

Breaking Dawn: Tara's hellish abuse comes to an end

From-the-stage talking points for Tara's story

- Tara can finally smile again. And stand. And speak. In fact, when border agents first saw Tara, **they weren't sure she'd even survive.**
- Tara has intellectual disabilities, a vulnerability that a cruel man named Anwir exploited.
- He told the 17-year-old that he loved her and wanted to marry her.
- Innocent of his intentions, she accepted.
- But when he took her home, **she found out the truth.**
 - **Anwir was married.** He didn't love her. He only intended to use and exploit her.
- He raped the child for weeks, while his wife took no action.
 - When she managed to escape to her family, **they gave her back to Anwir,** relieved to be free of their responsibility to her.
- The constant abuse and neglect took its toll. When Tara became severely ill, Anwir and his wife tried to cross the border with Tara for medical treatment.
 - **But our agents stopped them** when they saw the child. They saw through the lies and rescued Tara.
- Anwir was arrested. After she'd had some time to recover, our agents helped Tara file a case against the evil man.
 - He was later sentenced to 14 years in prison for the atrocities he committed against Tara.
- Now, Tara is living with her aunt and uncle... For the first time in a long time, **Tara is getting the love and support she needs.**