

The Moment I Ran

A story of fear, isolation, and safety gaps in public transport

Characters



Passenger

- Gender: Woman
- Age: 18 years
- Role: Passenger
- Situation: Traveling alone during the daytime

Man (Unknown)

- Gender: Man
- Age: Mid-late 20s (estimated)
- Role: Stranger
- Behavior: Persistent, intrusive, coercive
- Situation: Stalker Repeated questioning



Current Environment

Location: S-Bahn station Oberhausen

Time: Midday (around noon)

Conditions: Public Place → isolated → no visible help

Experiencing Harassment on the S-Bahn



Solutions & Reflection



What Went Wrong

- Man ignored her boundaries
- Verbal refusal was not respected
- Following was normalized
- Persistence despite visible fear
- Back exit was isolated

How to Help if you are a Bystander in this situation

- Notice signs of discomfort, fear, or someone being followed
- Stand near the person being harassed to reduce isolation
- Intervene or check in ; “Are you okay?”
- Speak up and tell the aggressor to stop (only if it is safe)
- Get help from staff, security, or authorities immediately
- Stay with the victim until they are safe



What can Help the Victim

- Say “Stop” or “Leave me alone” clearly
- Move toward people or well-lit areas
- Use phone calls (real or fake) to signal distress
- Shout or make noise to get others attention
- Run or leave the area if necessary
- Use the emergency button
- Call 110 or 112 security hotline