

2022 Competition Winner

'Get it Write!'



Chapter 1

“Woah... Look at all that smoke! Where is that all coming from?” asked Mark. “Maybe, they’re barbecuing?” said Mohamed as he shrugged.

“As far as I know... I really don’t think people barbecue on a cold Sunday morning and that clearly looks like an awful lotta smoke Mohamed!”

“Mohamed! I got an amazing idea!”

“What idea? Is it to go through these trees to see what’s behind ‘em?”

“I swear Mohamed, you can read anyone’s mind, how on earth do you do it?”

“Are you serious? We can’t go past those trees, there’s a sign telling people not to go past it!”

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“That makes me even more curious Mohamed, just please, we’re just going to take a little peak, nothing will happen!”

“I’m trusting you on this Mark but I swear, if we get caught...”

“Now I’m having second thoughts Mark... I don’t know if this is a good idea...”

“Mohamed, it’s fine, we are not hurting anyone, all we’re doing is just going through these trees and taking a -”

Mohamed accidentally pushes Mark because he tripped over a branch. Mark’s head hits on a wired fence with many little tilted squared gaps which lets him see the other side.

“WOAH!”

“Mark! Are you OK?”

“Mohamed, don’t come here!”

“Why Mark?”

“Shush Mohamed, I will explain later.”

Mark takes his phone out of his pocket and takes a picture of the other side. Mark stands up and comes out of the trees with a big smile on his face.

“Mark, why are you smiling? Why did you tell me not to come help you? Do you need first aid? Are yo-”

“Stop asking all these questions Mohamed, I’m fine. Now let me answer.”

Mark takes a few deep breaths.

“I told you not to come because I accidentally fell in the trees so I technically didn’t trespass so if I do get caught, I have a reason, but if you came to help me, you will technically be trespassing so I didn’t want you to take the risk. And I was smiling because I got to see the other side and bro, I have never seen a factory and this was my first time.”

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Mark shows the photo he took to Mohamed.

“Oh wow! That looks amazing, I wish I fell...”

“But why can't people see what's on the other side?”

“I don't know, maybe for safety reasons?”

“Yeah maybe, but anyways Mark, I better get going, my mum said I have to be home by 12pm, and Mark, don't tell anyone what happened. Anyways, we'll see each other at school tomorrow! Bye!”

“Bye Mohamed”

Chapter 2

“I hate science, it's so boring.” said Mark.

“Exactly... talking about science, our science teacher, Mrs Paul, has just entered the room.” said Mohamed.

“Oh God... I wonder what we are going to learn today...”

“Good morning Y7's, today we will be learning about greenhouse gases so everyone take your chemistry books out and write the title.”

“So... greenhouse gases are gases that affect the temperature in the atmosphere. At the moment, the temperature in our atmosphere is high which is causing many problems such as ice melting in Antarctica which affects the habitats of animals and it will eventually affect humans in future generations. Anyways, today we'll be learning about 4 main greenhouse gases which include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and fluorinated gases. Methane can be released by cow's burps, carbon dioxide can be released into the atmosphere in many ways such as during plant decomposition, it releases carbon dioxide coal is being burned for energy it lets out smoke, that smoke is carbon dioxide particles...”

The class continues until the bell rings and Mark and Mohamed queue up in the canteen.

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“Mark, did you listen in science?”

“Yeah, she was talking about some gases that affect temp-, why are you asking anyways?” asked Mark.

“Mark, she was talking about factories...”

“Ok? And...”

“Oh, are you talking about the factory we saw yesterday, I mean what I saw yesterday. Why did you go around the bush just to tell me this.”

“I dunno. Anyways, did you hear, she said it could affect future generations, we have to do something about this!”

“What can we do? We’re just two dumb 11 year olds that know nothin’ about science and why are you caring so much Mohamed?”

“Well because if we just let it go like this, it’s going to get worse Mark which means it could possibly affect our generation.”

