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- You know, I wasn't that comfortable with it. First of all, because, you know, I didn't feel like he'd had that much world experience here. And to go that far. And it was a long way. I didn't know anything, that was halfway around the world. And I know the media made it out to appear that, you know, sure. You know, where would you like to go? And, you know, go. But it wasn't like that for me, you know? I did a lot of research. I talked to people. The one person I spoke with in particular, she was from Ireland and she had her own travel business. And she would take people to Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Iran. And she said hands down, if she had to pick a place to live on the planet tomorrow, it would be Sanaa Yemen. And she loved it. She said, the people are wonderful. They're kind. And so she said, you know, he'll be fine. He'll be fine. So, you know, I also knew that, you know, kids do go abroad for study. You know, sometimes they go, while they're in high school. Some private schools send their kids abroad in high school. And I didn't think it would be forever, but you know when he did finally board that plane and I watched it takeoff, I mean, I was just... It was really hard. It was really hard to see him go. Because my preference would have been, if there had been a school here for him to study, that would have been, that would have been the thing that I would have wanted him to do. But at the time there wasn't. Because he also wanted to study about the religion. And there didn't seem to be, to my knowledge, but again, I didn't know anything, you know I didn't really know anything. And I realize, maybe some of the criticism was fair, that I know, I know I was naive. I was naive, you know, I'll admit I was naive.