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Irvin Studin is president of the Institute for 21st Century Questions, and editor-in-chief and publisher of Global Brief magazine. We have space still, and we want you. Story continues below advertisement Like you, we already take the tired, the poor and huddled masses of the world. Now we want your industrialists, your scientists, your men and women of letters. Give us your philanthropists, your musicians and your most brilliant students. We want them all. I confess to no schadenfreude about the absurdity of some of your current political theatre. Instead, I, like most Canadians, remain a deep admirer of American civilization, American achievement and American chutzpah. After all, modern Canada was created precisely as the antithesis of some of the more extreme U. And what an extreme time this is in the United States. Whatever the current opinion polls, there are plenty of scenarios that could see Donald Trump become your next president. A terrorist attack on U. Pogroms would ensue, so disproportionate has been anti-Muslim rhetoric and hysteria in your country over the past 15 years and particularly over the past year. Canada currently accepts fewer than 10, American permanent residents per year, slightly more than from the United Kingdom or France. This is unacceptably low, especially given that we are your closest neighbours and that you integrate almost seamlessly into Canadian society. Many of your forebears were critical in building this great country, including major cities such as Toronto. So why have so few of you, in relative terms, made the permanent move up north in recent years? Alas, the fault is largely ours. We have been too passive in our pitches and insufficiently imaginative and decisive in seizing the moment when it arises. We have, in some ways, been insufficiently American in wooing you. Consider this letter a call for the Canadian government to begin immediate, explicit and active communications about our sincere interest in having you immigrate to Canada “ in considerably larger numbers. Our federal and provincial ministers should make this plain during their frequent working visits to your cities. Story continues below advertisement Story continues below advertisement Most importantly, and this is unfortunately not a very Canadian way of doing business, our public and private leaders should be personally contacting you, by phone and even in person, regularly and relentlessly “ especially those of you who are the leading lights of U. After all, this is exactly how the United States landed multiple future Nobel laureates from struggling countries over the course of the past century. Toronto may be approaching capacity population, but much of the rest of Canada, especially in the Prairies and in the Atlantic provinces, is still a huge growth proposition and will profit greatly from your talents. You will be welcomed wherever you go. Bring with you your incorrigible optimism, your dreams, your risk taking, your lack of complexes and your macro thinking. Leave your guns at the border. You may, at the last moment, be tempted to stay put and fight the good fight for a brighter American future. This temptation should be resisted.

Chapter 2 : Welcome to My World

Welcome to Canada, the hotbox of the world Tabatha Southey: If Canada had a door, clouds would come billowing out whenever we opened it, just like the teachers' lounge circa by Tabatha Southey.

