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I have to admit that I hate getting books at the library. Don't get me wrong, I absolutely love to read, but I like to research books before I get them. And one thing I've noticed about every book that has amazing reviews is that it has a similar theme. There is a problem with the person or the community, and they try to get their freedom. Yes, freedom. Any book that you see these days all include the ideal of freedom. But why? Is it because we like to read about that stuff? Or is it because we dream of the same things too? Is it because we want to see that perfect community, that perfect future for us too? These visions of a peaceful and free world that we see can very easily come true, but we first need to define what freedom is to us, realize the connection in the world between freedom and peace, and take action by changing ourselves and the community.

Before I talk about my visions for the future, I first need to talk about liberation itself. That's definitely not something that many people, including me, think about every day, but it is a problem around the world. When I think of liberation, I usually think about my mom letting me walk to school, but when I do seriously think about liberation and freedom, I think about equality for all types of people; the freedom to be who we are. Because even though we don't like it, let's face it: No one can like everybody that they meet. There will always be some grudges that we hold and some groups that we avoid. But we can still show respect for each other, no matter our differences.

Freedom is only one part of a peaceful future. One out of an infinite things that can make the world greater. But it does definitely play a big part. So what are my hopes for a peaceful future? Once we accept who we are, we might all realize that we are actually not so different from each other. We are all human beings of this Earth. Using this freedom, we can create peace amongst ourselves, accept who everyone is and know that everyone is beautiful and amazing in their own way. I know this is a future that we are not likely to get, and without hate and jealousy, we cannot be humans. But As J.K Rowling says, "Besides, the world isn't split into good people and Death Eaters. We've all got both light and dark inside of us. What matters is the part we choose to act on."

To start the process of taking action, let's refer to this quote by Mahatma Gandhi: "Be the change that you wish to see in the world". It all starts with you. With me. And each individual doing their best to accept who they are. And after that, we make the community better. So again, let's go in touch with my visions. I see communities thriving with events that bring people together, and no one is leaving anyone behind. How do we achieve this though, after we change ourselves? We all know that we don't know everything, but we can use the intelligence we already have into use. Get to know someone just before you decide what they are. Give them the freedom to release their true self. And if you keep doing that, you'll bring everyone together. Others will be inspired to do the same. Eventually, you'll see a close and loving and peaceful community. So it starts with believing in yourself. Take action.

These are my dreams for a peaceful future, and for a thriving world. Acting as if there are no country borders holding us back, but as if all the land in the world was one big city. All of us connected and united and being liberated from hiding our greatest talents. And it can start with ourselves, our community, our country, and soon the world. Just a little bit of effort, and we can go closer to that goal every single day.

The world started with one group of people. All of them working hand in hand to make their lives better. We call ourselves now the world. All of us joined together on the same planet. So let's stay as one group of people, working hand and hand to making our lives greater.