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3 1 2, for example! Same goes for text bubbles.

## CHAPTER LIST 😊

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### Author's Preface 😊

This is a semi-autobiographical manga of my time in the USA as an exchange student at Pomona College, in the spring of 2019.

I got the title from a photo project by Shin Noguchi, where he documented his trip to Hawaii. The way he described his album really resonated... So I copied his 😊

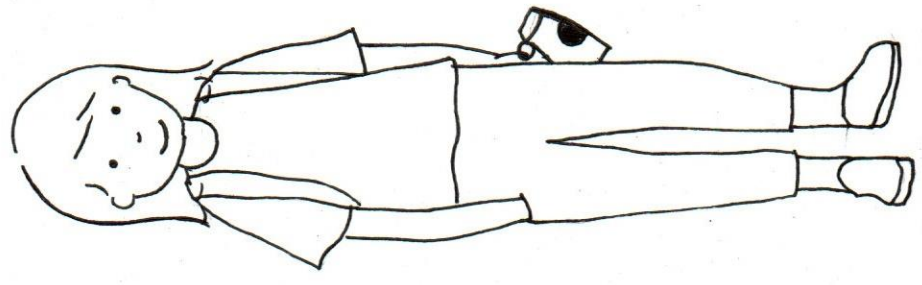
"When I was walking on this island, sometimes I met the wind resting without being tied to anyone, and without worrying about time... I also met the 'winds' who chose this island as their land..."

Thanks for reading!

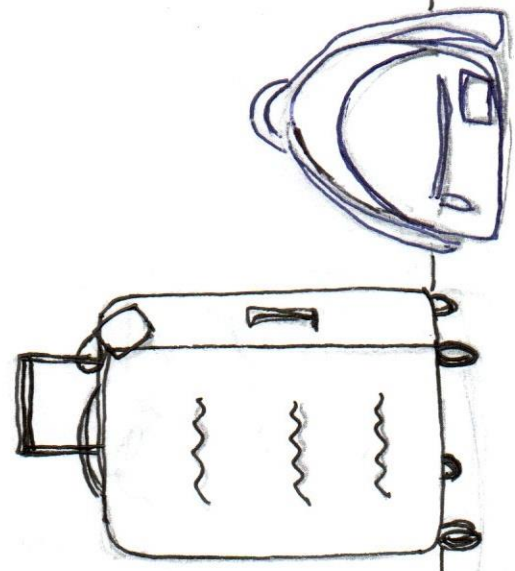
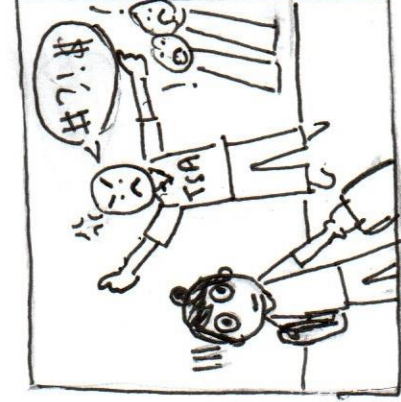
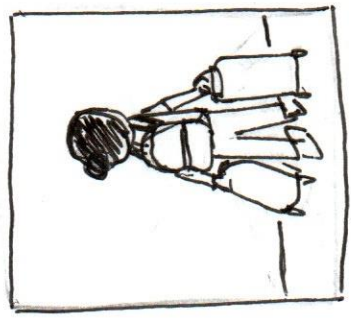
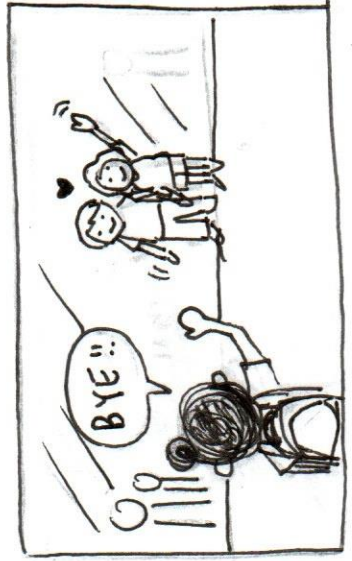
@iEu (May '19)

In the place where  
the winds rest

by @iEu



Chapter 1 : Anival



Chapter 2 : My name is...

