




Home-家


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Haochen, a young Chinese boy, and his family, prepare to leave for Australia for his parents' work. Haochen is nervous yet excited for his new adventure.



I'm so excited to leave for Australia!



Across the globe, Lucas, a young Australian boy, is also preparing to leave for China. His parents are likewise moving for work. Lucas is also excited and nervous.



I cannot wait to live in China!

Haochen and his family arrive at the Beijing International airport. They are about to board the China southern airlines bound for Melbourne.

I'm so nervous! I wonder what life is like in Australia.

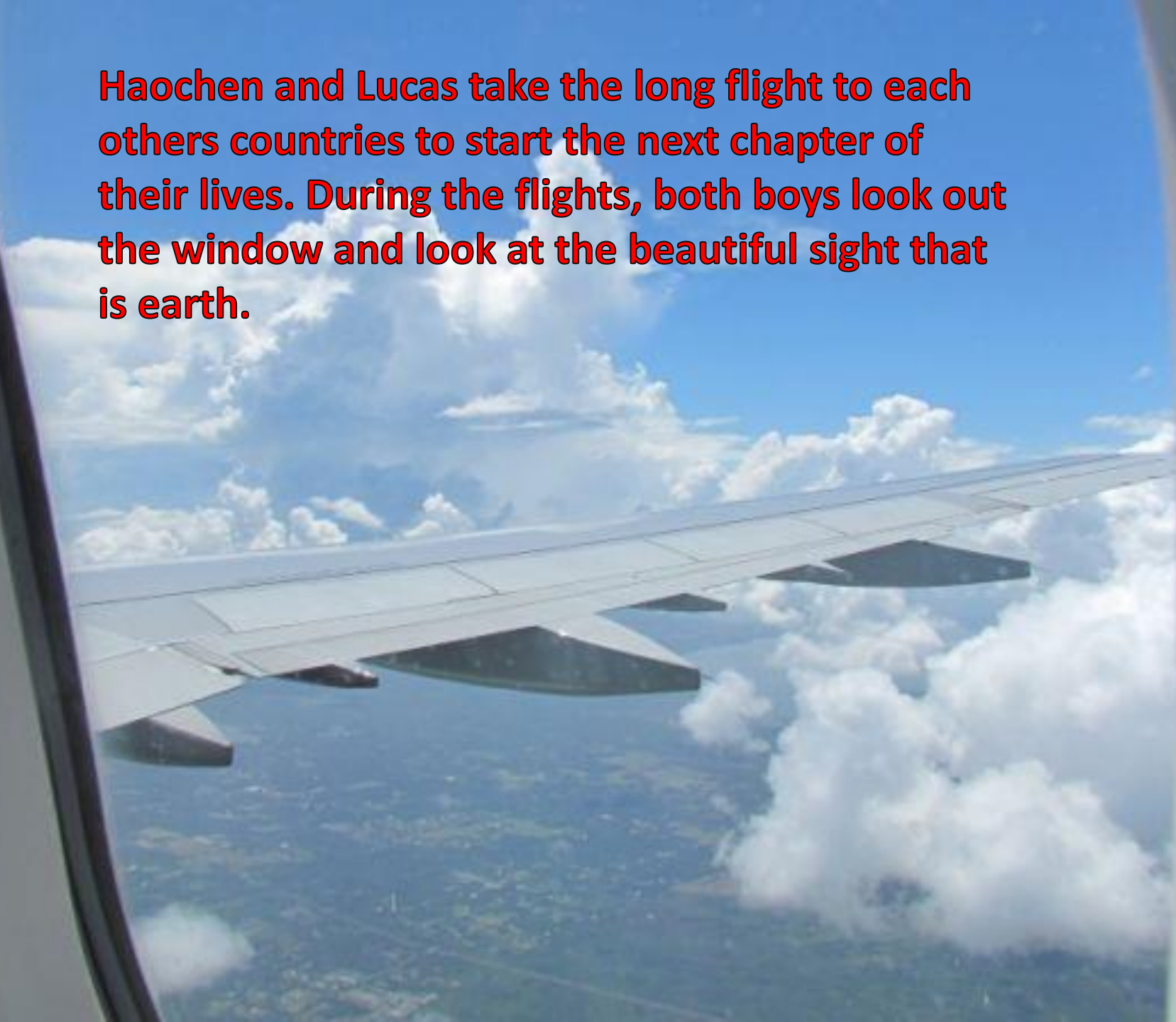


Lucas and his family reach Tullamarine Airport. He and his family check in onto their Quanta's flight to Beijing China.

