

*Date: 3 December 2020*

*Dear Nassima*

*My name is Astrid, and I'm writing to you from Denmark in Europe. I have been reading about your situation and I must say that I'm mildly shaken. Personally, I'm a great advocate of justice, so it hurts me very much that you have been punished for your campaigns fighting for women's rights. I hope that you will get this letter, and know, that a lot of people all over the world are supporting you and think that what you have been going through is inhuman and totally wrong. I'm a girl too, and I think that the treatment of women the past many years has been totally unfair. Luckily, I'm living in Denmark, which is a very peaceful and free country, but that doesn't change the fact that a lot of other countries don't have the same privileges as we do.*

*I can't do anything about your situation physically, though it's really important for me to give you support during this awful time. You should never doubt that what you have been fighting for is right. You dedicated your life to change something, that you and a whole population think is unfair and inhuman, which is such a beautiful thing. Committing your life to something bigger than yourself requires a lot of courage that only a few people in this world have. You are one of those people, and when someone tries to punish you for what you have done, just remember who is the brave one.*

*In my opinion you are totally right, when questioning the fact that a little boy should be the guardian of a woman, who is an adult. Why is that even a legal law? For me such a rule is very far from all of my principles, and I can't even imagine how you must feel. It's a very strong discrimination of women as individual human beings, and it scares me that children are growing up in a culture where those kinds of rules are normal. I completely agree with you, and if I were you, I would have done the same thing.*

*I hope from the bottom of my heart that you someday will be able to change the system in Saudi Arabia. I believe that you are a very strong woman, who will forever be loved by a big part of your country, and also the whole world. I stand by you no matter what, and I will pray for your freedom.*

*I wish you all the best. You are one of a kind!*

*Lots of hugs,*

*Astrid Cornelius, 16 years old*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Astrid' followed by a stylized flourish or mark.