

Our Generation by Alecky Blythe

Ali is finding college difficult because he has to spend time in hospital with his little sister Umza. Umza was shot whilst in Pakistan, and the family are dealing with the consequences. Ali is worried about his sister's survival and wishes that he could rewind time.

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College is getting really annoying now because I have like so much work to give in and everythink and because now this whole thing has happened and I haven't had time to literally apply for anything because I'm just so like - my routine is just college, wake up, get ready, college, come home, no go hospital, come back home, get into bed, I'd be shattered. Watch Prison Break for like, two episodes and then fall asleep.

Basically my mum took Umza to Pakistan on a holiday. Umza is my little sister. They got basically caught up in a drive-by shooting. So, we don't know who's done it like if there's any links to why this has been done no one knows yet. So my little sister she was sitting in the front seat and my dad's brother sitting in the front seat holding the baby because in Pakistan they do that. And my mum's sitting in the back, a motorbike's come with a guy with a gun, comes to the side of the car and they've shhh, like fired several times. So, a bullet's gone through my Uncle's arm, ah a bullet's gone through Umza's tummy, her arm and her hand. Yeah and she was in so much pain.

She came out from the hospital like two weeks ago. Like everything was fine but like a few days ago she started to limp and there was a piece of erm co- you know like cotton wool left over from Pakistan, like I think it was part of a bandage - stuck inside of her - wound and it was coming out. Obviously it was serious so... Yesterday we took her to children's - the emergency department. It's a day surgery so hopefully she'll - they'll let her home.

I've got photos, do you want to see? They're really upsetting. She's four.

It's like do you know when you're walking alone in the street in the night and your phone battery dies, and you don't know what to do. That's like this situation, when you're lost that's what it was like.

Literally, all your mobile data finishes.

If I could rewind time I would.