“I’ve never seen you use your brain this much Mohamed”

“Bro, it’s common sen-, stop trying to change the topic and hear me out Mark please!”

“What are you going to do Mohamed? Are you going to stand on the canteen tables and announce your concerns?”

“Mark, you can’t mind read!”

“Oh... OK... but seriously Mohamed, what are you going to do?”

“I don’t know, I need to think about it, I’ll let you know about my ideas later ok?”

“Ok Mohamed”

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Chapter 3

Mohamed is at home and researches other alternatives that can be used to make energy instead of coal and finds many options.

“Wind, Solar, Nuclear power... but how much are these resources?” asked Mohamed to himself.

He researches whether coal is cheaper than the alternative forms of energy and finds the best news!

“Yes! These are all cheaper than coal! Solar is the cheapest one! I need to tell Mark about this!”

He takes his phone to call Mark but realises it's 1:00am and decides not to call him and goes to sleep.

It's the next morning and Mohamed wakes up all energetic and leaves for Mark's house to tell him what he found out.

“Mohamed, why are you here so early? School only opens at-” Mohamed pushes through and goes to the living room and sits down. “Why are you in a rush Mohamed? Is it that urgent? Is it an emergency?”

“Mark, guess what I found out?”

“What? Is it how to wake up early in the morning?”

“Mark, I told you that you can't mind read! That's my superpower so don't even think about trying to steal it”

“What I really came here for is because I found alternative forms of energy that can be used instead of coal being burnt in factories and guess what Mark? They are way cheaper than coal, especially solar!”

“OK, now that you know the alternatives, How are you going to tell people about this?”

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“I was thinking of making a YouTube video to spread awareness about climate change but I need you to help me Mark please?”

“I will try my best to help but I don’t think a YouTube video is a good idea, it’s very hard to gain views... you could try social media platforms like TikTok, you can easily gain views there!”

“Sure, we’ll give it a try...but what shall we call our account?”

“We could name it-”

Mark’s mum comes into the living room.

“Get ready for school Mark, and Mohamed, how are you? And what are you doing here so early in the morning?” asked Mark’s mum.

“Oh, we were talking about climate change, I want to make an impact!” said Mohamed.

“Ahem... WE want to make an impact” said Mark.

“After I persuaded you so much, that’s when you finally agreed to help me.”

“Whatever...”

“Wow, that’s amazing! That’s so sweet of you Mohamed but Mark, go and get ready, you’re still in your pyjamas.” said Mark’s mum.

Mohamed giggles as Mark walks away.

Chapter 4

Mark and Mohamed leave the house and start walking to school. “You were going to give an idea, what was it Mark?”

“Maybe... Climate Change Inc.” said Mark.

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“That’s too... formal, I kinda want our viewers to be young people because young people have innocent minds and they don’t know about the real world so if we talk about a serious problem then they might be interested in it because it might be a topic that people wouldn’t normally talk to them about so I want our account name to be very straightforward about what we do and not too formal... oh yes! And catchy!”

“Bro... breathe, you said that all in one breath. But you do have a point so what could we name it?”

“We could name it... Youth Climate Voices!”

“That’s a great name, we should definitely call it that!”

“Ok, I will make the account and let’s make our first video today after school!”

Chapter 5

Mark is at Mohamed’s house and Mohamed makes the TikTok account and sets up his phone on his phone holder and hesitates to press the recording button.

“Mohamed, press the button!”

“Wait, I’m nervous, I need a few seconds to process this...”

“Don’t worry, we are literally speaking to a phone, there’s no need to be nervous, just press it Mohamed!”

“You remember your lines right?” asked Mark.

“Yeah I do, but we can always restart if either one of us forget.”

Mohamed presses the 3 second timer option and sits next to Mark.

Mohamed and Mark:

“Hello Youths!”

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Mohamed:

“My name is Mohamed!”

