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What goes on in the mind of a child escaping from war?

One day, a decision is made: Amel, a 12 year-old orphan, must leave. There is no other choice: her country is at war. Unfortunately, nothing goes as planned. At the border, the family accompanying her loses her, and Amel finds herself alone. On the road, she meets Bacem, a deserter who plays the oud. Together, child and soldier learn to put themselves back together again.

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