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“My homestay experience in California”

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About 20 years ago; when I was a college student, I had a chance

To stay California for 3 months taking advantage of my college curriculum.

I was living with a host mother and an adopted baby.

Actually, I spent very hard time with the host mother everyday.

Tragedy was started from the first day when I met with my host mother for the first time. Right after her seeing me, she said “I didn’t wanna accept any Japanese but my friend asked me to accept so I did.”.

I was very shocked and was surprised at her word and thought “I wish I could not understand English so that I did not have to feel anything..

She explained me the reason why she dislike Japanese. because It was because some years ago, she accepted a lady from Japan. Actually she was supposed to stay there for 2 years BUT she did not get out of the room all day And went back to Japan in 2 weeks. And that was still staying In my hostmother’s mind strongly.

Till the final day of staying at her house, she always complained or blamed or doubted about my behavior even nothing wrong with me. I was quite desperate express my opinion in order to make her understood myself .

Anyway, before I went to California, I was NOT used to express myself in public. But she gave me a big encourage and importance of expressing my opinion to the opponent. And thanks to her, this experience is still useful For my current life.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING.