them to Germany. The cash has run out.

They get help by merca, who gave the money the needed, but the smuggler bailed for a better offer

The man bails them out. 1.00 marchers he attracted, and they block the traffic on the highway to Austria. Hours later, the Hungarian government organize bus passports to Austrian border

They arrive in Vienna

The girls take off their head scarves and put make up

They reach Germany, where bystanders applaud them and they can apply for refugee status and live legally, BUT they decide to push on and decide to go on to Sweden

Ahmad and Farid plan to open a Middle Eastern supermarket once they settle in Europe

They have barely crossed the German border into Denmark, en route to Sweden, when the police stops the train and remove all the migrants

They have had the bad luck to arrive on the same early-September day that center right minority government of Denmark telling refugees not to come, that social benefits are being cut and asylum rules stiffened

The two families are locked in separate cells.

Ahmad worries that his brother will relive the trauma of his kidnapping in Syria

"My son now knows the meaning of the word prison because of you"

The police warns them that if they return to Denmark they will be imprisoned, and drop them off at the German border, where they head back to Hamburg to seek asylum

While Majids are being held, several hundreds of migrants break out of the Danish school and start walking to Sweden

Overnight, too late for the Majids, the Danish police reverse the course and say they will let migrants pass through Denmark to Sweden

In Hamburg, they pick up once again and move. This time, still smarting from their humiliation, they bypass Denmark and cross by boat from Rostock, Germany, to Trelborg, Sweden. At 9:22 o.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, they arrive at Sweden.

The family adopts Swedish spellings of their names and observe Eid al-Adha with a picnic in the woods

A few weeks later, Ahmad seems much less upbeat. He says that their days are spent in enforced idleness. There is no school or organized activity for the children. The promise of Swedish lesson has not materialized

He is frustrated that their asylum interview is three months off. His wife, Jamila, is set to give birth in November, and had to wait a month before she could see a doctor

When he complained about it he was told, "We didn't ask you to come here."

The last time the journalist spoke with him, he said that if things were better in Syria, he would go back the next day