

Gindee Kella, PCV

A rich-to-rags fairy tale

Once upon a time, there lived an upper-middle class princess. She had everything an upper-middle class princess could want. She had CDs, a P.C., and DVD.

And yet...

Something is missing.



I know!!
I'll join
the
Peace
Corps!

One year
later...



So she traded in her DVD for an APCD, she added a V to the PC, and got a new meaning for CD. And off she went to the Philippines...



Later

V. Spikla

Cindee Rella, PCV and the Wicked Hostmother

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Once upon a time, there lived an upper middle class princess who gave it all up and joined the Peace Corps. She was assigned to the Philippines. When she went to her site, many hours north of Manila, she met her host family + lived in a room, hot as an oven and only 4ft x 8ft in size.

Hello. It is nice to meet all of you. My name is Cindee Rella.



I did not want you to stay here, but no one else would take you.

Can I have your shoes?

You are rich.



We will go to school today to introduce you.



Oops! I forgot my wallet inside the house.

We will get it by and by.



Hello, Sir. This is Cindee, our Peace Corps. She is still young. She forgot her wallet. Such a child. Ha ha, ha!

Ha hahaha!



Good morning class. This is Cindee. She is our Peace Corps. She forgot her wallet. She is still young. Ha! Ha! Ha! She is single and looking

Ha Ha Ha ha ha ha
Ha Ha ha ha ha



What's wrong? What the door open?

I forgot my key inside the house.



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Once upon a time there was an upper-middle class princess who gave it all up + joined the Peace Corps. She lived with her wicked hostmother in a little box. But one day she just couldn't take it any more.

How big will your hut be?

9 feet by 12 ft.

Oh! So large for one person. I will live with you

Hmm...

It is our custom for the first day to be free. Everyone will come to help. You just pay for lunch.

That's really nice

Just give me 1000 pesos to pay for lunch.

So many people came to help today!

The frame is already finished!

The
Next
day

Why are they tearing it down?!

The poles were not balanced. They will start over tomorrow

1000 pesos for lunch, 200 for labor... Some free day

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The Nuangkarara *



*water buffalo race

I know that Lechon Baboy is roast pig...



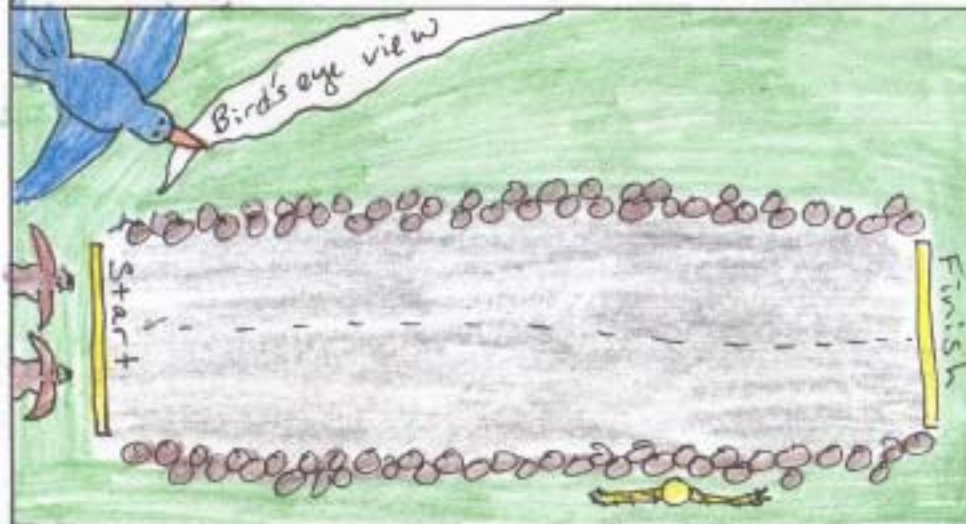
And Lechon Manok is roast chicken...

But what is that?