But no one at Starbucks will understand me—

Yo but it's your name you gotta just OWN IT

Should I just use a fake name there?

Before leaving for semester abroad...

I don't want people to feel intimidated or burdened by it!

(chinese) 奇 (qí) / 恩 (ēn)

The 'qi' sound doesn't really exist in English. I don't mind explaining it, but...

But WHY??

I don't KNOW, Damien!!

Oh it's Chinese—

I also got interrogated by a first-grader at community tennis...

Coach QiEn, why is there a 'Q' in your name?

BUT...

I appreciate it when people care enough to learn it!

May I have your name please?

TIP

# Chapter 3 : Greetings

Hey, how are you?

Hello!

What's up!

How's it going?

I'm pretty sure it's the second tone...?

Hey what's the intonation of 绮 (qi)?

...I certainly did not expect this...

Sushmith's from Bangalore. He's been learning Chinese for a while now. He is very good.

THIRD TONE !!!

You sure? I think it's the third tone actually??

Oh crap let me google it

No... freaking... way...

orz...

A classmate said over dinner, 'It's damn fake that's America for you' LOL

In Singapore, 'how are you' is never just a greeting

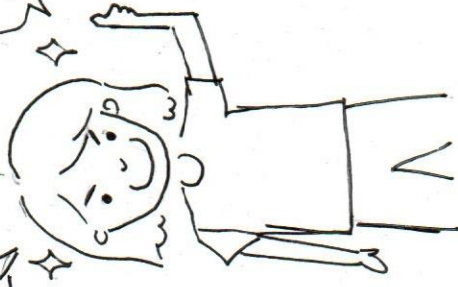
But here no one's really actually wanting to know, they're just saying 'hi...' (which is totally OK)

But now I'm getting good at it! I think!

What about you? How are you doing?

I'm good! I'm doing great

Hey, how are y-



Though I still feel nervous replying sometimes...

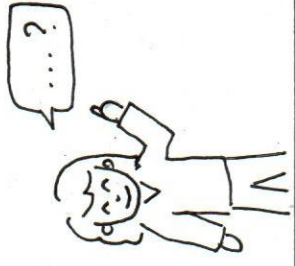
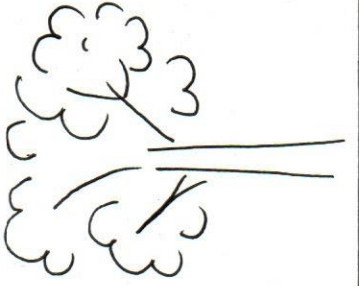
ACT NATURAL, QIEN

