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Once upon a time there was a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> named \_\_\_\_\_<sup>First name</sup> who \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Past tense verb</sup> with

\_\_\_\_\_<sup>Pronoun</sup> parents. His parents \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb</sup> to the United States \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Preposition</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Proper noun</sup>

before Aikia was born.

As \_\_\_\_\_<sup>First name</sup> reached adolescence, tensions between \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Pronoun</sup> and his father grew. His father,

\_\_\_\_\_<sup>First name</sup> was a traditional Nigerian man, while Aikia considered himself American. \_\_\_\_\_<sup>First name</sup>

was caught between two cultures. \_\_\_\_\_<sup>First name</sup> was lost and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb</sup>.

He turned to the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Location</sup> and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb</sup> a gang. He felt he fit in with the gang. The gang life was

\_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb</sup> with crime and violence. \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Adverb</sup> the courts placed \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Pronoun</sup> in a group home. Little

did he know his punishment would turn his life around.

At the group home, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>First name</sup> met his case manager, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>First name</sup>. Doug began to work with

\_\_\_\_\_<sup>First name</sup> to help make his life better. Together they built a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb</sup> and Doug became more than a

case manager, he was \_\_\_\_\_<sup>First name</sup> mentor. The \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> with Doug helps Aikia find himself.

In a conversation with his mentor, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>First name</sup> mentioned a desire to attend college to become a nurse.

\_\_\_\_\_<sup>First name</sup> encouraged him even though he knows \_\_\_\_\_<sup>First name</sup>'s father \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Past tense verb</sup> such

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career for \_\_\_\_\_Pronoun\_\_\_\_\_son. In Nigeria all \_\_\_\_\_Noun\_\_\_\_\_are female. \_\_\_\_\_First name\_\_\_\_\_family wanted him to go to college to get a business degree, so he could go into the family business.

\_\_\_\_\_First name\_\_\_\_\_desired to be a nurse was greater than his family's influence. With the help of his mentor he applies and is \_\_\_\_\_Past tense verb\_\_\_\_\_into a nursing program with a full \_\_\_\_\_Noun\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_First name\_\_\_\_\_moves into the dorms with the help of his \_\_\_\_\_Noun\_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_Present tense verb\_\_\_\_\_one day his parents will \_\_\_\_\_Present tense verb\_\_\_\_\_him and accept \_\_\_\_\_Pronoun\_\_\_\_\_new life.