

My Summer Holiday

During this Easter holiday, I went to a lot of places. But I'm going to talk about the 5-day journey that I had in Korea.

First, I planned all the places that I was going to visit. Then, I went ahead and booked the aeroplane tickets for my mom and me. After some weeks, I packed my luggage and went to the airport.

First, I went and checked in the luggage that I had. Then I used the airport metro to get to the second terminal. It took some time to search for the boarding gate, but after that, I made it to the airplane boarding gate. I hopped on the plane and it took off. It was frightening because in the past six years, I haven't even got on an airplane. So, it was just a new experience of getting on a plane. Four hours later we landed in Seoul, Korea. I got off the plane and the temperature there was not as hot as it is in Hong Kong. I was getting used to this temperature because in Hong Kong, the temperature is boiling. When I walked into the airport, there was not a single word of Chinese. And I know nothing about Korean, so this was terrifying for me and made me think about how can I communicate with the Koreans. It was a challenge for me. I used my pocket money to get some lunch and went to the airport metro station.

Another thing that I found out at the airport was that the metro map there makes me dizzy. It was full of metro stations and exchange stations. And it was full of Korean words that I didn't know. Eventually, I found the right metro line to travel to the hotel. I was carrying my heavy luggage, I was walking slower than everyone else. After checking in at the hotel, I was finally able to rest.

At night, I walked down these night markets that were filled with Korean food and Korean restaurants. It was different from Hong Kong. I sat down and ate the delicious Korean food that I just bought. I ordered some chicken skewers and soba noodles. I took my first bite out of it, and my mouth was filled with water. I can't believe Korean food was so delicious. I went back to the hotel to shower and rest. This was my first day.

On the second day I joined a local tour and visited some buildings of Korea. I've not seen these spectacular buildings in my life before. So, it was also a new experience for me. The first building that I visited was called "Seoul N Tower". Which was built on a mountain. We had to take a cable car up there. But the queue was two hours long! So, the travel guide decided to walk the mountain up to the tower. I was able to get into the tower to see the spectacular view of Seoul. I'd say that a 30-minute walk up the mountain was worth it anyway.

The second tower that I visited was called the "Lotte Tower", which was 555m high. We had to take a high-speed elevator up to the top. The Lotte Tower was built on the south side of Seoul. So, it was a new view for me. Also, we could see small people running down the busiest streets in Korea. Well, we were taking the high-speed elevator down. The elevator was slightly shocked, because there was a small earthquake that was happening in Korea. We were fine and we didn't get injured. I took some beautiful pictures of Korea's landscape and I called it a day. Although we didn't taste any special food. At least the tour was perfect.

The next day I went to go to this theme park called "The Everland Theme Park". It was themed after the panda which was a special animal in this theme park. There was also a zoo

inside. There were roller coasters, pirate boats and many other amusement rides. I went on this roller coaster, which was one of the most frightening rides in the park. I sat down with a terrified heart, and I stepped on the ride. I grabbed the handle, and the rollercoaster started running. I felt a bit of centrifugal force at first and I conquered it a few moments later. I screamed at the top of my lungs, and the roller coaster finally came to a stop. I thought that this was the most unforgettable experience I have had with roller coasters. And then came the sunset.

This was the last day of my journey. I went to the Lotte amusement park. And we went inside because the amusement park is as big as 5 football fields. The size of this park is horrendous. There was a hot balloon ride for you to sit on the building and a tour around the whole park. It was an amazing experience to see the outside landscape and the inside landscape of the park. There was this water ride that my mom told me to try. This water ride was five minutes long but it didn't have any frightening parts. It was just an experience and floating on water. Because the music park is so big that I had to spend a whole day inside of it to walk around it. Sometimes I even got lost with my mom. At night, I went to this traditional Korean restaurant, and it was packed with Korean-style things.

