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SECOND STORY

"We don't want you here"

"You are so silly"

"We have hacked your phone and all your awful pictures will go online"

One after the other, the hateful messages rang on her phone. Anna couldn't sleep. This ordeal she had been going through for a month filled her with terrible thoughts about her future in the new town.

"You have no place here" "Nobody loves you"

She was feeling a chill in her bones whenever a notification sounded on her phone. She was trying to hide her fear from her parents. They had so many other things to take care of: making a living for their family in a new place, taking care of her autistic brother, paying the rent and all the bills... She was always there to help them, cheer them up when they were sad, treat her brother with love and patience when they were tired after work. How could she bother them about those messages?

Perhaps they weren't written for her at all, some mistake must have occurred on that vast, invisible thing we call the web, where are lives are caught up, like little insects to be devoured by a nameless, ruthless spider. She didn't want to be resentful and she didn't want to sound old fashioned but her fear and her loneliness made her suffer day and night.

How did it all start? Well, they left their little mountainous village because her parents needed better jobs and better care for her brother. Her heart broke the last day of August when she said goodbye to her friends. They stayed out late at the park, singing, laughing, crying. Everyone loved her, everyone felt for her, nobody wanted to let her go.

September came and she was in a new classroom, surrounded by new faces looking at her with distrust. She was a village girl, with an old phone, wearing the same clothes every other day, but instead of keeping quiet at her desk, she managed to stun her science teacher with her knowledge.

"Please don't take this wrong, but you come from a small, isolated village. How come you are so good at physics and chemistry?"

"I love these subjects and my previous teacher encouraged me to follow online courses and take part in competitions."

That was it. The boys started avoiding her, the girls were looking at



her mockingly. Noone was as good as her, even though their parents were spending a fortune on tutors to help them succeed at school. Soon, nobody was talking to her and she was alone all the time. Then the messages started. They had found her number and her social media account and they were bothering her day and night. She was blocking them but the striked back, again and again. She was crying under her blanket, stifling her pain from her parents and her dear old friends.

A nice evening, towards the end of October, the sun was setting while she was returning home from a short walk with her brother. While crossing a lonely alley, a message sound whizzed through the air.

“We are watching you”.

Post your creative writing in response to the prompt above.

Maria Dritsa's students

⇒ ANONYMOUS 2/2/24 8:52AM

Sophia and Avraam

A chill ran down her spine.

Were they really watching her? Suddenly she could see movements from the corner of her eye. Was she imagining things? She wasted no time and grabbing her brother's hand, started running. Finally, she made it home. Once in her room her legs gave out. She had no one to comfort her which made her feel pathetic. Not wanting to think about it she fell asleep. She woke up in the middle of the night dehydrated. She could see some notifications on her phone but didn't dare to check them. She just wanted all this to be over. The next day at school was pure agony. She didn't know what to do or who to run to. She couldn't pay attention in class either. During science class her teacher noticed her drop in performance and called her to his desk.

“Anna today you seemed out of it, is everything ok?”

“Yes, Mr. Goodman it's alright...”

“If anything or anyone is bothering you, feel free to tell me anytime. My door is always open to you”

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Katerina Georgiadou' s students

↩ DRITMAR 2/5/24 12:32PM

Aggeliki and Eleni

“Hi there! You must be Anna, right? I am here to help you. I came to this town three years ago, because there was a war in my country. At the beginning, everything was a mess, the kids made fun of me or even beat me. But I found the courage to stand on my feet and ask for help. So, do the same! You are a brave girl!”
He left and Anna hesitatingly knocked at Mr. Goodman’s door. “Come in” he said and raised his head to look at his guest.
“Mr. Goodman, there is something that has been bothering me for quite some time now ...”
She fiddled with her sleeves and settled her gaze on the ground. “I have been receiving a lot harsh messages. I have tried ignoring them but I have grown deeply upset over them. I hope you will help me ...”. Her eyes filled with hope as she met her professor’s worried gaze.

