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Husband shot. Village burned. Hiding in the forest.

Then rescue. Shelter. New documents. A fresh start.

And, a widow at 17, the challenge of a new life.



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Attacked with machetes. Escape, barefoot, across the stony desert.

Surviving on roots and insects. Then, help. Water. Protection.

Now home is a tent. A daily handful of maize. And unquenchable hope.



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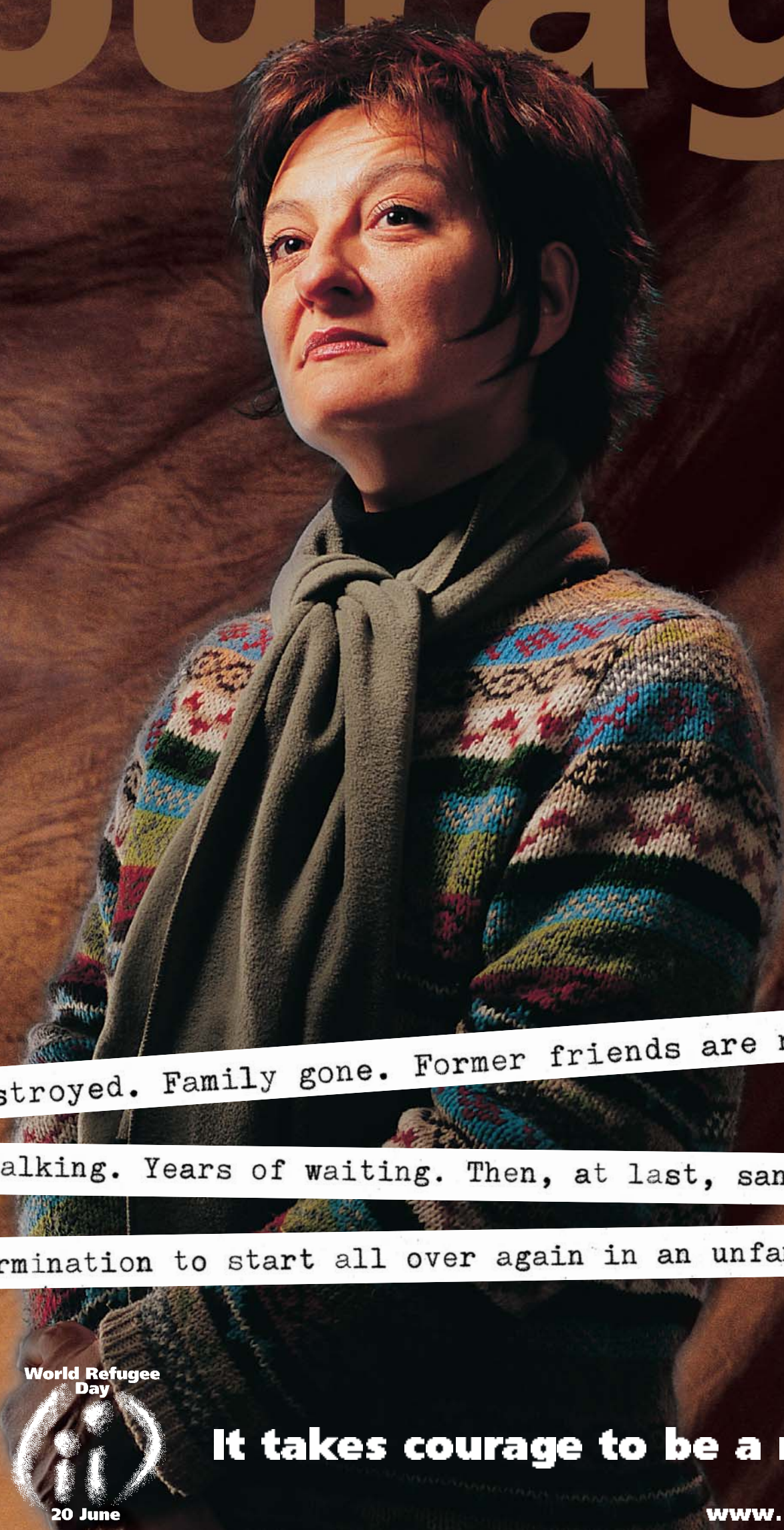
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Home destroyed. Family gone. Former friends are now enemies.

Weeks of walking. Years of waiting. Then, at last, sanctuary.

And a determination to start all over again in an unfamiliar land.



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Gnawing hunger. Snowbound passes. Icy rivers.

Finally, food. Protection. And three long years in a refugee camp.

Then back to a ruin that once was home. And a life to build again.



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Driven out by civil war. Desperate escape in an open boat.

Patient years in a camp. Then, asylum. A chance to start over.

New customs to learn. Career to rebuild. A place to call home.



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