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Good Deeds Are A Shining Light

A world captured in darkness, no one can see. Fearful and mind-numbing, vast and horrifying. We have all become restless and hopeless. Everyone is agitated and impatient, all we want is light. We have all been rushing to find that one place in this cold silent world, but the only one who knows is Abdi Hannan. He is a missionary and traveler who has the spiritual power that can lead him through the dark. Abdi is also a very kind and humble human who has no selfishness or greed in him.

This adventurous man is out on his way to go to Austria where something is located that can bring at least a bit of light for him and his loved ones since they don't have the spiritual power he has. On his way to Austria he encountered many problems such as drowning in stormy oceans, tripping on rocky hills, and freezing in chilly weather, but Abdi solved them all with faith and prayers throughout the journey. Once he reached there, he directly went to the most secretive cave in the world, Eisriesenwelt Cave. There he met many cavemen who led him to the most enticing thing someone could ever find in this gloomy and mystic world. They pushed the huge rock out of their way and it looked so effortless because all they cared about was what was hidden inside that no one has been able to reach. As soon as Abdi saw the life changing thing he went in awe. There was hope for the first time in such an opaque and empty world. His mesmerized eyes reflected a bright orange flame of fire withering. He could finally see the creations god made on this enormous earth. He took the candle and head his way back to South Sudan in Africa where his home is. On his way home he confronted those same problems, but nothing as huge as this one. It was a poor, misfortunate, and hapless man sitting on the side of the road named Avi Ibri. He asked Abdi for his flame so he could also enjoy the unfortunate life he's been living. Abdi knew that he shouldn't go against his principles and he should be kind enough to give the candle to him and as soon as he did the candle mistakenly touched Avi's candle. There was

the solution to Abdi's problem, they had no clue the fire could be shared. As soon as his candle was lit his life suddenly lit up and his heart overflowed with gratitude. On Abdi's way home he was thinking about how he lit up someone's life. He never found as much happiness in doing something like he had now. After, countries away from the Eisriesenwelt Cave, but only few miles away from Avi Ibri there was a thunderstorm. Abdi was terrified with the thought of what would happen if his flame lit out. All of his hardwork would be gone. He was protecting his flame with his hands while he was running to his house, but then "splash!" Abdi fell into a puddle and nothing could save his flame from lighting out. He sat in the puddle grief-stricken. Many hours passed and he knew there is no way he can regain the flame of fire. However, suddenly he remembered that he could go back to the man that he shared his flame with. Regardless of the circumstances, he dramatically got up and started running back to Avi.

"Avi Ibri, wait" screamed Abdi. Avi stopped walking towards the desert sand dunes and asked, "what happened my friend!". Abdi told him how his flame lit out and if Avi can share his with him. Without any hesitation Avi lit Abdi's candle again. Even in a world full of darkness and no knowledge, people can be so kind. What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?