



Chamber

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My grandma told me to wake up and take a bath because my family and I are leaving the Philippines. I got up so quickly I hit my head on the back of the bed. I felt very excited about meeting new friends and learning new things in another country. My grandma cooked my favourite food called 'Bitter Gourd with eggs' I am so lucky to have such a beautiful grandma who likes to take care of me. We are going to Australia but I feel a bit sad because I'm leaving the most beautiful mountains, and the bird's lovely singing. I like to see them and hear them when I wake up in the mornings at my grandparents. But when I get to Australia I will feel happy again. I brought my favourite book, 'The History of the World,' with me. I want to learn new and amazing things and learn about Australia. There was a janitor at the Perth airport who asked me how I felt, and I said I felt a little bit crazy and I nearly tripped up the stairs. There was no smoke in the Perth air, but it was so cold. I first met Chamber at the front door of our house, she's my neighbour. She comes from New Zealand, she is 10, has curly brown hair and is funny like Mr Bean. We like to play tennis together but there is one thing that annoys me about Chamber she thinks I am her servant. When she wins paper, scissors, rock she makes me get her soft drinks and prepare her favourite food called fried banana. She sits lazily on my favourite massage chair playing with my coolest play station. But she is a good friend and we have lots that we do together. After six months of living next door to Chamber, my mum told me that we were going to our new house. I will miss Chamber, even her laziness, because I really like helping her.

I will miss other friends too. It reminds me how I miss my grandma and grandpa. They were always there for me and helped me in every way. I miss my grandma's wonderful soup. Missing people is hard. A good thing is I learnt to play football which Mr Collie taught me how to play. I am happy here at this school because I have teachers that I can always trust, and he is so funny in the class room. Quinten is my new friend who is from New Zealand. Quinten likes to play rugby he is always playing and he is good at it. I asked him to teach me how to play, and he completes my day when he shows me how. Quinten has a different voice, his voice makes me happy and we like to share food in class. Quinten gets very angry when people tease him, but we are good friends and I know I can trust him. I am so lucky that I came to Australia as a kid because my mum can buy me presents. She bought me a new xbox and my favourite games Minecraft, Assassin Creed and Batman Arkham Origins. I hugged my mum so tight because it was my dream to have these things. I thanked my dad too because he bought me a bike so we can go riding together on Sundays. Coming to Australia has been peaceful and good because there is no fighting here and you can work hard. I like to read and learn about Australian history. I bought an ANZAC book because I didn't know what ANZAC meant. I will learn many more facts about Australia, and look forward to reading and learning and having a good life.