

THE THREE BALLERINAS

Once upon a time, in a small village in Maputo, miles away from town, lived this 3 girls. They grew up together, were best friends and they were like family, and they loved, one another very much.

The girls had this dream, of one day becoming, professional ballerinas.

They grew up in a poor village, most of the houses had no electricity.

These three girl's names were: Shakira, Shaline and Shirley. Shakira and Shaline, they were raised by single moms. But luckily for Shirley, she was the only one, that was raised, by both parents.

Even so, all of them were poor, and most of the time, they could go to school, without eating anything. And even so, they never gave up on school, because they knew that one day, their future would change for the better, only, if they continued with school, because school was the only ticket, that could get them out of poverty. So they decided to do their best, and they knew that, it all depended on them.

Their school was so far away, that they had to walk miles, before getting there. They reached town, first, before arriving at their school. Most of the time, they arrived late at school, because of the distance. But the girls, would do their best to get to school, just in time. One day, the girls discovered, this new place right there in town, it was a school, a beautiful school, that only rich kids could be attending to. They admired, that beautiful school, because it was unique and different from their school.

And also a few blocks, from there, was this ballet school, and it was covered with glasses. The girls could see the ballet dancers, preparing themselves to start their lesson. So the girls would stay there, staring at the other girls by the glass dancing, and they almost forgot, that they had to be in school as well.

So after staring for a few minutes, the girls suddenly remembered, that they had to be, in class as well. So they left that place, running to school, luckily for them, they got in the classroom, before their teacher. Otherwise they could be in a big trouble

Later after leaving their school, on their way back home, the girls tried to copy the steps, that they saw the other girls doing. So they stepped on top of each other's foot, even so they would be laughing, by

themselves, because it was fun.

So they started, talking about their future, imagining themselves, performing in the real theater, dancing for a huge audience.

And they went like ,Oh my God , this is just a dream. Who knows, maybe one day, God will be answering our prayers sis. We just need to have faith. And they were like: yes that's true sis our prayers will be answered one day. You will see. Amen sis.

They were chatting while walking home, and they didn't feel the distance, because they were so emotional and happy.

So Shakira said: i wished that our mothers could afford to pay, for the ballet classes ,so we could all be attending those classes. Yes that would be awesome, but it's just a dream, Shaline said. So Shirley said as well: don't you dare give up on dreaming, girls, or you will never know what life, has in store for us.

As long as we don't give up on school, we can build a future for us and our parents.

Well said, let's do everything in our power, and not give up on school, because education is the key to success.

So the girls got to the village ,and they separated from each other ,because they live in different houses not far away from one another. So when Shaline got home, told her mother, that they saw some ballerinas girls, on a beautiful little dresses, dancing so passionately, they looked like real princesses, we imagined ourselves there mommy, dancing in the real world.

Wow that's would be so amazing , seeing you girls dancing like real ballerinas, that would be so wonderful and we would be so happy, because you girls, could be realising, your dreams.

So her mother hugged, Shaline, and also said to her just have faith, because the Almighty God is not sleeping, just write down what i'm telling you, your prayers girls, will be answered. Just wait and see.

I really appreciate that mom, i'm so proud to hear that ,it comforts me a lot. Thank you mom. I love you

so much.

So Shaline finished her homework, and left the house, to go see her friends, for a little gossip.

When Shaline got there, she told her friends, that she had spoken to her mother, and that her mother, had encouraged them to follow their dreams, and that God would be blessing them as well, to fulfill it. Then Shakira and Shirley were so happy to hear that their mothers would be so happy for them on their decision.

I could picture ourselves as professional ballerinas, travelling the world, getting to know new people. Don't forget about our parents and siblings. You bet girl, that we won't forget about them. They are the reason why, we will be going overseas, at first place, so that we could be giving them, the opportunity to live a better life.

But how can we be ballerinas, if we can't even afford to pay, for the classes? Asked Shirley. Yes that's true true, sis the classes are not free.

But the girls were so determined, to go ahead with their dreams, and saying that they would start saving little by little until they could afford to pay for the classes.

So the next day, the girls decided to enter the ballet school, to find out how much it will cost, to for them to attend ballet classes.

So they entered the ballet school, the girls were already afraid and shaking, so the other girls just looked at them laughing, and asked the 3 girls: aren't you lost? just looked at you girl, what are wearing?

And the 3 girls were so ashamed that left that place, really fast, and Shakira started crying, while running, and the other 2 girls were so sad and heartbroken.