Hope I'm doing it right omg ong ong omg

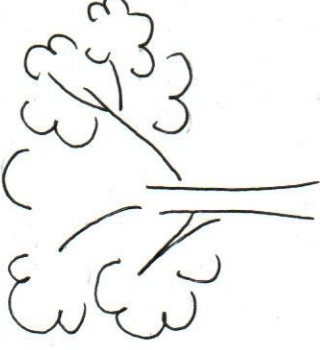


Oh, pretty good, though I spent a pretty long time trying t-

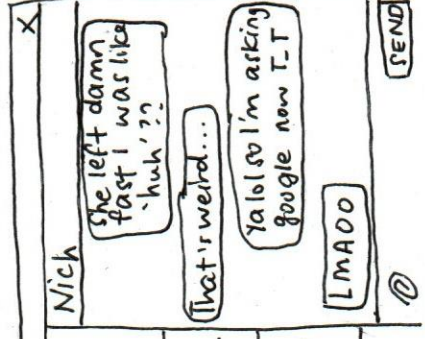
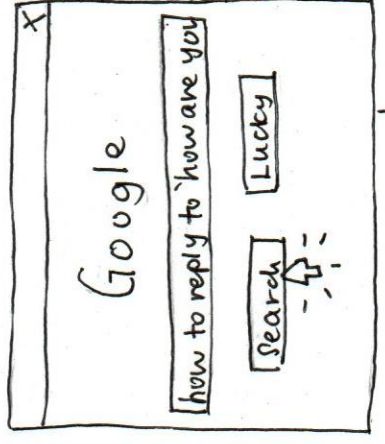
Hey Qi En, how are you?



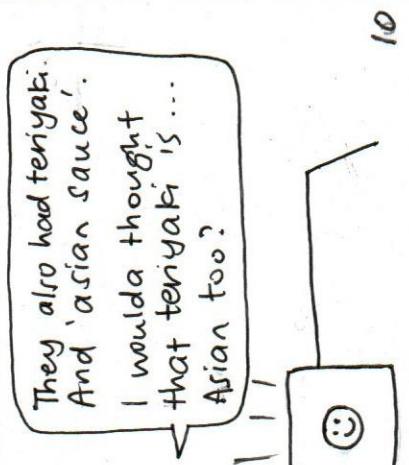
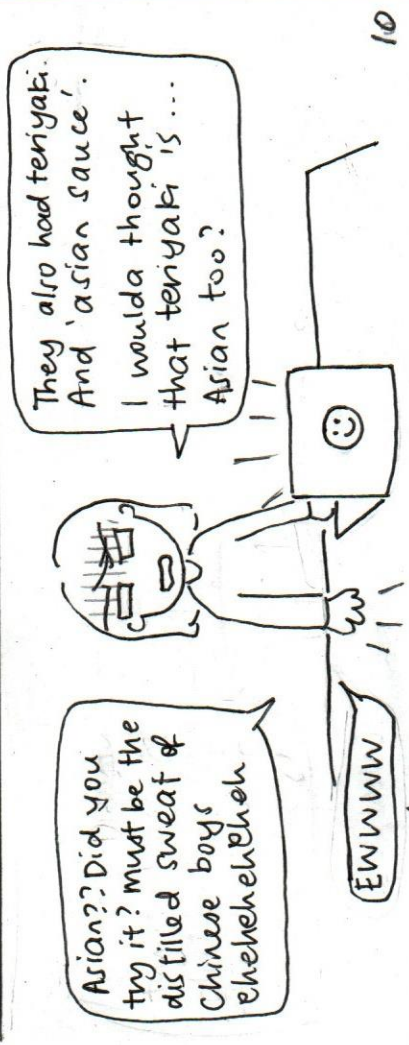
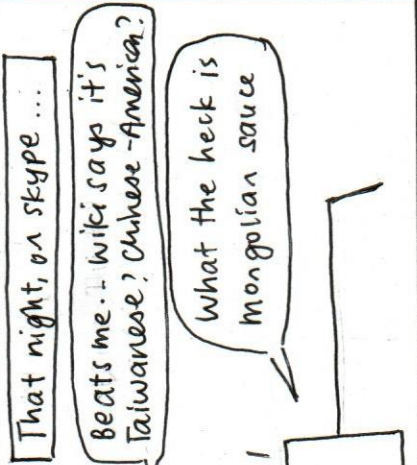
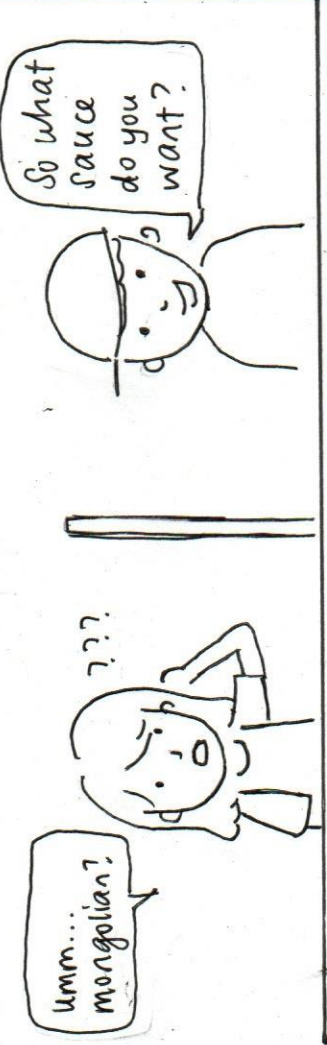
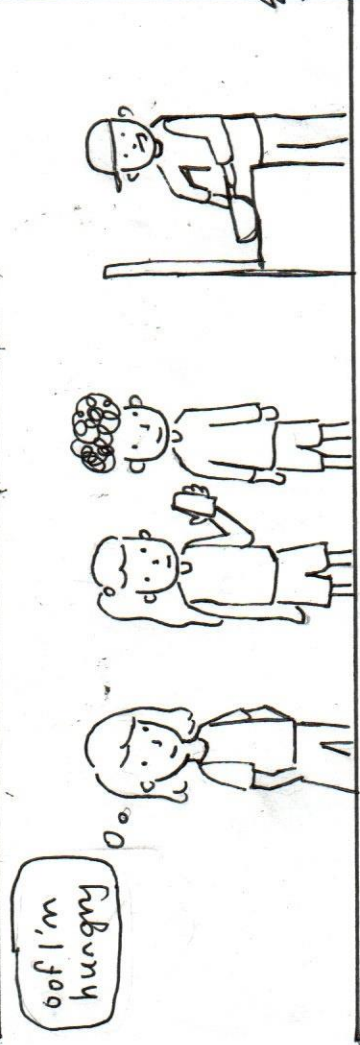
Does she... hate me?



