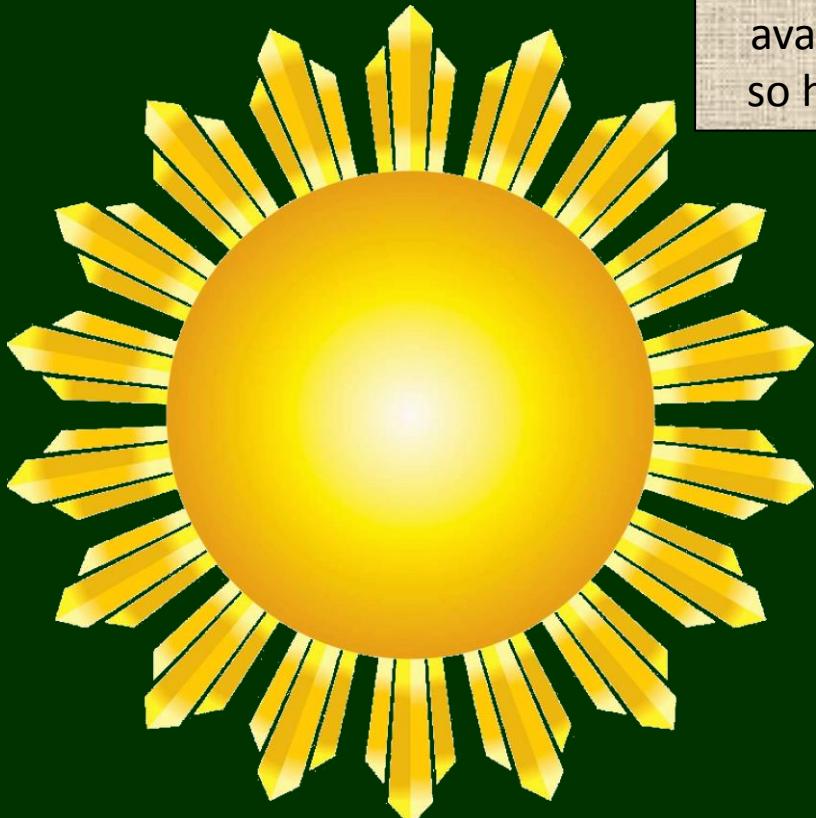


The Convergent Paths of Dinesh and Leaf

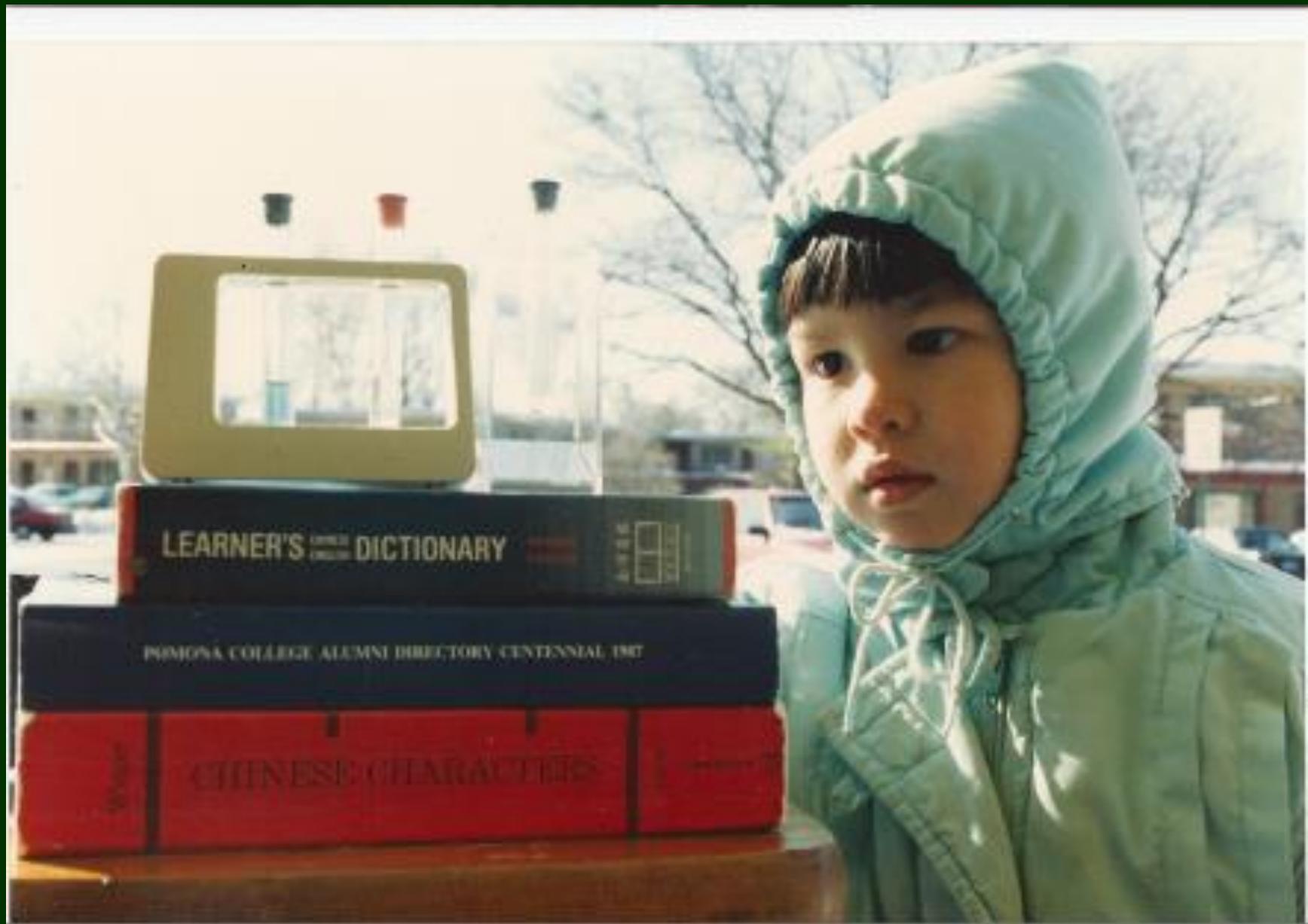


The Convergent Paths of Dinesh and Leaf

Disclaimer: Many more photos were available of Leaf than Dinesh, and so her path is better documented.



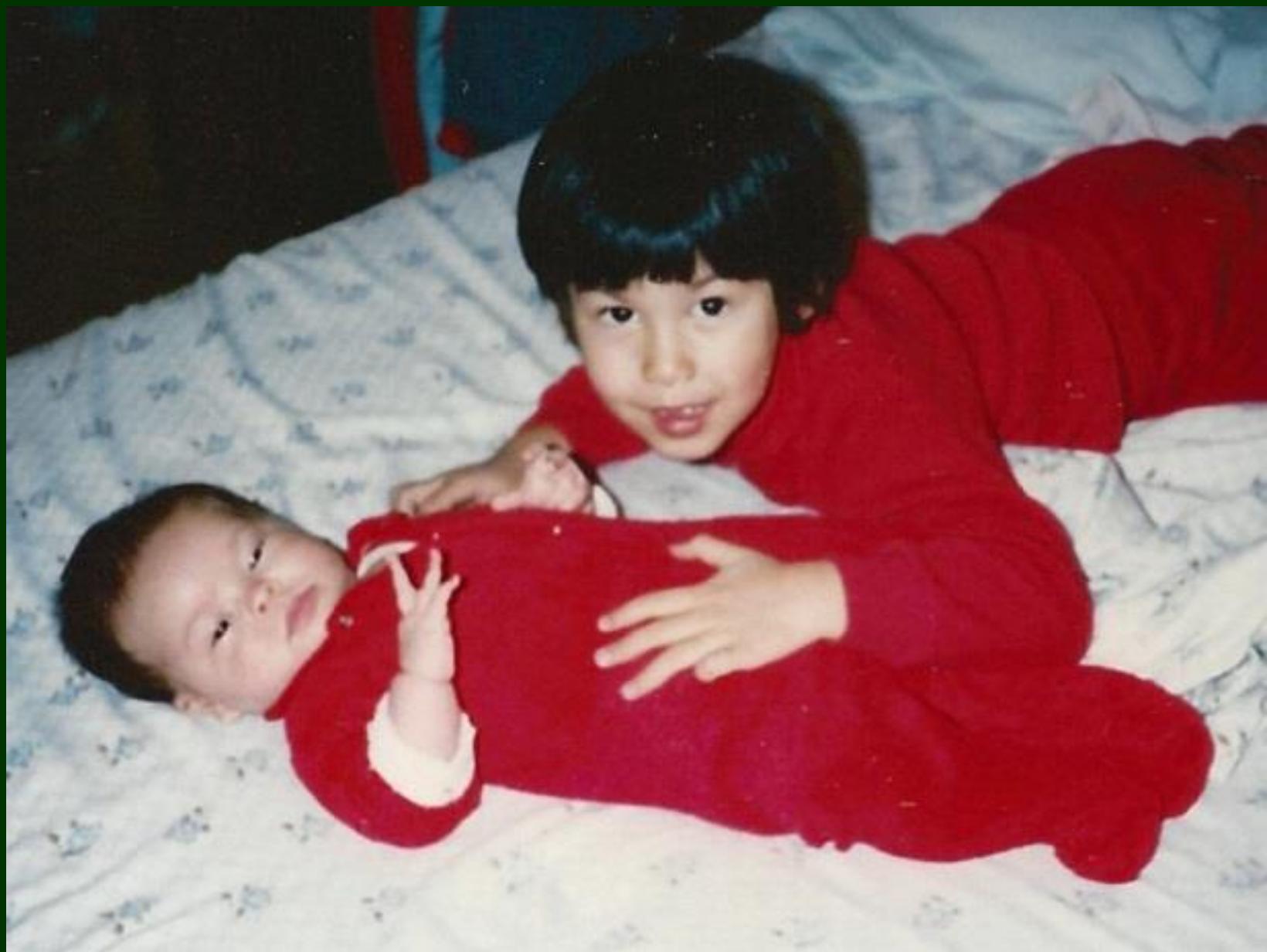
*From the beginning, Leaf's older brother
looked forward to her arrival*