They went to their school, no matter how sad they were, they had to study. That was the only way that could get them out of poverty.

So on their way back home, they passed, next to the ballet school. So this nice lady, that saw what

happened to the girls earlier ,called the girls. The girls were so scared, but they went in anyways.

So the nice lady greeted and introduced herself to the girls. Hello i'm Mrs Anderson. The girls replied,introduced themselves with a greeting and a sad smile. Then she asked the girls: why are you so sad? And the girls answered: we are sad because we would like to learn how to dance ballet, but we don't have money to pay, we came from a poor family, of single parents.

So the nice lady, simply said to them, just go home and talk with your parents to find out if I can teach you girls to dance ballet for free,ok?

The girls just looked at one another and said thank you Madam,you are simply the best, you are an angel, I knew that God would send you to help us.

You don't know how much we really appreciate that, God bless you always, Mrs Anderson

So the girls, left the nice lady with the a big smile, and a promise,of returning tomorrow, to give the nice lady an answer.

The next day, the girls, before going to their school,passed first, from the ballet school to tell the nice lady ,that their parents had accepted for them, to have the free ballet classes. And the nice lady was happy and glad that, she would be helping someone else's dream come true.

So Mrs Anderson told them, that they will be starting tomorrow,because she still has to organise ,some dresses and some shoes,for them.

The girls were very happy,and really excited, that they finally had their prayers answered. So the three girl's hugged Mrs Anderson, thanking her a lot , because they never thought,that a stranger could come out of nowhere to help them.

So the girls left that place laughing and thanking the dearest God, for blessing them. Please bless Mrs Anderson as well.

Later that day, when the girls left school back home , Shaline said:oh my God, who thought that us,

specially us, the poor girls from the poorest village, would ever get a chance, to attend that beautiful school, that only rich kids, could go to? Pitch me, girls, maybe I'm dreaming. So Shakira said: me too I thought that I was dreaming, I did close my eyes, and I reopened them again, and I realised that, it was true, it wasn't a dream at all, was happening for real. Yes sisters, said Shirley, the time that we have been awaiting for, has finally come.

We are gonna shine, like real stars, you will see, sisters, all thanks to that nice lady. That's true sister, they all said.

So when they got home, the girls simply gave the exciting news to their parents, saying that they will start tomorrow, practising ballet lessons.

And they are so emotional, and can't wait for tomorrow to come. So finally tomorrow come.

Guess what the girls were so happy, and didn't see the time to leave school, and go to the other school to start practising ballet dancing.

So the girls left their school, after classes, and went to the new school to start their lesson. So when they got there, Mrs Anderson, was already waiting for them. When they went in, they saw Mrs Anderson, she, looked so beautiful, she was wearing a pink dress. So the girls admired her saying, you look so beautiful, like a true ballerina.

So Shakira asked: are we also gonna have beautiful dresses just like the one, you are wearing? And the lady said: yes you will look spectacular just like me.

Please girls chose some dresses and shoes, and go to the changing room, to get ready, ok? So the girls went there, and got changed. And went to see her teacher.

So the teacher started preparing them, for the lesson, so she first showed them how to organise their legs and arms, really slowly, for them not to feel too much pain, so they practiced step by step at least for 2 hours a day.

So the teacher was so happy, because the girls were doing great, on their first day. For a beginner like them, what they did today was amazing and really impressive. The teacher said clapping her hands.

Bravo!!

Ok girls,that's it for today, go home practise for a while, then take a nap. And they said thank you teacher. So Shakira said:when we get home girls, after eating something, we will practise together and show to our mothers as well. Ok girls have a nice evening, said Mrs Anderson. See you tomorrow at the same time. Thank you Mrs Anderson, have a nice evening as well see you tomorrow. Thank you for everything,and may God bless you always.

So when the girls got home, their mothers were already outside, just waiting for them to arrive ,to hear the good news about how was their first lesson, today.

The girls were so excited , that they were all speaking at the same time, and laughing of too much happiness, and they showed to their moms a bit of what they just learned with their teacher.

Waw the mothers said: we are so happy for you girls, continue going to both schools,who knows,maybe one day ,you girls will be dancing ballet,on a big stage, as professional ballerinas and competing with other girls one day, just don't give up on school, ok girls? Just promise us girls,ok? Girls,we are so proud of you, and we love you so much.

We love you too, mothers. The girls gave their moms a warm hug. So they went home, to get some rest.

