



HOW DOES IT FEEL?

Imagine this.

You've lived all your life at peace. Home, family, friends, all normal. Then, without warning, your whole world changes.

Overnight, lifelong neighbours become lifelong enemies. Tanks prowl the streets and buses burn. Mortar shells shatter the mosques. Rockets silence the church bells.

Suddenly everything you've known and owned and loved is gone and, if you are lucky enough to survive, you find yourself alone and bewildered in a foreign land. You are a refugee.

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The fact is, refugees are like you and me, except that they have nothing left but their courage, and with it the hope of once more being contributing members of society. It's all they will ever have unless we help.

So when you do meet a refugee, imagine for a moment what it must be like, and then show her your smile. Not your back.

It may not seem much. But to a refugee it can mean everything.

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