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Thanks to my parents and teachers for enriching and encouraging me to write, bringing my thoughts to life, capturing exciting and detective lines while extending stories into fiction.

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Chapter 1

Can I count on Ziya to Change?

I immediately thought that “this question was about us as a class to change instead of Ziya.” “After the *Chad hate club* and the lunch table disputes,” “could we really do the big projects?” With all the violence happening in our classroom, could we recover from all that violence and work on big projects? Gaging time limits were not on our side, it may have seemed difficult but at the end, we could do anything we put our minds to do” said Jason to Eric and Brandon. “I think Ziya can do the same, but first, he has to decide to change.”

“If he becomes aware of what he is missing out on and how bad others are hurting him, he will want to change.” “I thought if he took it step by step towards becoming friendly and nicer towards us, with time he would finally discover the things he is missing out on.”

What we decided to do was to come together as one and start over by nurturing each other’s idea and maybe we’ll notice there wasn’t anything wrong but to understand one another, said Jason to the Beekeepers and the Farmers. Brian kept to himself while identifying points for improvement. If they took actions and wrote down five positive tips such as making sure, they document each chapter and sections on their daily journals, new terms and words to research, homework assigned to that topic, diagrams or images and due dates, then they will all make it through to the next class.

Music and drama were special and had trivia or papers to write about the performer(s) or artist(s). The

performers range from singers to instrument players, specific roles in orchestra music and what instruments they play. The study of sounds and dynamics involves producing vibrating sounds at certain intervals while coordinating the frequencies and resonance through different mediums made all the difference.

There were moments when they actually extent their imaginations to reach the skies. The possibilities of flying planes and making appearances in different locations around the globe to perform to crowds.

Others use this as a career path to become future pilots, traveling enormous distances for short periods of time to transport flyers or commercial goods from one location to another. Life on the islands brought back memories of indulging oneself in either watersports, manufacturing or restaurant chores. The grounds were kept in order and fruit trees attract colorful birds and bats

making marvelous sounds. The waves made running noises flowing through pebbles and rocks rushing with rhythmic synchronizing sounds throughout the day on the beach. Picking shells from different shellfish and coral reefs with distinct colors and shapes would easily identify what specific shellfish later.

Volleyball and water Frisbees kept the days rolling while we made sure to do our share of chores to pay for our stay in these wonderful resorts. In the evening it was time to take pictures or video tape scenery, capturing memorable moments and the different food they offered. “All we could do is to make sure we capture 2 to 3 paragraphs about our destinations, and we’ll revisit them to expand on when we get back home,” said Nik and Brian to the group.

Chapter 2

Were there any signs of Ziya blaming his parents for what had happened to him?

They all had questions to ask to resolve any issues amongst themselves about what the profound issues were all about. Ziya, being a new student who just transferred to our class, there were signs that he misses his old school and friends. Jason mentioned to his friends “If only Ziya could make new friends quickly, then he would not feel sad or blame his parents for moving him into a new school which coincidentally he happens to be his classmate.”

Ziya could not change the pass “but could definitely change his future by becoming friendly and join the fun especially in ‘*writing short stories and acting scripts club*’ to which we belonged,” said Jason. In case he was first harassed by his parents, he could have told the police or his school counselors instead of being like the *Chad hate club*. No matter how bad his parents were to him, he should have been nice as much as he wanted them to be towards him and others.

I found similarities to those of Philip and Timothy in the biblical stories as taught in our Sunday school lessons where Philip had said “he blamed his mother for putting him in the cave, and Timothy had responded “that the blame was that of the Nazis’ who started and Ziya had to realize that he was somewhat responsible for the mess he is in.”

In order for me to get his version of the story, I had to interview him firsthand to get his point of view and find ways we could resolve the issues before his parents find out. We had to be quiet about our conversion knowing “that being a new student in our school, we may accidentally transfer our school issues to home which could keep our parents uncomfortable.” We both had a long talk while playing board games and thinking of our friends when I pop the question “how were things going on at schools since you have just been here for a few weeks now?” Ask Jason to Ziya. Jason mentioned that, “Keeping up with class schedules and homework kept him out of trouble and could join in with the other students to play during recess and tag with one another.

“If you don’t what to change, then it’s your fault not your parents and you would have to forgive your parents for their decisions and if you do that, then it will be a win-win situation for both you and your parents,” say Jason to

Ziya. “They refreshed their hearts, relieved their brains and enlighten their souls.” If you take the circle of justice seriously, then, you wouldn’t have to blame anyone, anymore, anywhere and hope for the best.

My conclusion was that “what Ziya was go through was because he blamed his parents for changing school, and he could always make the choice to do well not bad.” And no one could decide what Ziya’s outcome and fate is going to be. “He is old enough to be responsible for his action when questioned by his parent who he had to seek guidance from.” On Monday, when we got to school, I made sure he met with the team of friend whom we wrote short stories to come up with topics and extend our conversations the way we had anticipated things to go although we were faced with new happenings and had to come up with fun ideas how to avoid taking mishaps seriously.

Snacking with others and having lunch together gave us time to get to know one another and socialize in a smaller group while we followed up with our topics of storylines at home. Riding the bus together and walking home with other students from our neighborhood kept us close and friendly with one another. Those were the best times to think of what we'll have for snack before dinner was ready.

My twin brother Brian and I were not the last to get home from the bus stop. Jeff, Ben and Mathew were the last to get home since their house is furthest from the bus and it's at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Chapter 3

What did this all mean to Ziya?

When Ziya reflected on his thoughts, “all he could think about was a way to be relieved from all that was going on, imagining that he could die before the end of all the mysteries that were going on.”

“Even though he doesn’t die,” said Garvey.

Mentioning “that the whole world can’t be against him.”

Talking through issues with your parents always gives clarity for understanding and resolves the underlined issues. In situations where minor issues can’t be resolved, then the right authorities need to be notified; affirmed Jason.

“I had to finally give up when I noticed the spirit bear mauled him and flayed his skin.”

“I say so, because he smashed Peter’s head on the ground.”

“And now spirit bear (stuffed animal) attacks him?” “He now has experienced the golden rule which states that ***“do onto others what you would expect from others.”***”

We all run into moments when you can feel just like that and would want to be careful not to offend anyone and read more books while keeping up with your peers and age groups, performing the things you have to do during those periods in your life. Comparing and listening to directions from your parents helps to guide and improve the way you may evaluate things and resolve difficult tasks you may come across.