Mark:

“And my name is Mark!”

Mohamed and Mark:

“And we have started this account to spread awareness of climate change!”

Mark:

“We have realised that if we don’t do anything to help with climate change, then it will get worse and it may affect our lifetime!”

Mohamed:

“So to all youngsters out there who really care about climate change and don’t know where to start spreading awareness, all you need to do is duet this TikTok and type hashtag Youth Climate Voices in your caption.”

Mark:

“And hopefully, as time goes on, we can start making bigger impacts!”

Mohamed:

“So come on, and follow our account to be up to date with any TikToks we upload and become a part of the...”

Mohamed and Mark:

“YOUTH CLIMATE VOICES!”

Mohamed runs to his phone to turn off the recording button and jumps onto his bed with his phone in his hand.

“I feel so good doing this!” said Mohamed.

“Yeah, me too, who would've known that we would want to become an activist!”

“Come here, I’m going to upload it!”

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Mark jumps on Mohamed's bed and Mohamed types "#YouthClimateVoices" in the caption and makes a title which he calls "Come Youths" and uploads the video. They both exhale.

"Well, I guess I better get going, let's see if we get any views overnight..." said Mark.

"I really hope we do, fingers crossed!" said Mohamed,

"Don't worry Mohamed, I will keep these fingers crossed till morning!"

Laughs "Don't be silly Mark!"

"Ok, anyways bye Mohamed!"

"Bye Mark, I'll see you tomorrow at school!"

Chapter 6

Mohamed goes to his mum's room to tell her about the positive things he's doing!

"Mum! Mum! I need to tell you something!"

"Oh my God! You almost gave me a heart attack which tells me this is very important... What do you need to tell me?" asked Mohamed's mum.

"Well me and Mark have started a TikTok account to upload videos on climate change and we just uploaded one on our account and I hope you don't mind me uploading videos with my face in it on social media. I'm also sorry for not telling you before about this."

"I'm a bit upset that you didn't tell me before but I am so proud that you and Mark are doing this, I would've never thought that you and Mark would become climate change activists!" said Mohamed's mum.

"Thank you Mum, but again, I'm so sorry for not telling you before..."

"Throw that sorry in the bin because I forgave you way long ago!" replied Mohamed's mum.

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“Thank you mum, anyways Good Night!”

“Goodnight sweetie!”

Chapter 7

“Did we get any views?” asked Mark.

“Lets see... we got 63 views, 17 likes and 4 comments...” said Mohamed.

“Well, it isn’t what we wanted, but we got something... anyways read the comments Mohamed!”

“Oh my God! These people are so kind, they typed our hashtag in the comments!”

“Well we have some supporters! Hopefully these will turn into millions!”

“Wait... we forgot to check the people who dueted us!”

“Well then, check!”

“2 people dueted us! Now that is an accomplishment!”

“We need more to spread the word but at least we got these people!”

“True... OH MY GOD, it’s 8:46, the school’s going to close the gates at 8:50!”

“Well, what are you waiting for Mohamed? RUN!”

They run to school as if a tsunami is chasing them and arrive at school just in time. They run into their classroom and sit on their seats whilst catching their breath.

“That was... an extraordinary journey!” said Mark.

“Yup, it sure was, we got so caught up from those sweet comments!” said Mohamed.

“I got an idea for our next TikTok!”

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“Tell me! What idea?”

“We could tag the first person who dueted our TikTok and show our appreciation on the caption of our TikTok and in the TikTok, we could talk about things, like the impact of burning fossil fuels and educate some people!”

“That’s a nice idea but I got a better idea!”

“Tell me!”

“I’ll tell you, but not right now!”

Chapter 8

“Do you remember what you need to say?” asked Mohamed.

“Yup!” replied Mark.

“Ok, I’m going to start, get ready!”

Mohamed presses the 3 second timer option and goes to sit on his bed.

Mohamed and Mark:

“Welcome back Youths!”

