[Essay 4: Narrative Writing Exercise: Draft 2]

**The Trouble of Liberation in the Epidemic**

Last month I went to South Luogu Lane with two of my best friends, Grace and Candy, as well as one of my classmates, Isabella. South Luogu Lane is an old Chinese lane in Beijing, where you can buy all different kinds of tasty food and funny things. Isabella and I hung out together because she was too bored at home, so she wanted to go outside and have some fun. But that day we got into trouble.

Isabella's house is close to my house, so she invited me out to play, but I thought it was boring with just the two of us, so I suggested that she invite my friends to come with us. We quickly made decision were we should go, and my two other friends were agree too. My friends had class from the morning until noon that day, so first we made an appointment to meet at Candy’s house at 2 p.m. But they told me that their teacher had class early at 11 in the morning, so we quickly changed the time to 12:30 in the afternoon. Isabella's home and my home are close to the same subway station. The subway station next to Candy’s home is the next stop of the subway line near us. So I made an agreement with Isabella that we should meet at the subway station near my house at 12:15 p.m. Because we changed time quickly that day, we didn’t notice that Isabella didn’t check her phone and didn’t see that we changed our meeting time. So actually Isabella and I we didn’t have a deal because she didn’t know about our changes.

At 12 p.m., I quickly ran to the subway station. When I arrived it was exactly 12:15 p.m., but Isabella didn’t show up. So I called her, but she didn’t answer. I called her at least four times, but she didn’t answer. After 20 minutes, she called me.

“Michelle,” she said. “I’m so sorry. I just saw you guys changed the time. But I was eating lunch. Please wait for me! I’ll be there quickly.”

“OK! I’ll wait for you!” I quickly whispered to her.” Please be fast!”

After 15 minutes she called me again.

“I’m here! Where are you?” she asked.

“Hi! I’m her! Come,” I shouted to her.

She finally came, but I had waited for her for at least half an hour. Candy and Grace were also waiting for her, too.

We quickly arrived at the subway station beside Candy’s house and met them. We then spent one hour to get South Luogu Lane. After we arrived, we found out we needed to have IDs to get in. My two friends and I all had our IDs, but Isabella didn’t have hers, so she called her mom and asked her to send her a picture of her ID.

The day was hot, everybody was sweating and we had to show our IDs to get in. But my classmate Isabella forgot to bring her ID. We were impatient of waiting. Everybody was waiting for her. The clouds moved slowly because there was no wind. Every person who sells fans came to bother us. The cicadas on the trees were buzzing, peddlers were yelling. We all feel thirsty, but we still couldn’t get in. Finally, her mom sent her a picture of her ID. We all showed our IDs and finally got inside.

There were so many tasty snacks there, like freshly grilled sauced squid and ice cream with cold cream flavor on freshly fried waffle rolls. The scent can be smelled from a distance. I've never eaten such delicious waffles and ice cream; I love how they put foods together and make a tasty snack. The ice cream there is really creamy and the freshly fried waffles are a pretty golden color. I was quite hungry, so every food looked attractive. We began shopping excitedly!

First, we ate grilled squid sprinkled with soy sauce. The smell of the squid totally smelled like home because Taiwan has the best seafood I have ever eaten! I love how they cooked the squid; it just made the squid’s color so tasty and smell so good!

Second, we ate ice cream in waffles! Ice cream is perfect for hot waffles. The ice cream tasted really creamy and also smelled like milk! The waffles were hot because they had just been fried! So this snack tasted both hot and cold!

The last snack we had ate was jasmine bay salty green tea. That is the best drink I had ever drank! There was caramel in the bottom of the drink, Japanese green tea in the middle of the bottle and fresh cream on the top of the drink! It sounds full of calories! I love South Luogu Lane – there is so much food!!!

After we finished our shopping, we were totally full! We finished our snacks and went home with grateful hearts. We had enjoyed our friendship and also had a great time!

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