Audio Documentary: Heros Behind the Scenes

This Audio Documentary tells the story of two physically disabled people who made it in life: Magdy Shahir who became a motivational speaker and Amr Osama who, after a horseback riding accident became a ping pong player. It also focuses within their stories on the people who supported them through their journey: for Magdy this was his mom Christina Smith as for Amr this was his coach Mohamad Sakr.

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Dear diary,

Today I went to uni and could not walk. My knee had played up again. You know what? Sometimes I wish I had never gotten into fencing, now I wouldn’t be injured if I hadn’t.

Gotta run now, I have this event at Uni that I gotta go to don’t ask.

SFX: Speech by Magdy Shahir Abdel Sayed.

This so insipiring, I mean here I am whining about my injury while he is giving speeches everywhere.

Dear diary, I changed my mind. Look I’m not crazy I was at uni today depressed as always but I saw these people diary and they’re so full of hope, but I asked them their life was difficult as well, at some point.

Music: St Petursburg for Anastasia.

Music: Tangled theme song
CS: Magdy was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when he was one year old. He wouldn't crawl. After taking him to several doctors one wrote on the corner of the paper CP. Back then we didn’t have any internet so I looked in a medical encyclopedia and I found CP: Cerebral Palsy and my world crashed.

MUSIC: Statutes from Harry Potter.

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SFX: Glass Breaking.

Inspirational Music By Alimu

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SFX: I will survive Gloria Gaynor

But for her son Magdy she got into fights, lots of fights.

CS: With family members, for them to understand Magdy’s situation.
I know your question diary, Magdy’s fine actually he’s better than fine.

Music: Happy Music

Magdy Shahir: My mom influenced me because she implanted in my life. like never to give up and all of that. (:14)

I know you’re dying to know the details. He’s a Helm ambassador, an AUC graduates. He advocates the rights of disabled people and gives motivational speeches all around the world.

Inspirational Music By Alimu

CS: What he’s achieved is already great for me, it’s beyond what I would have even hoped for. (:11)

I know Christina reminds you a bit of mom. I know that. But wait, wait, my day hadn’t ended yet. Later I went to the club lot’s of bad memories. But I met Amr Osama. This one broke my heart, he’s an athlete just like us diary, just like me, but he had a horseback riding accident and his life kind of changed, mine too!
But again like me he’s a sports addict so being a paraplegic didn’t keep him away from sports.

AO:

By accident I was at the club and my coach asked me if I was playing anything I said no, so he told me try ping pong. (:16)

SFX: Ping pong ball.

AO:

So I started and I loved the game and the sports. And now I’m maybe one and half years playing and I’m going to be ready for the next Olympic Games. (:20)

Of course diary it’s sports so you can imagine what he said next.

AO: It affected me psychologically. (:6)

No kidding.

AO: And also builded my body. (:5)
Not to self: you need to lose weight. God I miss my coach! God I’m babbling! But speaking of coaches.

M. Sakr:

The most important thing is he has self confidence. He feels he can do it, not only by telling him that he can, but he feels he can. (:23)

Mohamad Sakr diary, his coach not the one you have in mind but a great guy as well.

*SFX: Whistle*

*SFX: Writing*

Remember our first championship diary? One match. The only thing we actually won on that day.

*SFX: Crowd Cheering*

Still it was a happy moment.
For Amr his big moment was

AO: I defeated all the players I thought were much more advanced than me. And now I defeat them all. ((':15)

Yaay! Happy ending!

 Fade in: Happy Music

I told you diary, this story would have a happy ending! No I didn’t meet anyone else what else do you wanna know? What? Am I going back to training soon? I don’t know diary maybe!

 Music Fade out