Happy moments can fly by so fast, so as this trip to Korea. I had to say goodbye on the last day, and I went back to Hong Kong. It was an unforgettable experience. I hope that I can travel around the world and experience the traditions of all countries, so that I can visit the most famous attractions around the world. This is my wish for my travel journey. Although Korea is not specified in these very big Easter events, this made my whole Easter holiday a better experience. And this is my journey around Korea.

My Christmas holiday

During my Christmas holidays, I went on a short trip with my friends. We tried many exciting games and got a great holiday.

We went to Guangzhou from 25 December to 27 December, and we had our Christmas there.

On the day we started, I was very excited because I could meet my friends - Julia, Natalie and Angel, we kept playing while we were travelling on the bus.

When we arrived, we put our luggage at the hotel and quickly went to the Ski Resort. We wore many warm clothes and jackets because it was -6°C there, but after we wore those heavy clothes, we felt very hot, which made people feel tired.

When we got in to the ski facility, it was extremely cold, it seems that I will turn into ice if I didn't wear those heavy, warm clothes. The ski facility has different parts. One of them is just for playing, another is for skiing practicing.

On the first day, we played in the Ski Resort. There are many games like the ice slide, zip line... I played the ice slide, and it was exciting.

On the second day, we finished our breakfast quickly and went to the Ski Resort again. We got in the ski facility again, because we went skiing that day. Our mom invited a skiing instructor to teach us the steps of skiing. First, we put on the freeride and a helmet. Next, we got on to a ski escalator, which helped us go upward to the dry slope, just slide down and stop by snow plough. It was really fun when you slide down, because it took a high speed, and it was very exciting. But be careful as you need to stop by snow plough when you are sliding too fast. You may hurt the others if you don't stop.

My friend Julia didn't use snow plough very well, so she crushed me and others.

It was really fun to have a great experience like this, and we also met the P.5 students there.

After that, we went to an indoor playground. We met our classmate with his cousins there, we played together. Angel and I played extremely exciting activities there, we took on a harness and a helmet, and we needed to cross the obstacles at the 7.4 metres high. There was just a few Iron pestle for stepping and there were some swings that you need to walk on it, we were very scared at first, but we got the secret so that we can pass the obstacles easily, which was a good experience too. Unfortunately, Julia and Natalie were scared and didn't join that with us.

We have got a great trip in these few days. Hope we will have good marks in the exam after the holiday.

6S Alyssa

Today is the day of our school picnic—the weather was perfect for an outdoor adventure, sunny but still a bit windy. Our grade had come to a countryside grassland with a few facilities, for example, a restaurant, some parks, and a few courts for us to play different sports.

We arrived at the park with excitement—students carried bags of food, games, and unlimited energy. Our teachers had us split into groups of 5-6, and everyone started to disperse and explore with their groups.

I turned my head and looked at the grassland. Children ran through the open fields carelessly, and their voices were ringing as they played games and enjoyed the sunlight. The field was a beautiful green, with towering trees and an open grassland. Laughter and chatter filled the air as the students played games, flew kites, and ran races.

My group first went to the volleyball and basketball court. We played volleyball with another group from our class. After a short while, our class teacher joined us and volunteered to help us count our scores in a friendly match.

We set 15 points as the game point and our side to start the match. I stood back at the baseline and tossed the ball high in the air, following up by hitting it across the net. They tried to receive it, but it flew out of bounds and landed a point for my team.

We continued serving and playing rallies, trying hard to keep the game going for as long as possible, savoring these exhilarating and delightful moments. At last, my team won 15-11.

We sat down and rested for a while and took out some of our snacks to eat. My group and I left the court a moment later and headed to the cafeteria. We went to the cafe to buy food; I got a frozen pineapple and a can of Coca-Cola. We sat down and finished our food, idle chatter coming from our table.

As the afternoon began to sink in the sky, we gathered back at the grassland for the highlight of the day—our class came together for a series of fun activities. There was a three-legged race that led to fit of laughter and a tug-of-war that displayed our strength as students.

As the sun set, it was time to pack up and return to school. We returned home with delightful memories and a deeper connection with classmates and teachers.