Mohamed:

“Today, we are basically going to persuade you to join us so you can work with us to make a big difference and also tell you some facts about the causes of climate change!”

Mark:

“Climate change is a very important issue that some people don’t take so seriously.”

Mohamed:

“Greenhouse gases are one of the main reasons for climate change.”

Mark:

“Greenhouse gases are gases that absorb radiation, basically heat.”

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Mohamed:

“And if more greenhouse gases are released into the air, the Earth will get hotter!”

Mark:

“And do you know what that means...”

Mohamed:

“This means that almost all species will get affected by this but at the moment, arctic animals are really affected because their homes are melting!”

Mark:

“This will also affect the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat!” “Do we want our homes to become inhabitable?”

Mohamed:

“If you don’t want that then we’ve got a little activity for you to do. All you need to do is to write on a piece of paper ‘We Strike for Climate Change’ or anything about climate change and on the bottom write ‘#YOUTH CLIMATE VOICES’ !”

Mark:

“And then stick it on your window where it’s visible on the outside!”

Mohamed:

“A challenge task is for you to duet this video with your poster on your window! And also to share this with others so they can do this too!”

Mark:

“Well that’s all we’ve got for you today, and we’ll be back with another fun activity!”

Mohamed and Mark:

“Bye!”

Chapter 9

Mark and Mohamed are on their way to school.

“Finally the holidays are gonna start soon!” said Mark.

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“I can’t wait, but I don’t know what I’m going to do...” said Mohamed.

“We can go to the park and hang out as usual!”

“That’s fine by me, but what day?”

“Saturday morning 10:00am.”

“Sure!”

“Now let's get going before the school gate closes Mohamed, I don’t want to be late and run to school like yesterday, it was exhausting!”

“True, we better get going, we don’t wanna miss art!”

Mark and Mohamed arrive at school and sit on their seats to talk about what their next TikTok’s should be about.

“What activity should we tell our followers to do next?” asked Mohamed.

“Don’t ask me! My brain cells have just decided to malfunction for some reason!” said Mark.

Laughs “Ok... maybe we could tell them to... yes! I have got an amazing idea!”

“Okay then... Tell me!”

“We should...”

Mohamed gives an incredible idea to Mark that Mark agrees with and plans to make their TikTok on the weekend.

Chapter 10

It’s the last day before the holidays so school finishes early so Mohamed and Mark plan on where to go.

“Where shall we go?” asked Mark.

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“I don’t really want to go anywhere...” replied Mohamed.

“Why?”

“Cause I wanna rest and either way, we’re gonna meet each other on Saturday.”

“True but I wanna go to one of the chicken and chip shops down the street, they sell slush there too, we have to go!”

“No, we’ll go on Saturday!”

“Please Mohamed, it’s boiling today! Can we just go and buy some slush?” “Um... OK fine, only because I’m sweating!”

“Yes, I’m literally drenched with sweat!”

“I didn’t need to know that Mark...”

“That was a bit weird... whatever!”

“So you’re going to come right?” asked Mark.

“Bro...”

“Ok, sorry anyways... umm about - Moham - y - you know... the TikTok...”

“Yeah.. what about it...”

“Shall we make the Tiktok today?”

“Why Mark?”

“Because -”

“Silence boys!” bellowed their English teacher as she teaches the class about poems.

“Sorry Sir!” said Mohamed.

“Sorry!”

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“Whatever, forget what I said” whispered Mark.

Chapter 11

School finishes and Mohamed and Mark are on their way to the chicken shop.

“Woah!” said Mohamed.

“What’s so amazing that made you say “Woah!”” mimicked Mark

“Look!”

Mohamed points towards an old man at the park who's picking up rubbish from the grass and collecting them in a small knitted bag and is holding two to three sculptures made out of rubbish.

“That’s so cool!” exclaimed Mark. “I know right!” said Mohamed.