China looks so awesome! I cannot wait to land and start my new life.



Haochen and Lucas take the long flight to each others countries to start the next chapter of their lives. During the flights, both boys look out the window and look at the beautiful sight that is earth.



Lucas arrives in China. He is astonished at the place, especially at the signs and sights of his now new home.

Beijing Airport looks so exciting! All this new writing and the different ways people are talking.



Haochen and his family touch down in Australia. The sights and sounds excite Haochen as he walks through the airport. He loves his new home.

Australia looks so cool! I cannot wait to experience my new life.



Lucas and his family arrive at his family's apartment home in Beijing. He notices the smaller size and the lack of backyard.

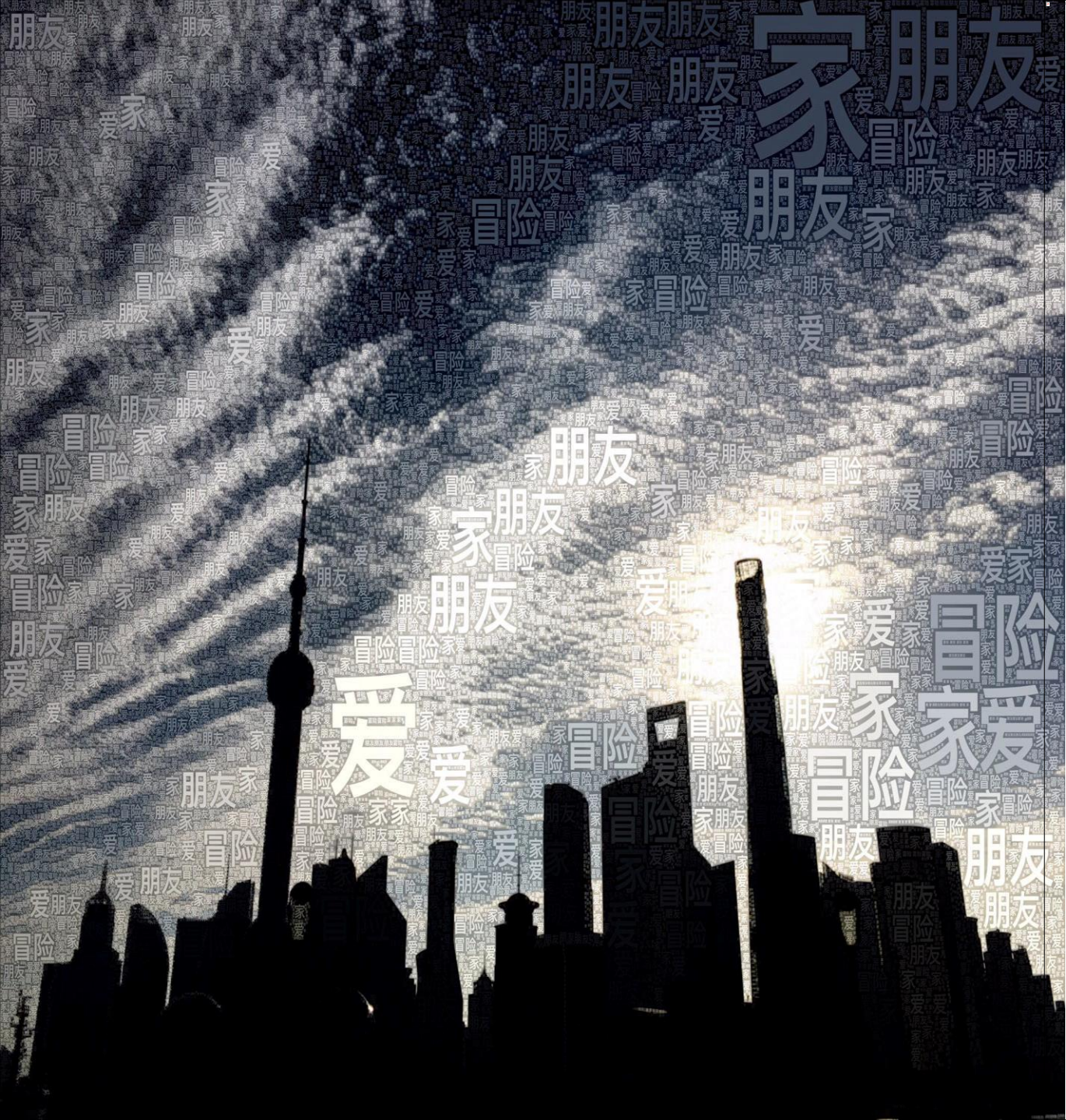
This apartment is much smaller than my home in Australia. I'm going to miss my backyard.



