

Day 3



Today we wake up a little bit late because we are too tired from yesterday; Alvin's family woke up earlier this time. We are going to bird nest and water cube today, and the king's garden today, it's a long way from here to bird nest so we talk on the road, at last we arrive at the bird nest, my father thought we will go to bird nest first, but his Guess was wrong, actually I think he didn't even use his brain to think first,

because already noon and we still go to bird nest it is something like 37°C

TOO HOT!

why not go swimming, anyway he didn't bring the swimming clothes so he voluntary to take it, we have a long way to go to bird nest's

entrance, & we didn't do anything there, just go to the toilet, eat ice-lolly and take a photo, at least we raced a lap round it, inside you will feel that it is small but from the outside you look at it feeling bigger than ever, but me and Alvin want to be a designer especially for buildings, so the bird nest have a influence on us, speaking of buildings we saw a building that influence me the most, I don't really remember how it goes like but I'm Sure that it's wiggly and curve.

(Water cube at night)



After that we went the Water cube, we found out that it is made

out of **PLASTIC!** We first buy some burgers

hot dogs, because there are no restaurant, not even a **cafe**

at least we got some chips, too, after that we decided to go swimming.



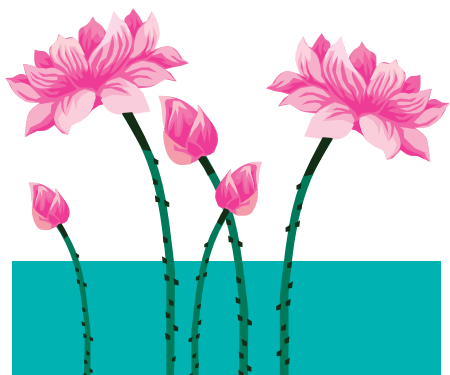
We don't have energy, and for swimming we need to pass a test, 200 meter nonstop, the adults are not good at swimming, so they didn't test. I past it and Alvin too, I figure out why need to test our skills because the water is too

Deep
2m!

At least me and Alvin are good



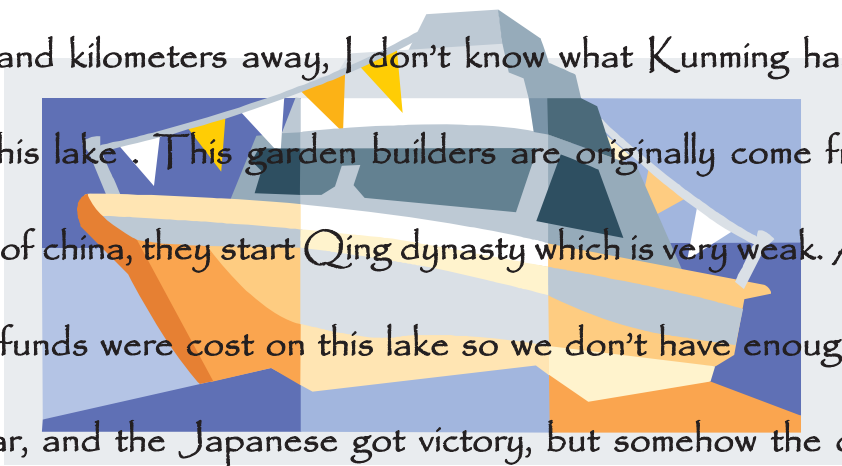
swimmers. First I raced with Alvin but after a while I'm tired of racing, so I made some fun on Alvin, I go to the next lane and swim there myself, and I hide there, eventually he found me but I very tired already, so we just change our clothes and to the next place



we are going to-頤和園 which was the queen's garden. There are many lotus, a lake and a mountain with ancient

houses on it, in the middle of the lake there is a bridge with 17 holes in it so we can cross through, the

middle is the biggest with two small sides, and it is a curve arch bridge, that's why it is called seventeen arch bridge(十七拱橋), it has 500 animal statues with two dragons on each end, dragon is a symbol of power, the bridge links south lake island (南湖島)with a ancient house at the side. The island and the bridge and everything have a long history, and the lake is call Kunming lake (昆明湖) and actually 昆明 is also a name for a city at the southwest direction and thousand kilometers away, I don't know what Kunming has to do with this lake . This garden builders are originally come from the north of china, they start Qing dynasty which is very weak. At first, many funds were cost on this lake so we don't have enough funds for war, and the Japanese got victory, but somehow the dynasty broke down because a 3 year old king was forced to gave up his throne in February 1912 maybe, if his father did not die so early and get to help Qing to survive like other kings in Qing dynasty maybe we are still living in Qing. We hired two boats and we drove





along the lake, the boat is not for children like my brother but we let him, there are many security guard on the lake so when ether a guard is close by it is my turn, but eventually, Jason found out that the guard don't care who is in charge of the

boat so he is not happy because he just drive five times (1time = 4min) eventually we got tired , so we walk to, on the way we blow the 鳥笛 [bird whistle] all the way to seventeen arch bridge, then we saw an elder, he saw us taking photos while he is flying a kite, then he let us fly his kite, on 南湖島 we take pictures mainly ,and on the way back, we watch the sunset, it is about 6:00, I never watch the sunset so carefully in my life, at last it is time to go. Tonight my 乾爸乾媽 are taking us to a dumpling restaurant, how thoughtful,

because today is the most hottest day In Beijing and everyone is suppose to eat dumpling there are almost every kind of dumpling 21/24 of dumplings in China, there are mint, steam dumplings, cabbage and more... .. We just finished very quickly, we thought it is still early when we are at the hotel but actually it is 11:00pm .Alvin goes to APM and me and my family just have a good night sleep.