Jason thought about his conversation with Ziya and had a talk with his mother “who at the moment kept a

log on “***Daily devotion for boys***” and how it impacted our lives, which accompanied inserts and references to the bible.” Her mother thought all this was due to a change of school and with time you all will be in a happier stage, having fun sharing treats and playing with the other neighborhood friends, working, doing chores, traveling and owning houses just like any of your neighbors.

“Playing together always brings out the best and sharing ideas kept the whole group together.”

Homework and attendance were crucial to the school administration and what we as parents should do was to make sure students are comfortable, attentive, follow through with assignments and discuss with their parents what they did at school. When asked for assistance by your teachers, agree to pitch in. Parents

and teachers' association (PTA) gave parents time to have dialogs with their students' teachers and their expectations from parents, where to work with their students in reviewing and expanding on whatever was discussed and studied in classroom.

Learning is a continuous growth in education, and we should always have an open mind when it comes to new topics, researching and speaking out (implies don't raise your voice when you express yourself) cordially with soft (low) voice to give room for both parties to understand one another.

Brian said, "whatever you do to animals, always remember to be nice to them." If you show love to animals, you will always receive love from them." Avoid animals which you are not fond of and make sure they are kept in distant proximity to eliminate conflict. "But you

should be aware of wild animals and be cautious about their presences. Always let an adult know if you spot wild uncommon animals around.” So, when you see a bear next time, don’t yell, stay quiet and walk away, keeping in mind that they are protective of their environment.

Making connections to topics like this landed me thinking about Timothy who felt worthless and was going to die just like Maniac Mayee because when Zee died, he felt like he always was being left out, and the world was against them. All these deaths turned out not to be true but an expression to renew their connection with the things they love most in life.

Chapter 4

What would happen if Valerie had to spit at Spirit Bear?

“At first I was surprised, and thought if it was a trick question,” said Morgan. I had to flow with the questioning content; responding that, “Valerie would never do such a thing.” It was actually difficult to believe that one could imagine that Valerie could spit on spirit bear. Valerie is such a pleasant bubble headed cute chap who would not spit on spirit bear. I am surprised to hear anyone imagining questions like this about Valerie. Again, looking on the bright side of things all, I could hope for is that “she is a fighter and would not give up easily whatever

challenges she had to face, and would never let anyone or anything take advantage of her.

I'm pleased because she finally knows she has to always be first or best at everything she does. Spirit bear showed Valerie that, "he could be nice to others by following the golden rule." Spirit bear also mentioned that "there will always be someone as better as you, no matter how good you think you are." Talking about this with my friends on our way home, I could only imagine how the Giants defeated the unbeatable Patriots and during the ancient periods, how the people had to conquer old civilization beliefs, one after another to get where we are today.

These beliefs range from verbal discussions and meetings with different nations, exchanging ideas and

debating on world issues, making sure we improve our understanding with one another.

Jason mentioned “bringing this up and talking about the way people in the past handled situations like this reminds me of Current Events, National Security, United Nations and how ambassadors like me could handle discussion topics mentioned in our great civilization textbooks.”

Chapter 5

Punished after been Mauled?

Brandon thought “he should choose himself because he should be responsible for his actions.” The circle of Justice should give Ziya a set of choices for him to choose from. Putting things into perspective, my evidence and side of the story as narrated by Jason was that “Ziya said, as a matter of fact, he has changed quite a lot and wanted to be responsible for himself.”

“Why don’t I turn this series of questioning to myself and see if I could relate to feedback and discussions brought forth in ‘Circle of Justice?’” thought Jason. Back from school over a cup of fruit, “I couldn’t help asking if he had any new topics to discuss while we

go through homework assignments,” said his mom, Valerie.

“What else?”

“What did you expect?” More questions about our daily experience and how we could connect life skills with such responsibilities and decision making.”

“Keeping a log of these questions could derail our expectation as a whole.”

“Let’s cut to the chase,” said Valerie.

“Now Jason, are you able to complete your homework on time?” asked Valerie.

“Were you together with your friends?”

“What did you guys discuss?”

“Do you think it’s helpful to your future?”

“Have you taken your driver’s Ed. Examination?”

“What about road test?”

“Are you able to detect snaring from your friends?”

“You may be hurt by friends who snare and don’t face the facts with you up front,” said Valerie.

“We have a car, and you too should be able to drive around and give rides to your friends just as they do to you.”

“As always, do to others as you would expect from them.”

“Are you able to play tennis with your friends?”

Are you able to write your research papers by using free templates on www.wordpress.com as usual or just google.doc?” asked Valerie.

“Do you know that, having your documents edited is always a good practice?”

“Now, today, all I heard was about me,” said Jason.

Now my son, “I think we better focus on what you need to do while expanding your readings on related materials.”

“After reading an article about Michael Jackson’s childhood,” I could only imagine what an interesting topic

and that, “the writer may have stumble on these facts without actually being present at the time to capture the true story.” One could conclude that hanging out with friends and doing the things they love was part of growing up and especially belonging in a band, singing music, working, writing articles, playing, writing lyrics to songs, travelling with friends and family was all that matters.

“What was essential were setting short- and long-term goals, seeking guidance and meeting timelines while keeping open communications with your parents said Valerie.” Keep up on the things you like to do and practice improving your stances as you go along in class and outdoor games especially working, aiding and delivering speeches of different categories. Broaden your mind.

“Most famous individuals have fanatics and fan clubs, and you may not know who your fans are. So again, we all have lots of things to learn, master, as we grow old” says Mom.

Keeping a checklist is prudent, starting with your driver’s license – which demands you to take a road test to obtain one. We have gone out driving and you have parked, reverse, driven to different locations and you are cautious to know that you must park where there are less cars at school or in the mall.

Our conversation went on while we did most of the evening chores with both Jason and Brian.

Getting back to your “*short stories and acting scripts club (playwriting)*,” making your entries early in the morning and adding clips of photos helps to narrate the stories and should give you ample time to work on other things while progressing in life.

Chapter 6

Any hope for Jason?

“I had hoped that Jason would have to listen to all which was said about him although they may have used a different name,” said Garvey. “Jason was going to remodel a house and buy all the supplies needed to remodel and build the house” agreed Mom. “Does this mean that I was responsible for building the house and buying supplies for the first time?” asked Jason. Now he would be more focused, thinking about the tasks of building houses instead of hate stories; this would definitely keep him out of trouble. All Jason and Brian could add were “the good thoughts they had for their friends, Garvey, Edwin and his Mom and Dad.”

