

COMPLETE MY STORY



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Both my parents looked at me in shock. They didn't expect to hear these words from my mouth.

Me: So? What are we going to do?

Dad: Son, it's not your decision, we will take care of it.

Mom: Let the kid talk! Of course, he has every right to express his opinion. What do you want, My child?

- I want to leave! I want to be free and alive. I don't want to die! I want to have a quiet life with my family and follow my dreams!

- I am not going anywhere! I'll stay!

-We can't leave you! We will stay too.

-No, you'll take the kid and leave. I will not risk the lives of my child and my wife.

Then mom packed our things, we got ready, said goodbye and left him...

Ten years later...

Here I am! I returned to the place where I was born, now an adult, standing in front of my destroyed house. The war destroyed everything in my hometown. But now they have started to rebuild everything and have made great progress. After that day, I never saw my dad. I lived with my mother in a refugee camp for several years. Then we went to another country, she found a job there, and I went to school, where I joined the football team.

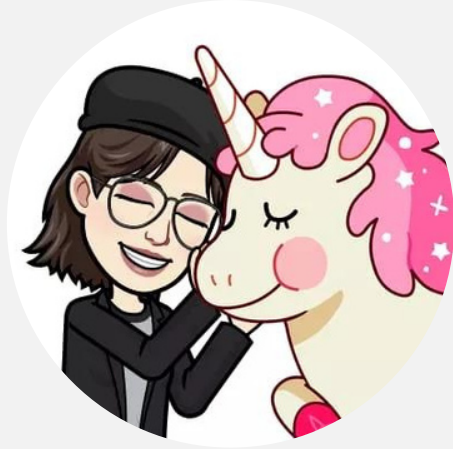
Now I am one of the most successful players. I won cups and medals and I am very happy that I fulfilled my dream.

But the most important thing that happened in my life is that I realized that war is a terrible thing! The war forced us to leave our family, home, the place where I was born, grew up and played in my first matches. Our enemies hated us. They killed us! My land has been destroyed.

The screams and moans of my friends still ring in my ears. The sight of dead people is still in my mind. But look at me now. Stronger than ever before. All these tragedies have made me stronger. For some reason I thought there was nothing after the war. But there was before the war, during the war and after the war, and I was in it. And I survived. Strong, happy, fulfilled and successful, that's what I am now!. Better than ever before because I was aware of how important peace is and that all people must strive for peace, not war! And this became my goal in life from now on.

To bring peace, to stop war, to help people get back on their feet. I really hope no one goes through what I went through and end up in the situation I was in! But I think that together we can all keep peace and create a better world. And so I left my country forever! But now I was full!

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Colors in the Shadow of Darkness

With the difficult decision made by her parents, Peace decided to go to live with her older sister, leaving behind her family and her hopes amidst the chaos in her country. When Peace decided to leave her family, the despair and darkness inside her began to spread like a fog. He was already regretting it. When Peace arrived at her sister's home, she did not find the warm welcome she had expected. Under her own difficulties and pressures, she was insensitive to Peace's emotional needs. At first, they had problems sharing a room. Her sister's controlling behavior almost destroyed Peace's freedom. With each passing day, communication between Peace and her sister became more and more distant. Her sister's insensitive responses deepened Peace's internal struggle. The trauma and sense of loss caused by the war in their home country further complicated Peace's conflicts with her sister. Her sister was lost in her own life struggles and instead of making time for Peace's emotional needs, she was stuck in her own predicament.

Peace felt the sense of alienation that comes with abandoning your family around your sister. The four-year age gap between the two siblings pushed them further apart. Even though we didn't get along, this was the time when we needed to support each other the most. When Peace told this to her sister, her response was; "I am not your responsibility for choosing to come here, my problems are enough for me. You have to deal with yourself," and the emptiness inside

