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Subject: When Broken Glass Floats

Ms. Him,

I'm not quite sure if this is the proper place to send this message to, but I genuinely hope that this gets to you personally.

In my college World History class, we were asked to compare and contrast your memoir and "Night" by Elie Wisel. The assignment was to compare and contrast Hitler's facism with the Khmer Rouge's Communism.

To start, I just wanted to say how inspirational you are to me. Your love for your Mak and Pa is something that I could feel so immensely through your writing. When you wrote about the death of your parents, I cried along with you. I was so touched by your story, and I am in so much awe at how strong you were as such a young girl.

I am 19 years old, and I would never have been as strong as you during the Khmer Rouge takeover.

When you wrote about crossing the swelling river for food in Zone 3, I was literally so anxious and nervous for you. I read your memoir in 3 days - I felt glued to your story.

I am a psychology major at the University of North Florida, and I read that you work with Cambodians with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. One day, I hope to work with people with anxiety disorders in my own practice.

Your story and your current life are so inspirational to me, you are such a strong woman and my hero.

I never thought that a book I was required to read for a course would inspire me and touch my heart so deeply. When I read the last words of your memoir I cried. You are a legend and a superhero.

I hope that you get to read this. I could never imagine surviving what you did with such grace; or telling a story with such honesty.

I have so much more to say to you about your memoir and your life, but I will leave it at that. Thank you Chanrithy for being my hero and being an inspiration to women and to people as a whole,

Sincerely,

Veronica Hall