“I think you will be happier now and finally knowing that it was a good choice for you to partner with others, performing building projects in and out of campus, construction work as well as class work” said Kyle to Jason. “Rummaging all these, I could only think of our basketball team, where we seem to play better after we had played a better team,” said Brian. Come to think of it, each and every day is filled with activities coupled with class work and performances from illustrated projects, readings, drama, dance and writing, and all he had to do was to keep a good planner indicating improve major steps although there were times when snare actions may had surfaced from close friends and you have to ignore.

Chapter 7

Is it advisable to do re-work?

Edwin's lesson taught us how to review our work and improve our methods to avoid future mistakes. Using index cards, identifying topics and including keywords as a guide, gives us a base of written profound articles, stories, memoirs and playwriting to attract, entice and amaze our audiences and readers. "All I needed to do was to keep this as a rule and practice the method in whatever subject, discipline or major I put my mind to do." "Improving on the things we do by seeking advice from our parents, professors and coaches would always put us in the right part," said Brian.

Working as a political aid, at the beginning of summer break, “I spent most of my time editing papers, defining and including similarities to situations which would better capture the readers of such interest.” Politics and security issues could be ignored and neglected when it seems insignificant to the broadcasting industry,” said Jason to his parent as he arrived from North Carolina, USA. As a young political aid, “his articles and speeches captured politicians including the secretary of state, Hillary Clinton and the president, Barack Obama.” While at the moment, his brother Brian, who studied out of Texas, met with the Dean of the University, achieving goals set forth by the University and maintaining his gratitude and politeness as an ambassador whatever he represents. “Good listen is key to success” as he quickly mentioned to Jason.

Reading political articles, Washington Reviews and citing related articles from the Library of Congress gave both students a base and chance to see the world in a bigger picture while adding present issues surrounding such situations and debated on topics to get the crowds attention.

Summer vacation came with some of their neighborhood friends and local school mates graduating, having graduation parties here and there. They played soccer, basketball and freebies, to name a few, weekly, keeping up with what was going on locally and nationwide. At the moment, I was immersed in relentless global businesses and international markets taking place in Asia, Europe and part of Southern Pacific Inlands involving the International Monetary Funds and economics in general. Some of the issues affecting logistics could be narrowed down. "In this world of Hi-

tech mobilization, logistics, traceability and awareness were all renewed; cyber communications were at the top of the charts and all we could hope for was a continual maintainability in our products,” said Valerie.

Chapter 8

Can I assume facing reality in a timely manner keeps us out of trouble?

Marveling and going through all that had happened kept me wondering if I could have avoided questioning Valerie about maintaining the things I had to do at a given time. “I thought about these items profoundly and had to meet up with set dates and made sure I was not interrupted,” said Jason. Although I may have had other priorities which might have disrupted some of the things I planned, ahead of time, I needed to go through my schedule and avoid any interruption to be able to accomplish what I wanted to do.

“What a perfect day to fly kites?” called out Michael to Jason. The weather was nice, breezy and warm. “Thinking of going swimming?” asked Jason to Michael. “I was just about to set up series of music on my computer and thought of dancing, playing music with Brian, Adiya, Aldrin, and Vinura, if he could only find them; then, we would also add in the list” said Michael to Jason. Everyone had to memorize their lines and possibly signed up for audition and performances. We had to meet with our professor while enhancing and perfecting the pitch and tones of our musical instruments to sound alike.

Later in the day, “I will be meeting with our soccer team to practice and play matches. Keeping scores and progressing to *the international junior summer games* would strengthen our relationship with friends coming

from different part of the world and competing.” Our team varies from year to year and playing in the Switzerland junior soccer team with Michael, Brian, Evan, Alpon, Justin this year, it will be very competitive compared to last year where we had fewer teams to play.

Chapter 9

What to Expect in the Peak of Summer?

We were just about to end the first week of August 2015 with mixed temperatures running in the upper 70's and 80's °F, with humidity varying from 32 mmHg causing a humid index which had an influence on the temperature. The humidity index is based on air viscosity and density, causing the heat index to rise, bringing the temperature above normal. "Today was starting up like any other Sunday. Waking up and watering my garden plants before the early sunrise." Said Valerie. "As I was heading upstairs, I ran into Jason when I remembered I haven't gotten back to

reviewing the remaining chapters of the story I was editing.”

“Jason,” said Valerie “we’ll need to go through some of the manuscripts that I have already reviewed and please it’s turning out as a dialogue in some of the chapters as we speak.” You may have to interview some of our guests and your friends during this period to capture more and extensive dialogues of your storylines.

“I had finished sewing a beige handkerchief using pink thread to produce puffed design edges.” When I showed it to Jason and Brian,” they both smiled with a grin and asked, “who was I making it for?” I wasn’t sure at the time, but for now, I just want to complete making it. I will have to think about it later. They are usually made of silk, but this is made of cotton, to go with matching

bowties. They are put-on in suits' front pocket when dressed for an occasion, and invitational debate and speech as you both wore during those events. It is cool, smart and presentable to dress like this when performing sessions and presentations as stated above.

“I had on a fashionable red short, white top and a red long sleeve sportswear.” When I walked into the kitchen, we had plenty of food for the day. “I noticed we didn’t have fruits, whereas during this time of the year, white nectarine and peaches are common and available at the grocery stores.” I couldn’t wait to have some of those juicy Southern fruits.” Said Brian.

“I looked behind my bedroom window checking to see if I could spot squirrels, rabbits, deer and other furry animals.” For some of them, we eventually made them

our pets after they became use to the treats we offered, hide and see games and friendliness.” They expand their families while feeding on carrots, tuber foods, corn, nuts and nibbling on weeds and wood chips in our yards and around the neighborhoods.

Around one O'clock in the afternoon, we suddenly had heavy rainfall which lasted for about an hour, bringing down the humidity, opening room for clear sky. During this period, a gust of good wind blew through trees causing an eerie melody, producing whistled and crackling sounds.

I shuddered, “let’s get away from the window.” Brian uttered. “You are right!” But please, “I like watching the rain, you can tell if the drops are thickening, fewer or reducing with time.” Valerie explained.

“Yeah, well I’m not going to watch the complete rainfall.” “I rather be out there, playing soccer with my

friends” says Brian. “I enjoy playing soccer while it’s raining where we all can slide, shove the ball and hug one another after a winning game.” Jason agreed.

“We can’t step out now, till the rain is over. In the meantime, I will catch up on twitter and enter in responses to some of the threads sent to my account.” “I will check on you later to see if you are ready to play outdoors when it dries out.” Says Valerie.