“Let’s go up to him!”

They cross the road and go up a step which separates the pathways and the roads. They walk into a gate already wide open and enter the park. They walk till they get near him.

“Hello sir!” said Mohamed in a polite manner.

“What a good evening it is!” said Mark as Mohamed nudges him with his elbow.

“Hello children, you don’t need to be so formal but what is it that you need?” said the old man.

“We were wondering if we could see those sculptures and ask why you make them!” said Mohamed.

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“Oh these sculptures, yeah... I do make them, they're made out of rubbish I find, there's a lot more rubbish than I expected which makes me upset. But I make these because instead of throwing all this rubbish into a bin that will eventually land somewhere abandoned in this world, I might as well use it to make things in my free time. You see... I am quite an old man, a retired one, so I just stay at home doing absolutely nothing and get pension payments now and then without working for it, life gets very boring when you're old. So then I found a new hobby which is making sculptures, basically out of any rubbish I find and displaying them around my house. It's a very beautiful decorative piece in my opinion, and I also make it look like rubbish so people can see my hobby!”

“Wow sir! That is a very unique hobby!” said Mohamed.

“Yeah sir, I never knew life will get so boring when you're old...” said Mark.

“Unfortunately, that's the truth but what can I say...” said the old man.

“Sir? If you don't mind, can we take a video about you and your story of why you started making sculptures? Me and my friend Mark have a TikTok account where we post activities linked with climate change and this does link with climate change because you're using materials that might not be recyclable so it's a good way of using those kinds of materials!” asked Mohamed.

“I don't exactly know what TikTok is but sure, I would love to help!” replied the old man.

“Mark just say what I'm going to tell you ok?”

“Ok!”

“Mohamed takes his phone out and starts recording the old man as he talks about his hobby and when the old man is finished, Mohamed turns the camera to himself and Mark and say:

Mark:

“Now, we've got an activity for you!”

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Mohamed:

“We want you to try your best to make a sculpture with any rubbish you have at home and duet this TikTok showing your sculptures along with the hashtag Youth Climate Voices in the TikTok too!”

Mark:

“Anyways that’s all we’ve got for today and we will see you in the next video with a brand new task!”

Mohamed moves his phone so the three of them can fit in the camera.

Mohamed, Mark and the old man: “Bye!”

Mohamed stops recording and makes a quick caption and uploads the TikTok.

“Thank you so much sir!” said Mark.

“That is alright children, I’m happy to help anytime, I’ll always be here at 11 in the morning till 2 in noon!”

“Ok sir, we really appreciate the help, we’ll hopefully see you tomorrow!” said Mohamed.

“Bye!” said Mohamed and Mark in unison.

“Bye!” said the old man as he picks up a plastic water bottle from the green grass.

Chapter 12

Mohamed and Mark are walking home until they spot a poster stuck on a window. “Can you see what that poster says?” asked Mohamed.

“Yeah, it says

‘Let's stop climate change together, So this won't last forever,

We have our choices,

And I choose Youth Climate Voices!’”

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Mohamed's and Mark's jaw drops to the ground and stands there in utter shock at what Mark just read.

"I can't believe my ears!" said Mohamed.

"Me neither!" replied Mark.

"I never expected someone to know us!"

Mark and Mohamed stand there frozen until a crowd of kids come running to them with their phones in their hands and surround them making them unable to get out.

"Oh my God! I never knew you guys were from our neighbourhood, I have been watching your TikToks since the start of your journey, I only found out you were near here after you uploaded the TikTok of the sculptures and the old man!" exclaimed one fan.

"Can I take a picture please?" asked another fan.

"We are big f - "

"I'm so excite - "

Everyone was talking over each other as Mohamed and Mark were clueless of what was going on.

"Mohamed, check your TikTok!"

"I can't hear you Mark!" said Mohamed as he pointed to his ear.

"I said CHECK YOUR TIKTOK!"