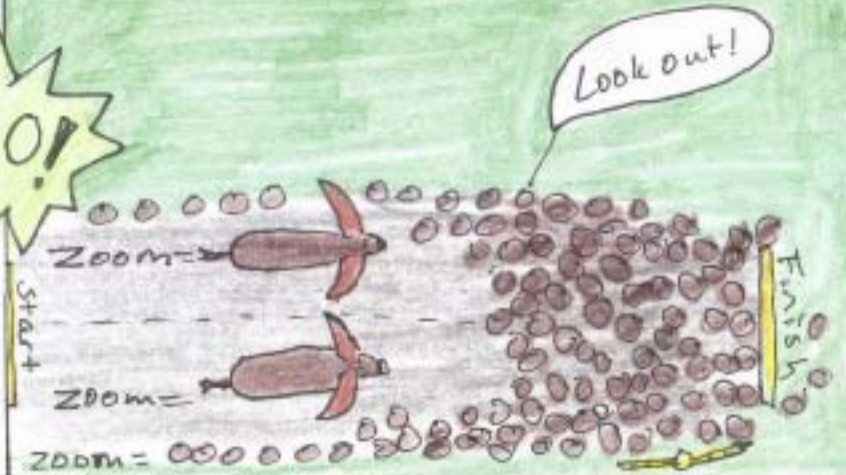


Lechon
Filipino

call Jhun-Jhun
for details



GO!



How did you find our Nuangkarara?



I wish I could have seen better. Every one ran onto the track!



There was just no way we could have predicted that would happen.



Yeah.



I've lived here one year + I could have predicted that! How long have you lived here? Oh, that's right, only your entire life!

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Once upon a time there was an upper middle class princess who gave it all up and joined the Peace Corps, when she didn't get a full night's sleep for two years

What is your order, ma'am?

I'd like chop suey with only vegetables. No meat, no fish, no chicken. Pure vegetable only.

What about Shrimps, ma'am?

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Pan de Sal!
Pan de Sal!

Pan de Sal!

Cindee! Cindee!
You will buy our Pan de sal!

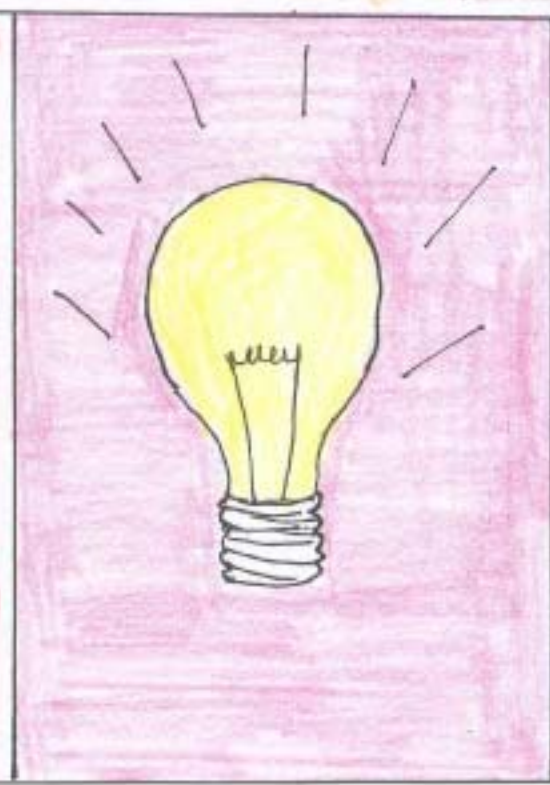
It's 4 in the morning. I am TRYING to sleep

Cindee! Open the door!
Pan de Sal!

I hate Pan de Sal.
I will NOT buy any.
GO AWAY!

But I thought Americans are eating bread?!

U.S.A



Cindee Rella, PCV and So White, PCV

So White, did you ever notice that there are only 6 dials on the dash boards of buses and jeeps up. Where do you suppose that 7th dial is?

maybe he ET'd

Are you seven?

Seven what?

Feet Tall.

I'm only 5'11 in my shoes!

I can't believe it's already Christmas Eve!

What would you be doing if you were home?

My mom and I would make sugar cookies. The kind you decorate

Yeah, we do that too. We frost them...

But no one ever really eats them!

You Americans are so wasteful!

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Cindee Kella, PCV ★

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Once upon a time there lived an upper middle class princess who gave it all up + became a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines. This is her story.

R-R-LES
S-S-S
B-B-B

Will the rain ever stop? My floor is moldy, my clothes mildewy and no one can do anything!



H-H-H
J-J-J
L-L-L
S-S-S

On second thought... It sure was quiet.



During the rainy season, the bridge is under water. So to go from my site to the nearby city, the vehicles must drive onto a raft made out of three banks (canoes), which always seem to be leaking, and a few planks nailed (?) across them. Sometimes it works. And sometimes... well, road on.



We will stay inside. But everyone else is getting off! It is raining outside. You will become wet. Stay inside.



S
P
L
A
S
H
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Cinderella Bella, PCV and her sidekick Pumpkin the Destructor



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