



Being in Australia

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One day there was a girl named Maya who lived with her Mum, Dad, Grandpa, Grandma and her seven siblings. She was the youngest.

One day Maya was at school doing the same things she did every other day, when suddenly there was a bomb explosion right outside of the school. The teachers told the students not to panic and to stay calm, so everybody did. Two hours later, the teachers told the students to go home.

When Maya went home, she saw her things packed up in a suitcase. She asked her mum "Why are my things packed up?" Maya's Mum said, "We're sending you to a safer place called Australia, no buts." Maya was so devastated.

Maya was on her way to Australia, and when she got out of the plane she met an old friend who used to live in her neighbourhood. Her name was Tamara. She had left Egypt, where Tamara and Maya used to live, because there was a war. Tamara used all of her money to go to a safer place, and that was why she was in Australia.

Tamara took Maya to a restaurant so she could taste some Australian food, because Tamara knew Maya hadn't tasted any Australian food. Tamara bought some cupcakes and meat balls. Maya tasted the cupcakes. She thought they tasted really good because of the icing. Then she tasted the meat balls but she didn't like them because she was a vegetarian and vegetarians don't eat meat.

Later on, Tamara took Maya shopping to a place called 'Shop till you drop'. Maya thought it wasn't safe because if you shop, you will drop. Tamara was laughing so hard she couldn't stop.

When Tamara and Maya went home, there was a present on the table for Maya. It said:

"To my sweet little daughter Maya. I'm so sorry we had to send you to Australia but we just didn't want you to get hurt and get injured. So this is a present to say sorry."

Maya was so happy because her present was a picture of her best friend, Chantelle, with Maya, so that she could remember her days in Egypt.