Peace grew even bigger. Peace was a stranger in her new school. She was not only a student within its dark walls, but she was also fighting a battle of loneliness within herself. Facing his own realities in the classroom, lost in the gossip and cruel stares of the students, filled his soul with a deep darkness. His efforts to make friends were frustrated by language and cultural differences. Peace was collapsing day by day. He just needed someone who understood and listened to him. One dark day, Peace was sitting alone in the pew when she felt a stirring next to her, and when she turned her head, a girl said 'hello' to her with a big smile. Peace was very surprised. The big smile of this girl he didn't know gave Peace a warmth he hadn't felt in a long time. Who was she? Why is she talking to me? Did she say hello to someone else? No, she was greeting Peace's herself. 'I'm Isabella, I see you're alone here' Isabella's sudden warmth and warmth revived a glimmer of hope in Peace that was about to disappear. But why would a girl like that want to meet me, if she was the light of hope, I was in a dark tunnel, if she saw the future as bright, I was lost in the darkness of the past, if she was the bright colors of the rainbow, I was gray. Peace was still bewildered by Isabella's sincere smile. This warm approach was an unexpected source of hope to deal with the feeling of alienation. She was so convinced that no one could understand her. Peace and Isabelle soon became friends. Isabella was very good to Peace. But Peace kept thinking that she didn't deserve this warmth because of her insecurities. But Isabella was determined to bring out the rainbow hidden under the gray colors in Peace. Peace's belief that no one could understand her didn't stop Isabella from revealing this rainbow that illuminated the gray colors inside her. As Peace spent time with Isabella, she began to realize that she was not only a friend, but also a guide who helped her make sense of her inner turmoil. Isabella did her best to offer Peace emotional support and understanding. She patiently worked to color his inner darkness. The bond between them grew stronger every day. Peace had almost overcome his insecurity and was getting better day by day.

At the same time, the war in his country was over. The end of the chaos in his country gave Peace hope that he could escape the darkness of the past. After a long time, Peace decided to visit his country. For days he longed for his family. But he wasn't going to stay in his country, that's not what he wanted. Peace wanted to stay with Isabella. One day Peace decided to tell his family about his decision. He turned to his family and said, "It means a lot to me that the war in my country is over and that I want to spend more time with you. But there is something else that is important to me." His parents listened attentively. Peace continued, 'I plan to build my future with Isabella. The time I spent with her helped me find my inner balance. This relationship is very precious to me. Please try to understand me.' Her parents' faces were grim. Peace continued, 'Isabella has been not only a friend, but also a guide and a source of strength during this difficult time. It means a lot to me that you are with me in this decision. Maybe one day you will get to know Isabella. Maybe when you spend time with her, you will feel the warmth and support that I feel, and you will appreciate this bond. This is not something that weakens my bond with you, on the contrary, it strengthens it,' he added. His parents' faces softened. His parents looked at each other and nodded. Peace's mother said, "My son, your happiness and your future are important to us. If Isabella shares this happiness with you, we want to recognize and accept her. What plans do you have for the future?" Peace explained his future plans to his family in more detail, saying that he wanted to contribute to solving the problems in his country and at the same time build his own life with Isabella. His family listened to Peace's explanation and said, "If you are happy and this decision makes you feel good, we are with you. We would love to meet Isabella." With her family's supportive words, Peace stepped boldly into a new life. This time, with Isabella by her side, they were opening the doors to a life where the gray past would be filled with color.

DIMITRIS A.



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Baris was ready to take his national exams, he prepared for a while and he was ready. He was excellent in mathematics and he really wanted to become a professor. His mum had talked with his dad and came to the conclusion that they were ready to take the family and flee the country. However, the morning before leaving the country he went for a last walk to reminisce of his homeland. Oblivious to the consequences he was about to face.

As he was walking and breathing in fresh air, some terrorists chased them and they ultimately got him. He was screaming nonsense while he was getting abducted and while he was begging them to let him free, he mentioned them that he was brilliant and that he was on his way to make history with his brilliance.

The two terrorists then had an idea, that was kind, considering they were actual terrorists. They quickly googled an extremely hard test for him and told him that if he solved it with 90% accuracy they would let him free and actually help his family flee the country...

But if he didn't, then the consequences would be terrible for his family.

Baris' eyes shone when he heard that but he was not prepared for the difficulty of the test. They took his phone, closed him in a room with no windows and only one lamp and gave him a three hour deadline to finish it.

When he saw the test questions, he was shocked. He wasn't taught any of the material included. He had to improvise in almost everything. It was really disheartening but he didn't doubt his brain power. After eighty minutes, he had already correctly solved 6/10 of the questions but the next four involved calculus ...

He barely knew what to do. To have a chance of getting 90 % he had to invent what Isaac Newton had invented in the course of a year or even more. He had to do the impossible. But who would have thought he could figure out the two out of the four question, and since it was a multiple choice test and he was running out of time, he chose B on the 9th question, and A in the 10th, for the first two letters of his name, B-A-R-I-S.

After checking the answers, the terrorists saw that they were all correct. "Impossible" they thought but they couldn't do anything, so they kept their promise.

They asked Baris the whereabouts of his family. Baris was super anxious about giving any information since the terrorists hadn't given any information about the test being a success or not. As cold sweat was running down his forehead, he decided to believe in himself and, taking a leap of faith, gave the location of his home away.