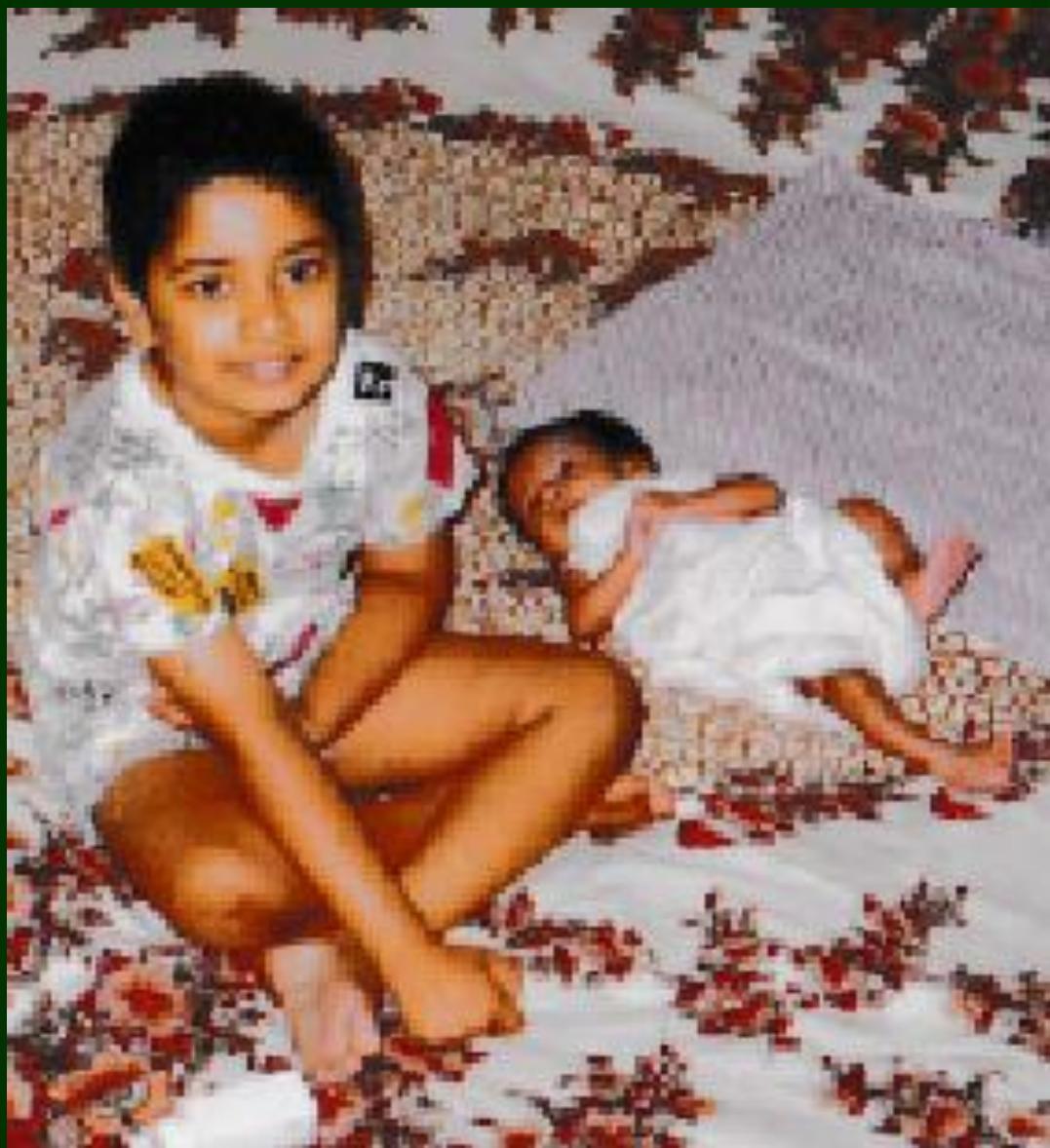
... even shortly before the big event.



And from the beginning, Leaf looked up to her older brother ...



...and so did Dinesh.



*But respect can't stand in the way of a playful joke,
even spiking her brother's drink.*



Leaf was always a friendly child...



...a friendly child...



...a friendly child...



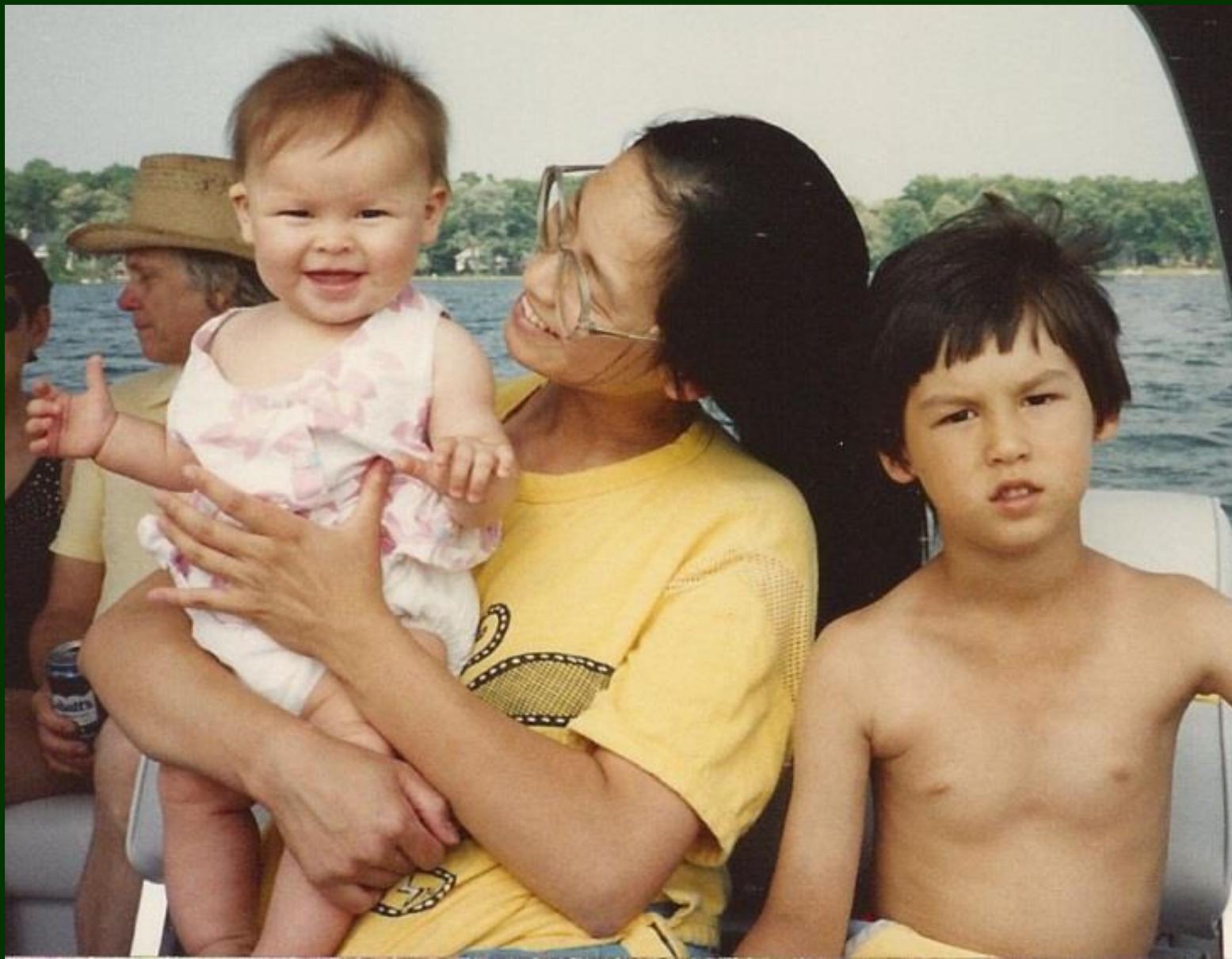
...a friendly older child...



