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Syria's Invisible Children and Sexual Exploitation

She is six years old
the smile on her face that once shone big and butter yellow
now sits idle and empty
She sits patiently
counting the stars as she sits next to her mother
on the tiny bed that they both share
uncomfortable
so flat you feel each outline of every spring
the kind that creaks and moans below your spine
serving as constant reminder to days of endless torment that they’ve faced
Only six years old
she looks up to the stars
traces connect-the-dot constellations
as though she’ll be able to sort out a road map to better days
Prays that there is more to life than refugee camps and squalor
UN officials telling her over and over that it will all be okay
She falls asleep to bombshells blasting
Counting them instead of sheep
This has become part of reality

Freedom isn't everlasting
And these days, she can't even find a moment of peace through dreams
she is haunted by red devils and white ghosts
always reappearing when her eyes are closed
Reminders of hands tearing her from her mother's arms
They promised they'd do no harm
but her mother's screams told her differently
When she sleeps, she still remembers all too clearly
the sights, the sounds
and the way the lights in her mother's eyes dimmed afterward
never to be recovered again
She doesn't know it yet
But her white-light innocence will soon, too, be extinguished
Men in uniform, portrayed as saviors
will cash her in as fair payment
She's only six years old
and just part of the bargain
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