

## Anna

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**He stepped on his land mine (well, not his but ours, but you get the point) when he was twenty-nine.**

**He had two small twin boys at that time, and fourteen-year-old Anna.**

**And like most parents, even Columbian<sup>1</sup> parents, he had dreams for his young family.**

**They had already been without a wife and mother for three years, having lost her during child birth. But now with only one partial leg, he is confined to his bed and a rickety rolling chair. And he begs to feed his boys. Anna sends money from the city.**

**He does not ask. But he dies little by little, knowing.**

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1/ Just over 11,000 Colombians, including 1,110 children and 4,200 civilians, have been killed or wounded by landmines and other explosive devices since 1990, government figures show. This gives Colombia the second highest landmine casualty rate, after Afghanistan, according to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL-CMC).

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