Mohamed pulls his phone out of his back pocket as people push and nudge to get to the front of the crowd and Mohamed realises something.

"MARK, OUR SECOND TIKTOK WENT VIRAL!"

"OH MY GOD" shouted Mark.

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Mohamed and Mark quickly snap pictures with their fans and run to Mohamed's house. They sit on the couch and catch their breath and chug down on their water bottles.

"What just HAPPENED?" hollered Mohamed and Mark as they did their handshake.

They sit back down and contemplate on everything that just happened a few minutes ago.

"This is a dream, pinch me!" asked Mark

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"This is not a dream" replied Mohamed.

Mohamed pinches Mark.

"Ow! You didn't have to pinch that hard!" said Mark.

"You didn't tell me how hard or how soft I should pinch you... - I still can't believe anything, I am shocked!"

"Did you check how many followers we have?"

"No, from all that chaos, I couldn't check anything other than whether we went viral or not!"

"Well check then Mohamed!"

"Ok wait... Oh my goodness gracious me!"

"Bro! What happened?"

"We have more than a hundred-thousand followers Mark!"

"We really did go viral overnight like how Sofia became a princess within a day!"

"That was so unnecessary but whatever... anyways I need to tell my parents, you should go home and tell them too!"

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“I will but I better cover my face so no one sees me!”

“It’s not like the paparazzi is going to see you Mark, we’re not as famous as those famous tiktokers that have more than like 50 million followers, just go home normally!”

“Ok... but didn’t you get any notifications when so many people were following you?”

“No, I muted my notifications and I also completely forgot about checking our TikTok page!”

“Oh ok, anyways I’ll see you tomorrow, bye Mohamed.”

“Bye!”

Chapter 13

Mohamed goes to his kitchen where his mum is chopping up apples and his dad is reading a newspaper whilst eating the chopped up apples.

“Mum, mum! The second TikTok video me and Mark made went viral!” “Huh? What does viral mean honey?” asked Mohamed’s mum.

“I don’t know dear, what does it mean son?” asked Mohamed’s dad.

“It means that something went really famous and trending and the TikTok that me and Mark made went famous! Wait... I didn’t tell you dad, about my -”

“He knows, I told him and honey I am so proud of what you have done, we have a little activist in our house, I have to tell all my WhatsApp friends!” said Mohamed’s mum.

“Mum, no, that’s embarrassing!” said Mohamed.

“It’s not embarrassing to tell others of your children’s accomplishments, is it now honey?” asked Mohamed’s mum.

“Nope!” said Mohamed’s dad.

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“See!” exclaimed Mohamed’s mum.

“Mohamed, I am so proud of you that you have grown up to be a caring and responsible young man!” said Mohamed’s dad.

“Thanks dad!”

“Aww! Who’s getting shy?” said Mohamed’s mum.

“Stop teasing me mum!”

They all laugh and Mohamed’s parents stand up and hug Mohamed until Mohamed’s dad takes a twenty-pound-note out of his shirt pocket.

“Here you go, for your accomplishments!” said Mohamed’s dad as he passes the twenty- pound-note to Mohamed’s hand.

“No dad! It’s fine!”

“It’s ok, keep it!” said Mohamed’s dad.

“Keep it Mohamed!” said Mohamed’s mum.

“Ok... Thank you!”

“Your welcome, dear” said Mohamed’s parents.

Chapter 14

“Where are you Mohamed?” said Mark to Mohamed on the phone.

“I found you Mark! I’m coming!” said Mohamed to Mark on the phone.

Mohamed walks to Mark and sits on the bench next to Mark.

“Why did you tell me to meet you at the back of the park?” asked Mohamed.

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“What if a group of fans come rushing to us? I don’t want that to happen again, I just wanted to spend some time here, in the park!”

“Makes sense...”

Mohamed’s phone gets a notification and picks it up to see and sees someone has emailed him.

