

Home of the Brave Summary

Write up a summary of what we have read. Include only the information you think is important. (Kek's emotions are important to the story.)

Remember to use words like: but, because, so, and.

There was a boy named Kek and he came from a village in Africa. His brother and father died and his mom got lost. He had to go to a camp to get put in a new home and be safe from the men with guns. When he arrived in Minnesota, there was a man from the refugee resettlement center named Dave waiting to pick Kek up. When Dave was driving Kek to his aunt's and cousin's house, Kek saw a cow. Cattle were very important to Kek because his father had a herd of cattle and it reminded him of home. Once Kek got to his aunt's house, they were so excited to see each other because they all came from the same village.

Dave taught Kek three lessons. One, was to lock your door to keep yourself safe. That didn't sound right to him because back at home, his father was the one who protected him. The second lesson was how to turn on and off a light switch. Which didn't sound right to him either. The last lesson was to turn on the thermostat when you were cold, but where he lived, his father's songs kept him warm on the inside.

Dave took Kek to the Refugee Resettlement Center to fill out some paperwork and find more information on where his mom is. They told them that they couldn't find his mom but they were going to look at the camps and try to find her. A few days later, Kek was able to go to school. He was so thankful that he was to get his own desk and he even made a new friend Hanna. Also, his class was called ESL class meaning English Second Learning class, so everyone there spoke a different language.

When he got home, he wanted to help his aunt by cleaning the dishes so he put them in the washing machine. Then Hanna came over and told Kek that that was not how you were supposed to wash dishes. When he took the dishes out of the washing machine, they were broken. They shattered into pieces. Kek felt terrible inside and didn't want to tell his aunt, but he knew that he had to tell her.

One day, Kek's class went to the zoo for a field trip and they were told to look for animals that come from where they lived. He looked at another class and he was so happy to see kids smiling together and laughing together and it was such a joy to see that but he also felt guilty that his family couldn't see it with him. A few days later, Hanna wanted to show Kek the mall but Kek burst in to tears once he saw all the food there was but where he used to live, they were starving. At school, they went to the library but Kek felt guilty because his mother always wanted a book and he was able to get as many books as he wanted.

Kek wanted to get a job to pay for new dishes for his aunt. He decided to get a job at the farm where he saw the cow. He asked the owner of the farm if he could work there. The owner's name is Lou and she said that Kek could work there...