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Inspiring Kindness, Global Adventure, Helping Others

BOOK 2 -A Year of Global Adventure

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May we always realize

the similarities of our

differences.

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Chapter 1 – September

The Joarney Begins

The trees in Albumen gently rustled in the wind as a warm breeze blew through the streets. Summer had ended, and the Eggs were getting ready to go back to school. With only two days left before school started, Seggourney and Megg decided to go shopping for school supplies.

"What do you think about this orange backpack?" asked Seggourney. "It has plenty of zippers." Seggourney zipped and unzipped the pockets with excitement.

Megg flipped her ponytail. I think it looks perfect! With that many zippers, you'll be prepared for anything! And look, here's a special zipper for your calculator!

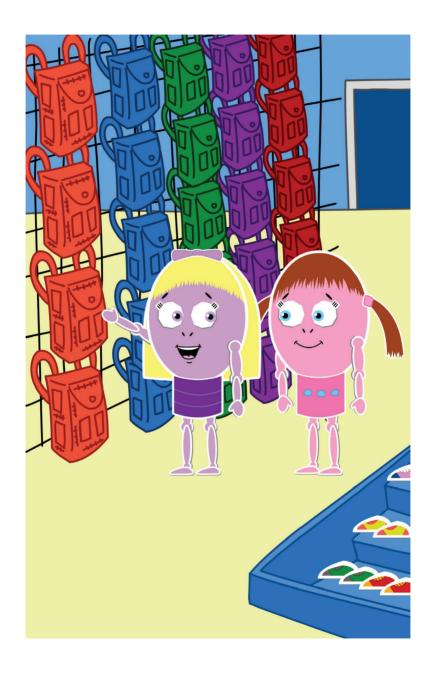
Seggourney giggled.

Megg continued, "I'm getting this one with the sparkly purple unicorn. Look - there's even a purple feather hanging from the zipper!

Seggourney replied with a smile, "That's so you, Megg!"

Megg put the backpack in the cart. After shopping a little longer, they paid for their things and headed home.

"It feels good to have new supplies for school," said Seggourney. "It makes me feel like I can accomplish anything! Look, I'm an airplane!"



Seggourney spread her arms wide, spun around and looked up at the sky.

"Oh, Seggourney, you're so funny!" giggled Megg.

When they got to Megg's house, the phone rang. "Hello?" said Megg. "Oh, hi, Greggory! Seggourney and I just got back from school shopping. What's up?"

Greggory replied, "Megg, did you get a letter from Ms. Poach today? I got one and so did Reggie. She said she wants to see us tomorrow at one o'clock."

"Hmmm, let me check my mailbox," said Megg.

She ran outside, opened the mailbox, and came back with a letter

"Yes, Greggory! I got one too," said Megg, flipping her ponytail. "Seggourney is going to call her mom to see if she got one."

"Okay," said Greggory. "Then I'll see you at school tomorrow for our meeting with Ms. Poach. I sure wish I knew what this was about."

"Me too," said Megg. "See you tomorrow!"

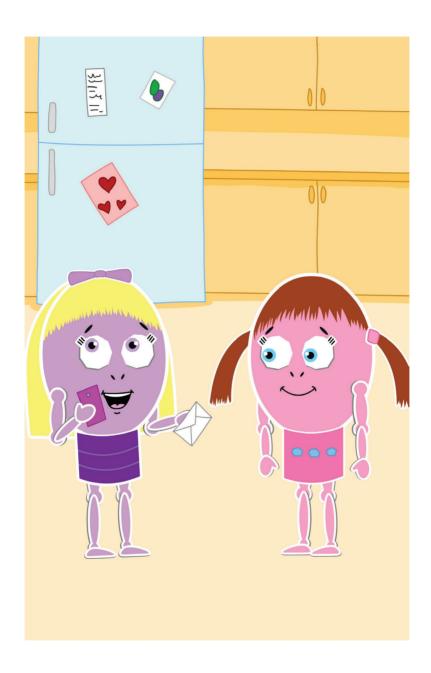
Seggourney called her mom, who told her a letter had come from Ms. Poach.

"I wonder what Ms. Poach wants," said Seggourney.
"It must be important if she's meeting with us before school starts."