In an alcoholic rage, he used his brutish strength to strangle his girlfriend to death a few years ago. On a recent Thursday, however, at this summer-camp-like island prison in southern Norway, where convicts hold keys to their rooms and there are no armed guards or fences, Vala used those same enormous hands to help bring life into the world. The year-old murderer stood watch while an oversize cow gave birth to a wobbly, long-legged, brown-and-white calf. Afterward, Vala called his own mother to share the good news. This is exactly the type of dramatic turnabout -- enraged killer to gentle-giant midwife -- that corrections officials in Norway hope to create with this controversial, one-of-a-kind prison, arguably the cushiest the world has to offer. Founded in , Bastoy Prison is located on a lush, 1-square-mile island of pine trees and rocky coasts, with views of the ocean that are postcard-worthy. It feels more like a resort than jail, and prisoners here enjoy freedoms that would be unthinkable elsewhere. Horses roam gravel roads. Some of the prisoners here -- all men and serving time for murder, rape and trafficking heroin, among other crimes -- stay in wooden cottages, painted cheery red. They come and go as they please. Others live in "The Big House," a white mansion on a hill that, on the inside, looks like a college dorm. A chicken lives in the basement, a guard said, and provides eggs for the inmates. On first read, all of that probably sounds infuriating. Why do they get access to all these comforts while others live in poverty? But if the goal of prison is to change people, Bastoy seems to work. At Bastoy, that figure is even lower, officials say: Compare that with the three-year re-offense rate for state prisons in the U. Older government reports put that number even higher, at more than five in . Still, Bastoy remains controversial even in academia. But officials here maintain that their methods do make a difference, and they follow it up with post-release programs. The aim of Bastoy is not to punish or seek revenge, Nilsen said. Jan Petter Vala is serving part of a year murder sentence on a posh island in southern Norway. There are few rules here. They wear whatever clothes they want: A common opening question: Some people garden; others farm. Others tend to a team of horses, which are used to cart wood and supplies from one part of the island to another. Everyone moves about freely during these tasks. Guards are sometimes present, sometimes not. No one wears shackles or electronic monitoring bracelets. The idea is for prison to function like a small, self-sustaining village. For their work, inmates are paid. They can save that money or spend it on odds and ends in a local shop. For breakfast and lunch, inmates use their stipend to make purchases in the local shop and then cook for themselves at home. Many live in small houses that have full kitchens. Others have access to shared cooking space. The goal, Nilsen said, is to create an environment where people can build self-esteem and reform their lives. Here, inmates are forced to make choices -- to learn how to be better people. Prisoners, of course, appreciate this approach. Kjell Amundsen, a year-old who said he is in jail for a white-collar financial crime, was terrified when he rode the minute ferry from the mainland out to Bastoy. He plans to keep up the task after his sentence ends. Some prisoners get schooling in a yellow Bavarian-style building near the center of the island. On a recent afternoon, three young men were learning to use computer programs to create 3-D models of cars. All expressed interest in doing this sort of work after their prison terms end. Bastoy Prison functions like a small village. Everyone has a job, including chopping firewood. Tom Remi Berg, a year-old who said he is in prison for the third time after getting into a bar fight and beating a man nearly to death, said he is finally learning his lesson at Bastoy. He also plays in the prison blues band -- Guilty as Hell -- and lives with his bandmates. An escape would be relatively easy. Prisoners have tried to escape in the past. One swam halfway across the channel and became stranded on a buoy and screamed for rescuers to help, prison officials said. Another made it across the channel by stealing a boat but was caught on the other side. If they tried and failed, they would be forced to go to a higher-security prison and could have their sentences extended. When inmates come to his island jail, Nilsen, the governor, gives them a little talk. Among the wisdom he imparts is this: Overnight, only three or four guards the prison employs 71 administrative staff, including the guards stay on the island with this group of people who have been convicted of serious crimes. Further complicating the

security situation, some inmates, toward the end of their terms, are allowed to leave the island on a daily ferry to work or attend classes on the mainland. In the four years Nilsen has been heading up the prison, there have been no "serious" incidents of violence, he said. By the time they get to Bastoy, inmates view the island as a relief. When your sentence is up, will you want to leave? The answer, despite the nice conditions, is always an emphatic yes. The refugee from Kosovo said he was convicted on drug charges after he was found with 13 pounds of heroin. Before coming to Bastoy, he sat in a higher-security prison while one of his children was born. Relative to population, the U. Think of prison like parenting and it starts to make sense, said Mark A. Grounding the child immediately, a softer sentence, would work better, even though the punishment is less severe, he said. But in Norway, a country with one of the highest standards of living in the world, staying on a resort-like island with horses might feel like punishment to many people, he said. Research also suggests that programs like Bastoy that train inmates for their transition back into the free world -- with education, counseling and such -- do help prisoners adjust. Inmates at Bastoy have plenty of time for activities, including going to the gym and the beach. He also could be set free some day. Norway has a maximum jail sentence of 21 years, which can be extended only when an inmate is deemed to be a real and imminent threat to society. The country expects nearly every prisoner to be returned to society, which influences its efforts to create jail environments that reduce re-offense rates. If your neighbor were to come out of prison, what would you want him to be like? Or he could go into life-long psychiatric care. The case has unearthed levels of anger that are uncharacteristic of Norway, which prides itself as a home for conflict mediation and human rights, a place that hosts the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony and has one of the best standards of living in the world. His motives were unclear, police said. If Breivik were ever released into the public, someone would kill him, several Norwegians said. Others are trying to fight that anger. The symbolism that he had used his hands to end one life and help begin another was not lost on him. He decided to quit drinking for good. Sigurd Vedvik said he met Vala while he was serving out the earlier part of his sentence in a high-security prison. Vedvik was screening him for entry into Bastoy. Vala barely could communicate. Now, Vala is making friends. When Vala leaves Bastoy, he plans to go into the construction business and hopes to find some way to spend time on a farm. And it took a posh prison -- one with cattle and horses -- to get him into that state of mind.

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