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Day Three

Well, things are wicked crazy here. I don’t know how I’m going to keep up a blog on top of everything, but I’ll try to be a little more regular. Classes are cool. The professors are all really interesting, and the best part is that they treat us like adults. This is so different from high school.

Hoshi and I found a neat outdoor cafe right down the street, and I’ve been there every day after classes. It’s way better than Starbucks even if they don’t have wifi... Lots of kids are asking to join us, and we’re making a lot of new friends. Carlos is wicked cool. He’s from Barcelona, but he’s spent a lot of time in Madrid and he promised to take me and Hoshi on a tour.

We’re all talking about Professor de la Puente Marcos. He’s teaching the entire Astronomy class to Tenerife—that’s one of the Canary Islands, and they have this great observatory there, but Hoshi and Eduardo have been doing a lot more research on the beaches... I hope we have time for both.

Later.

First Day of Class

I got here yesterday morning. Some of the kids were a little nervous. I was really nervous. This was my first trip overseas, and even though Amy McAllister was fantastic, telling me what to expect, even sending me to some YouTube videos. It was pretty scary anyway. I think I started to feel more when the plane took off from Boston. Yeah, I live in Boston, well, Lynn, really, and I went to Lynn English High, which is not entirely cool, but it worked for me, and I got a scholarship that really helps. And I came to Madrid to go to Suffolk University.

When I landed, Alina was there to meet me. Well, me and a bunch of other kids. One was on my plane, I didn’t even know, and another was from Japan. Hoshi—she likes to be called Hoshi—is really cool—she’s my first friend from another country. Figures, I go to Spain to make friends from Japan, that’s just like me—but more later.

Gotta go. I’m living with a local family, more about them later too, and dinners on. This is my first family dinner in Madrid, and Adriana (the mom) is making paella... she’s been working on it all afternoon and it smells wicked awesome!

Later

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