

## ANTHONY'S OPPORTUNITY

In the year 3019, people had made great advances in society. The presence of technology in people's lives was more notorious than a hundred years before. Many countries had improved their economy and had become powerful places. Mukbang was the capital of Beliem, one of the most important countries in the world. People who lived in Beliem were usually wealthy people who had no struggles with money. Those were the people who could afford paying the incredibly expensive schools which had a good status and were worldwide famous. Modern technology items were made in Beliem, more specifically in Mukbang, human race was going through a very fast period of evolution where the economy consisted in the production of new technology items. The making of these involved really smart people who could create them so the whole country of Beliem had the best training for people who would work in the future as inventors which in these days was a very required job.

The population in Beliem was mostly composed of rich people so when children didn't have the intelligence or interest in becoming inventors or engineers also had good jobs since the families could help them with economic support. But most of them preferred the jobs which were so important at that moment.

Anthony Boyle was one of them. His family owned a very powerful company which designed and produced technological equipment and was specialized in mobile phones. Anthony wanted to follow the path of his older sister Maria, who became an inventor and was working in their family company, so he studied in a school famous for its great education during his childhood until he turned eighteen and achieved to get good grades, making him able to move to Mukbang, where he was going to study in a great university where many people who worked in the technologic industry studied.

When he started to study, he spotted a boy called Keith Albarn who was different. Keith wasn't from Beliem. He had been born in an underdeveloped country, Gandium. He didn't have much money because he had been raised in a poor family, but the government provided him a scholarship to study in Mukbang. People who saw him could perfectly detect he wasn't like them just by looking at him. The mere fact of having a different economical status and education made people at the university isolate him.

However, while time was passing by, people could understand why Keith was studying there despite the fact that he wasn't from Beliem. He was brilliant.

During the first exams and projects, his professors saw the great potential he had even though he didn't have the same education as the other students. Also he had even better grades than the rest. Soon, many people started to dislike him, since they couldn't believe that someone who didn't have the same condition as them was studying at their university. Anthony was one of them.

Keith was disregarded daily by his classmates with offensive comments and people also ignored him if he asked for help.

Luckily for him, not everybody thought the same way. A few people in the class admired his intelligence and weren't jealous of his grades like most people.

Anthony and his friends who were also against Keith, were really mean to him. They teased him more than the other people and just spoke to him to make fun of his country and even his family situation.

Even though Keith was surrounded by an aggressive atmosphere, he kept trying to do his best at his studies and the results were as good as the beginning. Some people were friendly to him and he actually had a couple of friends who helped him when people hurted him.

Anthony was also going well on his studies. His grades weren't bad at all but he was jealous of Keith and that was the reason he detested him so much.

Years went by. Many of the students in the university graduated and after that, all of them started working on different jobs. Anthony fulfilled his dream of becoming an inventor. He worked at his company as part of a team which was specialized on designing mobile phones.

This had been his dream job since he was a little child, so he was delighted with his current life. During the next eight years he worked, he got married with a woman he met at work and some years later, he had a kid.

One day, he decided he wanted a promotion in his job. He wanted to ask his father for it but for some reason, they didn't allow him to become the boss in the inventions department. Actually, the decision didn't depend on them, the company had been bought by another one which was more powerful and therefore the people who had to decide on his promotion weren't part of his family, he was just another one who wanted a promotion. Since that day, Anthony was transferred to a different company. He was hired in an also, but not so much famous and important mobile phone corporation.

However, when he arrived on his first day of work, he couldn't believe what he saw. Keith Albarn. The same kid he had underestimated, and mistreated back in their university years. He was his boss. Apparently, Keith had created a very successful new mobile phone and the corporation had decided to give him an important position at his department.

Anthony could see what he could have been, like his sister. He had become what he had become.

Soon he felt ashamed of his behaviour to Keith when they were younger, so he decided to apologize to him.

Keith had already forgiven him and his friends long ago. Just like him , he was married and had a son, he had a succesfull life and was an important person in the corporation.

That day, Anthony understood how stupid he had been and learned that no matter where are you from, or if you are different you can be just like others.