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The Ahmed family lives in a small poverty stricken village in Uganda and needed money to survive. Liza Ahmed was born into this impoverish family, who decided they would have to sell their child to keep on living.

At the age of 11, Liza was sold to a prominent European family from Switzerland who was in need of another slave. Arriving in Switzerland Liza is shown to her bedroom. After a couple of hours, Liza reports to Mrs. Rising in the library of the mansion. Mrs. Rising discusses the daily duties Liza will be performing. The next day Liza attends to her daily household duties that consist of: sweeping, moping, washing clothes, ironing, and attending to the kitchen.

As time passes Liza gains the trust of Mr. and Mrs. Rising. A whole year has passed and Liza starts to wonder if or when she will ever get to see her parents again. One day Mrs. Rising says "Liza my dear would you go fetch me the blue vase that is sitting on the old maple desk that is in the basement."

"Yes Mrs. Rising." Liza says tiringly

Liza heads towards the basement and she opens the door and walks down the old wooden steps that creak with every step she takes. Liza begins to look for the blue vase.

"Finally, I found you!" said Liza breathlessly

Liza picks up the small blue vase and sits in the dusty old leather recliner behind the desk. As Liza sits in the worn out recliner a few minutes pass when Liza realizes she has had her rest so she sets the vase on the maple desk but before she can stand up a small metal handle catches her attention as curiosity consumes her she opens the maple desks drawer and it's full of important documents just then Mrs. Rising calls.

"Liza! What's taking you so long?"

Liza replies "Coming ma'am!"

Liza quickly shuts the small drawer and runs up the stairs with the vase and gets it to Mrs. Rising

"It took you long enough!" Mrs. Rising snaps

"Sorry Mrs. Rising." Liza said in a soft waveringly voice

A few days later Mr. and Mrs. Rising were scheduled for a meeting in town. Liza thought this would be her chance to go into the basement once again to find out what those papers said. After Mr. and Mrs. Rising leave.

Liza runs down to the basement towards the old maple desk then she pulls the drawer only to find that it has been locked. So Liza quickly thinks where they would have hidden the key. She pounds this question for a minute or two. Hmmmm..the bedroom! Quickly she runs upstairs fearing as she enters their bedroom. She has never been in their bedroom before. Quickly she looks through the drawers just as she is about to give up her search she finds the key under the alarm clock of Mr. Rising's nightstand.

Liza quickly grabs the key and runs to the basement. She opens the drawer with the key and rapidly looks through the documents and finds one paper that says "Ahmed" at the top Liza carefully picks up the document but hears the clutter of the Rising's car. Liza consumed with fear crumbles the paper and sticks it and the key in her apron pocket and quickly hurries to the door to open it for Mr. and Mrs. Rising. Liza realizes that she has to put the key back before they discover that it is missing.

That night Liza reads the document that she had stolen from the maple desks drawer the paper read:

Liza Ahmed

Born: July, 4, 1868

Parents: Mirian and Shafic Ahmed

Village: Ruhiira

No further information

Now that I know where my village is I just need to put the paper and key back thought Liza.

The next day Liza goes about her daily duties waiting for a chance to put back the key and the paper, so as the moon rises to its highest peak in the sky Liza slowly gets out of bed to put the paper back in the maple drawer. Liza slowly creeps down into the basement trying not to make a single sound when she gets off the stairs she runs to the desk and slips the paper back into its rightful place. The only thing left for Liza to do is put the key back in the Rising's room.

Liza cautiously walks into the room of the Rising's just as she puts her hand on the alarm clock she accidentally pushes the alarm button. Mr. and Mrs. Rising wake up to find Liza with one hand on the alarm clock and the other with the key.

Mr. and Mrs. Rising begin to question her presents

"Liza!!" said Mrs. Rising in a scolding voice

"Y, y, y, y, y yes m, m, m, m, ma'am" Liza says trembling with fear

"What are you doing in this room and what are you doing with that key" said Mrs. Rising

Liza opens her mouth to answer but no words come out.

"I can tell you what she's doing she's a thief tomorrow we shall trade you to another family you no longer work here" said Mr. Rising

"Go to your room Liza we'll settle this matter in the morning" said Mrs. Rising

Liza goes to her room in tears, but then suddenly gets an idea. That night Liza packed her bags and quietly sneaked out of the mansion. She walked and walked until she came upon railroad tracks then eventually she hopped onto a passing train until she found her way to the village where her parents lived.

