# THE GATES OF FRIENDSHIP

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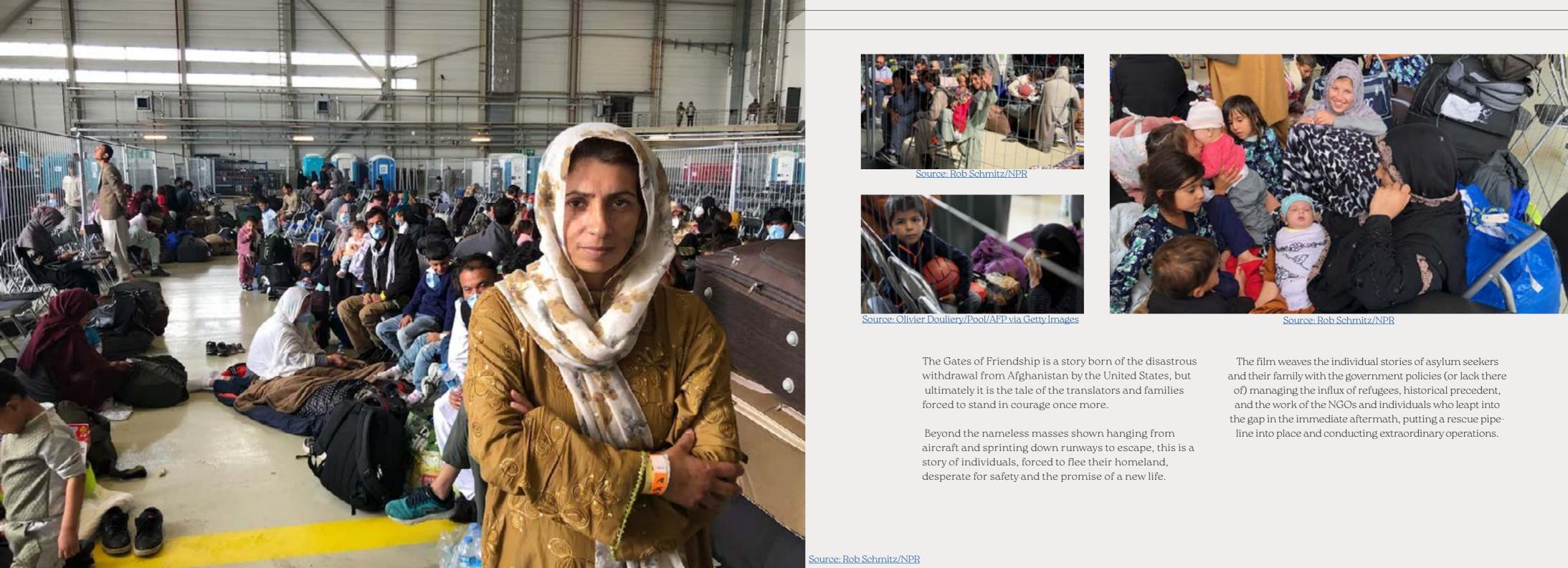
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LOGLINE: The harrowing journey of Afghani translators who risked everything to serve with U.S. troops but were left behind in the aftermath, along with the veterans and volunteers working to get them out alive.

SYNOPSIS: On August 15, 2021, the Taliban seized the Afghan capital in a bloody show of power, creating panic and chaos as they ousted the Afghan government and abruptly ended the American presence in the country. Afghans who served with U.S. troops were instantly in danger, branded as traitors and marked for execution. The Gates of Friendship is the compelling story of the Afghan translators and their families left behind as the United States withdrew, forcing them to flee for their lives.

