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"Who is Malala?" the Taliban fighter demands, looking into the school van.



Malala is a girl who isn't afraid.

"I will power myself with knowledge," she says.



"Don't go to school,"
the Taliban fighters tell the girls in Swat Valley.
"Don't read," they say.
The girls don't listen.
They are brave girls.