



## Fawad Hekmaty

Coffee Vendor

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In the bustling city of Kabul, Afghanistan, a young Fawad Hekmaty learned life's lessons much earlier than most. The shadows of conflict loomed large, especially for him, whose father was a dignitary in the Afghan army. When tragedy struck, and they lost their patriarch, life's compass directed him and his family toward Pakistan. They began scripting a new chapter amid unfamiliar streets and languages.

Life, for him, was a series of challenges. But the dawn of 1989 brought a silver lining. America's shores beckoned, and the family found a new abode in Whitestone, New York. However, the Big Apple presented its trials: language barriers, cultural gaps, and the unforgiving sting of prejudice. But he, ever the fighter, took them head-on, transforming them into learning experiences.

The city that never sleeps soon witnessed Fawad's entrepreneurial flair. With its skyscrapers and dreams, Manhattan became home to its unique coffee shop. This establishment was more than just a business; it was a melting pot of his Afghan heritage and the American dream, a place where two worlds intertwined seamlessly.

