

## CHAPTER 1

*Somalia*

*AND*

*America*

About a year ago I met a girl online, and her name is Aubrey. Aubrey is my best friend and she just turned 16 a few weeks ago. She has glasses and pretty brown hair but before I get too ahead of myself, My name is Alyssa, I'm 16 also! soon to be 17 years old though. I live in America with my family and sometimes it's hard to walk around without getting robbed, although I live in a fairly big house it feels as if the windows need to be boarded up for our safety. It is pretty hard to speak up about my country also cause everyone has different opinions, you will always have different opinions on things whether it could be right or wrong, Happy or sad. It doesn't matter, I do wish to really feel safe where I live one day, And yes I know, America may not be the most dangerous country but I don't think that should exist in the world we live in, You could be sitting at your dinner table and hear about something else that happened in america. Although it is hard to have peace in the world we know I feel that we still deserve equality and happiness at times.

Aubrey lives in Somalia, Somalia is about 8,930 miles from America and has different things in the country than we have. She doesn't feel safe going to school because it's hard for her to because of usually crowded rooms and because she's scared of the civil war that is still going on over there. It has been going on since 2009, it was the year she was born. When she was just a few days old she and her family had already been struggling with food and time to do things. Yes she is an angel and deserves the world but she also deserves a safe home in her country. She loves her family especially her mom, dad, and sister and cares for her friends. Her family has taught themselves to learn english so its easy for me to understand what shes saying. But it isn't easy for them to stop the war or speak up about the struggles for young people like Aubrey.

## CHAPTER 2

*STARTING AND ENDING.*

I tried to talk to my teacher about making a program for school safety. She went and told the principal and the principal actually agreed. We made a gofundme and so far people have donated enough money to give the teachers safes and extra protection if there was ever an intruder or a threat to our school. Ever since that day there hasn't been a single threat or attacker around or in our school. All the leftover money we have would go to charity or another gofundme for safety needs also. Even Somalia, Aubrey has really been struggling to talk about any of this to her family but she said she is publishing a book and it's her speaking up about things she and her country shouldn't be dealing with at all. She has been working on the book for 5 years now and is excited to finally publish it tomorrow.

Aubrey finally published the book and it went viral over the course of 3 weeks. Everyone has been supporting her writing and people from all over the world have been sending their love and support towards her and her country. Aubrey is very happy with the love towards her and her country, They have been getting a lot of money on their gofundme and it has really improved their safety and confidence. Although it won't stop the war it has shown people that within the light that they might have people will still see the dark no matter where they go. I feel we need to

really understand the world and it's challenges, I know it may be hard for you to speak up but it's not hard to try.

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