

"A Real Durwan" is a story that I can relate to. In this short story, a housekeeper Boori Ma, tells stories of her past, luxurious lifestyle. Then, due to an incident, her life drastically changed. These stories constantly alienate her from other residents. When I moved back to the United States from China, I spent a significant time reminiscing about my past life. At such a young age I had seen most of the world. I've seen tragedies that no child should ever see. I've enjoyed an exciting life that most don't have the privilege to experience. Yet, no one would believe a word of my stories. Eventually, people stopped listening. Life defining moments were reduced to fantasies. Boori Ma, holding so tightly onto her more luxurious past, was forced out of her new home. I do not want to isolate myself as she did. It's better to work your way into a new community than to live in a memory that fades away with each day.

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