The annual school picnic again brought the community together in a day of joy and laughter, allowing the teachers to connect with the students outside the classroom.

This picnic was a chance for us to learn about teamwork, sharing, and enjoying the beauty of the natural world. I hope we can still have such enjoyable picnics in secondary school.

65 Alyssa

'Ugh.. my head hurts..' the confused young man named Sebastian awakes, squinting and rubbing his eyes to clear his view. He opened his eyes to a vast blue sea and the bright sun.

Sebastian paused for a moment, then he remembered what had happened, and sat up on the sandy ground right away. He looks around and finds himself stranded on a deserted island, he was on his ship to Italy when an unexpected tsunami hit, causing him to get caught in a shipwreck.

Sebastian checked his watch for the time and date, luckily it was a waterproof watch. It was the day after he left for Italy, July 17th. He decided to go look for shelter and food.

Sebastian went into the forest behind him, searching the trees for any type of fruit and any source of shelter. After a while of searching, he made a makeshift basket with a couple of banana leaves, with multiple types of fruit inside, and a torch made of sticks of wood tied together with vines. While he was holding a basket full of fruits and a bright torch, he was searching for a place to rest, preferably a cave. Sebastian hadn't ventured too far deep, not wanting to get lost inside.

Shortly later, Sebastian stumbled upon some ruins. He went towards them and found a flight of stairs leading underground, he contemplated for a moment if he should go down. But he looked down at his watch, it wasn't early, and he needed to rest, so he went down the stairs.

What Sebastian found inside was shocking, a full place of gold and treasures. 'Woah' he thought. He set down his basket of fruits against the wall and started to explore the treasure, the torch as his only source of light. He looked around for a while and found some unlit torches on the wall to light up. On the way back to his fruits, he somehow found, a pillow? He decided to take the soft pillow to sleep with before going back to his fruits, he was starving after a full day of exploring. He picked up the basket and sat down on the floor.

Sebastian started eating the fruits, he didn't even care if they weren't properly cleaned, he was eating like a hungry beast. In no time, all the fruits were finished. 'Oh no, I finished them all already? Oh well, I'll just go get some more tomorrow.' he seemed to think nothing of the fact that he had no more food, and fell asleep.

When Sebastian woke up, he checked his watch and saw it was already the 20th of July, his eyes widened in shock, and sat up straight 'How is it already the 20th? And it's already the evening? I arrived on the 17th, and fell asleep for 3 days?! It must've been the pillow, it was so comfortable.' he gets lost in thought but realizes his stomach is rumbling, so he goes out to get some more fruits and wood, mentally remembering where this dungeon is.

He goes out to pick fruits into his basket and quickly walks back to the dungeon. When he gets back inside, he sits down and eats his fruits, wanting to leave a few for the next day, he was planning on searching for help. After a while, he continued to look around in the dungeon with his torch.

Walking around, Sebastian found gold necklaces, rings, and many other artifacts. He took some of these treasures along with him until he found a magnificent mirror. The frame was made of diamonds and emeralds, it looked like small dragons flying around, the eyes were made of emeralds, while the body was made of clear diamond. On top of the frame, was a big pearl implanted in the frame. He looked down at the mirror and found his reflection to be

clearer than any camera ever seen, it was as if someone cleaned it daily.

He seemed to be so mesmerized in looking at the mirror, that it seemed he didn't even notice his torch lost its fire, the only light left was the dimly lit torches on the wall. He was awoken from his trance by some whispers.

"They're inside here! This is it! The treasures of the seven deadly sins!"

"Oh, we're going to be so rich!"

Hearing these whispers made Sebastian curious, and he turned his head to where the sound was coming from. *'The seven deadly sins?'* he thought. He walked closer to where the whispers were heard, and he hid behind the treasures to spy on them.

"Remember, don't take off your mask, don't directly touch the treasures, use a cloth." the taller man said. The other pointed at the mirror "There it is! The mirror of Asmodeus!" He then used a big piece of cloth to cover the whole thing and took it away. The taller man walked towards the pillow and said. "The pillow of Belphegor! Take as many treasures as you can!"