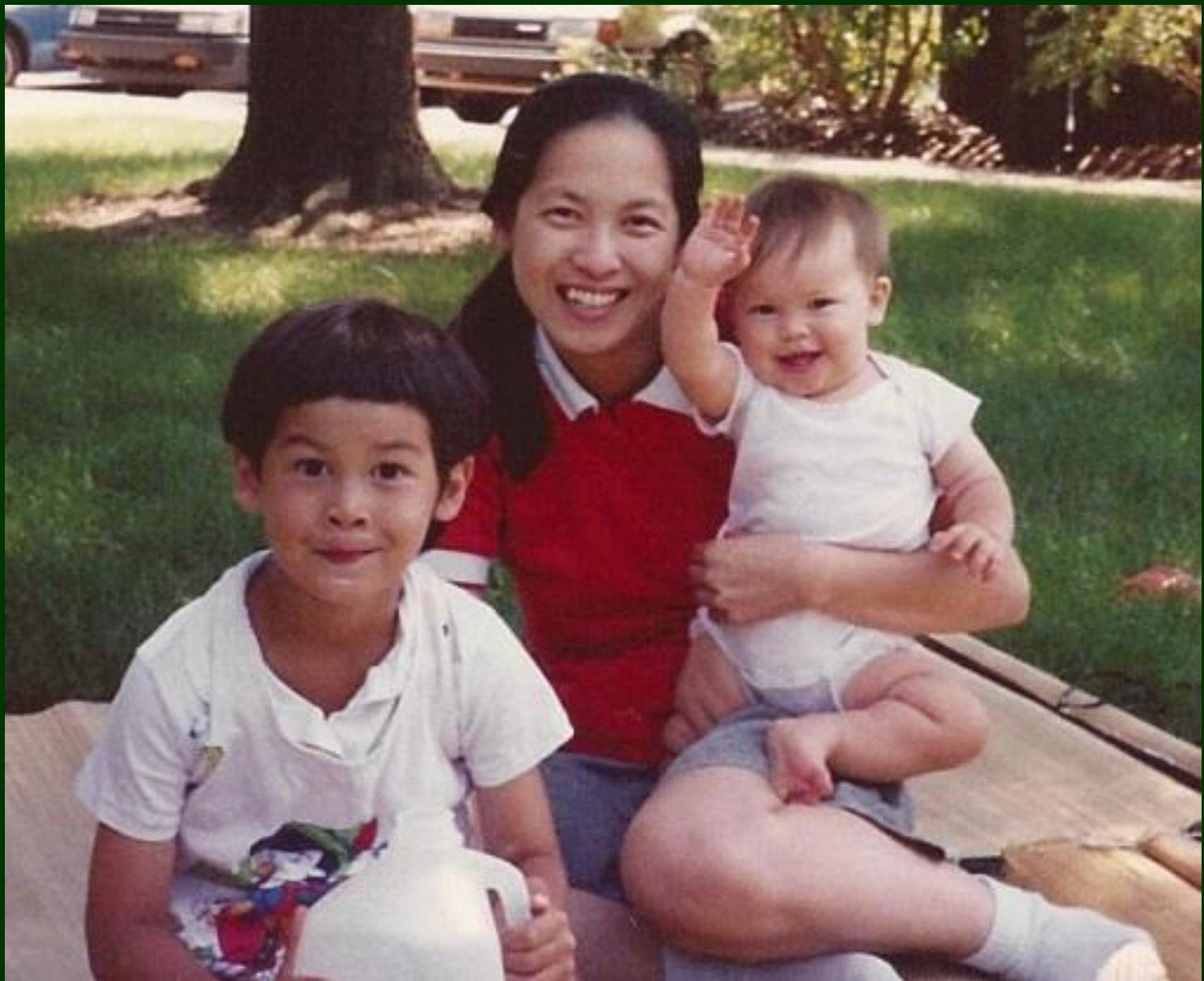
She always pointed her attention to you



She always pointed her attention to you



...always ready to say 'Hi'!



...always ready to say 'Hi'!



...always ready to say 'Hi'!



(actually, it's pretty amazing how many photos there are of her waving)



...except when she was behind the camera herself.



Dinesh and Leaf,... each was a happy child.



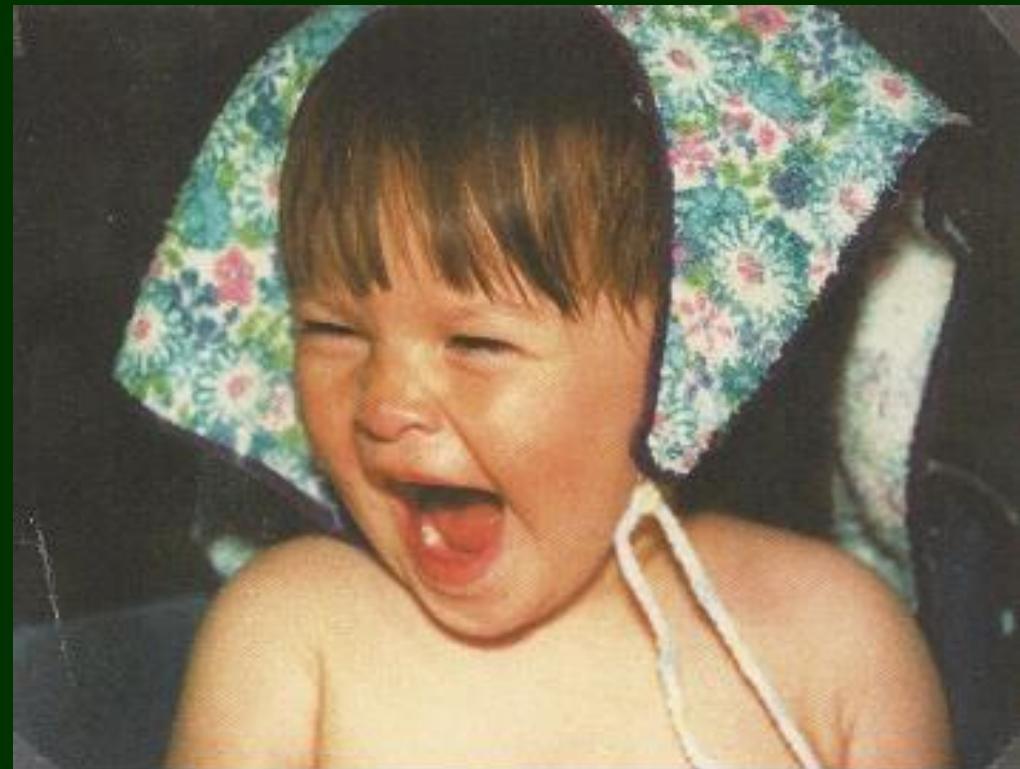
...a happy child.



