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Why Cruelty Towards Asylum Seekers Is Contagious

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There was a poignant moment at the 2023 Academy Awards when **Ke Huy Quan** made his acceptance speech. “My journey started on a boat. I spent a year in a refugee camp, and somehow, I ended up here in Hollywood’s biggest stage.”

Quan’s words briefly highlighted the long and often difficult journey refugees face. And his story was a powerful rebuke of recent decisions by some of the most powerful governments in the world to curtail the rights of asylum seekers, the latest of which is coming from the United Kingdom.