A squirrel scurried, crackled, climbing out of a hole on our elm tree, standing on its’ hind legs, about one foot tall. “Brian, come see!” Valerie called out. “It’s a white squirrel! I can see that. It looks pretty and unique amongst the others.” Said Brian. The others we have seen so far are black, golden brown and mostly reddish squirrels. Squirrels like to jump, run, sway and make crackling sounds while they play together with their young ones.

“Jason called out to Brian if they could check out on their friends, Abbey and Renee and if they would like to play soccer under the rain or they could wait for Alpon and Aditya to show up before we could all go into Rush Creek in the woods.” By the time Alpon could glance up ahead, Jason, Brian and Aditya had already vanished deep into the woods. “I had to catch up to them,” murmured Alpon. “I whirled around and what did I see? A family of deer with their fawns hiding under the trees.” Three on my right and five to our left.

The deer began to move in the opposite direction. Now that we know their hiding and resting spot, we should lay straws and haystack for them to have more offspring said Jason to his friends.

Chapter 10

With the night getting closer, what more can we search for?

“Let’s look around some more if we can see other animals while it’s still raining.” Called out Valerie behind us.

“What are you doing here?” asked Jason. “We thought you promised coming out after it was done raining.”

“I couldn’t hesitate to listen to you all.” “And I did not want to miss out in all the fun, excitement and adventure going on.” Explained Valerie.

Here come the family of quails, pheasants and rabbits. The rabbits are running as fast as possible to hide beneath our wooding deck as usual when it rains.

“The last I heard was that they were all going to name the rabbits and quails.” Said Valerie to Jason, Brian, Renee, Abbey, Alpon, Aditya, Vinura, Vivian, Sofi and Ariel.” I thought the best time for all of the rabbits to be named should be after dinner when they are ready to be feed on their usual – carrots, breads and potatoes leaves. “Having them as pets and keeping track of their off springs will surely be entertaining to their other friends.

“With white, grey, black, brown, and reddish colors plus spotted white color marks, it truly attracts conversation and lots of friends would like to come around” says Renee. “We are now heading down to the football field to play soccer where we’ll meet up with

Michael and Justin,” called out Brian to Valerie. “We’ll play for two hours before heading back home.” Please, “if you guys could take along water bottle that would be prudent” reminded Valerie.

Chapter 11

Was painting images during rainfall a wise choice?

“I clapped my hands together!” Exclaimed Brian to Jason. At the moment, Brian had just spoken to one of his friend Blanche who lived two miles away and both were going to catch up with their fine arts project while they kept on schedule with other events around the neighborhood.

“Brian worked as a summer counselor and trainee down at the high school with Cora, other students and their coaches. While putting hours in a local food chain restaurant LeeAnn Chin, which happens to be close to

home.” He seemed to have a hectic schedule and needed to plan his schedule way ahead of time to meet up with internship projects and hobbies such as advertising, fine arts, painting, University courses in Medicine, global and political discussions, and articles related materials. Playing soccer and basketball as well.

“Blanche suddenly dashed in!” Hi Valerie, “I’m here to pickup Brian for our arts project; is he Home?” Please, come in and have a seat while I call on him. “Brian immediately responded from the lower level of the house,” saying that he will be out in just a minute while he gets acrylic paints and mediums out from the storage.

I suddenly thought it would be nice if both Jason and Brian could also play tennis more frequently with some of their other friends. It’s always fun, great and enjoyable playing both lawn and table tennis. “Jason,” called out Valerie. Oh no, I just realize, he had just

stepped out to his friends' Kyle to enter in scores for their trivia on "*How to face tough and challenging interviews.*" There were intervals when they had to go through previews, citations and discussions to prepare debates and speeches.

Great speeches from Civil Rights speakers, speakers of the House of Representatives and senators. These dialogs and speeches were important for them to review, analyze and include updates to some of their findings, identifying reasonable situations on the pro and cons of such impact to our current political and global states of issues regarding decisions apprehend by the United Nations and World Power nations led by the United States, Russia Federation, Africa, Europe and Mongolia. Some of their findings, analytical works and statistical representations were cited in news bulletins and carried by the news media reporting coast to coast across nations and countries in different continents.

Chapter 12

Was Valerie searching for Real Estate properties?

It was just 8:15 A.M. in the morning when Valerie had to step out to continue her search for real estate properties. “I remembered her stopping by the other day to see Indira, following up on some of the empty lots she had spotted up at Enclave Estate located in Medina not very far from Plymouth, MN.” She mentioned “that she may have been one of the first who saw this development when Lennar Corporation started working on this project just adjacent to Hamel.”

The scenery is magnificent and tucked behind that old familiar township of Hamel. On the main street just off

Brockton, you will find antique shops, church, school, and a railway passing, heading west from the suburban township of Plymouth.

“Valerie had just pass through this development site and noticed there was a model home which may have just been put on sell with a “SOLD” sign placed on the top of the model house.”

“She came back home that evening, thinking about the deal she was about to embarked on.” She carefully went through some of her cash certificates and made up her mind to follow through with her decision. She was going to ask if both Indira and Lucky happen to know the builders of Lennar development.

“It was 2 O’clock in the afternoon when Valerie stopped by and had a chat with Indira.” We both visited and converse about all of the expansions going on and how quick investors were purchasing these properties.”

“She was encouraging and mentioned that you just have to follow through with your decisions.” With the notion that the other expansions on the other side of the road are under construction and would be coming up with finished houses, Valerie had to keep things quiet hoping that all of the resellers would avoid the properties she had selected.

I had taken down phone numbers of Lennar Corporation, certainly to follow up about 3 to 5 lots I had in mind while the properties were still in homestead with the sign of ***Everything's included (ei)*** with completely furnished single family homes ranging at unbeatable prices.

“The area is quiet with close proximity to local shops and markets where we could buy from locals.” During summer, we were blessed to have corner Piccadilly markets where freshly baked goods, wine,

crafts were traded and fresh produce with side entertainments of storytellers, face painting and costume dancers, dancing to folklores songs.

With a phone call before taking my shower, I was able to have an appointment to follow up with one of their consultants and quickly close the deal.

After all, I had connections with family, friends and employees moving in from Australia, New Zealand, California, Colorado and Florida. I also had longtime connections with resellers who might be interested in looking at the finished products once I purchase these properties.