Weeks later the girls, were dancing really well, they didn't need her teacher to help them like the first day. And the teacher was so proud, and she said to the girls, if you continue dancing like that,you can picture yourselves overseas,as professional ballerinas.

So years went by, and the girls graduated from university and the ballet school too, they received diplomas.

Weeks later they saw,the opportunity that they have been waiting for. There was this competition that would take place, in the big city, in another estate, and the winners could take home \$15000 in dollars. So the girls agreed to enter the competition.

So the girls started training for the competition, that was around the corner, in 4 days time. So the girls left to the big city one day before, because they couldn't afford to go by plane,instead they went by bus

and it took them 10 hours to get to big city.

They finally arrived at the big city,they already had free accommodation,plus free meal, they made themselves comfortable and tried to relax as much as they could, because the competition wasn't gonna be any easier.

So the next morning, the girls got themselves prepared for the beginning of their dream. A new chapter on their lives,that was about to start. So they entered this huge stage , and they saw their competitors and they said to one another it's now or never, the girls were so determined to to go back home with the money.

So the competition started and it went on and on, and the girls were waiting an patiently, for their turn. Finally it's their turn to show their competitors, what they were made of, but Shakira and Shirley were so nervous and about to give up.

So Shaline concentrated them, saying:remember girls that for us get where we are now, it wasn't easy at all. Think about our parents and siblings that we left on the village,they are praying for us to take this money home. So let's do this,let's make Mrs Anderson so proud us ,and for her hard work as well,ok?

That's right Shaline we can do this, said Shakira. And Shirley said: I am ready ,let's do this.

So the girls entered the stage and took a big breath, and then they start performing well the ballet dance, so passionately ,the girls were so amazing, like real ballerinas , and the audience went crazy. So after the girls performance, the judges had to announce the winner.

The girls were praying so much, without knowing that they were the winners . So the decision was taken and the judges announced the winner, and luckily for them they were chosen, and they won \$15000 dollars, the girls just went on their knees and said: thank Lord for answering our prayers. And thank you family for believing in us, and for the support. And to you Mrs Anderson, we will be forever thankfully to you always.

The next day ,the girls went home where their families and friends were awaiting, so an patiently for them. So the girls finally made home, they had a family warm hug,so after the huggies, all of them went to Shakira's house,were all the mother cooked good food to celebrate the victory of their girls.

After the celebration, Shirley and Shaline's family went home, so that the girls could have some rest.

The next day the families met, to discuss about the money that the girls, brought home. But the girls had decided on their way home, that they want to follow their dreams. So they told their families, that they want to travel to the US of America, to finally realise their dream.

So the families saw that the 3 girls, came a long way, to be where they are today, and it wasn't easy at all, and all thanks to Mrs Anderson, who saw the potential on our girls. Whatever decision you girls make we will be by your side ok?

The girls were happy to hear that. So the next day the girls went to the home affairs to make their passports. 4 days later they went to fetch their passports, so after that they went to the American embassy to apply for visa. 7 days after their visa was granted, and the girls were very happy.

So a week after the girls left to America, to go after their dreams. They got to the airport, already knowing where they were going, they took a meter taxi, to Chicago, where they rent a one bedroom, apartment for the 3 of them.

So the next day, the girls started looking for a job as professional ballet teachers, on the neighbourhood. So they heard that an agency, were looking for professional ballet teachers, that had a degree on ballet lessons, to start teaching some kids right away.

So they went to that agency, run some tests, and the girls were approved and hired immediately. They wasn't going to teach dancing, at same place, they were divided into different schools, but it wasn't far from one another. They continued to live together for a while until, they could afford to rent a place for them to live individually. They lived together for almost a year.

So Shakira met this gentlemen, dated for a while got engaged, and went to live with her fiancé. So the girls, sent some money home so that their parents, could arrange passports and visa application to fly to America.

Shakira got married right after their families moved to America. Later she quited her job to enjoy her marriage.

Shaline also started dating, but she wasn't ready to get married yet. She enjoyed teaching kids to dance ballet.

Just like Shirley she didn't give up on teaching ballet classes, they continue with doing what they loved the most. Shirley got married later on and had twins.

So the girls decided to open a ballet school in their village in Maputo, to help disadvantaged children, to learn ballet dancing for free, just like them, and they even sponsored the kids, with free ballet dresses and shoes. And they also offered the kids one free meal per day. The kids were so happy and grateful for the opportunity that they have been given.

Finally the girls, were so happy that they had conquered their dreams, and that they were also helping someone else's dream to come true .

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