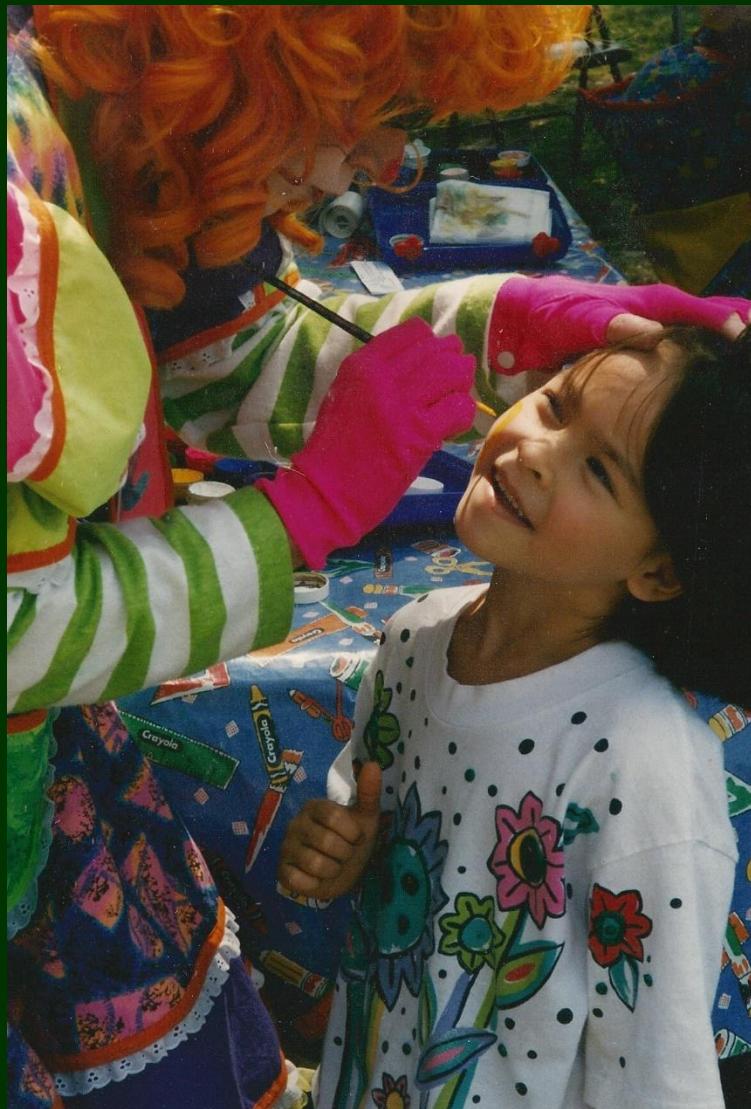
...a happy child.



...a deleriously happy child.



She had herself painted happy, and others painted her that way as well



And she grew up a happy older child.



...a happy older child.



...or beyond.



...and so was Dinesh.



But they could also grow pensive.



...looking out at the world.



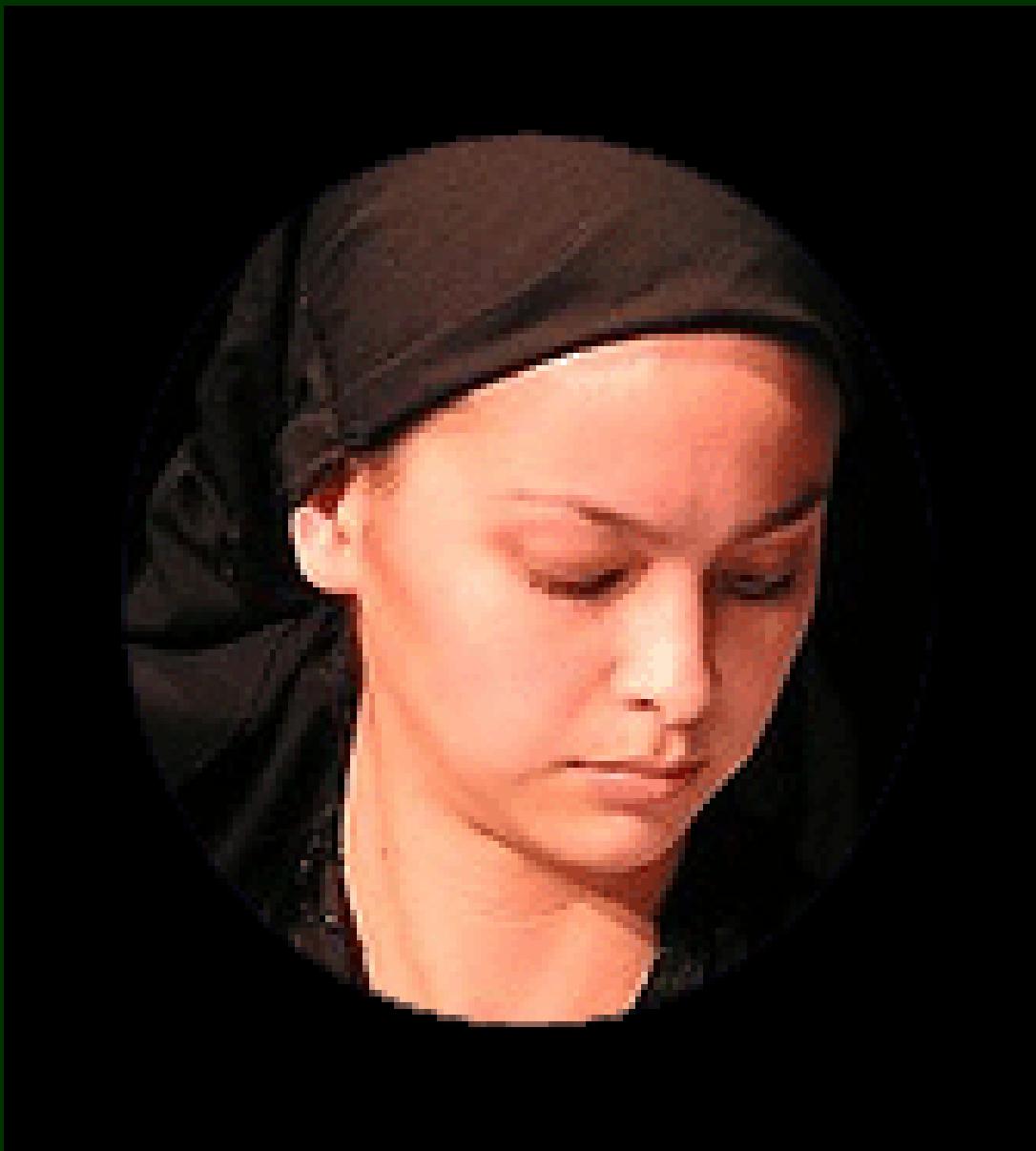
...looking out at the world.



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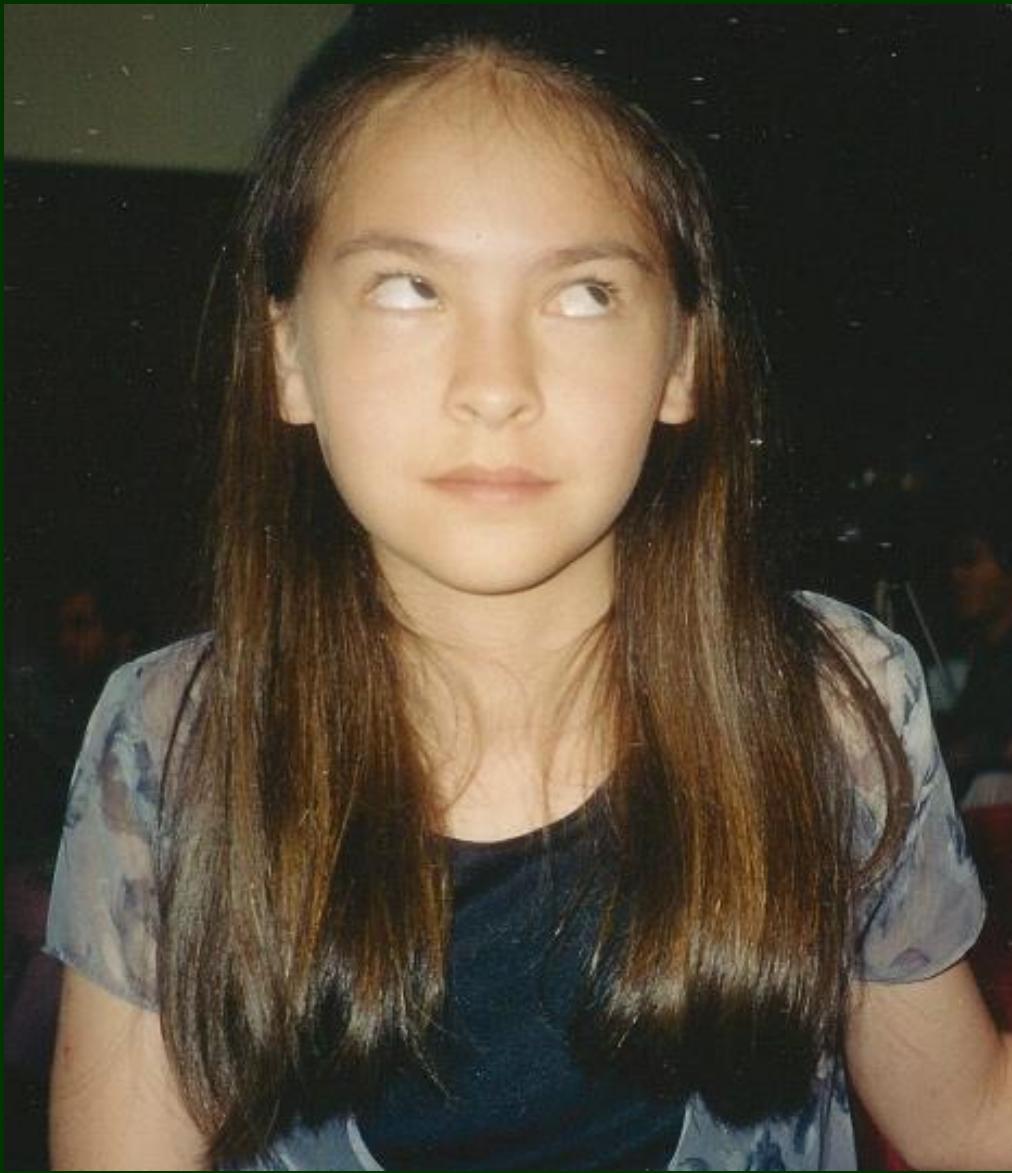
...or inward.



