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Where I'm From

From rusty dusty roads

To everything that goes,

Comes a humble girl

With pretty big eyebrows.

It was a family trait

Although it wasn't so great.

Hours and hours were spent

On eyebrows that wouldn't stay straight!

Maryam¹ and Omid² were always there for her

Yes they were!

Persians with carpets and

Cats that would purr!

Comics were her life

Her everyday

DC, Marvel and Archie

Black and white and gray

Gray was everywhere in her life

From albums in her old room

Beside her closet

To sketches in her folders, where she would deposit

Norooz³ meant a lot to her and her family

And they would dress for it formally

With eggs painted and pictures to be taken,

The importance of this day could not be mistaken!

Her relatives would come

Jokesters and all

And at times

They would go out to play football

Hated was basketball

Favourite was ping-pong

She mainly liked it

Because she wasn't too strong

Physically underweight

But mentally motivated

A game of strength

Would leave her frustrated

Anxious of her fate

She'd calm herself down

With the tune of

"A Foggy Day in London Town"⁴

With hopes of a future

She came to a new land

A stranger in the city

With a slight feeling of self-pity

That's how she felt back at home

As if she was all alone in a dome

Mocked for listening to Bowie and Queen

Mocked for her cat being grass green⁵

Her friends were mean

They would leave her alone in the scene

When asked what her goal in life was

She was mocked again for no good cause

Apparently being a Doctor or Mohandes⁶ was

Surely a mere animator

Would be mocked

She had learnt to deal with it

And stay calmly locked

Lock her doors from them!

That's what she did

Decided not to appear

Until she was fully hid

Their mocking voices were still to be heard

That's why she decided to leave her herd

Now with her mind at peace

She could draw all day

With ease!

Without anybody mocking her in any way!

She would be back soon

Sooner than they thought

They thought they could get rid of her?

By mockery?

NOT!

She'll be back soon and when she does

Her hands will be full

Of tens, nay hundreds

Of awards!

Golden globes

Emmys and Annies⁷ and BAFTAs

They'll all be there

But there would be one that would make them care!

Ah yes, the Oscars,

The greatest achievement of all

Surely she would not be mocked anymore

When mockers start to fall

From a humble girl

With big eyebrows

And a slightly pointy nose

To a lady with countless awards

That act as her swords

No more mockery!

No more injustice!

She prays,

All that she has to do now is wait for that day

Notes:

1. Maryam: name of author's mother
2. Omid: name of author's father
3. Norooz: Persian New Year which happens on the vernal equinox
4. A Foggy Day in London Town: A song by David Bowie
5. Grasscat: A reference to an original character of mine
6. Mohandes: Persian word for engineer
7. Annie Awards: award ceremony dedicated to animation

Author Bio: I was born on 30th of March of 1998 in Shemiran, Tehran, Iran. Currently, I live in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. I came to Canada in June of 2012. So far, it's been nearly a year and a half since my landing to Canada. My family mainly consists of doctors, in fact, it is packed with doctors of different fields of study however, my grandmother's (maternal grandmother) side of the family consists of artists such as interior designers, architects, pianists, actors, directors and many, many more. What I really want to do in life is to become an animator for either Dreamworks or Disney. Since the dawn of my childhood, I've been raised with animation, whether it to be in series or movies and have come to admire this field of study greatly. I have felt many times in my life and know that, it is my duty to make the next animations for the next generation; otherwise, I will disrespect the past animators and movie makers for I have only watched their movies and have given nothing in return. Grasscat (the green cat below) is one of my first creations and so, expect to see her in the movie industry soon!