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Adventure

It never crossed my mind, my father remarried someone new and he has children. I was so confused and upset. My older sister accidentally heard our relatives had been talking about that. I wonder why my mom never tell us. My parents divorced a couple years ago but I knew that a year after that. My mother doesn't like to talk about my father. I live with my mom and my sister in Okinawa since I was 6 years old. He was funny and sloppy, also his sneeze and laughter were toooooo loud. It is no exaggeration to say that you can hear his sneeze in parking spot even if he sneezes on the 7th floor of the apartment. I guess my mom doesn't like him but I like him because my dad is only him no matter what.

I don't get along with my mom, whereas my sis and I are so close. I used to go home around 10:30 pm because I had a cram school, I used to study there everyday so as to pass the entrance examination for university. Moreover, my mom is busy working and housework thus we started to argue more and more. We were not honest with each other. I liked to be with friends or sister. My friends are so cool, what is more, they always accept all of me. I cannot get enough of them, also I am into basketball. I have played basketball for 10 years, I had been role of captain in elementary school and middle school, furthermore, I was sub captain in high school. I learned everything from basketball such as patience, leadership, cooperativeness and so on. On condition that I didn't play it, there is not what I am. In particular, I am so close family friends

with my middle school basketball club members and the coaches, we often gathered my house. The experience which I got through basketball is invaluable for me.

My friends made my school life amazing. I used to go to Naha Kokusai high school which is preparatory school, it starts at 7:30am and ends 5:00pm, after that, I used to have a basketball practice everyday, after that, I used to go to cram school. Classes were hard but I enjoyed thanks to my great friends. The most enjoyable thing is Sports Day, which is like a school event, and all students are divided into three groups, which are red, blue and yellow, and we compete by team performance, mock cavalry battle, relays, etc. the special feature of Sports Day is that we made everything by ourselves. I was a leader of the yellow group and all of girls, and I thought about composition of team performance and I did emcee! Group performance was a highlight of Sports Day so I had stayed everyday after school and discussed with senior leaders. As a result, we got first place in the group performance and got the overall title!!! We felt a sense of accomplishment, I never forget.

I am good at studying as I got the 2nd prize in private university aspirants in Japan. I was very happy because it is incredible. There are lots of intelligent person in my school, about 25 students go to study abroad every year in my high school, that was so stimulating.

The impetus for liking English was English song. I was into Tayler Swift, Justin Bieber, Cher Lloyd and so on when I was 11. I always song loudly “We Never Ever Getting Back Together” and I was warned by my mom. Anyway, I have been interested in English since I was little. My study abroad system is unique and Okinawa prefecture pays for costs. I have passed exam and interviews so I am able to be here. When I had come here, I was surprised everything, race, buildings, people, nature and culture. First of all, most Japanese don’t wear the clothes they want to wear because they care about their figure and appearance, on the other hands, people

here don't seem to care about that not so much. I think it is awesome that they accept and respect them each other. Second, I was surprised that students were eating sweets and using phone during class because that is forbidden at Japanese school.

Third, my English is much worse than I thought. I cannot understand what they said. if they speak fast or have accent. I am frustrated with myself because I can't say what I want to say in English, I naturally play shy character. There are not only people here who are kind to me and help me, but also who laugh at me and ignore my help. I don't care too much, but it's completely different from my school life in Okinawa. I realized how difficult to be myself in any situation, but I don't regret coming here, and I enjoy school life in US. The hardest thing is not being able to meet my boyfriend. He is special for me because he always makes me happy. He is funny, kind and sincere. The time with him was the most fun for me. I miss him but I am looking forward to growing up and meet him.

it's sometime hard, but I like here and I have no regret about coming study abroad. I believe my English will be better, and the day will come when I can talk to my friends and my host family without struggling with English. I am sure this year will make me strong. This year is an ADVENTURE!!!

To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.