“Where I lived, I was quick to make connection with a reseller who bought the property next to us and continued in the business” mentioned Valerie. Having multiple tasks and assignments to juggle, keeping up with business deals straight and forward, simple, friendly and

with an open mind we both were bound to make the best out of the meeting.

The good part was knowing that once we move over there, one could easily prepare meals from seasonal fruits and have a cool glass of lemonade while working on special assignments when it comes to evaluation, assessment and assurance of pre-assemble parts from dependable industries and also having contracts from food industries likewise other corporations. Trading, assembly and distribution made huge differences in certain markets and products although it was all dependable on the season, timing and location where these parts were manufactured and needed.

While I was putting together some of the important papers for my meeting with Tiffany the following day, a phone call came in from California. Answering the phone, I realized it was from a market segment relationship

manager by the name of Paul who happened to have identified my profile as an accredited investor and was interested, wanting to know if I could invest in their manufacturing company, which at the time had contracts with Boeing Inc. to make certain parts. Their market capitalization was in the USD 30 Billions.

He sounded knowledgeable and persistent, passing me to his supervisor for further discussion. “Business like this sounded great, influential and lucrative but I would have to see sample parts, perform certain measurements, assurance, inspections and durability testing before I could venture into the company’s markets as we spoke.” Said Valerie.

I frequently receive calls like this, in which I always explain to the customer relationship representative to send out sample parts if they are serious in doing business with my corporation. “What a deal!”

“Let me check with my partners.”

“I had other commitment and obligation to run, and at the same time was planning a trip to the Pacific Islands close to Mongolia around the Northern villages between Masoda and Masee for seasonal sales.” “Yeah!”

“Any specific ideas on the items you may bring along?”

“Were you planning on purchasing winter stuffs?”

“This time of the year are perfect for bargains on fashionable wool garments and stockings for winter season.” Says Jason.

“I had earlier remarked that we were in sync and liked the discussion so far.” I will follow up with you but for now I would like to stay on track and will continue as soon as I’m done with my meeting and back home.

“It is always a coincident when novelists are focus on their topics and all of a sudden, things started going their way.”

Chapter 13

Was she getting these properties for her family?

My day went as usual, going through different subjects matters, following up with news, topics to discuss and elaborate on ideas based on public opinions and results from others who may have used the same methods to delve into the narratives.

Getting back to the real estate projects, I had to prepare what was needed and meet with their consultants and wish for the best. As always, it's a win-win situation to deal with the building consulting team to

have lower prices for custom homes which are mass production.

“It was just about 1:10 PM when I pulled up the driveway with rain raining cats and dogs.” “I dashed into their office model home where she was waiting.” We met for ten minutes before I progressed, taking a second detailed look in all the rooms and taking note of all the latest amenities included, and why model homes such as this are running for moderate price ranges. Yippee! Things are looking on the bright side.

The deal looks good, but the prices were still high for new constructions. “I would have to do some shopping around before I can conclude if this is going to be the best area to shop for all the houses I intended to.”

“I’m truly interested in purchasing this number of houses and perhaps would surely end up getting them from the same construction company.”

Farming may have been prominent a while back in some of these prairie areas but now, the areas were filled with weeds, open fields, mini farms and ponds for construction to take place.

With continuous rainfall, I had no choice but to leave with the agreement that I would follow up with the initial payment as required before construction of these houses could start. All I wished and hoped for was for the corporation to accept the bank draft check that I was going to forward to the consultant and after following with the detailed measures of the projects. Explained Valerie.

At this time of the year with all the rainfall, going through construction sites, it calls for paying close attention on the roads while driving to avoid mud puddles and heavy trucking loads. The development is in a clean and hidden area, and I would continue making progress with the purchase plan and agreement from their consultants.

Living locations are popular in various continents and countries at this time of the year due to population growth and families seeking structured lifestyles. It's always prudent to shop in these areas.

“Having a glass of pink lemonade, I could only mesmerize on the many possibilities and expansions our population is currently going through.”

Evenings were the best times to catch up with a mixture of 2c. orange, pineapple or mango soda and ginger ale for both digestion and relaxation purposes.

I called out to see if anyone was interested in joining in for mini raisin chocolate pancakes before having dinner. I happened to have prepare Chinese steamed rice with carrots, corn and peas, added in, to improve the taste and looks. Mixed up with stirred fried chicken, shrimps and green onion for garnishing. The combination tasted delicious with a side flavored drink, I could hardly wait to get the response and remarks from everyone at the table.

Chapter 14

Could you imagine all the discussions held in the headquarters?

Catching up with all the latest, weather conditions and landslides that were occurring during these period of the year, the news coming out of Russia in places like Masoda and Masee, which are smaller cities above Mongolia on the extreme Southern part of Russia housed our fieldtrip students and families stranded for weeks with occasional radio messages, intercepted by web mesh communications coming out from those dense areas.

With such disturbances, reserve guards, troops and united nations were called in from neighboring major

cities south of their locations, where they had spotted these landslides occurring occasionally, creating huge delays and blocking major industrial infrastructures taking places close by. The safety of our loved ones were our priorities, stabilizations and making sure they could communicate with people in the communities, especially having their necessary supplies and offers to extend their stay, learning trades, peering and partnering with designers and models for upcoming fashion shows.

Picking up hours and volunteering at their communities' libraries, engaged with sewers and learning the language kept them busy during this ordeal. They had already determined that their duration was going to be extended no matter what, in these situations, and needed support from their government. At the time, the Russian Federation, where the population includes many union workers, was led by Vladimir Putin, the president of the Russian Federation. And in case he is unable to fulfill

his duties, as specified by the structure of their government, their prime minister would act as an interim president. During this period, the situation became tense.

Experts in different fields were alert and had to travel from the United States of America to stabilize the situations. Nutritionists from different ethnic groups were arraigned and brought in from Africa, Mongolia, Moscow and Kazakhstan which is located below the Southwestern portion of Russia to provide balanced and nourishing diets to our troops and experts who were dispatched to these locations of incidents.

I could not hesitate, keeping up with the latest, providing services expected from the United Nations at the time. Having the acceptable, elected and right officers for the job, we all had to communicate on the latest happens and mitigate the necessary procedures to address the situation by expediting the necessary rescue

workers. The situation stunned most of the global nations, pulling and attracting most international reporters and news broadcasters to these remote places.

The number of injuries and outbreak diseases were handled by medical experts and interested parties such as UNO, WHO and UNESCO.

Chapter 15

What were their Fear Factors?