...or whatever it was on her mind.



...or whatever it was on her mind.



A penchant for reflection has persisted to this day.



From the beginning there was evidence of character...

The ability to stand between two hard choices



To resist intimidation



To persist in the face of confusion...



To explore deep mysteries...



To live in the moment



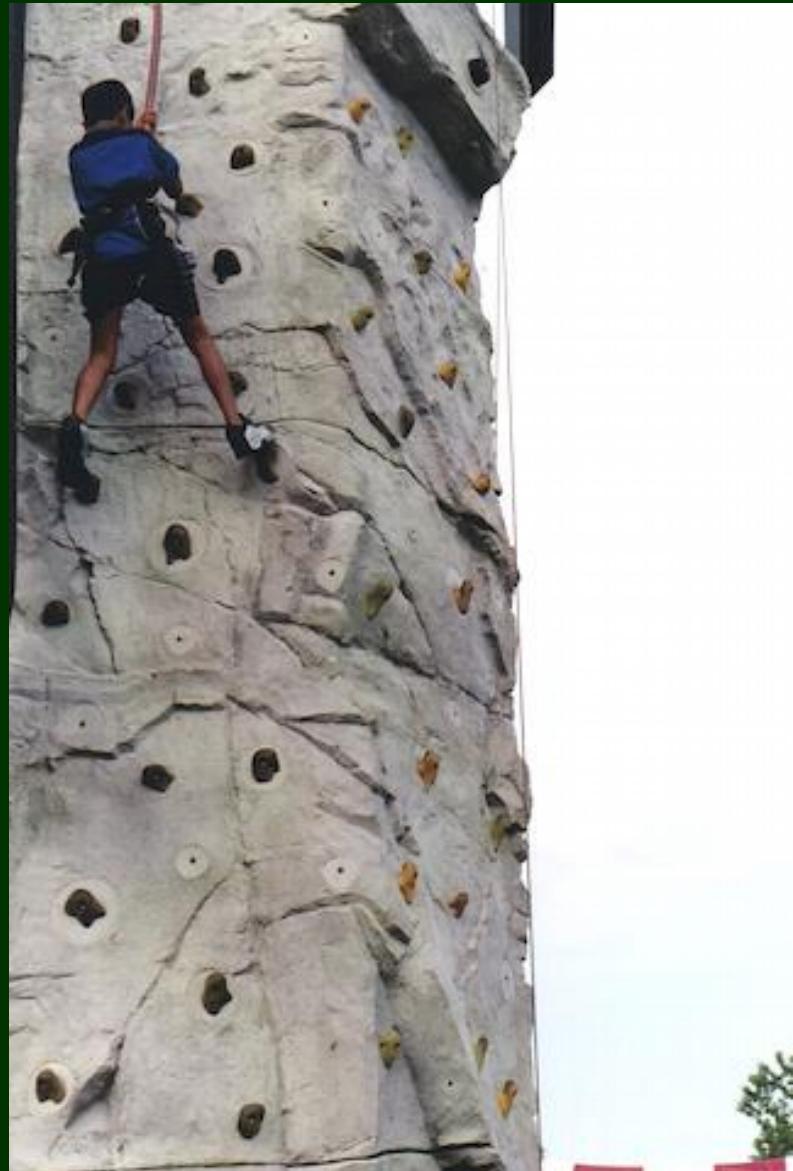
With profound spirituality



To strive with others towards a common goal...



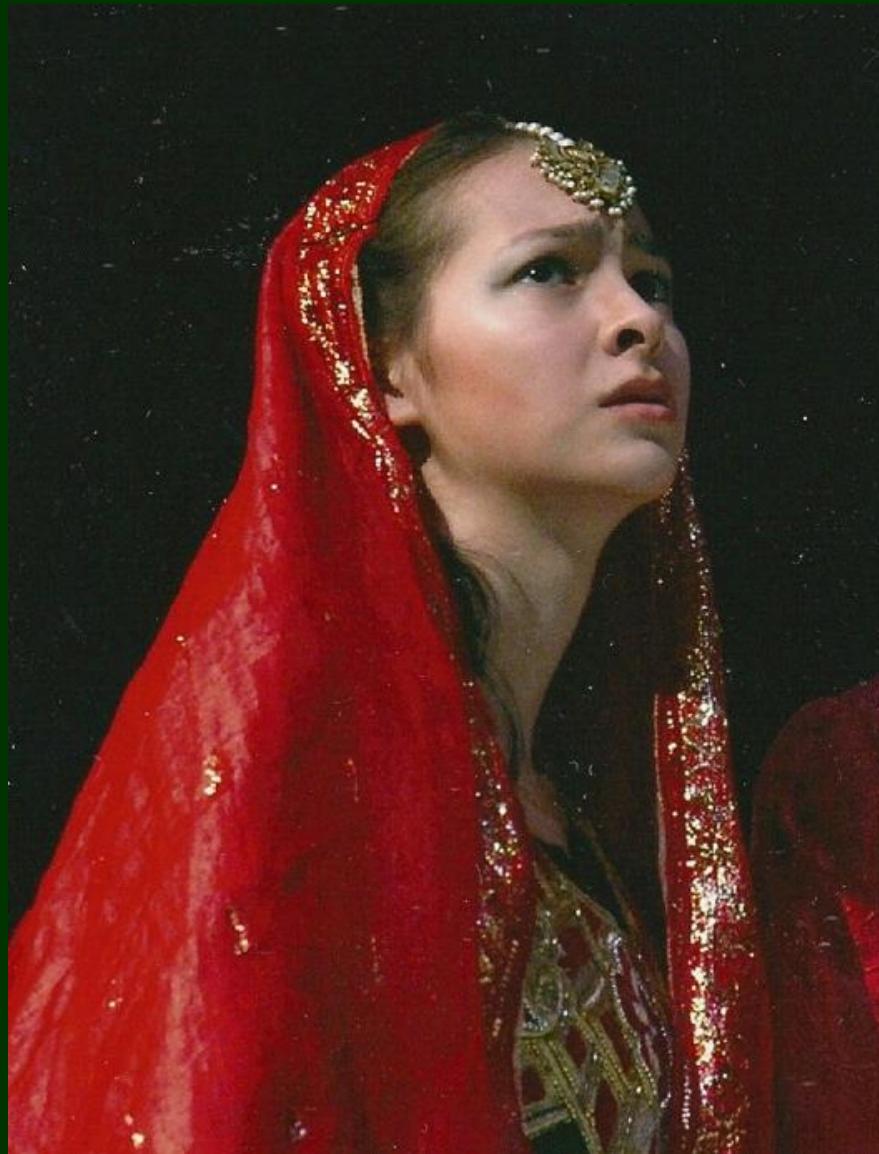
To strive for success...



...but show magnanimity in victory.



With gentle concern for others...



...but a fierce champion for diversity.