At the same time, his family were growing more and more anxious. Baris had left at 12 pm and had promised to be back by 1:30 pm. so they could leave at 5 pm. It was 4:15 pm and still no sign of him. Meanwhile, the terrorists put Baris in the trunk of a truck and started driving his home. His family were shocked to see a car pulling up the house before Baris having given any sign he was fine. The terrorists stepped out and went straight to his father who was getting ready to pull his gun and shoot them dead. Seeing this, they dropped to their guns to signal they they had come in peace. "What do you want in my house?" "It's about Baris!" Father got emotional and approached them to talk. One of the terrorist told him "Your son has the brightest mind the planet has ever met. He is safe, he is in the truck, and we are here to help you flee the country, so he has the chance to study at university safely."

They told him all about the test and he was amazed and proud. They got Baris out of the trunk, gave him a big hug and with the help of the terrorists they fled the country....The rest is history.



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His father couldn't stand his son's fearful eyes and said okay, but he was devastated inside. "I was born here, grew up here, played games here and spent the best years of my youth here. Now he was feeling sad inside, wondering how I could do this, how I could leave this place, my hometown, my military and police friends in the lurch. On the other hand, I am a father and I have responsibilities towards my children. "What if something happens to peace, I can't stand it," he said and agreed to leave. Barış and his mother felt relieved that they were now saved. But it was not easy to leave a country that was at war. While his father was looking for a solution to leave, he wondered what the situation was in peace and turned on the news. He felt a deep sadness when he heard the number of deaths of newborn children, elderly people and women. The country was now in full war. All channels were full of news of martyrs. He couldn't understand how to kill a baby. The torture the elderly people were subjected to was heartbreaking. Soldiers were brutally murdering women and had no mercy. What was he doing? He was sitting at home and making escape plans. An old woman appeared on the news. She was about 70 years old. She could barely stand. She was saying, "I will never leave this place." 6 She was screaming, "I'm here until my last breath." He couldn't bring himself to do this. He thought, 'I'm not a child anymore. I can be of use to this country and these people. I'd rather die in my homeland than to live as a refugee in another country.' He can't stay here, we have to go, look, your father found a way, we are all leaving here tomorrow," said Barış. "No, mom, I'm not leaving my homeland like this and going anywhere." His mother said, "But you were the one who wanted to go from the beginning." His father said, "Our son is right, this is our attachment to this country." "It's our debt," he said, "I'm not going either, I'll stay here," he said, looking into his son's eyes, "I knew I raised you, I knew you wouldn't tolerate this, you didn't prove me wrong, my dear son," he said and hugged his wife. "I found a vehicle for you to go to the dormitory you are going to, you can leave early in the morning," said his wife, "If I leave you here and go nowhere, pieces of it are also my hometown. My only wish was to protect my children. Since peace will stay here, I will not be anywhere." At that time, her sister called and said, "Mom, I'm very worried about you, you're far away." How are you? he asked, saying his voice, "we are fine, don't be afraid, his daughter said, mom, everyone is very angry because the war was not fair, they want the war to end, and the people who changed in the war against the dimension are also strong, the civilian deaths and even the tremor that wants the war to end," he said right at that moment, as you know peace He came up with an idea: "We can develop propaganda with our friends here, those with you, and those who do not want to fight against us. We can stop this now." His father said, "Actually, it is a good idea, but we are so few in number, how can we make our voices heard?" He added, "Peace, actually, if we can reach the people who do not want to fight with us, this will be more effective." After what happened, Barış decided to unite with his sister and send an e-mail to the universities in the other country. Hello, my name is peace, I live in the country that is at war with you, I am going through very difficult times here, many people lost their lives. Right now, a lot of children who should be playing have died, and those who survived are either orphans or orphans, and some are wounded. I want help from you, I know you don't want to fight either, and you are sad too. Don't say there is nothing we can do, don't be silent, we are tired of being silent, we can make our voices heard by wanting the war to end, we can say stop to it, I trust the mercy and love of humanity within you, help me, please, let's bring an end to this war, so that we don't lose any more lives. This trend spread in a short time, and teachers who were affected by it hung the article on the school boards and included it in their lessons. This article touched the hearts of the children, too, and they tried to end the war, and his sister tried with her friends in her country, and it worked. Now everyone in the world was shouting to stop the war, peace had succeeded, it had managed to make its voice heard, but the other country was still resisting, so those in higher positions took action, a ceasefire was declared, everyone was at peace, it was difficult for the country to recover, but now it started to get back to order, everyone returned to their country. Schools were opened, Barış took the exam and passed, but he did not agree to go abroad. He decided to become a police officer like his father. Years later, he became a very good and brave police officer for his state.