Maria

Joergen is a 15 year old guitar student who goes to music school in Uppsala (Sweden). One Saturday, he was having his guitar lessons as usual, until a new student was introduced to the class. It was a girl from Turkey who was muslim. However, although the teacher was quite welcoming, most of the people in class were not. Including Joergen.

Everyone thought the fact she had a hijab on her head was really weird and unusual. She wasn't really accepted for her religion in the class and this started making her really upset at the end of the first week of school. Joergen wasn't helping and was, in fact, the part of the bullying.

However, one of Joergen's friends became close with the girl and started scolding him for how he's behaving towards her. Joergen didn't really care at first but as time passed he started feeling bad for his actions. Especially after the day he found the girl crying on the bathroom floor after her hijab was taken away.

Seeing this made him feel uneasy although he was the part of the problem. He realized he has to give a sincere apology to her. He didn't want to be the part of the problem anymore. Later that day he came up to the girl and wanted to have a talk to her about everything. She didn't want to listen and was ready to be on her leave. She definately wasn't in the mood to listen to a person that also bullied her. Joergen was prepared for this. But he wanted to apologize no matter what.

He felt sick for what he was doing. So he got her a new hijab that day so she wouldn't have to wear her old ripped up scarf around her head anymore and to show he cares. The girl still didn't like him the most but she changed her thought of him for atl east a glance that day. The friend of Joergen's that had a friendship with the girl messaged him to ask if the girl could join them that day when they planned on hanging out. Joergen said she could, although he was worried about how she was gonna be towards him or if it's going to be awkward.

However, that day him and the girl talked a bit more and eventually became friends. He found out the girl's name is Maria. Joergen never thought he would be friends with Maria, but in the end, he didn't regret it. The person matters, not their religion.