Haochen and his family travel from the airport to his new house in Melbourne. They travel through the streets and notice the different surroundings compared to their home.

WOW! All this open space and big backyard. I cannot wait to play around in my new house and surrounding town.

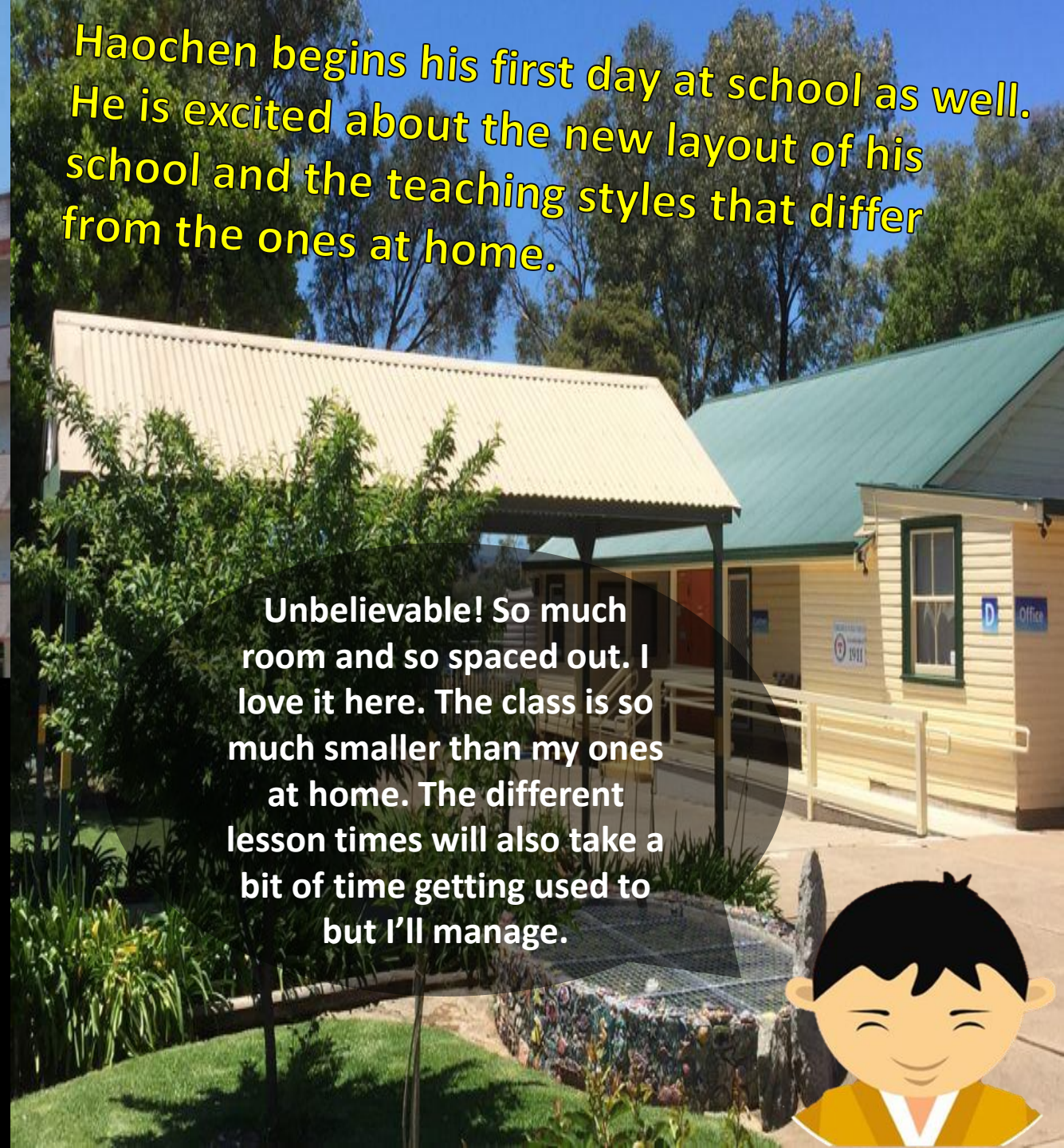






Lucas begins his first day at school. He was nervous, but excited to meet new friends at the same time. Lucas experiences the new times and layout of his Chinese School

My first day at my Chinese school. Wow, the building is so tall with many rooms filled with students. The math's class is much harder than in Australia. I cannot wait to make new friends.



Haochen begins his first day at school as well. He is excited about the new layout of his school and the teaching styles that differ from the ones at home.

Unbelievable! So much room and so spaced out. I love it here. The class is so much smaller than my ones at home. The different lesson times will also take a bit of time getting used to but I'll manage.





After Lucas's first day at school, he and his family go out for dinner at their local Kung Fu noodles restaurant. Lucas is excited to taste the local cuisine.

Incredible! The food is so delicious. Just like Chinese takeout back at home. The ingredients are so different from home, but they taste good. The food is not that expensive either.



Haochen and his family also go out for dinner. His family go to a local Australian burger restaurant Grill'd. Haochen is excited to taste the local cuisine.

Delicious! Grill'd is such a great restaurant. The burgers are made with such fresh ingredients and the staff are so friendly. I had never had chips before but I want more now!

Lucas spends a day down at the local park. He notices the locals playing table tennis and decides to join in.

The table tennis game was so much fun! I had never know that it was taken so seriously over here. I had so much fun and made so many new friends playing table tennis.



Haochen ventures down to his local oval. He notices the boys his age having fun and playing a sport he had never seen before. He asks the boys if he can to join in to learn.

This new sport I learnt, AFL, is very different. You can tackle and run with ball I your hand. I still have much to learn.



