

Note: As per manga style, please read from RIGHT to LEFT.

$3\frac{1}{2}$ , 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 him 😊

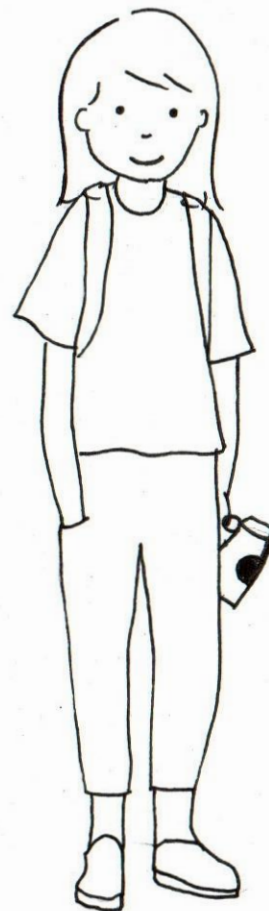
"When I was walking on this island, sometimes I met the wind resting without being tied to anyone, and without worrying about time... I also met the 'winds' who chose this island as their land..."

Thanks for reading!

@iEu (May '19)

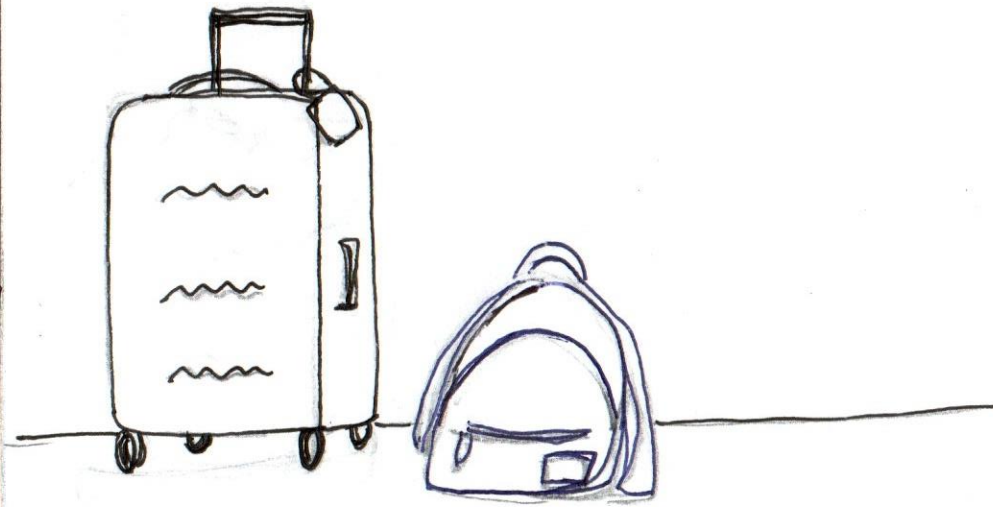
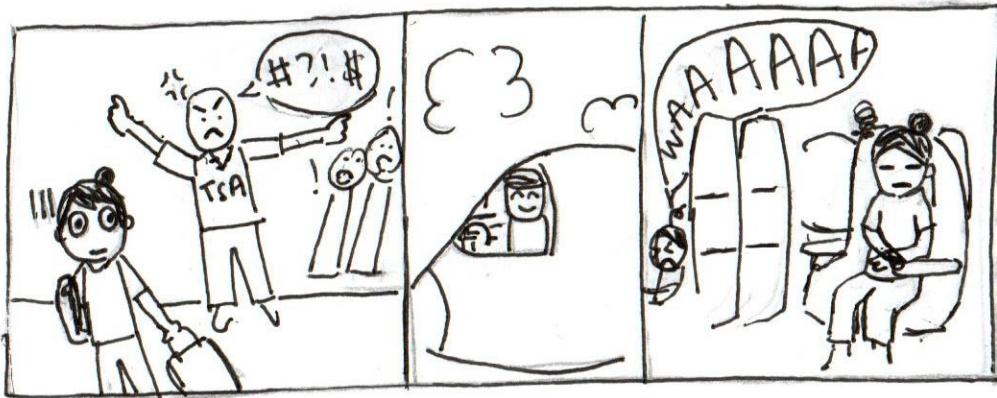
In the place where  
the winds rest