Dinesh and Leaf often found themselves looking up...



...looking up...



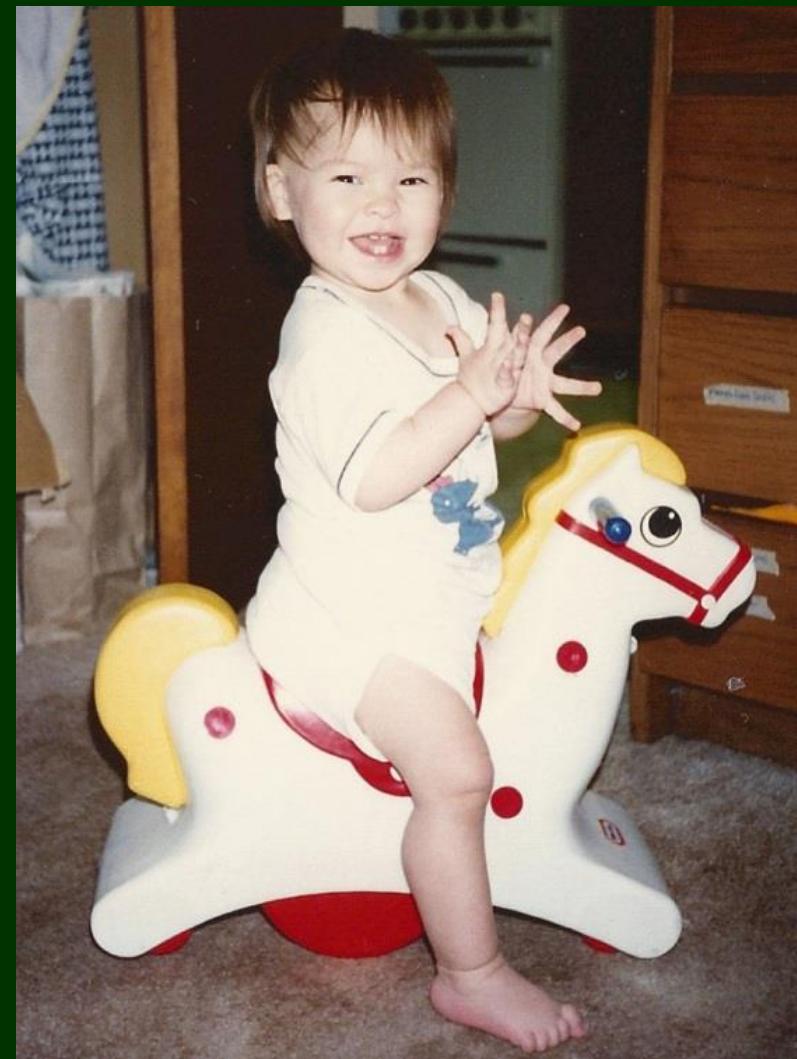
(sometimes one or the other might have a lapse of attention)



...but they often ended up on top



From the beginning Dinesh and Leaf exhibited a love of animals



That pointed to a future...



...with a bird member of the family



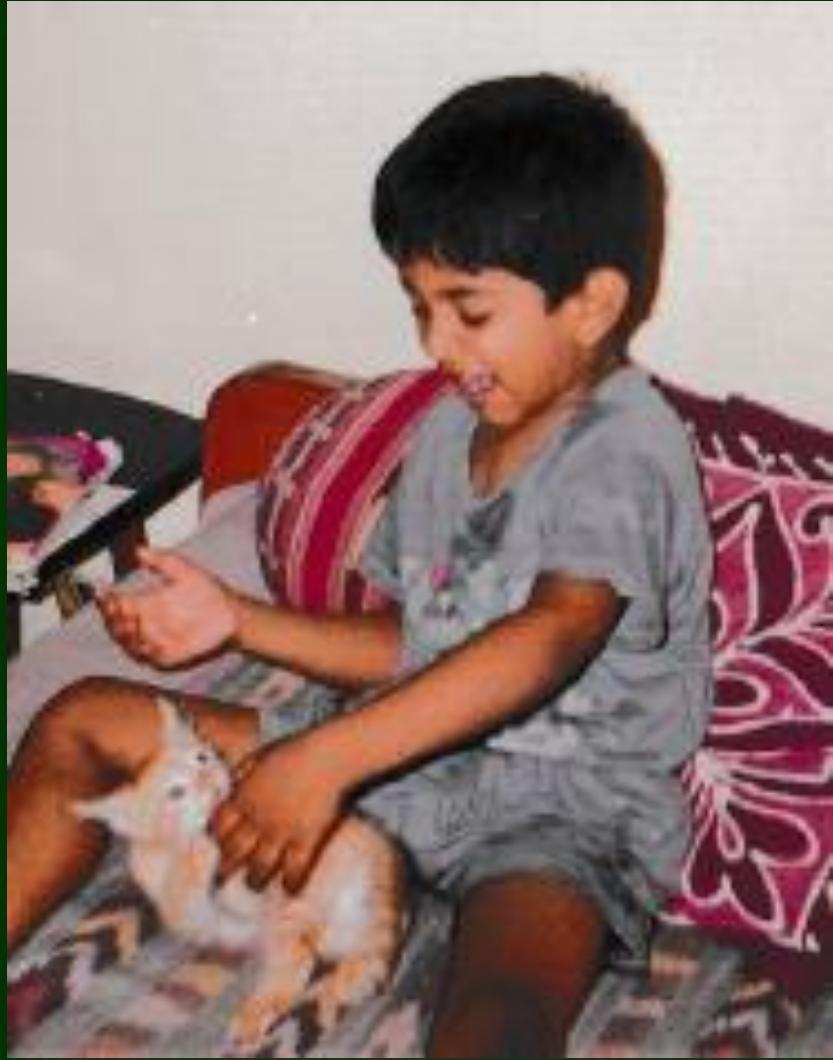
That pointed to a future...



...with Nemo



That pointed to a future...



...with Porthos



That pointed to a future...



...well they haven't had a giraffe pet, but giraffes seem to follow them.



And not only a love of animals – also of plants



...surrounded by plants,



...standing behind plants...



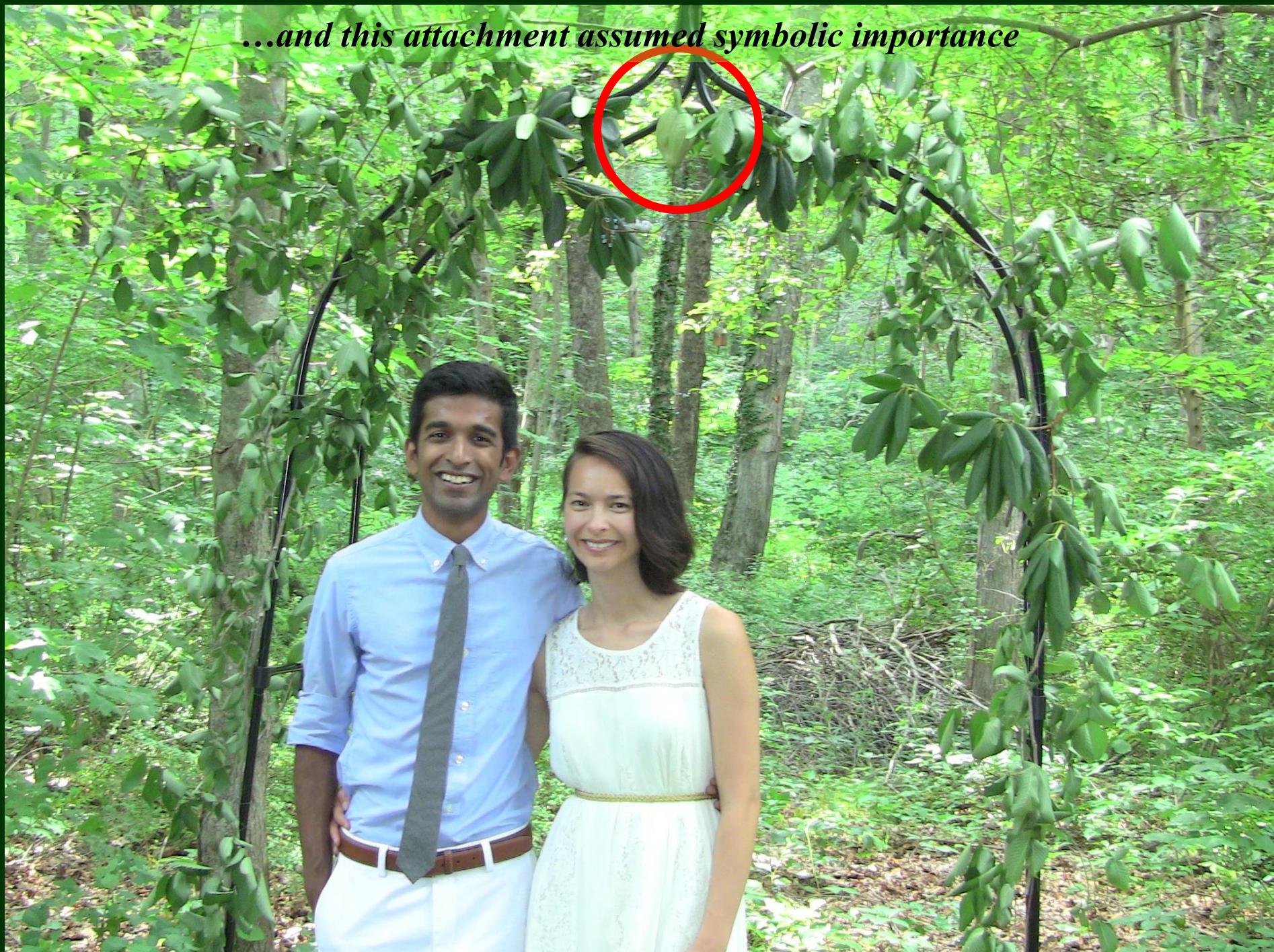
...even walking away with them when no one is looking



