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# Across the Fence

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## ACROSS THE FENCE

It was the middle of the day.

The sun was in the sky.

Around 4 P.M., I saw this confused boy, around my age.

And I just wanted to say hi.

Almost every day, we talk to each other.

Although, we really couldn't shake hands.

Between us was a huge fence,

And we really wanted to stretch it open like rubber bands.

Time after time, the boy was wearing weird pajamas.

It looked kind of good, so I copied it.

But I was fed up with having to talk with a huge fence in between,

I got my dad's old digging kit.

When I got across, we were asked to go to shower

And use the towels they would provide.,

But when we got there, instead of water,

We were covered with cyanide.

**ARTIST ALEX WAZIRY** INSPIRED BY THE MOVIE, "THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS". HAVING JEWISH ROOTS, IT DEEPLY TOUCHED THE WAZIRY FAMILY.



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