



THE ADVENTURERS

Ep 2 of 12 Kaplan Welcomes You to Singapore



The distance between Hanoi and Singapore is 2,207 kilometres. That's 2,207 kilometres away from my family, childhood friends, and the places I love.



Before I boarded the plane, Me* said that I would be so caught up in making new friends from the moment I land that I would quickly forget about everything I had left behind in Hanoi.



My brother Duy said I would play my guitar and eat on my bed every day in my new accommodation.



Ba* disagreed. He said I would visit all the places of interest in Singapore and I wouldn't even stay in my new room for a minute.



They were joking, of course.



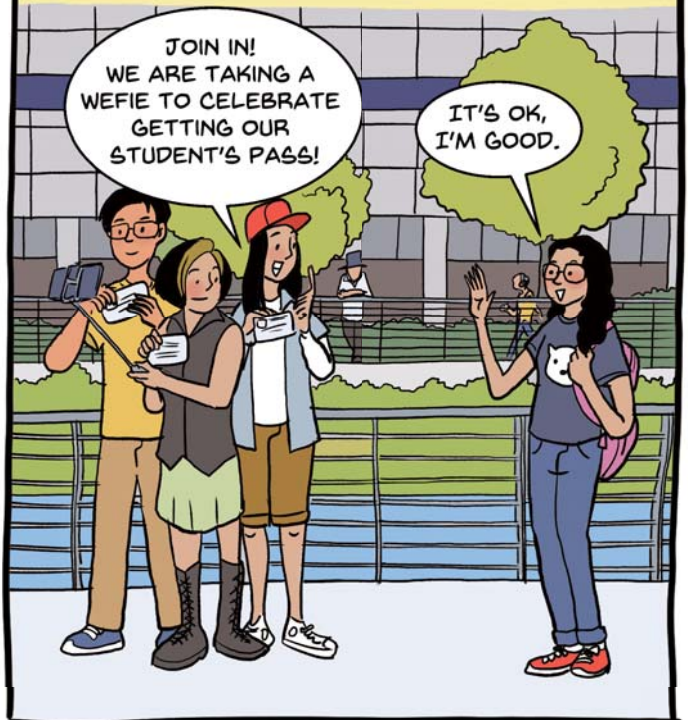
I am actually shy by nature.



I avoid standing out from the crowd.



I feel uneasy and awkward at large social gatherings.



By the time the Welcome Orientation came around, I couldn't wait for the school term to start, so that I could focus on studying and not have to deal with these feelings of not fitting in and loneliness.

... TAKE NOTE THAT YOU MUST ATTEND AT LEAST 3 HOURS OF CLASSES EVERY DAY, 5 DAYS A WEEK, OTHERWISE, YOUR STUDENT'S PASS WILL BE REVOKED.



And not forgetting the fact that I had yet to meet my roommate. What if we can't get along? What if I don't like her? What if she doesn't like me?



As it turned out, my fears were unfounded. From the moment we met, I could tell that she was warm, kind, and above all, sincere.

HI! YOU MUST BE AI DO, MY NEW ROOMMATE.



And I didn't feel so lonely anymore.

I'M YILIN. NICE TO MEET YOU.



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