



Interview Two: #N.N

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Abstract:

"Every experience has its ups and downs. Following a family friend's footsteps, I came to Tunisia in search of adventure. I took up whatever job I could find to save money, from babysitting to room service. Through hard work and determination, I saved enough to undertake a training program that granted me certification. Today, I run my own business in Tunisia, providing jobs and support to others. I also volunteer at social events, helping my community integrate better and sharing the wisdom I've gained."

Story:

In 2013, N embarked on an adventure inspired by the remarkable success of her mother's friend in Tunisia. This friend had built a comfortable life in the country, even becoming a homeowner, which ignited a spark in N to follow this path of promise and opportunity.

Since N arrived in Tunisia, she dove head-first into the experience, taking on an array of jobs that came her way. From room service to babysitting and restaurant work, she embraced every opportunity, taking her new life with determination and enthusiasm. N's journey is a testament to the power of resilience and a bold spirit.

With her hard-earned savings, she pursued a professional culinary and pastry arts course to equip herself with the skills needed to establish her own business. The journey was challenging, and navigating through bureaucratic processes, legal documentation, and government authorization took two years of unwavering persistence, N told us the secret of her integration into the host society saying *"Wherever you go, you'll encounter both the good and the bad. It's all part of the adventure! But the key is to respect the laws of the host country, embrace their culture, and cherish your own."*

Yet, N's journey extended beyond personal growth. It was about forging connections between migrants and local communities, highlighting the importance of communication and shared experiences. She became deeply involved in various organizations and civil society, demonstrating her dedication to social work.

In 2017, her entrepreneurial dreams officially took flight as she began accepting orders from her home. To connect with customers and promote her business, a Tunisian friend set up a social media account for her in 2016, an invaluable tool in her entrepreneurial journey.



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But N's story is more than just her business success; it's an inspiration. In addition to creating a successful business, she has committed herself to helping other immigrants, proving that determination and hard work can lead to remarkable achievements. Numerous media outlets have taken notice of her extraordinary success, including IOM, Italian media, and France 24, making her journey a blueprint for other migrants aspiring to achieve their dreams.

Her ambitions reach far and wide, transcending borders. N envisions establishing a thriving culinary venture on an international scale, spreading her culinary expertise across the globe. She is excited to be included in the SeHeMe "Home and Away" magazine. She wants to inspire people with her incredible journey and share her experiences and abilities with the world.



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