

Yunmi and Halmoni's Trip

Yunmi settled into the airplane seat and took her	9
grandmother's hand. It was Yunmi's first airplane trip. Her	18
grandmother had come from Korea to take care of Yunmi	28
while her parents were at work. Now grandmother was taking	38
Yunmi for a visit to Korea to meet all her aunts and uncles	51
and cousins. Grandmother wanted Yunmi to join	58
Grandfather's birthday celebration. Yunmi's grandfather had	64
died many years before, but each year the whole family	74
visited his grave and celebrated his birthday.	81
Yunmi was very excited. She had gotten her very first	91
passport for this trip. And she had promised to send lots of	103
postcards to her best friends. It was a long flight from New	115
York City across the Pacific Ocean to Korea. It would take	126
fourteen and a half hours. Grandmother, however, had lots	135
of things to talk about during their flight. She pulled out a	147
thick bundle of photos of Yunmi's many relatives, and began	157
to tell her about each of them. Grandmother said, "I think	168
they will be at the airport. They are so excited to meet you	181
and want to show you all around Korea."	189
When the airplane landed, they hurried through the	197
airport to have their passports checked. Grandmother	204
walked Yunmi over to the long line that said "Foreigners."	214
The line moved slowly as the officer checked each passport.	224
Grandmother got to stand in the fast-moving line that said	235
"Nationals." Yunmi looked like all the Koreans in the nationals	245
line, but she had to stand in the foreigners line. It made her	262
feel strange.	264