Most of us who were first alert by this breaking news from our students and loved ones from these locations could not hesitate to join the team. Their fear factors for most of them were not sure if they would survive the landslides in the vicinity close to where the constructions and building infrastructure were taking place.

They lost contact with their families for several weeks, lack of food and were uncertain if any national guards or rescue workers could locate them quickly since most of them were running out of food and supplies. These groups of students who were out in these

locations, gathering political issues, global studies and challenges confronted by some of the locals, rebuilding their cities and making sure the debates and political unrest were brought to the tables and squared off, neutralizing and preventing attacks from parties who may have been forgotten in the past.

The goal here was to deliver potentially customized model homes, swimming pools, party locations so that families from different parts of the globe could meet and socialize in a comfortable manner without fear from the incumbent groups or individuals. Exercising and discussing these topics in the open, gave majority of international communities the awareness, understanding and compromises of the necessities why these developing estates should have occupancies of scholars from different continents who have played major roles in resolving similar uncertainties derived from debate topics.

With this understanding, we must remember that we have come a long way to ensure that discussions and situations like these prevented Jason, Brian, Gabriella, and Valerie from facing similar ordeals. This was similar to other parents and students who may have been fortunate enough to secure the same houses and places for themselves ahead of time. Again, “it should not come as a surprise.”

All they had to do was to keep open communication with most of the rescue workers, officials and especially with the builders – Pulte & Lennar Corporations which were responsible for settling these groups of scholars.

Talks were held, communicating, transmitting messages via emails and letters; and keeping progress on both local updates and broadcasting news surrounding the localization, mitigation and how fast the

buildings were sprouting in all the continents at the same periods. It was an era to maintain and improve our dignity, especially when it comes to political studies, globalization and discussions in broader terms. All they could anticipate was focus on reconstruction and expanding communication with those they may have not yet encountered during debates and performances.

Junior International games were also prominent at this time of the year with players coming from different parts of the world. They competed in different sports at different times, winning most of their games.

The bonding during these events kept goodwill games rolling and open dialogs resolving most of their challenges. Social sciences and politics were some of the topics they had to digest and analyze, making sure their locations were protected and conformed to the rest of the houses in those developed estates.

Chapter 16

Any negligence with things in Rush Creek?

It wasn't long ago that "Eugene had mowed the lawn, looking forward to an enjoyable moment on our yard during spring and summer, although Jason and Brian had the chore to fertilize after mowing to keep off weeds and insects from infesting the lawn." "Fertilizing our lawn twice a year maintained the right thickness and attracted rabbits, squirrels, geese and deer, and also fish and tortoises in the nearby Rush Creek stream."

Tortoises belong to the family Testudinidae and are land-dwelling reptiles in the order Testudines. They are shielded from predators by their shell. The top part of

the shell is called the carapace, while the underside is known as the plastron. These two parts are connected by the bridge. The carapace is fused to both the vertebrae and ribcage, making tortoises unique among vertebrates, as their pectoral and pelvic girdles are located inside, rather than outside, the ribcage. Tortoises can vary in size from a few centimeters to 1.5 meters. They are usually diurnal animals, with tendencies to be crepuscular depending on the ambient temperatures.”

“They are generally reclusive animals.” Valerie made sure to refill the bird houses with bird feeds, that attracted birds which were accustomed to these kinds of feeds. Throughout the season is robins, blue jays, sparrows, pigeons, cardinals, yellow canaries, yellow finches, goldfinch doves, and hummingbirds watching whenever they come around.” Occasionally, we get to watch eagles, hawks, swans, cattle eagles, white spotted owls, falcons, geese and ducks along the banks of Rush

Creek. In some locations, Valerie had to hangup bird houses far up the trees, “she used climbing ladder and a guided pole to narrow the hangers into a steady, firm Y-joint branches to have their houses in secured places without any disturbance from the wind.”

Everything in Rush Creek were kept in order – making sure there were no negligence or apprehended attitudes to mess up our endeavors. Keeping up our schedules and having mowing service in between, “we could count on the prairie animals and birds to make their stops, feeding from bird houses or served carrots, cabbages or bread made their day.” The pastures were green; the trees were full of tall branches mixed with shades of fair green colors and flowers blossom tree shrubs invited hummingbirds and butterflies of similar scents and colors. Overall, “we were very lucky to live in this nested location by Rush Creek,” said Valerie. The good news was that “Brian was making a full recovery.

Just being at Rush Creek seemed to energize him. By the second day home, he was driving again, taking our truck into town to restock on supplies. He easily recognized all the familiar locations in the neighborhood.

Not far from our borders, we had a falling tree from heavy overnight hurricane winds blowing from the southwest portion of the city. We had to cut off branches from the stems, then stems from the main trunk of the tree to clear our path through the lower backyard area by the banks of Rush Creek. The yard was cleared up, and you could see the bird houses from a distance getting a clear picture of deer and rabbits as well as squirrels.

“Everything I have longed for all these months, was to come back home to be with my mother,” said Brian. And I was happy to be home again.

Alright . . .

My mind kept wandering back to the halls of our famous, brilliant, starlet junior and high schools, the crashing of locker doors, the banging of doors and the twist of excited conversations. The ringing of cell phones, the beeping of Game Boys, the symphony of orchestra music, the tapping of jazz ensembles and especially, escaping the ears of a hundred iPods was all I could wish for. During the entry and leaving, it was crowded, noisy, obnoxious and scary but it had its own rhythm, urgency and life. There are times when I miss such excitement and all you can expect is an ache lasting within a day.

At night, I spent hours flipping over familiar names from just watching classmates on Facebook and other relationships who I may have come across in the past. Each familiar face triggered an avalanche of memories: tai chi on the lawn or with a chair on a steady surface, sing-a-longs in music rooms, tie-dying, readings of children series books and hundreds of artistic

enthusiasts. I looked around Rush Creek, and in my mind, I knew it was the best place for us. The quiet, chirping, singing of early morning birds and the green lawns, and the familiar farm chores, that was enough.

Any family member visiting from distance places brought such brightness to our family. We could stay late just catching up on old days and memories, discussing where each person was located and what duties and responsibilities, they had to carry out during their stay in distance location. With opportunities to land foreign jobs, it was good practice occasionally to listen to language tapes from your local library about those foreign locations.

