

Forgotten Fire:

Choose your own adventure

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You are Vahan Kenderian, the youngest child of a very important family. Your life has changed when your father left, and your uncle gave you poison and disappeared. When soldiers came to question your family about your uncle, they took your oldest brothers, Tavel and Diran, and aimed at them with guns. Do you:

1. Stop them and save your brothers (turn to slide 3)
2. Don't do anything and watch them die (turn to slide 4)

You run and it the soldiers right before they fire. They turn around and hit you with their gun. The general picks you up and puts you near the fence. He lifts his pistol and shoots you. Your journey has ended. Please start again.

You watch your brothers die and the soldiers take you to a cell. In the cell your sister, Armenouhi, kills herself using the bag of poison your uncle gave to her. Then the soldiers take the remaining prisoners and take you on a march. After days without water or food, you stop at a river filled with corpses. Your grandmother and other prisoners go to drink, but your mother stops you. Do you:

1. Go to the river even though your mother said not to
(turn to slide 5)
2. Listen to your mother and watch your grandmother go
(turn to slide 6)

You walk to the river with your grandmother and drink from the polluted water. The water is extremely polluted, but to you, it is still very refreshing. When you turn around, you see the soldiers pointing guns at you. They shoot all the prisoners that went to the water. Your journey is over. Please try again.

You lick your cracked lips as you see the prisoners drink. Then you notice soldiers lifting up their rifles, and before you know it, your grandmother and the rest of the prisoners are dead. Now it is night, and your mother is telling you and your brother, Sisak, to run. Do you:

1. Leave your mother and sister and run with Sisak (turn to slide 7)
2. Stay with your mother and sister (turn to slide 8)

You run away with Sisak and find yourselves in a city. Soon you lose each other, and when you find him, he is dead. You are living with your friend from school. You are then sent to live with Selim Bey. There you work as a stable boy and live in the stables, and you are alone for a very long time. One day, a little girl is brought to live with you. Soldiers come into the barn in the night and try to violate her. Do you:

1. Try and stop the soldiers (turn to slide 9)
2. Listen as the girl gets raped (turn to slide 10)

The soldiers were looking for boys and men that might rebel against them. They found you and Sisak, and took you to the river and shot you. Your journey is over. Please try again.

You try stop the soldiers, but they just hit you and you are forced to hear the screams of the girl as she gets raped. You are still alive, but you are mad at the soldiers and Selim Bey. Later, the girl starves to death and you are alone again. Turn to slide 11.

You listen to the girl's screams as soldier after soldier comes and rapes her. You do not do anything, but you cannot sleep. After a few days, you see the girl die from hunger. Turn to slide 11.

A few days after the girl died, you were taken to a general's house. Due to fear of dying, you escape and you find yourself in a group of Turkish villagers. They ask who you are. Do you:

1. tell them what has happened to you and hope they leave you alone (turn to slide 12)
2. pretend you cannot talk (turn to slide 13)

When you tell them that you are Armenian, they beat you to death. Your journey is over, please try again.

You pretend you cannot talk, and they let you live with them. After many days with them, you feel like a part of their family. One day, soldiers come and shoot an Armenian in front of the village. You feel sick, but no one tries to kill you. Do you:

1. Run away (turn to slide 15)
2. Stay (turn to slide 14)

One day, a villager who suspected you were Armenian told the soldiers. The soldiers then take you and torture you until you talked. Then they killed you like the other man. Your journey is over. Please start again.

You run away from the villagers and after a long time of running, you find yourself in Sivas. There, you hear people speaking in Armenian. Do you:

1. Leave them and look for food (turn to slide 16)
2. Talk to them (turn to slide 17)

After a few days of looking for food, you find only a piece of bread. You think of going to the Armenian you found, but you forgot where they were. While walking around you stumble on a Turkish soldier who captures you and kills you. Your journey is over. Please start again.

You talk to the Armenians and you find that Ara and Serop are very nice. Ara takes you to a girl-only orphanage, and soon you find a home. While talking to Mr. Tashian, who was thinking of adopting you, he questions if you were strong enough. Do you:

1. stay quiet and be respectful (turn to slide 18)
2. argue with him (turn to slide 19)

You do not respond, and he declines you. Soon soldiers find you in the girl-only orphanage. The soldiers felt lied to by the orphanage so they kill everyone in the orphanage, because of you. Your journey is over. Please start again.

You tell Mr. Tashian that he is wrong and that you will work hard. He agrees to take you. After living for a while, you meet Seta, who later was kicked out of a house that a German general was staying in, because she was pregnant. Seta then stayed with you and the Tashian family, but she died after giving birth. The baby was given to the general, and Mrs. Tashian died from a stroke. You hate Sivas now. In the meantime, German supplies were being carried through the town by horses, and they needed more drivers. Do you:

1. Stay with Mr. Tashian and help him (turn to slide 20)
2. Pretend to be a driver and go with the Germans (turn to slide 21)

After staying with Mr. Tashian for a while more, he gets sick of your company and you get sick of his, so he kicks you out. You wander for a while, and you find the soldiers that you decided to ignore. A Turkish soldier finds you and kills you. Your journey is over. Please start again.

You pretend to be a driver, and the soldiers accept you. You drive to Samsun, and then the soldiers have no use for you, so you walk around in the city. You meet a Greek man named Spiros Koulouris. You are not sure if you can trust him, but he promises that he will help you get to Constantinople. Do you:

1. Trust him! (turn to slide 22)
2. Leave him (turn to slide 23)

Spiros helps you by telling sending you to his friend. That man takes some of the money you had left and takes you and another boy on a boat. The trip was very rocky, but that didn't matter, because you were going to Constantinople. When you got there, the soldiers kicked you out of the boat and made you swim to shore. Turn to slide 24.

I really don't know why you chose this. I even added an exclamation point on the other choice. Because of your ridiculous answer, I will make up a ridiculous death. When you leave him, you trip on a rock and die. Your journey is over. Start again.

You made it to Constantinople and an orphanage took you in. You lived there happily until the war ended and you were sent to the United States in May, 1921. You were reunited with Oskina on September 2, 1920. You have survived through your journey.

Congratulations!

You won!