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"THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FALSE MEMORIES AND TRUE ONES IS THE SAME AS FOR JEWELS.
IT IS ALWAYS THE FALSE ONES THAT LOOK THE MOST REAL, THE MOST BRILLIANT."
- SALVADOR DALI.

THE INTERNAL STRUGGLE
WITHIN ALL PEOPLE
ISN'T BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL...

...IT'S BETWEEN
OPTIMISM AND
PESSIMISM.

I LEARNED
THIS LESSON FAR
TOO LATE IN LIFE.

I'VE HEARD THAT A PESSIMIST
BELIEVES THAT MEMORIES ARE ONLY
REGRETS ORGANIZED IN
CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER ...

...THE OPTIMIST SAYS THAT YOU
SHOULD BE LUCKY TO LIVE LONG
ENOUGH TO HAVE REGRETS.

NEITHER VIEW IS CORRECT.
WE LIVE ON THE BORDER BETWEEN
OPTIMISM AND PESSIMISM.
THE DARKNESS AND THE LIGHT.

BUT
WHEN YOU'RE
AT THE END OF
THE ROAD, YOU
HAVE TO LEARN
TO LET THE LIGHT
IN, NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
IT HURTS.

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LORD KNOWS,
THERE'S BEEN
A LOT OF PAIN.

AND LORD
KNOWS HOW
OFTEN I'VE
SMILED
THROUGH IT.





DEDE...

THAT WAS MY NICKNAME... "DEDE."
MY LITTLE SISTER USED TO CALL ME
THAT. MY PARENTS HAD A CERTAIN
TONE, THE WAY THEY PRONOUNCED
THE SYLLABLES, THAT LET ME KNOW
BAD NEWS WAS ON THE WAY.

...I NEED YOU
TO STOP GOING TO
SCHOOL. HELP ME AND
YOUR BROTHER WORK THE
LAND. THINGS ARE GETTING
TOUGH IN THE WORLD. WE
NEED ANOTHER HAND
AROUND HERE.



YES
SIR...

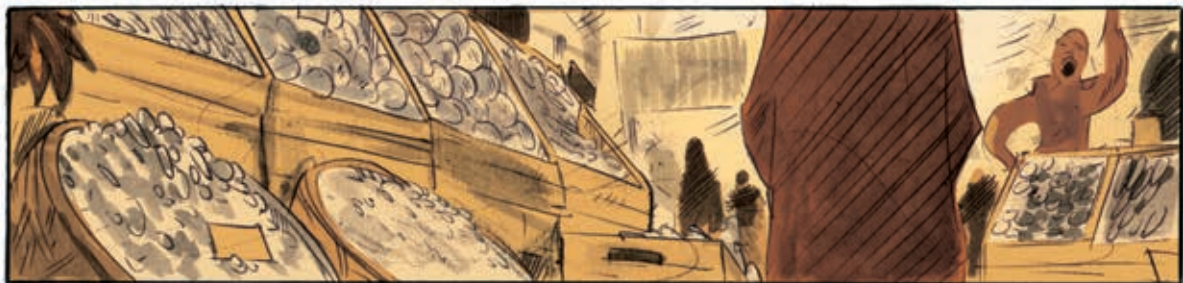
I NEVER SAW
MOST OF MY
CLASSMATES
AGAIN.



TIME
PASSED...



BY THE
AGE OF TWELVE,
I WAS
SIX-FEET-TALL.





MERCY,
YOU'RE JUST
A BABY.



MUST GET
TIRED OF PEOPLE
STARING AT YOU
ALL THE TIME?

NO
MA'AM.
I'M USED
TO IT.



IT'S NOTHING
TO BE ASHAMED OF...
THAT JUST MEANS THAT
YOU'RE CLOSER TO
HEAVEN.

THE LORD HIMSELF
COULD REACH DOWN AND
TAP YOU ON THE HEAD
IF HE WANTED.

YES
MA'AM.



WHAT THAT LADY SAID MADE A LOT OF
SENSE, IF YOU WERE ONE BEHOLDEN
TO DEEP FAITH. I WAS TALLER THAN
EVERYONE ELSE... BUT WHETHER
THAT MADE ME "CLOSER TO HEAVEN"
OR JUST A FREAK OF NATURE
WAS A TRUTH I'D HAVE TO
DISCOVER ON MY OWN.