Did I want to go back? How could I? I spent all my time *there* wishing I was *here*. Yet, that life kept calling me. I wanted to eat food that was scooped onto my tray by the kitchen ladies in hairnets and greasy aprons. I

wanted to twist the little metal dial to those mysterious numbers that would open my lock, I wanted to return to Trigonometry. I wanted Kersley to call me freakazoid one more time. In just a couple of hours, the Halloween dance will be starting. It was the responsibility of the eighth-grade president. Okay, I knew nothing about dances and had planned twenty percent on this one. And I should be there.

I'd asked Busylady just that morning if I could go, and she'd said yes. "All that will be behind you once you attend and do your performances." Our life is here. "I know that" I told her. And now that I have told her, my name is on all the posters.

"They surely have noticed that you were present," she muttered. "You know how people are in the outside world. Interested in others, themselves and their mindful fun."

Chapter 17

Could it have been because of arguments?

It's always nice to follow through whatever you started, making sure things end the way you expected.

“Valerie is noted of speaking extensively on subjects which were expected of her.” When you left, that was the end. The good thing about it was that “you were only there for months and see how much you have changed.” Your conversation has become more on the things you see on the internet, latest political arguments and new developments in things that were interesting. Most individuals turn to argue in support of identifying and citing situations to prove the benefit of doubts for the judges to have substantial documents to support their

decisions. Although everyone knew who won the case, it gave the observers opportunities to straighten out what may have been forgotten and, in most instances, to cite their part of the story. All the things the observers ever wished for, “were to have opportunities to work in facilities where they would continue in the paths of whatever they decided to do and expand their continuous learning while on the job.” The world we live in continues to change and has offered more opportunities to rotate from one industry to another, expanding our experiences, knowledge, memories and enlightening us with the everyday tools we use and operate our business. “Having the experience needed gave us a boost to perform our duties accordingly.” When it came to expansion on the lots behind and around Sam’s club where high risers and daycare got built, Valerie made sure four homesteads’ properties were assigned under her corporation, and they were going to be built on Garland Ln N. by contractors

pulling building materials from Menards through the leasing department from where she worked.

Coincidentally, "it wasn't long ago that Valerie had dropped of checks in Rainbow in two occasions, in the financial institution where her businesses were carried out." I marveled at the many things I could do while living in Garland Ln N. With the shopping center close by and shaded trees around, the scenery attracted geese, rabbits and deer to nest around and raise their offsprings during their mating season. The high risers had outdoor swimming pools, and all the neighborhood youngsters were attracted and drawn to these locations during summer to swim and play music from the '80s. The Beach Boys records were one of our favorites.

Depending on the windy sounds, tides and loud music playing, one could see families of seagulls settling in nearby parks with cattle eagles. Bird lovers could spend endless moments watching them taking off and landing.

Mingling with the geese was a sight you wouldn't want to miss. The days went fast with colorful butterflies sucking on nectars from beautiful flowers shrubs.



Without the utility vehicle, I was left to either ride my bike or walk on foot depending on the distance away from home. Taking a walk through Tewsbury Bend to Rush Creek metal bridge was not very far from where we lived.

The other day, Brian had to go down to the post office to renew his passport. When we got there, we realized we were almost an hour early. “Valerie and Brian

had left the house early, knowingly to avoid any disruption and making sure his appointment went through smoothly. When we got there, we had to wait outside for his appointment. “He had to fill out the renewal form and had his photo taken at the postal service. There wasn’t any wait which made it easier for him.” We made a stop at the bank, for him to follow up with his account while I waited in the car.



Seagulls



Canadian geese





Different family of Geese

Finally, who did I see stepping out of the bank?

Here comes Brian! “How did it go? asked Valerie.” “It took longer than I expected,” answer Brian but everything went okay. “I was getting tired and exhausted with temperatures running in the high 80 °F and the SUV seemed to be running out of Freon (air condition fluid).” “I was almost getting a heat wave from the reflection of the sun through the car windshield.” I’m glad we are all done with your passport and bank. And now, we can head back home.

Then, I found myself blushing just from the thought of having him drive down to the library. It’s always important for everyone to work and own their houses. I was always thankful for my hard-working paychecks and food supplies. I also enjoyed indulging myself with a novel suitable for the season.

It sounded as if I was imposing as we headed into the library, to what turned out to be the best moment of my life.

It's always a good habit to watch out for pedestrians in the parking lot not to run into anyone. "All of a sudden, we could gaze from a distance flocks of seagulls hovering and landing on the far end, where there were few cars."



Their chirping and wobbling created subtle sounds of music, one could have the feeling that they are missing the ocean sea breeze or waves produced from some of the nearby lakes. “So much of that.” As we headed home, he had to drive through the major road which is bound by a small opening to a farm and two roadside ponds which housed wild geese. Their beaks are dark in color and could have up to dozens of goslings.



We both enjoyed listening to radio channels, although there were moments when one could not bear

listening to mishaps and political jargons from candidates who thought of being given one more chance could make all the difference they had ever hoped for. “Politics and Social Sciences were quite interesting and had plenty of time to analyze some of the topics which were cited in public radio programs.” Understanding the peoples’ customs and cultures made a great difference.” At the time, we could run into challenging situations where experts from those areas facilitated in translating some of their cultural beliefs and customs during conferences and seminars led by renown speakers from different organizations.

Our understanding of politics and social studies gave us room to socialize with people from different backgrounds. The social aspects and outdoor games invitational; enlighten and neutralize our international relationships, with a look ahead to the next meeting as we depart from those conference locations.

“From different crafts, wood works, fine arts, fabulous decorated and/or embroiled outfits one could determine how immense their discussions may have took.” From the finished products, judges could identify the depth on how involved these situations may have been troublesome and if the length of continuous conflicts and arguments would hitch nor hinder the Peace process of resolving these disputes. Boundaries conflicts at times could be settled by sharing and giving time for both parties involved to introduce social aspects as ways to eliminate problematic relationships.

By the time we knew it, he was pulling into the driveway. Specializing in health field, he kept a good habit of exercising in certain routines which were key to cardiovascular system. His nutrition followed great documented proven results although I may have messed things up when I asked if he could use bacon oil to prepare corn and carrots for his veggie portion of his diet.

Valerie may have realized that it was a mistake and asked him not to use bacon oil in preparing carrots but just plain water.

The breakdown of Omega-3 fatty acids and understanding their related purposes guarded his patients to live better lifestyles than most could expect. Good eating habits govern most of the way we lived and helped extending longevity of older folks. Salty food consumptions at times were questionable which invited intellectual discussions from medical professionals to debate with substantial, reasonable, beyond doubt, identifying proven cases and excellent results as benchmark to continue their practices.

