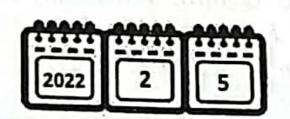
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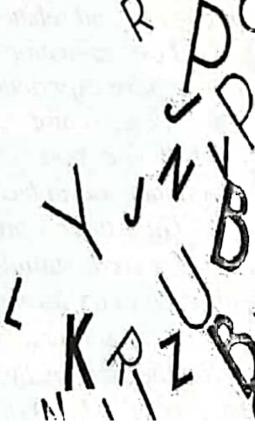
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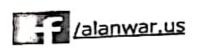
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أسوء جامعة في العالم

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بدت جذابة، وكانت صارمة/مُقَيْدة وصعبة كالغوص في المياه القريبة من التجمد.

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ما لم أدركه هو أن الأمر سيكون مشلاً كما القفز في بحيرة مياه باردة دون وجود أي شخص أو أي شنى، ليساعدك على الطفو/ البقاء عائماً.

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كان عبء العمل وحده كافياً ليسبب التوتر لأي فرد.

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"acknowledgment": اعتراف/تقدیر





NOTE:

. نجد في مطلع بعض الكتب كلمة "acknowledgment"، وتعني " شكر وتقدير".

NOTE 2:

." إهداء" Dedication means

"achievement": إنجاز

"threat": تهديد

عقوبات: "sanctions"

- Unilateral sanctions: عقوبات أحادية الجانب
- Bilateral sanctions: عقوبات ثنائية الجانب

مشابه : "akin"

كان من شأن عدم الاعتراف بأي إنجاز أكاديمي والتهديد بالعقوبات الأكاديمية ان جعلا أكسفورد اشه بجديم على الأرض.

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كنت الوحيد في برنامجي الدراسي في الكلية الذي يُستدعى ويُعاقب لضعف أدائه في الامتحان حتى لو كان أداء المجموعة كاملةً ضعيفاً على حد سواء.

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يلوح في الأفق رغلهر :"looming".

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"mental health": الصحة النفسية

اصبحت غير قادر على التحدث/التعبير عن مخاوفي الأكاديمية مع أعضاء الهيئة التدريسية، وبالتالي أصبحت أكثر قلقاً على صحتي النفسية.

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Since I was there, I have experienced anxiety and depression to the point where it has severely impacted my work life, home life, and relationships.

ولكني عانيت من القلق والاكتئاب منذ التحقت بها لدرجة انه أثر ذلك بشدة على حياتي العملية والعائلية وعلاقاتي.

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فعبرت عن تجاربي السلبية وسوء المعاملة في رسالة إلى عميد كليتي ورئيس المدرسين ومراقبي الامتحانات في الجامعة.

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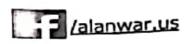
وجاء الرد على شكل ملاحظة مقتضبة من سطرين تقول: "عذراً تلك كانت تجرينك" كما لو كانت تجربتي غير صحيحة في الواقع.

That's all for today.

See you next time!

Al-Anwar's Translation of the Rest of the Text:

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إن رؤية زملائك في مقاعد الدراسة ينجحون في بيئات عمل محفزة ورفيعة المستوى بينما أكافح أنا من أجل الحصول على وظائف بمستوى مبتدئ هو أمر كحبة يصعب ابتلاعها. أتمنى كل التوفيق لزملائي، وإنه لمن دواعي سروري أن أراهم يتفوقون. أما بالنسبة لي شخصياً ل كوني كافحتُ كثيراً في الجامعة وتحملتُ ندوبها، أشعر بالاستياء لأنني لست في وضع مماثل.

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لقد ضيعت وقتي في الدراسة في أكسفورد. قد يقول الناس: "لكن يجب ان تفتخر بذلك كونك حصلت على شمادتك في أكسفورد". شمادتي في أكسفورد لا تعني شيئاً بالنسبة لي. ما هي إلا تذكرة قوية لوقت مظلم في حياتي ومؤسسة مظلمة وعديمة الرحمة.

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لدي الكثير من الأشياء في الحياة لأكون ممتناً لها، حيث لديّ أصدقاء محبون. لكن عندما يتعلق الأمر باكسفورد، فأتمنى لو انني تركت الدراسة. أتمنى لو كنت قد سلكت طريقاً مختلفاً.. لكنني لم أفعل ذلك. آمل الآن أن تساعد خبراتي وأفكاري الآخرين في المستقبل. إلى جميع من يكافحون في الكسفورد ولا يحظون بأي دعم، تذكروا رجاء أنكم أفضل من أكسفورد وطاقمها اللامبالي وبيئتها الفاسدة. إلى جامعة أكسفورد وجميع المعنيين، يجب أن تخجلوا من أنفسكم.

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