Lucas and his family sit down for a traditional Chinese Sunday dinner. This was their last dinner before Lucas and his family have to head back to Australia as his parents' work term is up.



Yum! This Sunday dinner was so delicious and there was so much food. I'm going to miss China, especially all my friends that I have made here. But I am looking forward to gong home to see my other friends and family.

Haochen, with his family, sit down to enjoy a traditional Australian Sunday roast. His parents also are heading home.



This roast lamb was delicious. I am going to miss this when I travel back to China. I look forward to getting back to my friends and family though.



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Lucas and his family arrive back at Beijing international airport to board the plane back to China. The reminisce of their time in China.

Ahhh. I'm going to miss this place. I had such a great time learning the 文化 (Culture) new and making new friends. I cannot wait to come back here again and learn more.



Haochen and his family arrive back at Tullamarine airport. As they prepare to board, they think back on their time in Australia.

My adventure in Australia has come to an end. I had such a great time and will miss my new friends dearly. Until next time, goodbye!



Both Haochen and Lucas cross paths on their way home at Hong Kong. They instantly hit it off as friends. They share their experiences and enjoyment they had living in each other's countries. They share each other's experiences of food, language, schooling and living.

I had such a great time in China! I love your country, especially the food. It was scary at first, but luckily I had made friends who helped me settle in.

Me too! Australia was awesome. I was scared at the start but everyone was so nice to me and I felt at home straight away. I really love AFL and am going to show it to my friends in China.



Haochen and Lucas board their planes towards their homes. Both boys, although scared initially, ended up having a great time and became best friends. It just goes to show that these two homes, although far from each other, are closer than we think.





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