

Refugee List 2

1. reel-walk as if unable to control one's movements

*The rioters and police traded rocks and bullets, and a man with a bloody head staggered past Isabel. She **reeled** in horror.*

2. turmoil-a violent disturbance

*In all the **turmoil**, a policeman caught up with her father and grabbed him by the arm.*

3. pandemonium-a state of extreme confusion and disorder

*She leaped down off the hood of the car and pushed her way through the **pandemonium**.*

4. truncheon-a short stout club used primarily by police officers

*The policeman raised his **truncheon** to hit her father again, and Isabel jumped in between them.*

5. ethereal-characterized by unusual lightness and delicacy

*The afternoon adhan from a nearby mosque echoed through the bombed-out streets of Aleppo, the melodious, **ethereal** voice of the mu'adhhdhin praising Allah and calling everyone to prayer.*

6. dub-provide (movies) with a soundtrack of a foreign language

*Across the room, Waleed sat like a zombie in front of the television, watching a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles cartoon **dubbed** into Syrian Arabic.*

7. catatonic-characterized by unresponsiveness or lack of movement

*She hadn't gone nearly **catatonic** like Waleed, but at some point it had gotten bad enough that she just stopped talking about it.*

8. lurch-move abruptly

*The floor **lurched** up under Mahmoud and threw him and the table and chairs back against the wall of the kitchen.*

9. mortar-a substance used as a bond in masonry or for covering a wall

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*His breath left him all at once, and he fell to the floor with a heavy thud in a heap of metal and **mortar**.*

10. sear-become superficially burned

*His shoulder ached and his chest still **seared** with every hard, desperate breath, but the only thing that mattered now was getting to his mother.*

11. daze-overcome as with astonishment or disbelief

*Mahmoud pulled himself up out of the rubble and saw the building across the street in raw daylight, like he was standing in midair beside it. He blinked, still **dazed**, and then he understood.*

12. hull-the frame or body of a ship

*A steep ramp ran to the top of the tall black **hull**, and hundreds of people were already on board, milling around under colorful fluttering pennants and waving to friends and family down on the docks.*

13. pennant-a flag that usually tapers and is longer than it is wide

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14. shabby-showing signs of wear and tear

*The **shabby** man who had lurched from the shadows like an escapee from a mental asylum was Josef's father, Aaron Landau.*

15. threadbare-thin and tattered with age

*He was thinner too. Too thin. A skeleton in a **threadbare** suit three sizes too big for him.*

16. gaunt-very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold

*Aaron Landau's eyes bulged from his **gaunt** face as he turned to look at his children.*