

## **DAD IS BACK ...**

I am going to tell you the story of a little boy called Mamadou. He was born ten years ago in some place in Africa. At the age of six, his parents moved to Spain in order to have a better life. Mamadou was really unhappy. He had to leave behind his family, his friends, and the most important thing : his animals. The trip across Africa was terrible and when they had to cross the sea, he was absolutely terrified because he had never seen so much water. Besides, he could not swim. After three hard days sailing they reached the Spanish coast. It was a dark and foggy night and they had to be quiet and silent . In the darkness, some friends were waiting for them and took them to a safe place.

A year passed by, Mamadou lived in a small flat which was full of people, there was not plenty of space but he was happy because he ate everyday and did not have to walk kilometers to find some water. His father went abroad to work and he stayed here with his mother and some relatives.

Mamadou still remembers his first day at school. He was very nervous but he made lots of friends because he was always smiling and showing his big white teeth. His teachers and his mother were proud of him, he was a good student and learned very quickly.

But suddenly, Mamadou's eyes were not bright anymore and hardly ever smiled. He was moody, fussy and angry. He did not pay attention in class and his marks were worse than before. The teachers noticed that he was uncomfortable undressing in front of his classmates and he used to cover his arms and legs. He also was tired , hungry, and his behavior was unacceptable. He started hitting his friends, even the teachers, and one day he was found hidden inside the wardrobe.

After frequent absences from the school the Headmaster called his mother. She had changed too. She not only wore big sunglasses ( trying to hide a black eye) but her hair was also covered. She used to wear colourful clothes and now she wore loose black clothes. Besides, she looked really unhappy. The director talked to them softly but seriously and finally Mamadou was able to open his mouth and sadly said: Dad is back home ...

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