Sebastian then realized he could ask these men to save him from this island and go back to his home, so he came out behind his hiding spot and said, "Excuse me?"

The two men turned their heads toward Sebastian, and said "Who are you?!" Sebastian put up his hands and replied "I'm Sebastian, I got stranded on this island after a shipwreck. Please, save me from this island."

The two men looked at each other and nodded. "We will take you back." Sebastian put down his hands and bowed "Thank you so much! But I want to ask, what did you mean by 'the treasures of the seven deadly sins'?"

The taller man replied, "We will tell you on the ship, follow us. Ah, right, my name is Owen." Owen pointed at the other man and said, "His name is Beck." and he started walking to the exit. Sebastian took his basket of fruits and followed them, but when he tried to walk out, he hit something causing him to not be able to walk out.

The two men looked back at Sebastian, and asked him "Did you touch the treasures? Do you have them on you right now?" Sebastian looked up at them and replied "Yes, I have a few rings and necklaces in my pocket, why?"

Beck then said "If you directly touch the treasures and try to take them away, then you won't be able to get out unless you put them back. And since you touched the treasure, you've been affected by Mammon, the demon of greed, and it'll be hard for you to be able to put it down. So think about it, either you put them back and you can leave, or stay trapped here forever."

Sebastian then widened his eyes and took out the treasures to hold them in his hand, he walked back inside and put down the treasures. He walked to the exit and fought the urge to go back and take them with him, he quickly walked to the exit and left the dungeon.

He followed the two men to their ship and they left the island. Sebastian looked at his watch for the time and saw it was already the 21st of July. Sebastian panicked for a second then asked them, "So can you explain what that dungeon was?"

Owen answered "Inside were the treasures of seven deadly sins, The mirror of Asmodeus makes the person who looks at their reflection trapped in a trance, causing them to not be able to look away for a long time, but they don't realize how long they've been staring

at the mirror. The pillow of Belphegor makes the person who uses it fall into a deep sleep, and they could be asleep for days at a time. If you touch the treasures without something like a glove or cloth, you get affected by Mammon, the demon of greed as we told you. And it makes you want to take away all of the treasures inside and not be able to let go of them and as a way of 'punishing' you, you can't leave unless you put them back."

Owen then continued "If you breathe in the air inside without the gas masks we had on earlier, you get affected by the demon of gluttony, making you want to eat everything, and if you stay for a long time, you'll start eating anything you see. Also, you'd start feeling envious that the treasures aren't yours because of the demons of envy. Become angry because of the demon of wrath, but also look down on everyone who didn't find the treasures because of the demon of pride. You'd feel very conflicted, and eventually, it would drive you crazy. Luckily, it seems you haven't stayed inside for too long."

Sebastian stayed quiet for a moment, lowering his head to process everything Owen just said. "I have a question," Beck asked. Sebastian just hummed, signaling him to continue. "Do you just trust anyone you meet?"

Sebastian then replied, "I don't trust just anyone, but I wanted to leave the island as soon as possible."

Owen then takes Sebastian's collar and hangs him on the edge of the ship. "Are all humans this naive? Fun fact, we're demons. You tried to take the precious treasures of the lord Mammon, so he sent us to deal with you." Owen had a sinister grin on his face, Beck had stopped the ship, so they were in the middle of the sea.

Sebastian's face was filled with shock, as Owen threw him off the ship. Sebastian hung tightly onto the ship, not wanting to fall. "No... please, don't do this!" he tried to fight for his life, but his hands eventually slipped and he fell into the big body of water.

Sebastian fights for his life as he struggles to keep his head above water. Despite his efforts, he begins to feel weak and tired as the current sweeps him out to sea. He feels his lungs filling with water, and he knows that this is the end. As his vision begins to fade, he thinks of the life he lived and the people he loved. The last thing he saw was the two men who said they would save him. As he loses consciousness, he finally succumbs to the water and accepts his fate.