by @iEu



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Chapter 1 : Arrival

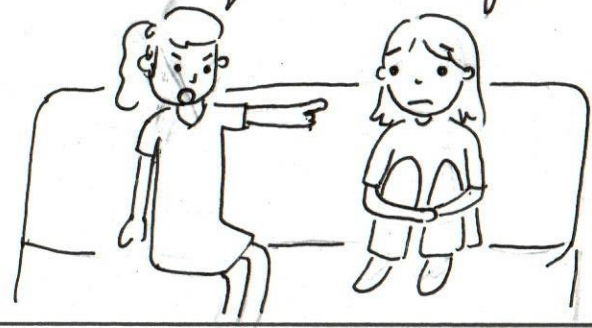


Chapter 2 : My name is...

But no one at Starbucks will understand me-

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

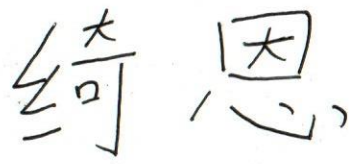
Should I just use a fake name there?



Before leaving for semester abroad...

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

(chinese) →



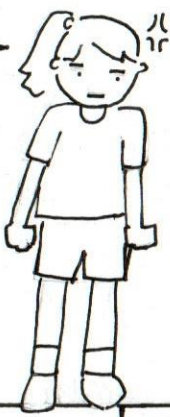
Romanised → ( qí ēn )

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

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

But WHY??

I don't KNOW, Damien!!



Oh it's Chinese -

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

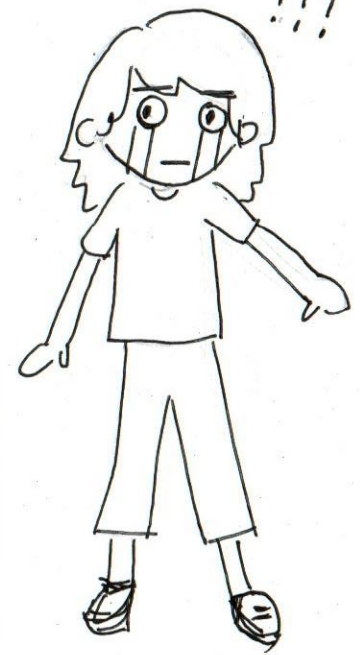


BUT...

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!

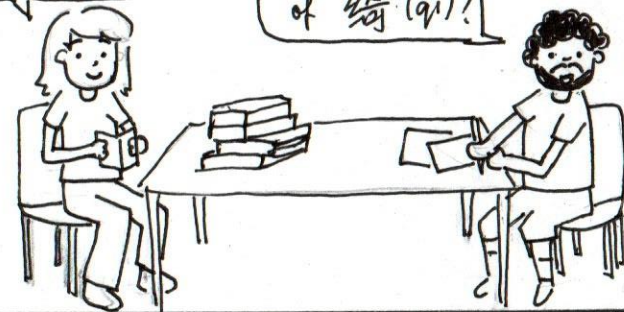
What's up!

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.



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)

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

Hey Qi En, how are you?

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-

...?

Does she... hate me?

Though I still feel nervous replying sometimes...

ACT NATURAL, QI EN

Hope I'm doing it right ong ong ong

Later that day

Google

how to reply to 'how are you'

Search

Lucky

Nich

she left damn fast I was like 'huh'??

