ZAHRA

A POLICEWOMAN
IN AFGHANISTAN

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MONTHS LATER IN THE TRAINING CENTER ABROAD.

THE UNIFORM FEELS LIKE THE SKIN OF A SNOW LEOPARD.

I CANNOT WAIT TO RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN, START TO PATROL THE STREETS, PUT THE CAR SIREN ON, HELP OUR PEOPLE.

WE ARE THE LEOPARDS.

POLICE CENTER, KABUL.

GOOD AFTERNOON
COMMANDER, I AM ZAHRA.

AH, YES, THE NEW
ONE. WALK WITH ME.

پولیس POLICE

I AM VERY EXCITED,
COMMANDER.

I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO START
PATROLLING. YOU CANNOT IMAGINE
WHAT IT TOOK FOR ME TO GET HERE.

THIS IS YOUR DESK, YOUNG
LADY. TRY TO KEEP IT CLEAN.

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