



# LUKA FARENYK, *5 years old*

*Vorzel Village,  
Kyiv region*

That morning was supposed to be like everyone else: Luka's kindergarten and friends - his mother's favorite job, his father's responsible service. But everything went wrong after a phone call at 5 am. "Alexandrovich, they're bombing there!" The fire dispatcher yelled at his father in confusion. "Oh my God! They're bombing! How can that be?" - Mom picked up. And in a few minutes, they were bombing outside the window.

Dad quickly gathered for the service, ordered his mother to urgently collect documents and the most needed for a few days, and go to the village to my grandmother in the Kyiv region. He could no longer take his family out.

For a whole month in the village of Luka, He slept dressed, in case of anxiety. They sounded up to 5 times a day. Luke covered his ears with his hands and ran with his mother to the cellar "to hide from the strong wind." My mother deliberately made up a story to explain why she should sit in the cellar.

The hardest was at night. It is cold outside, the cellar is damp and cold, the eyes are glued together, and the body is shaking from the cold and fear. The mother hugged the boy so that he would not freeze, and she constantly thought: "God, for what? !! ..."

Dad said that "bad uncles came to our country and now it is dangerous at home", so Luke and his mother went abroad. Now they are in Germany. The boy misses his father, and grandparents very much. And - for two cats (he still does not know that they died of starvation in an abandoned apartment). Luke is looking forward to when Dad calls and says he can go home. Meanwhile, the boy talks to his mother almost every day. About the same thing.

- Mom and I'm also a Cossack?

- Yes, son, Ukrainians are all Cossacks, so we will return home soon!

## *For reference*

*Farenyk family: father - Vitaliy Farenyk (firefighter-rescuer, 30 years old), mother - Victoria Farenyk (nurse, 27 years old), Luka - 5 years old. The family lived in the village of Vorzel, Bucha district, Kyiv region. Because of the war, mother and son were forced to leave Ukraine.*