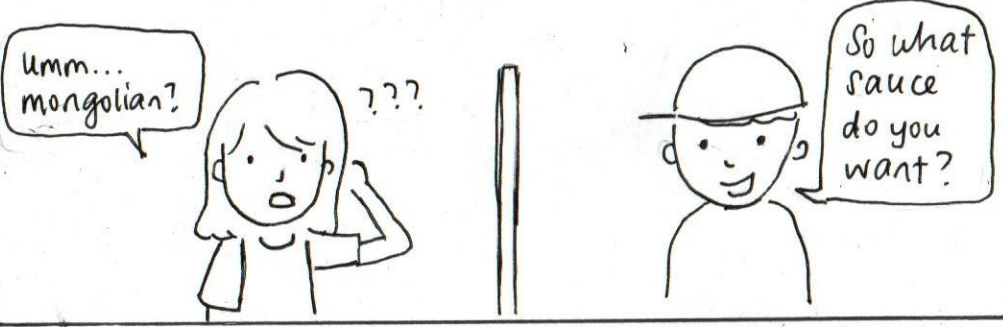
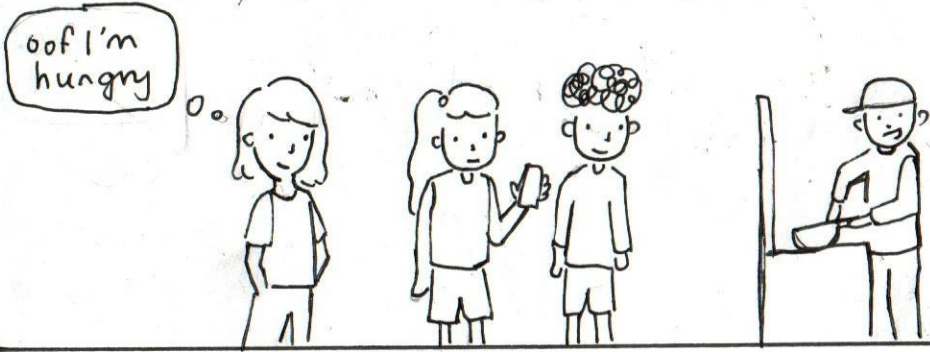
That's weird...

Ya lol so I'm asking google now T.T

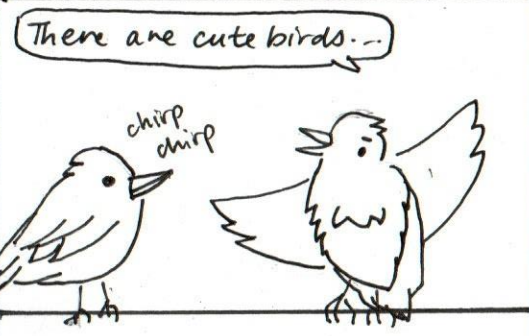
LMAOO

SEND

Chapter 5: Source of sauce

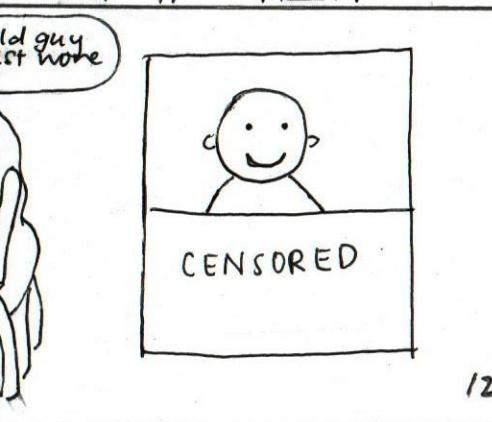
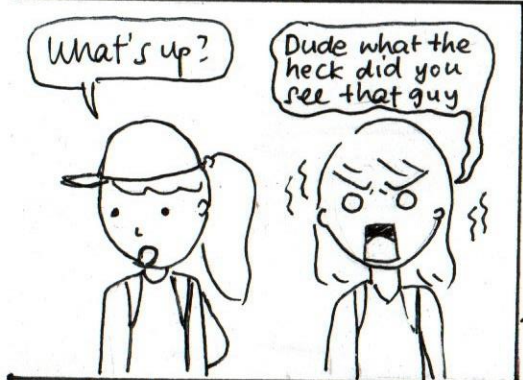
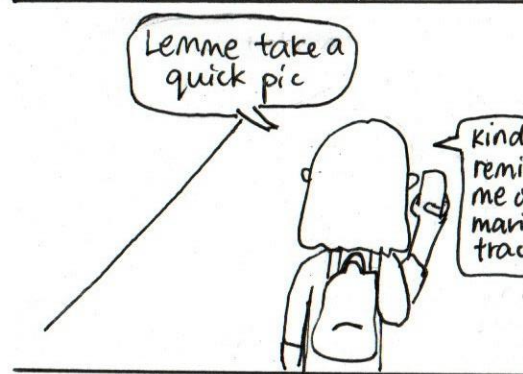


Chapter 4: Squirrels should not be the size of cats



Chapter 7: Spring Break! - San Francisco

Chapter 6: You smell nice!



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