LITTLE SYAHIDAH'S STORY



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For all the little kiddos out there, "Life is an adventure. Be free to explore and enjoy every moment of it." \sim Nur Syahidah Alim

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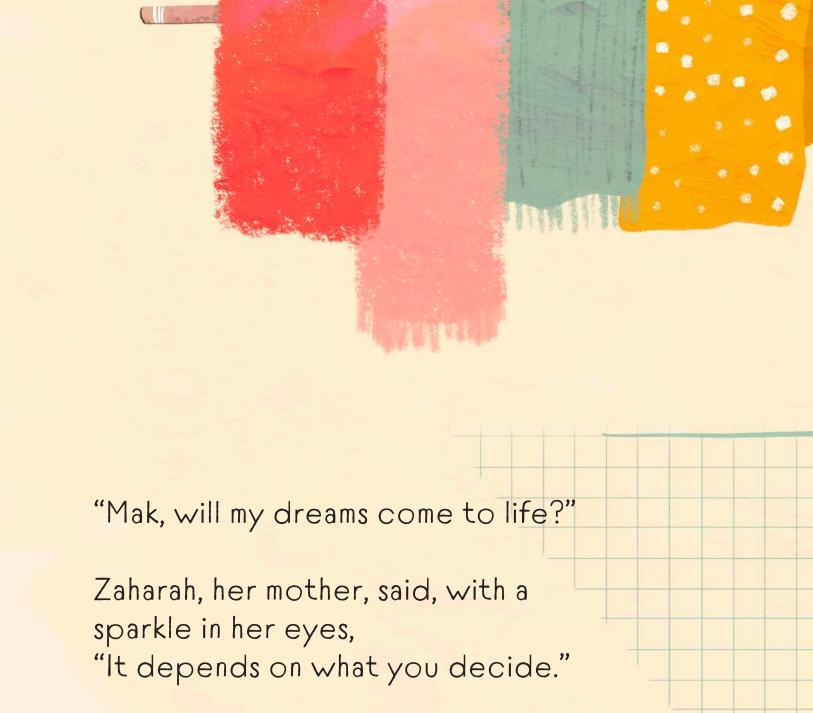
WORLD'S NO.1 PARA-ARCHER

When Nur Syahidah Alim was little, everyone called her Syahidah. She wanted to travel to faraway lands someday, to visit places with different cultures and meet people with interesting stories.



They were big dreams for little Syahidah. She had no clue how to give them wings.









Then, she drew a big circle on the floor with the word:

PROMISE

"Never stop believing you can; stay focused and work hard for them." Zaharah beckoned her daughter to step inside the circle, and Syahidah did.

But cerebral palsy made Syahidah feel like giving up sometimes. She couldn't walk or run as well as her classmates, no matter how hard she tried. It made her feel even smaller inside.

NEVER STOP BELIEVING YOU CAN.

She told herself now and then.

Her classmates didn't make it easier. They called her names and made jokes about her.

"Loser!"

"Downer!"

"You can't play, like we do."



Syahidah felt bad. Very, very bad. And even though none of it was true at all, she believed it so, because she was too small.



Until one day,
Syahidah learned to swim.
That became her frolic,
that became her fun.
It gave her strength
and lots and lots of freedom.

But little Syahidah didn't know swimming was just a beginning the start of a path towards her dream.



When Syahidah was in her teens, she discovered a bow.

She placed an arrow, and pulled the bowstring.

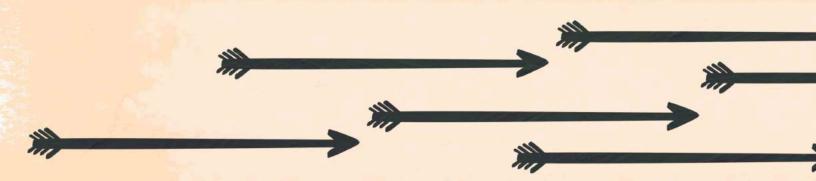
Off the arrow went, piercing the wind. She took her first shot, hitting the center spot.

With time, her love for archery was taking her somewhere. But she wasn't sure how, she wasn't sure where.