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Christos Torounidis' students

↩ ANONYMOUS 2/6/24 12:22PM

Dimitris A. Dimitris Z.

The more she talked the more worried the professor became. Then he said:

“Well, Anna, this has happened before with new children in the school. However, your case is different. It’s your intelligence that sparks their hatred and you should be proud of this. The children here have always been troublemakers so every time you hear someone making fun of you, they are trying to make you feel worse because you are better.”

Anna took those kind words and left the office feeling more confident.

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Senay Gurlek' students

↩ ANONYMOUS 2/14/24 7:42PM

Defne and Elif

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Anna left her teacher with hope. She had finally found someone who understood her problem and supported her. She no longer felt lonely because she had told her teacher about her problem. She actually guessed who the people who bullied her were.

Zeynep Caki's students

↩ ANONYMOUS 2/15/24 9:41AM

Goodman immediately got to work. What Anna experienced was cyberbullying, and in this case, the people who did this bullying needed to be interviewed. Those who bullied Anna, may bully other people if they don't correct their behavior.

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H. Pinar Tascioglu's students

↩ ANONYMOUS 2/20/24 6:28PM

While Mr. Goodman looked for a solution to rein in these spoiled rich kids, Anna had to do something to support the family. She decided to find a job to work after school. While I was thinking about what kind of job I could do, a woman cleaning at school said, "I will clean the houses of rich families after work with my friend. My friend is sick this week. If you want, come with me for a while." Anna



seemed to have no choice but to accept. The next day they went to clean, but there was something Annan could not have guessed: All the houses they went to clean were the houses of school children. That day, Anna became uneasy when she learned that this was the house of Annan's classmate, Olivia. Olivia's attitude more or less predicted what he was going to do to her.

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Osman Gurlek's students

⇒ ANONYMOUS 2/22/24 6:54PM

Osman's Students Hafsa H., Hilal , Yahya, Zeynep

Anna went to Olivia's house, trying to hide her uneasiness. Opening the door, Olivia couldn't hide her surprise when she saw her classmate Anna in front of her. 'Are you going to clean our house' she asked Anna. Olivia had a condescending expression on her face. She pitied Anna's poverty. Anna said 'yes' with an embarrassed expression. Her face flushed as if she had committed a crime. Just then Olivia's mother arrived. 'Welcome,' she said in a warm voice. 'Do you know each other?' she asked her daughter. 'Yes mummy, Anna is my classmate who comes to clean our house. the teachers say that Anna is very smart but we see that Anna has to go to the house cleaning' her daughter said arrogantly and laughing. Her mother felt very bad because of her daughter's arrogant behaviour. As soon as she saw Anna, she felt close to her. Because Oliva's mother had also lived in very difficult conditions. She had studied, worked and looked after her family. She was always proud of herself. Because she had managed to become a successful businesswoman from poverty. Unfortunately, her daughter Olivia did not know these things. Her mother looked at Anna with gratitude and said 'Welcome to our home and life Anna, you know I had to work when I was your age. You are a very strong girl, always be aware of that'. Anna's eyes filled with tears, she could hardly keep herself from crying.

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Sukran Yilmaz's students

↩ ANONYMOUS 2/25/24 8:55PM

Şükran Yılmaz's students (Huriye-Melike-Betül)

Anna started cleaning the house. Olivia went to her room and immediately took her phone. She told her friends that Anna was doing the cleaning in her house. They were surprised and wanted a photo of Anna. Olivia went near Anna and took her photo secretly while she was vacuuming the floor. Then she sent the photo to her friends.

While returning home at the end of the day, Anna was tired but happy. Because she did something to support her family. But she was unaware of the things that would happen. She had a notification in her phone at night and Anna was shocked. What she saw on her phone was herself cleaning Olivia's house! Olivia had taken a photo of her secretly and sent it to her friends. Another friend of hers had shared it on the social media.