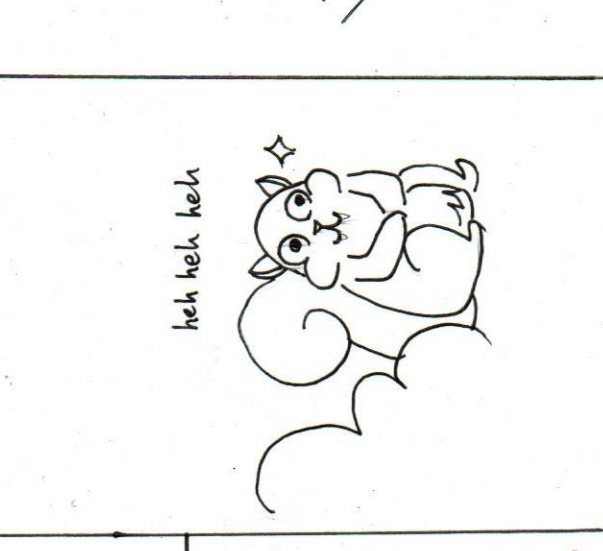
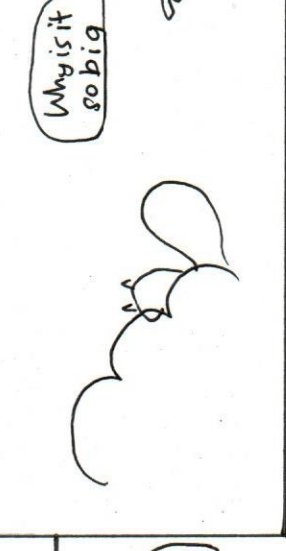
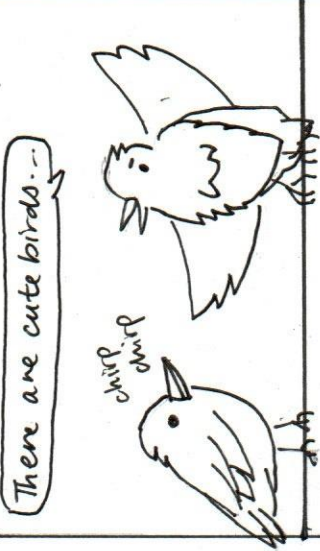
Later that day



Chapter 5: Source of sauce



Chapter 4: Squirrels should not be the size of cats



Chapter 7: Spring Break! — San Francisco



oooh

SF is so pretty!

