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A place called home

Okay I don't have much time because I'm in a race right now, but I will tell you my story . A story I will never forget. Ok here it is, my name is Steven but they call me Steve for short. I didn't feel loved by my parents so I had a crazy thought that I should just run away. I was ten years old when I thought this. A few days later when I came home from school, I started packing. I was coming down stairs and I told my mom that I was spending the night at my friend's house. When I was walking out the door I saw my baby sister in her crib and I said goodbye, and I kissed her forehead. I was very worried because I didn't even know where I was going. So I just started running whichever path I saw. As I ran I started to cry. It started to get darker and darker. Soon I wasn't able to see. So I fell asleep on a tree stump. I woke up to some singing. Then I saw a little girl singing. It was a Really good song she sang. "And everybody knows there's someone out there Somewhere "she sang. As she sang she was picking black berries. Then I decided to follow her. She went to a little farm house. I hid behind a bush. I Was really unlucky because it was a bush full of **BUGS**, but I believe they heard the rustling in the bushes. So the girl and her mom saw me! The little girl's name was "Jasmin". Her mom invited me in for breakfast. So of course I said yes Because one, I had nothing to eat and two, I was really hungry. So after breakfast I told them I had to go. They both asked me where I lived. I told them I ran away from home. Then they invited me to stay with them as long as I want!

Now I get free breakfast, lunch, and dinner, **YAY!** Since they live on a farm house they have a lot of animals. They have cows, pigs, chickens, horses, and ducks. Jazmin also asked me for my name. The mom said that everyone has a job. So my job was to feed the chickens. Soon days past then days turned into weeks then weeks turned into months. They have a very small T.V. When I was watching the news I saw them showing a picture of me! Then I saw my mom crying, and said the last time she saw me was when I was going to my friend's house. She told me that she called my friends mom, but she said I never came to her house. The police said that they would be looking for me. And that they will be knocking on doors. **U-H OH.** Jasmin's mom said they will be going on a big road trip to Colorado. The mom said we will do many things like swimming. I went to the room that I was staying in and I took my phone out of my backpack. And I call my friend Jacob. I told him that I am staying somewhere that I get free breakfast, lunch and dinner. I also told him that I didn't care about the people. I said as long as I get food I'm all good. When I hung up I heard a creek from the door! So I opened the door and I saw the mom with her arms crossed! When she saw me I said 'hi' quietly. She said so you have been using me for free food! And never once I have heard you say thank you! Then Jasmin walked in. The mom said I am no longer allowed to stay at their house. Jasmin said that's not fair! If Steve is going then I am going too. Then she ran to her room. So I started packing and I left. I started walking and a few minutes later Jasmin is running towards me with her stuff. She said her mom was in the kitchen and that's when she snuck out. So we started walking. It's been a year ever since I've seen my parents. Jasmin and I ran out of food and then we went to the store and stole food!

One day I went by the pond, and I started to cry. Jasmin asked me "what's wrong"? I told her I missed my family. I said I wanted to go back to my house. I told her I'm going back to my house. She said, "I'm coming with you." I started to walk. Jasmin and I have been walking for days and days. And then I finally found my house! For me it was the happiest day of my life. So I rang my doorbell and nobody answered. At that moment my heart broke. But, as soon as I was walking back somebody answered!

It was my mom! She started to cry. My family hugged me A LOT! I introduced Jasmin to my parents. Jasmin would be staying with us for a while, and that was my story.

The End.