(an attachment to plants that may have gone to unhealthy extremes)



...and this attachment assumed symbolic importance





*(the symbolism of
the fused squash)*

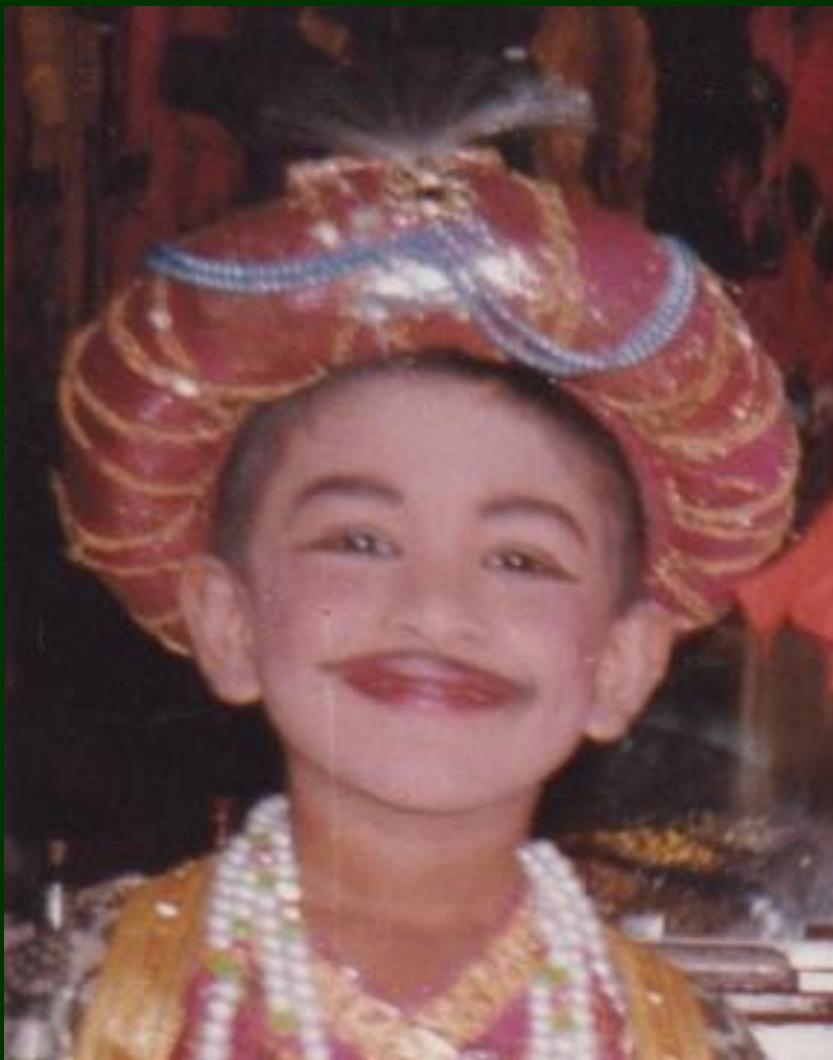
Dinesh and Leaf shared from an early age a love of exotic places



Traversing cultural boundaries



Embracing exotic cultures



Emersing herself in the local culture



Later, going beyond emersing to submerging



They were drawn to different modes of travel



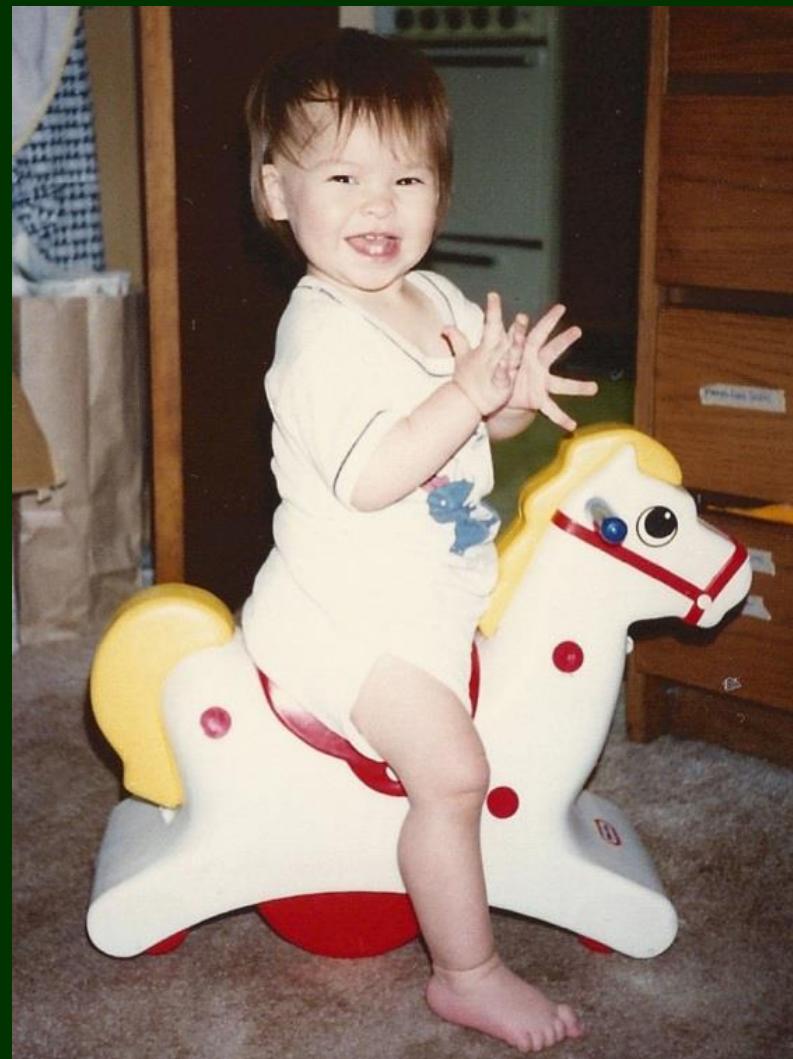
...different modes of travel



and encouraging others to do the same



But in their exploration of modes of tranportation, they never forgot ...



