

## The boy

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The boy does not know his place.

He does not know he is different. Inferior.

He thinks he is equal.

He thinks he can dream.

We can't really blame the boy. Well... not fully.

He is just 10.

His needs are simple. His dreams, fantastical.

It is the parents.

They have not taught him well.

This boy will be trouble.

He has no fear. He will fight for his rights.

And he is likeable.

This boy who is inferior, will rise above.

He connects at the human level.

This is dangerous.

We must regroup, strategize, hit back.

When he dreams, we must crush his spirit.

When he connects, we must put up barriers.

When he is happy, we must make him sad.

When he doubts, we must swoop in for the kill.

We need a label. We must show he is different. Inferior.

We need to show him. We need to show us.

Rohingya. Haitian. Kurd. Palestinian. Russian.