“Jason opened the door just immediately the car drove into the driveway.” “Valerie, how are you?” “Anything new from the unusual?” “Great you asked” answer Valerie to Jason.” I was just about to hand you some of the healthy nutritious fruits and veggies that we

bought. The streets and parking lots were full of seagulls.” They sounded as if they were missing the ocean, sea smelts and shrimps. Before I knew it, I was diving into disturbing topics which were attracting attention to politicians and how they could be resolved.

The basic needs were jobs, food and medical provisions, mainly in isolated locations where needed the most. Housing construction was met by adjusting and assigning certain duties and employment to supplement covering the cost of homes.

Chapter 18

What did they think about the construction?

“Things may have gone quiet well, until she decided to show up without notice.” Please don’t get me wrong! Nothing out of the ordinary, but at times, colors, when it comes to painting, may cause certain degree of complaint and disturbance which may linger for a long period of time. The fact that the models where already chosen, the color selections were as much important and needed to be done by the owners of those lots. Valerie had to follow up with the builder’s consultants either with emails or 1:1 meeting to go over color selections.

We'll play it by ear if she doesn't hear from Heidi or Tiffany who worked as consultant from the model house. She had lots of good memories and entrepreneurship to carry out once she settles in a quiet location. She frequently got special assignments related to the government and worked closely with federal bureau of investigation and diplomacy. This was not unusual to find that many government agencies worked hand in hand with other organizations to maintain federal regulations and orders, keeping our communities free from crimes, with well knowledgeable citizens while enjoying the freshness and cleanliness of the communities, parks and recreations, playing musicals and drama. Both restaurants and film industries had their reins of bubbles productions and expansions of business in different parts of the world.

“At times things seemed strange, desperate and obnoxious that one could only feel as riding down to the

coffee shop to chat with fellow classmates or in their local internet cafés to perform uploads to their ebook shelves where books, internet games and cartoons could be access for free or paid,” explained Jason.

“On Thursday, I will go out there and have a talk with any of the builders who are working on site.” Discussing this with Valerie and her family would share some light to the possibilities of finalizing the deal and bringing a closure to the matter. The local high school students were available to spend part of their day nailing 4X4, 6X2, sheetrock’s, linings, plastering, etc., after the foundations were laid. “It takes groups of individuals who were dedicated to start and finish projects like these within weeks.” “We are happy, content and marveled for an excellent work done.” Remarked Valerie.

During the signup for these projects, individuals are expected to indicate what area they may contribute to

as part of a paid job or volunteer, and when the schedule time comes around, they are invited by phone calls or via email when to meet on the sites. We all believe in teamwork, and it makes such a difference in the long run, identifying and letting the contractors and employees know about timelines. I interviewed few of them, and all they desired was to work with small groups of individuals throughout the project. Craftsmanship was very important which they did their best to attract more buys as we speak. Bringing durable and fascinating looks to remote areas like this attracted homeowners who travelled, love colors and enjoyed the Rivera's across manmade canals located in Europe and the Northern hemisphere. Locations like these will indulge fruit canning, soap operas, screen writers to explore, mesmerize, and draft out their ideas, bringing their creativity and performances to the next level and the rest is history.

Chapter 19

What is the theme of our next episode?

This was the best part of it all. We were coming up with ideas for our next episode and discussing which location would be the best scenery to perform such dramatic expressions from our cast. Interestingly, “Zoe, Vinura, Vivian, Jason, Brian, Valentine Jr., Gabriella and Bridgette were going to chat on both twitter and facebook picking locations of interest and taking lots of pictures to prompt them for their performances, attires and expressions when they meet. If they are lucky enough, it would eventually flow into their scenes.” “With a certain ambience and ideas to discuss during this period will

surely put the cast into the mood of creative thoughts, mirroring their chosen job descriptions and duties while they mesmerize their audiences and crowd with gifts, kisses, sexy trends and smiles although in certain intervals they should be serious to determine whatever issues surrounding their topics were required to be resolved during the assigned term or so.” Shuttling with their friends can be demanding and would like to rotate the chore noted by Valerie as she could tell from those who may have continued providing rides. Valerie offered couple of times, and most of the time, they just wanted to hangout by themselves.

Color probing became significant to some of the cast members to get reed of some of their friends. Which is not polite and should not be encouraged. Probing dark colors, shading and radiation should not be allowed by parents nor participants. Encouraging bright color outfits during outdoor scenes will surely avoid retakes. We don't

know where we'll go from here but all we're looking forward to is having discussions, enticing and fascinating stories that our viewers can rely on.

Chapter 20

Could anyone tell from their looks what locations were chosen?

All the chosen locations were closed proximity to one another. Keeping up with latest discussions, working in healthcare facilities and maintaining an aptitude to engage in local community endeavors. It did not matter what spiritual faith you belong in, but when the job needed to be done, we all chipped in to complete the work ahead of us. During the warmer seasons, most individuals counted on health providers, who belief in replacing routine therapeutic medications with healthy nutritious foods made such a huge difference to their

patients. Keeping active and indulging in discussions, reading, swimming and music brought friends together.

I remember the last potluck dinner we had in our house, the crowd was vibrant, lots of discussions and different dishes to pass around. Appetizers and desserts kept us chatting and drinking different flavored drinks. The title of the day was ***“Will Nottingham release names of Secret Services?”*** We weren’t sure how far this discussion would last, but everyone who walked in and saw the topic was curious and excited about it and had lots of comments to make. The property management was more of a reliable source of communication although some of the previously identified buildings were tapped in advance, making sure that the central intelligence is well informed of every activity taking place within those locations. What was important to our group was making sure that the Bureau was very aware not to continue surveillance after certain number of

years. "Collection of tapes, evaluating and analyzing could take two years minimum. In cases where translators and interpreters were needed, the House passed a ruling not to exceed five years maximum.

The Bureau avoided casualties by carrying out investigations in this manner and these locations were later allocated to the rightful team members. In other cases, those who were innocently investigated ended up owning their buildings and locations.

SUMMARY

“Touching Spirit Bear: Lessons in Change, Friendship and Resilience” weaves together themes of personal growth, teamwork, and resilience. Through the experiences of its characters—navigating school life, family changes, and community challenges, the story highlights the importance of self-reflection, taking responsibility, and supporting one another. The narrative encourages open communication, continuous learning, and the value of treating others with kindness and respect. Ultimately, the book serves as a reminder that positive change is possible when individuals and groups work together, embrace new opportunities, and learn from both successes and setbacks.

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