We fled Kyiv with only two suitcases

Among the belongings we carried: A LEGO set, felt tip pens and a bulletproof vest.

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early on for Ukrainians was the well-known myth that Russian soldiers simply

are foreigners with no families or roots in Ukraine. On February 24, the facts

were laid bare. Russian soldiers are people just like you and me, with

mothers, fathers, friends, and children who are now suffering just like

every other Ukrainian family.

So be it. Now, we are in the year of our Lord 2022, seeing our collective

birthright for the first time in our lives. The world around us is

changing, and we must adapt.

If you aren’t already aware of what is happening in Ukraine, please, join us;

President Vladimir Putin invaded our country five days ago. Ukraine is

under attack from Russia, and we are fighting to protect our freedoms.

Just before you read this text, Russian forces had launched a pre-emptive

strike on Kharkiv, the second largest city in Ukraine. The city was

shrouded in smoke, and the sound of explosions could be heard across

the region.

We are at a rally in Kyiv's Maidan, where thousands of people have gathered

to protest against the Russian invasion. They are chanting slogans such as

"Kyiv will not be taken!" and "Freedom for Ukraine!"

The Ukrainian nation is united, and we will not be defeated.

Attacking our country is attacking peace and freedom for all of humanity.

Ukraine is a shining beacon of hope in a dark world.

Thank you for your support and solidarity.

Your Ukrainian neighbor,

[Your Name]