“So you finally decided to turn on your notifications?” asked Mark.

“Yeah, but not for TikTok, who knows how many “Dings” I will hear in a day!”

“True, then why did you receive that notification?” asked Mark.

“I’ve got an email, barely anyone sends me an email!”

“Well check! It might be important!”

“Ok.”

Mohamed opens up the notification and sees that he has received an email from a big TV interview show and reads the email.

“You won’t believe this!” said Mohamed.

“Why? What does the email say?”

“It says they... want to interview me and you!”

Mark stands up in shock and jumps around.

“Oh my God, they want to interview us, I’m so excited! When are they going to interview us?”

“Tomorrow...”

“Why are they telling us at the last minute!”

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“I don't know but they apologised for the short notice.”

“Whatever, I don't care but i just can't believe that we, us dumb 11 year olds are getting interviewed!”

“Yup, I think we shall go home and get ready for tomorrow, I'll send you the location of where the interview is taking place and also tell your parents!”

“Ok Mohamed, I guess I'll see you tomorrow, bye!”

“Bye!”

Chapter 15

Mohamed and Mark arrive at the interview place and stand in front of a large tall door with detailed patterns engraved all over it.

“I'm so nervous, what am I going to say in the interview?” asked Mohamed as he shivers because of how nervous he is.

“Just answer the questions they will ask in the interview.” said Mark.

“Ok... I'm so happy that our good deeds have paid off. If we never talked about climate change or tried to help, we would've never reached this far. I also really hope after this interview, some actions will take place to help stop climate change.

“Yeah hopefully... let's make a TikTok!” said Mark

“Sure!”

Mohamed takes his phone out of his pocket and clicks on the recording button.

Mohamed and Mark:

“Hello everyone!”

Mohamed:

“Today won't be like our usual videos because...”

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Mark:

“We wanted to tell you that we are getting interviewed by the famous British news!”

Mohamed:

“We really appreciate every single person who supports us and our aims and we hope this interview could tell society to do something about climate change!”

Mark:

“So go ahead, and share this TikTok with everyone so people know about this interview and hopefully we can spread the word and make our air clean!”

Mohamed:

“Well that’s all we have for today and we’ll see you in the next one!”

Mohamed and Mark:

“Bye!”

Mohamed stops recording and uploads the video.

Chapter 16

“I just noticed but this door looks like a door that shouldn’t be opened or else it will release ghosts.” said Mark.

“Don’t be silly, it’s just an extravagant door because this interview company makes a fortune a day... Anyways, let’s go in!” said Mohamed

They both push open the grand entrance door and hear a big loud bang. They open their eyes and suddenly see confetti falling from the air and see 4 men with suits and a lady applauding.

“Oh my Lord! Why is there confetti everywhere?” asked Mohamed.

“This is how we show our welcome to our interviewees!” said one of the 4 men in suits.

“That was so unexpected but so amazing!” said a surprised Mark.

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A man suddenly pushes through the men and lady and is holding a plate with 2 drinks on it.

“Here you go young men! Don’t worry, this is just apple juice in a wine glass.” said the man serving the drinks.

“Thank you sir!” said Mohamed and Mark in unison.

“Oh I forgot to introduce myself, my name is Alexia but you can just call me Alex.” said the lady.

“Hello Alex!” said Mohamed and Mark in unison.

“We better get going, the interview starts at 10 am sharp! Now follow me!” said Alexia.

Mohamed and Mark follow Alexia and go through many doors until they reach a big room with many seats and lots of cameras facing the main stage and is set up in different areas for many different angles.

“Woah this is amazing!” said an intrigued Mark.

“Yeah!” said Mohamed.

“Are your parents or siblings coming?” asked Alexia.

“Yeah both our parents are coming so 4 people!” said Mohamed.

“Perfect, we got enough front row seats just for them!” said Alexia.

“Well then that’s good!” said Mark.