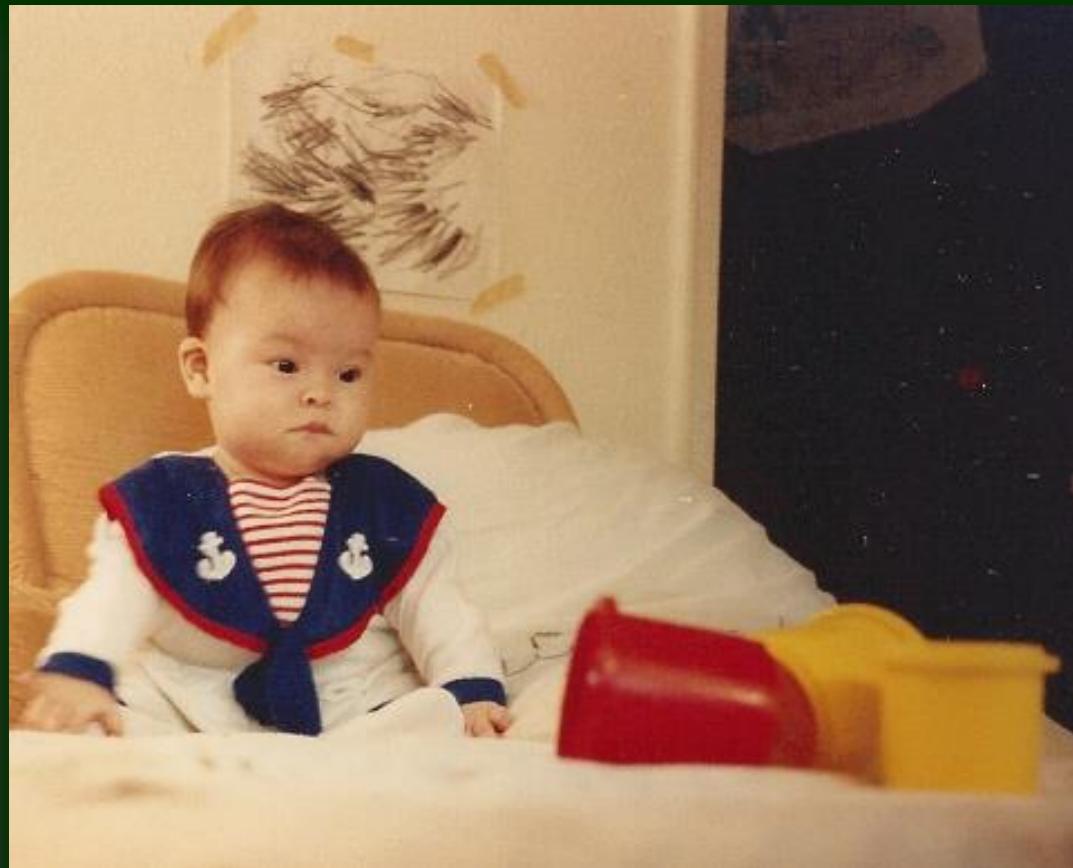
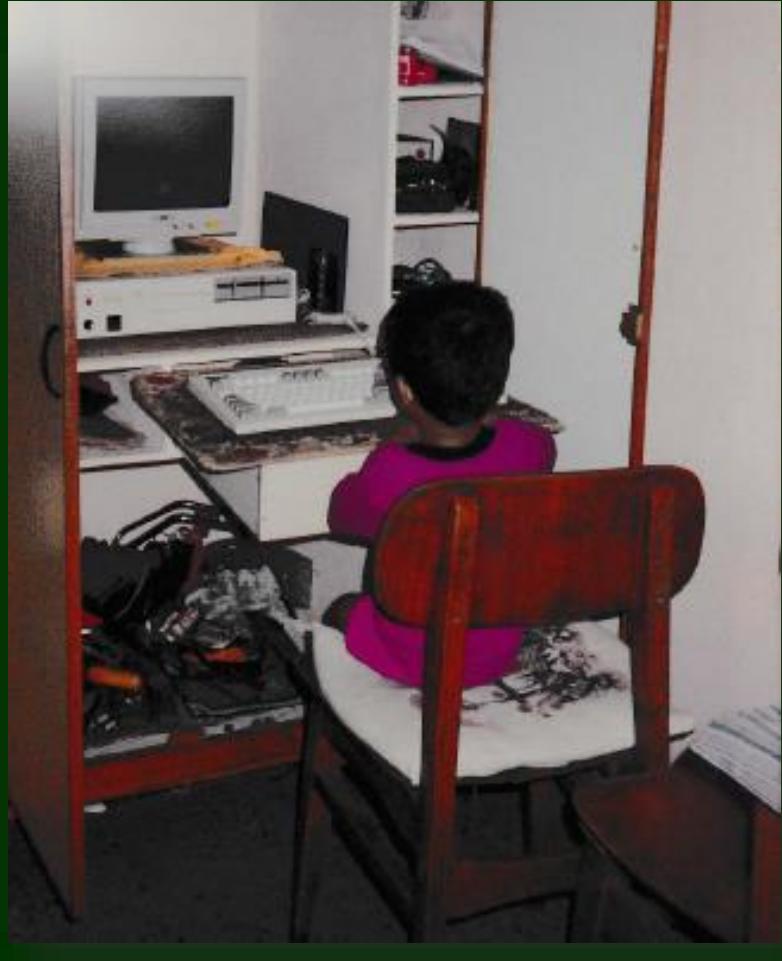
...their roots



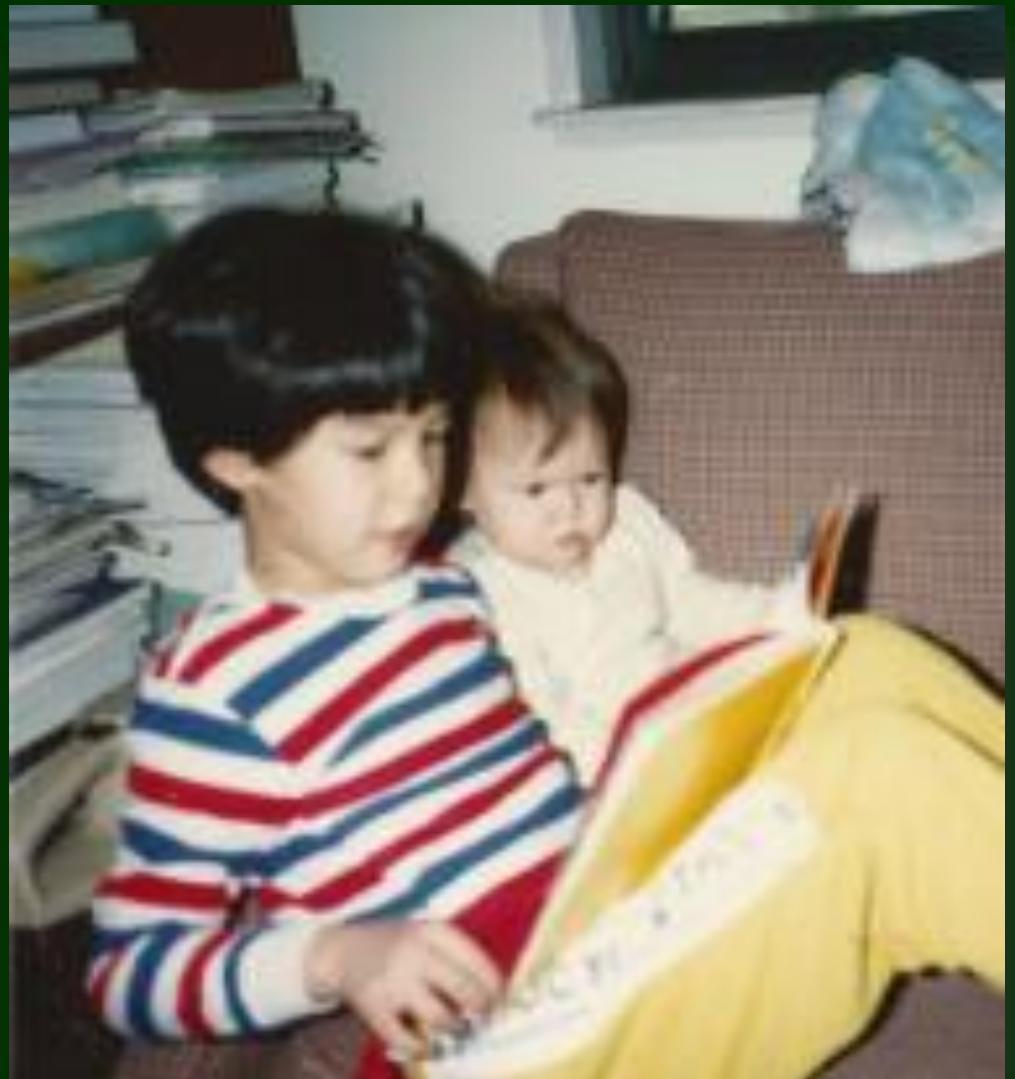
Dinesh and Leaf shared a love of learning



...of puzzles



...of reading and writing



...and this grew into a love of teaching



...by Dinesh...



...and Leaf



Teaching began early for Leaf,...



...teaching how to thrive in dark caves...



...or withstand unnamed terrors



...teaching by example...



...teaching by example...



...teaching by example...



*...but now they
have come...*



*...to teach
each other*