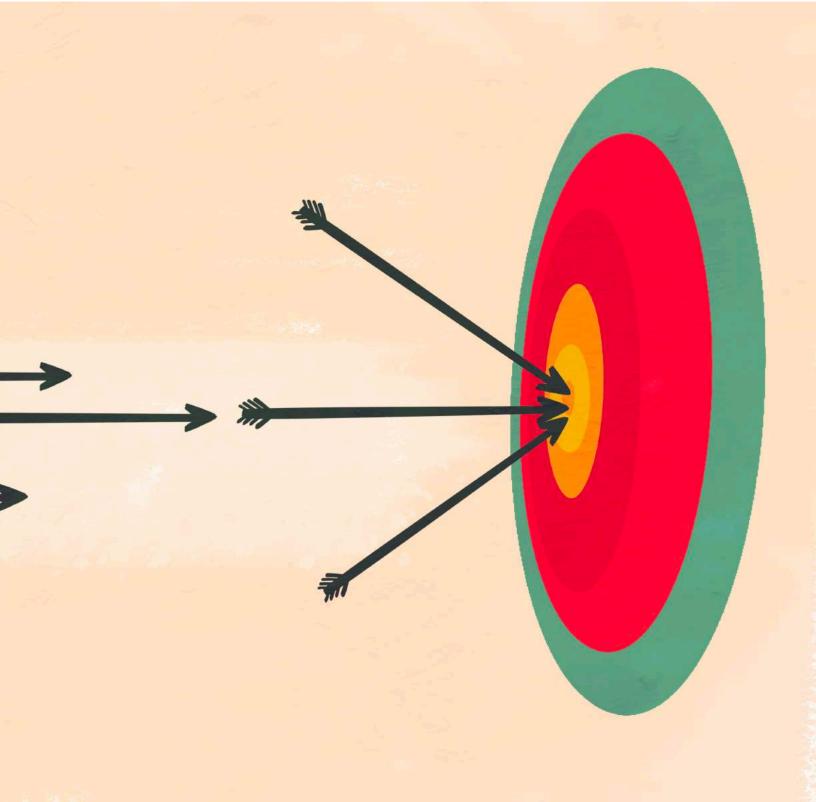
From momentary exhilaration to unstoppable passion, Syahidah's practice got longer.

Week after week, her body grew stronger. Arrow after arrow, her focus became better.



Time and time again, she hit the bull's eye,

and found the COURAGE to face fiercer fights.



When the best archers from Southeast Asia gathered, Syahidah fought hard, and won, not once but twice!

With DETERMINATION,

not blinded by pride, Syahidah made it to Rio De Janiero, where the world's top archers set their sights. And there she became World Number 7, before she went on to the Netherlands, and was crowned World Champion.

"FIRST ARCHER EVER TO REPRESENT SINGAPORE AT THE WORLD'S BIGGEST PARA SPORT EVENT."



THE STRAITSTIMES

SINGAPORE'S NUR
SYAHIDAH ALIM IS
SYAHIDAN PARA
NEW NO.1 IN PARA
NEW NO.1 IN PARA
NEW RANKINGS
WORLD RANKINGS
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Syahidah's victories boosted her confidence. Her losses trained her perseverance. These gave Syahidah's dreams their wings, and more.

Her story brought

INSPIRATION

to the rest of the nation.

To muster the courage to try; to build the determination for goals. But most important of all, to never let others make you feel small.



When Nur Syahidah Alim was little, everyone called her Syahidah. They still call her Syahidah but she is not little anymore.

She is one of the WORLD'S

BEST ARCHERS

and she is from Singapore.

SYAHIDAH'S ACHIEVEMENTS





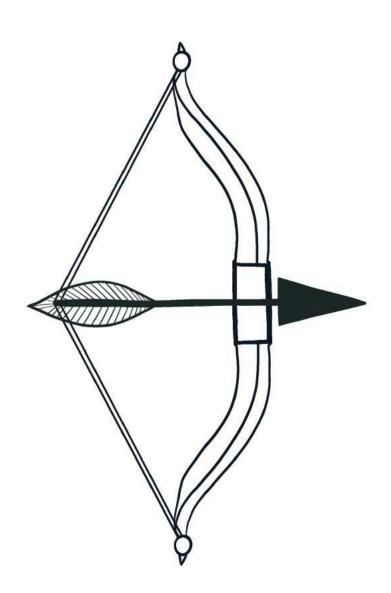








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Nur Syahidah Alim is the world's number one para archer. She also has the unique distinction of being the first archer ever to represent Singapore at the Paralympics. But did you know she was discouraged from playing sport at school? Or that she faced bullying and rejection at many levels due to her disability? In this story of courage, hardship, and perseverance, you will find out how Syahidah went from a young girl who was told she was weak to become the top para archer in the world.