The door is pushed open and Mohamed’s parents and Mark’s parents walk in and stand beside their children.

“These are our parents!” said Mark.

“Sir and Ma’am, go ahead and take a seat on the reserved seats which are located in the front row!” said Alexia.

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“Ok!” said Mark’s mum.

The 4 of them walk to the front row and sit comfortably on the seats.

“The interview is going to start in 5 minutes so drink some water, the water bottles are there in the corner and get ready, and also the people watching will start coming in now so you can just in the far corner, don’t worry they won’t be able to see you and if a tall man calls your name just go and sit on the couches on the stage!” said Alexia.

Alexia walks away and Mohamed and Mark walk towards the water bottles and take small sips of water slowly.

“I’m really nervous, so many eyes are going to be laid on us, do you realise that?” said Mark.

“I do but we are going to have to deal with it, just answer the questions and we’re fine, being nervous is way better than embarrassing yourself in front of so many people!” said Mohamed.

“Yeah I know bu -”

“It’s ok, we are going to be right next to each other, it won't feel as nervous as you think!” “I really hope that’s true!”

“Oh my God, it’s going to start!”

Chapter 17

A crowd of people start walking to sit in their seats and Mohamed and Mark notice the same old man from the park in the crowd. Then a tall man with a short beard walks into the room after everyone has entered and sits on the single couch on the stage.

The camera man says “We’re starting in 3, 2 and 1.”

The tall man:

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“Hello folks, I am Harvey and today we have two special guests or shall I say activists who became famous overnight on TikTok for talking about climate change and trying to help lower the severity of this issue. These two young men are Mohamed and Mark! Now come on up!”

Mohamed and Mark go on the stage as everyone applauds for them and sit down on the sofas.

Harvey:

“So tell me, what made you both want to spread awareness of climate change?”

Mohamed:

“We started this because we realised that if we had just let this issue go, it won't get solved on its own and might affect our generation.”

Mark:

“And this world is ours so we have to look after it instead of leaving it be.”

Harvey:

“What made you think TikTok would be the perfect platform to spread awareness?”

Mark:

We knew it will be the perfect platform because it's a very popular app that many young people use and our group is called Youth Climate Voices - ”

Mohamed:

“Meaning that we want young people to hopefully change this world, and as far as we know, we feel like children have a say in things so if we try to educate young people about climate change, maybe then they can raise their concerns on it!”

Harvey:

“When did you find out you became famous?”

Mark:

“That was a very funny story. It was on a Friday and we were walking home from the park and we see a poster that states Youth Climate Voices and then a crowd of kids came running to us and we were both so confused and didn't understand what was going on, until I told Mohamed to check his phone and that was when we realised we went famous.”

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Harvey:

“What do you both think the government should do to help stop climate change?”

Mohamed:

“I personally think that the government should start doing small things first like finding alternatives for energy because at the moment, burning fossil fuels means carbon dioxide is emitted so they should use other ways that don't release greenhouse gases for energy like using solar or wind for it.”

Mark:

“I think that many activists, engineers and other educated people should come together to find a solution and share their solutions with the government and hopefully take those solutions into action but I also think a survey should be done for kids about climate change and whether they're educated about it or not and if they are, they should ask for little ideas of what could possibly be done.”

Harvey:

“And our last question, what is the smallest thing that can be done by people which will really help stop climate change?”

Mark:

“I think people could possibly reduce the amount of energy that they use by walking or cycling to work instead of driving or going by bus to work and I think they should educate themselves about it and tell people around them and educate those people as well.”

Mohamed:

I think people, especially young people, should reach out to the government and share their concerns and worries about climate change because at the end of the day, we all have a say and I believe that our voices should be heard and taken seriously.

Everyone applauds until everyone takes out sculptures made out of rubbish and starts waving it in the air and the old man waves a very big sculpture in the air and they all say...

“YOUTH CLIMATE VOICES!”