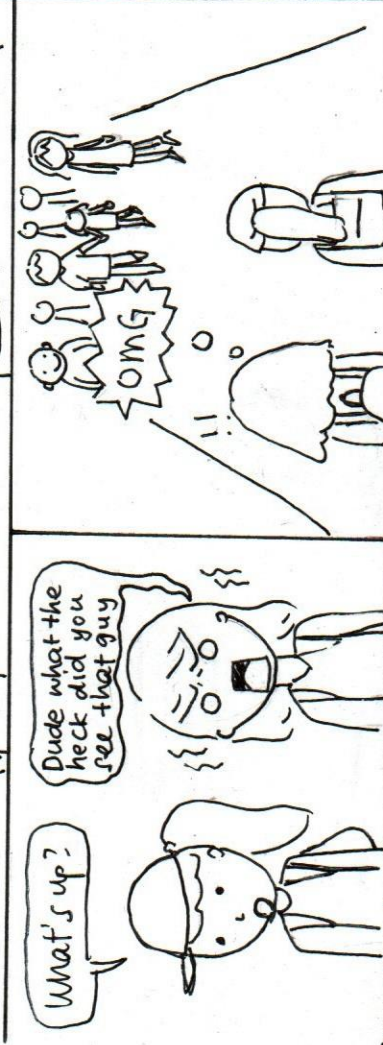
Castro, SF



Lemme take a quick pic

Hey now this rainbow crossing is really cool

Kinda reminds me of that mario kart track!



What's up?

Dude what the heck did you see that guy

OMG



There was a bald guy who literally just wore a sock...

And the sock wasn't even ON his FOOT

what the f-

CENSORED

Chapter 6: You smell nice!



I hope there's still broccoli left

Hey uh this might sound weird, but...



...You smell really nice!

Thanks ha! But I'm pretty sure it's not me...

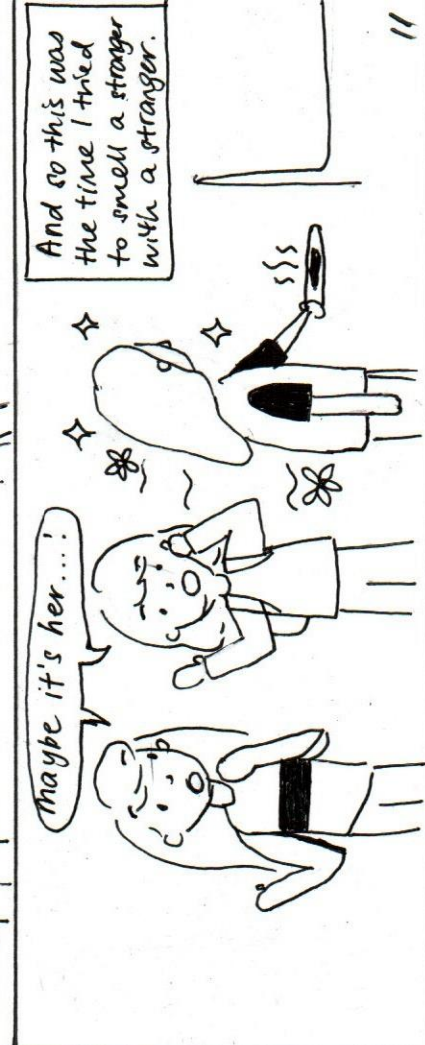


Haha!

I normally smell literally smell like NOTHING

#SNIFF

And so this was the time I tried to smell a stranger with a stranger.



Maybe it's her...!