Day 4

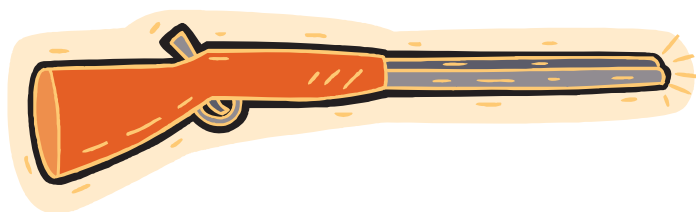
Today Christie and Justin will join our trip, we meet them at the buffet, and they eat a lot of dumplings. I brought a toy down today and I gave it to Christie, she can finish it faster than Alvin, We changed into a bigger van this time, with almost as many seats as a mini bus. And there are more water on the bus so doesn't need to worry much.



Today we are going to the army area, we first take care of Jason hand then we go to the training area and shoot guns only for adults, the noise is too loud so I went far away and on the car, I wish I am on the car first, because it is really comfortable on the car, unlucky as soon as I reach the car the noise is fading away, I sit there a few minutes relaxing then I decided to go out because it is really boring, check if

it is photo time | really want to hold a real gun so never miss photo time,

These guns are heavy!



We eat lunch at the army area, Alvin has a stomach ache, and he has a sore throat too. We play cards after and I won, they already catch up because I know they learn how to play only a week before on their own trip, after that we go to the Great Wall of China, Beijing's point.



The Great Wall of China


When the states were at war, the Chinese built massive walls to protect themselves, within their own land. But enemies outside China were also a constant threat. For centuries the north had

disturbed the settle farmers, stealing crops and kidnapping women and children. These mountain nomads drove their cattle, sheep and goats from one grazing place, moving quickly out of reach when pursued. The ancient Chinese began to build barriers to keep out the barbarians. The emperor 秦始皇 also the ever first



emperor of China order his subjects to join up and lengthen the walls along the northern boundary. The resulting barricade said to stretch a distance of 10,000 哩 (a Chinese unit of length) was a legendary achievement. Many laborers died while building the wall, but their lives don't worth building the wall because the wall break up a little bit and repair in Ming dynasty.



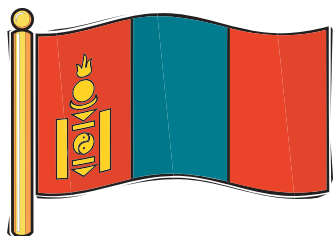


*The wall snaked down mountains and across desert plains, no accurate record remain of its original length.

*When a friend or foe has arrived, the watchers send smoke and flag during day, and fire at night, drum sounds when misty.

*We play the wind blows, we get to say a description ex. the wind blows people who have a brother (description) and the one who have brother goes to another seat if there aren't any more seats, the left one out who is not sitting loses, we also play hamburger, you put your hand as stone scissor and cloth stone smash scissor, scissor cut the cloth, and the cloth wrap the stone, ex. (Alvin)stone(James)scissor, so James need to put his hand on something, and with some win and some loses the hands stack up like a hamburger, and the last one gets to hit, the one who has been hit loses , I went there before when I am still four, this is Alvin's first time in Beijing, and Christie just come here in April and there isn't much difference, their family decided to come because they heard

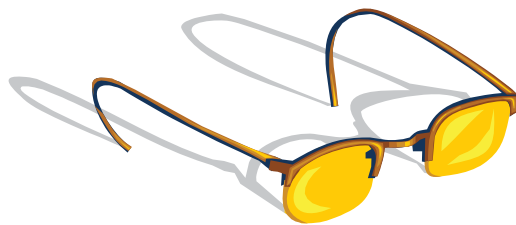
that we are coming to Beijing and they are at inner Mongolia so they take the plane to join us, we decided to climb to top with a stone writing 好漢, there is a saying you must get to go to the long



wall, at once, and the most part of the great wall are hills and plains so there are many people here. We spend time racing while

the adults made a photo cartoon, my brother Jason went to the other side to play bubbles, my dad said he heard somebody the way to the slide car is the other way my father told us we can slide down there so we went the other way,

we found secret passageways which always lead to the



entrance of it, after a while they got tired and worn out but I am not going to stop, so I end up being the first one in one small group to be 好漢 . We reach the top, we found out that the slide car was closed so we take pictures of the whole group of us, we get to press

the button like a toy car and it takes a photo, and then we have fun climbing rocks, on the way back we play games because we are running at first, and Alvin lost, it seemed that it is faster when we go down, when we all reach the floor . We all start panicking and yelling in crazy languages | am tired | guess | won't be using the same sun glasses next year because | accidentally drop it five times and a high chance to break, we play hamburger and we are going to eat with 乾爸乾媽 again it is hard for them to keep up every day and 乾媽 has just fainted in the morning so it is very nice of her.