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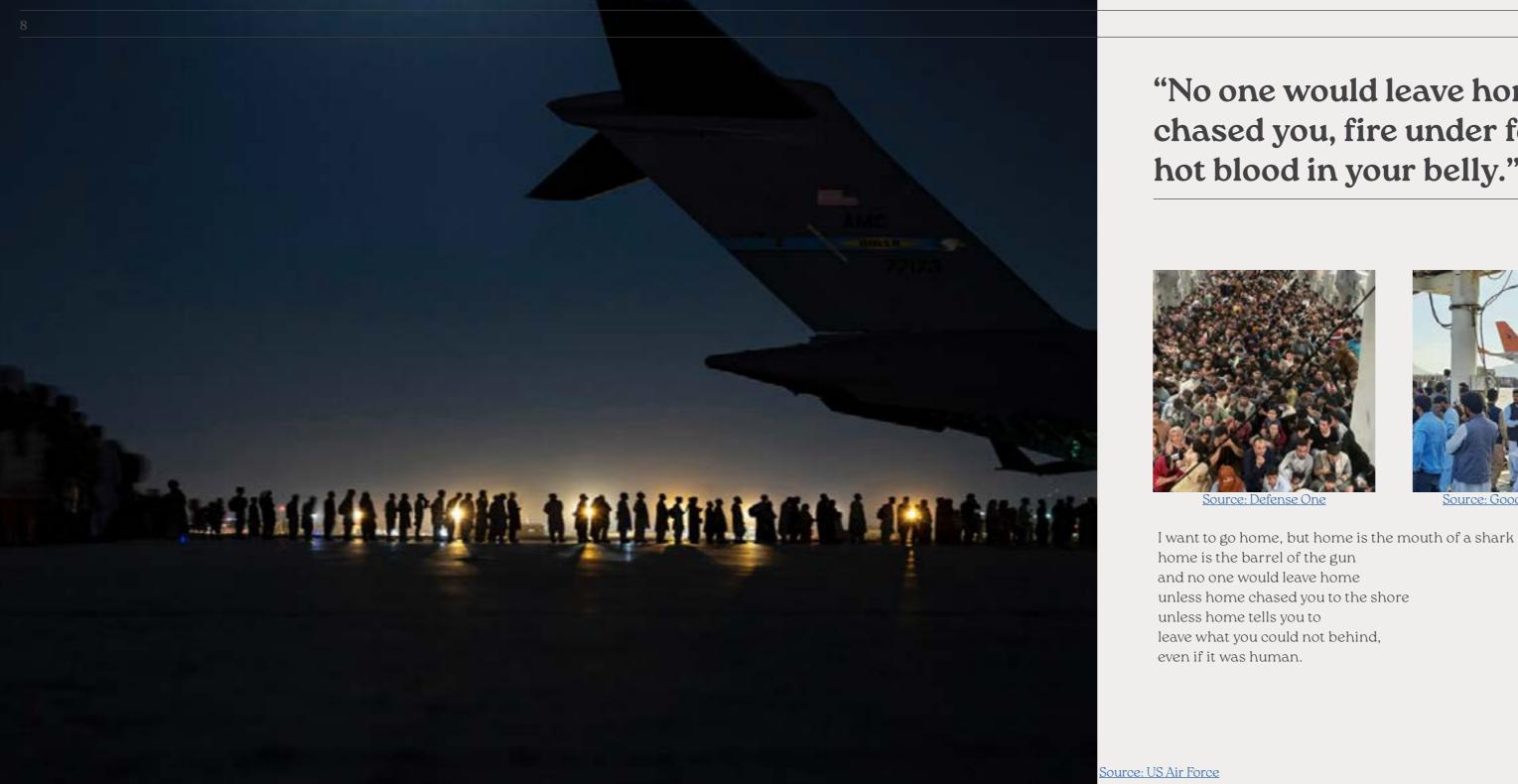
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Faced with unimaginable danger as US allies and translators, the film follows each person's story from the heartbreaking decision to leave home, the harrowing, dangerous journey out of Afghanistan, and their arrival in the West, along with the role that veterans, NGOs, refugee camps, and volunteers played in extracting and supporting the families.

## "No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark."



Source: Colby Rabon / Carolina Public Press



"No one would leave home unless home chased you, fire under feet, hot blood in your belly."

Source: Good Morning Post



Source: Reuters

Source: AP



No one leaves home until home is a damp voice in your ear saying leave, run now, I don't know what I've become.

-Excerpts from "Home" by Warsan Shire



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Navigating Refugee Resettlement with Compassion and Courage



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