Do you remember the first time you met your BFF? Do you remember how it felt like wanting to make the best first impression? Yes, we all know there is no second chance for first impression and they always say the first impression last longest.

But hey! TIA, This Is Andela, where it is about people and community. It is about being who you really are among who they are. Two days and you realize everyone is a best friend…so by definition, there is no best friend! Meeting the likes of Andia (I remember this name most from how she introduced herself, And~~el~~[i]a) during the F2F Interview. She was the first fellow to say hi and present the Passionate view of Andela. “Just have fun doing what you came to do.”

Doing what you do Excellently is also a demonstration I have witnessed in the days. Admiring how Hariet and Saya do their work. Harriet guided us through the interview and from then I’ve seen her help out boot campers. Then there is Saya. I wish this man was my teacher in school. He employs audience contribution, content organization and logical flow of information. I know with such mentorship, getting the best of KBB will be fun.

You get into Hogwat (the training room we’re using for bootcamp) and you’ll hear mummers. A glance at the room you notice groups of about 5 people. At one moment you realize someone from a group walks to another then returns. Great demonstration of Collaboration. I believe Wings Don’t Fly! Being the best in a group won’t get someone anywhere, but together with others, the wings and the body will fly. First I met Gathu, an enthusiastic boot camper who helped me through my first challenge…setting up an IDE. Then we’re split into different groups and I meet the MODEM! (Murigi, Owidi, Didas, Edison and Martin ← this is me) Didas always having that new way to think about a problem and sharing it, Murigi that keen listener, Owidi the group lead and Edison. I admire these people.

Meeting people, building relationships and knowing how to maintain them is one of the first lessons I learnt around. I am like practicing it. Already thinking, if I lost physical contact with some of them, tech will always find a way to bring us together.