

The story of Malala

Characters:

- Malala
- Malala's father
- Malala's friend
- Narrator 1
- Narrator 2
- Taliban member
- News reporter 1
- News reporter 2
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Narrator 1: This is a story of a young girl named Malala, she was born and raised in Pakistan, just outside the city in Mingora. She was born on the 12th of July in 1997. Her life was a normal life until...

Narrator 2: The Taliban came in and took over, this is a political group that is against the ruling government. They started gaining control of the country and conquered.

Taliban member: We have a few rules that will make the country better. All these rules abide by the Quran. So these rules that we are imposing will help us live right.

News reporter 1: As the Taliban has taken over, they have announced new rules that everyone must live by. That will supposedly ensure a less chaotic country, just harmonious and religious.

News reporter 2: The new rules start effectively immediately and they are as follows. Women except health workers are expected to stay home from work. They are always not allowed to go to school, no matter what age they are, lastly they cannot expose any part of their bodies, they need to wear burka at all times when they are not in their own homes, they also must be accompanied by a man when they are outside.

Narrator 1: Malala's father was an educator himself, he had founded the school Malala was attending and had to watch his daughter's heart break into pieces.

Malala's father: Malala, I know how much you enjoy going to school, but there's been an announcement that says girls are not allowed to go to school anymore.

Malala: NO!! I refuse dad, the Taliban cannot take away my right to education, they just can't!

Malala's father: Malala listen, it's not like we have an actual choice, we have to abide or they will harm or even kill us, do you want to risk that?

Malala: but dad, we need to at least try and fight this.

Narrator 2: So one day her father took her to Peshawar to speak at a local press club, that's when she gave her first speech, titled, "How dare the Taliban take away my basic right to education". And that's the speech that ignited the whole nation.

Narrator 1: She then started her blogging journey for the BBC, she used a different name than her own so she could stay out of trouble and keep the world updated at the same time. During the time that she was blogging for BBC she wrote a note and gave it to a reporter and it was published. It read:

Malala: I had a terrible dream yesterday with military helicopters and the taliban. I have had such dreams since the launch of the military operation in Swat. My mother made me breakfast and off to school I went. I was afraid of going to school because the taliban had issued an edict banning all girls from attending schools. Only 11 out of 27 pupils attended the class, the number decreased because of the Taliban's edict. My three friends shifted to Peshawar, Lahore and Rawalpindi with their families after this edict.

Narrator 2: people started to protest against the Taliban and that angered them. One day they planned an attack against Malala. One day when Malala was on her way home from school...

Taliban Member: (walks into the bus) Who here is Malala?

Narrator 1: no one said anything, they just all looked towards her direction, and that gave away who Malala was.

Narrator 2: he took a few steps towards her and shot her in the face and left for dead. Everyone in the bus was left fearing for their lives, prior to that Malala had gotten threats on her life but she refused to go down without a fight.

Friend 1: Malala, Malala are you okay??? Malala!!!!

Narrator 1: she was then quickly rushed to the hospital, everyone assumed she would be pronounced dead, but by some miracle she survived.

Narrator 2: she was born with a fighting spirit and is still a fighter even now!! Everyone was amazed at what had just happened, the world at large. Her movement started gaining momentum and everyone was behind her, supporting her fight.

Narrator 1: she was taken to hospital in the UK and treated there, she started recovering and was healed in no time.

Narrator 2: she then shortly after that gave a speech at the United Nations and also was awarded a Nobel peace prize. She still is advocating for women's education till this day. Her story is a miracle and her accomplishments amazing, especially because she is so young.

This is the story of Malala.