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Muhammet Emin Yilmaz's students

↩ ANONYMOUS 2/26/24 6:27AM

M. Emin YILMAZ's students

Anna didn't know what to do. What made her relieved was her face wasn't very clear in the photo. The next day she went to school. She hoped not to meet Olivia. But at the same time she had a feeling that everybody was looking and laughing at her. Suddenly she thought that everybody had seen the photo. She noticed that she couldn't stand staying at school and she left the school even before she entered the classroom. She came back home. Her mother was surprised when she saw her at home. Anna told her mother that she was feeling ill. She stayed at home all the day.

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Ayla Usta's students

AYLA USTA 2/27/24 1:01PM
Ayla USTA SIİMTAL's students

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Olivia's mother saw the social media posts. He immediately realized that his daughter had taken this photo. He called Mr. Goodman. Mr. Goodman said he wanted to go to Anna's house with her. When they arrived at Anna's house, they saw her very sad. They made a plan to make the cyberbullying students realize their mistake.

Fatma Kapci's students

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FATMA KAPCI DUNYA'S STUDENTS

After that message she thought that she should be her friends to get accepted from them. She couldn't stand this cyberbullying anymore. She was continuing to look at her phone. But when her brother called her out she turned off her phone and went to her brother. She moves towards the kitchen her brother was banging the cutlery and making the noise. She shouted to her brother "STOP MAKING NOISE". She started banging her hands on the table while shouting. Then an idea came to her. She wanted to take revenge from what she gets. She was going to video tape her brother's crisis moments and put them in the media. So that her brother would be a laughing stock. She immediately picked her phone and went to the kitchen to annoy her brother. And told him no food for you today. Her brother started to throw things on the tables to the floor. Anna started shooting her brother's video. And uploaded to the media. Instantly that media got many views. Everyone was making fun of her brother. Next day when she went to school her friends went up to her and started talking to her. And kept doing cyberbullying to her brother. Her brother who couldn't bear it, was becoming more and more withdrawn and even started to seek psychological support. The family thought that Anna needed support. And Mr. Goodman went to her for support. At first, Anna didn't want support. Goodman held several lectures at school about cyberbullying. The class understood their mistakes and apologized. Anna and her brother lived together and happily.



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Lasojne Toth's students

⇒ ANONYMOUS 3/3/24 8:33PM

Lajosné Tóth's students

Suddenly the alarm clock rang and Anna looked around her room confused. "Okay! It seems I was just dreaming," she thought. He was hurt by the thought that she had become a bully and was bullying her own younger brother. "That's no good! Really no good!"-she thought. She quickly got dressed and left for school. She was already afraid of meeting her classmates. "Now what will they come up with?" Olivia's mother was waiting for Anna at the school entrance. "Can I talk to you for a minute?" she asked and pulled the girl aside. They sat down on a bench and the lady told Anna that they planned with Mr. Goodmann to show the students in the class the right behavior and stop the bullying.

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Agata Reichart Zaczek's students

⇒ ANONYMOUS 3/12/24 9:41PM

Emilia and Zuzanna

Anna became scared. She couldn't stand with the excess of emotions that were weighing on her, she bursted into tears and started shouting. Her brother was younger so he did not understand how big a problem the girl had. The siblings immediately returned home, and Anna decided not to tell her parents about the incident, but her friend from the old town. Her conversation was overheard by her parents, who were sad. They felt terrible, knowing that for the past months they had not spent enough time with Anna.

The parents decided to solve the problem first at school. This, resulted in nothing, as every teacher was afraid to support Anna. The parents hesitated for a long time to report the problem to the police, while they knew that there was a growing danger for their daughter. The girl was opposed to the police, all the time getting text messages , "We will find you!", "You will be fined". Fortunately, the police helped the family, and Anna did not get any more text messages. The perpetrators of the hate were her classmates who were jealous of her knowledge. Anna began to like her new school and got support from psychologists.

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Ana Carvahlo Oliveira' s students

