

2020 International Essay Contest for Young People

[Youth Category – Honorable Mention]

## **A Scaredy-Cat**

(Original)

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Dear Kiddo,

How have you been? I am sorry for not being able to contact you earlier. This letter is written by me as well as you in the future. To be clearer, me, the future self of yours exactly in 2030 could not bear anymore of the way you spend your life now. I know you might not believe it. But please do believe me. You may wonder about you in the future. As you think, you will no longer be a part of the world in next ten years. I am writing this letter from heaven.

Last night, God came to my place and gave me a special order. God asked me to write a life changing letter to the people who cannot enjoy their lives. God does not want his people to suffer the pain of regret when they leave the world behind. The very first person I chose to write is you, dear. I understand how you feel right now. You may act like a strong girl in front of your family but actually you are not.

I still remember the day you had sudden blurred vision when you woke up. Mother thought that you just had to change the new glasses. You thought that it would be fine after you changed the new glasses. I felt sad that it was not fine anymore. Soon after, you started to feel constant headache from time to time. You continued to endure the pain with painkillers until the day you passed out during the class.

At the moment, you may read this letter at the corner of the neurosurgery department while waiting for treatment. Now a day, you always feel anxious and easily aggressive to mother. Why are you acting like a scaredy-cat? This is not her fault that you have tumor. I wish you did not spend the precious time without gratefulness. The most important thing you need to do right now is holding the tremble hands of your mother and gave her a warm hug. She is the most suffering one of all people. God once told me that mother blamed herself for not protecting you. So, please love her as much as you can. Sometime, I really envy you very much because you can hug your loved ones every time you want.

Next, you should go to the people who accidentally hurt by you. You must ask for their forgiveness. So you can leave the world behind without any guilt. I am sorry to confirm you that will be no longer a part of the world in a few years later. The reason is I do not want to give you an impossible hope and I want to give you enough time to say good bye. I believe that you can overcome through the love you have had for twenty two years. Please do not tremble and face the reality with strength. You can do it, kiddo.

The biggest problem of you is you always ignore your true feeling. Please stop caring what others think about you. I wished you were the real you until it is too late. The greatest present you got from God is being a youngest part of your family. Please trust me that you do not have to let them go and they will always be with you. They will always be doing well. One day, you all will definitely meet again in here, heaven.

In here, heaven, I am always happy and I cannot find tears in the eyes. There is no orphan who lost his mother during civil war. There are no parents who were sent to the nursing home by their own children. You can always look down from heaven whenever you miss your loved ones. You will never believe that you own a mansion in heaven prepared by God. So, it is not very bad to leave the world behind.

After reading this letter, I believe you can breathe again. I am always proud of you. I cannot wait to see you again. Good bye for a while, kiddo.

With love,  
Extraordinary you in 2030.