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Chapter 1 *Goodbye*



‘Please don’t go to Glossia,’ says Sara. ‘You’re only nineteen.’
Alex is saying goodbye to Sara, his girlfriend.

‘I must,’ answers Alex. ‘I’m a soldier – it’s my job. I must go where the army says.’

‘But why are you going there?’ asks Sara.

‘We’re going to stop the fighting,’ says Alex. ‘Lots of people are dying.’

‘But why are they fighting?’ asks Sara.

‘I don’t know,’ answers Alex.

‘Why don’t you ask?’ says Sara. ‘You never ask questions.’

‘I know,’ answers Alex. ‘I’m sorry. I hate asking questions.’

‘Please change, Alex,’ says Sara. ‘For me.’

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'I'm going to think about you every day,' says Sara.

'Me too,' Alex answers. 'I can send you a text from my phone tomorrow. And I think there's email.'

'That's good,' Sara says with a little smile. 'I love you, Alex.'

'And I love you too,' answers Alex. 'Now, don't be sad.'