"I'll see you there tomorrow, Megg."

"Okay, Seggourney. See you tomorrow!" said Megg.





The next day, Megg, Reggie, Greggory, and Seggourney met at the school at one o'clock. Coach Flo greeted them at the door. "Welcome back, Eggs! I hope everyone had a nice summer," she said with a big smile.

"Hi, Coach Flo," said Reggie. "It's great to see you!" Coach Flo led them down the hallway and into a classroom. Ms. Poach was sitting at her desk doing paperwork, but when she saw the Eggs, she jumped up.

"Oh my! You've all grown so much over the summer!" she said, giving them a big group hug. "It's so wonderful to see you."

"Ms. Poach, we're ready to get back to school," said Reggie. "But we're curious about the letter you sent to each of us."

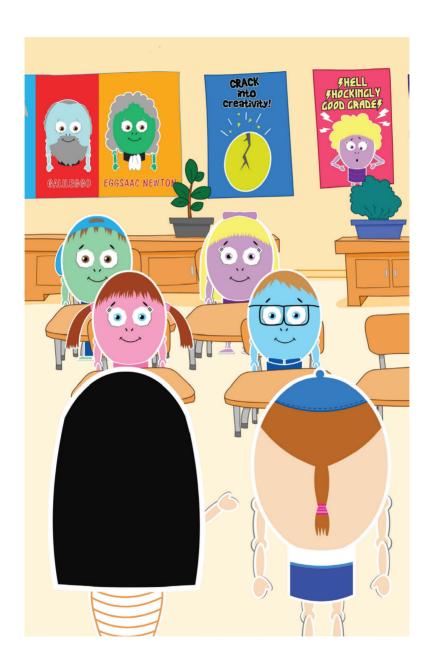
"I'm sure you are!" said Ms. Poach. "Have a seat. Coach Flo and I will explain."

The Eggs sat down at their desks.

"You see, children," began Ms. Poach, "last summer, the Mayor of Albumen entered a contest sponsored by the United Nations. The winning town would get to choose four students who made a difference in academics and community awareness. The prize is a study-abroad program for those four students — and our town won!"

She smiled proudly.

"The Mayor asked me to help choose the students," continued Ms. Poach. "I looked over all the class lists, and you four stood out. And Coach Flo agreed! The recycling project you did last year, and your leadership and responsibility, made our decision easy."



"Ms. Poach, what exactly is the United Nations?" asked Greggory.

"And what does study abroad mean?" asked Seggourney.

"I knew you'd have questions," said Ms. Poach kindly. "The United Nations is an organization made up of many countries around the world. They work together to make the world a better place. This program teaches young people about the customs and cultures of others around the world. 'Study abroad' means learning while traveling to other countries."

"You mean we're going to travel to other countries?" asked Megg, flipping her ponytail fast. "I don't think my mom and dad will let me go."

"Don't worry," said Ms. Poach gently. "Coach Flo and I already talked with your parents. They're very excited! But they want you to make your own decision.

They'll let you go — but only if you want to. If you do, they'll come with us as chaperones, along with me and Coach Flo."

Seggourney's eyes grew wide. "Oh my! This sounds like such an honor — to represent our country!"

Greggory scratched his head. "But what about school? How long will we be gone?"

"Study abroad means you'll still do your schoolwork," said Ms. Poach. "But it will be in another country. And we'll be gone for ten months — one month each in ten different countries!"

"TEN MONTHS? WHAT?" all four Eggs shouted.

"It's a big decision. Talk to your parents. If you decide to go, we'll leave next month," replied Coach Flo.

Seggourney winked. "I'm so glad our parents and both of you will be with us!"

"Me, too! I'm most excited for the food!" exclaimed Ms. Poach.

Reggie adjusted his glasses. "Like pasta and gelato, Ms. Poach? Are we going to your favorite place?"

"We'll see . . . The locations are a surprise for you," Ms. Poach said with a playful grin.

They all hugged Coach Flo and Ms. Poach, and headed home.

"Wow!" said Megg. "That's a lot to think about."

"I'm excited," said Seggourney. "We'll all be together — and our parents, too!"

"I wonder what countries we'll visit," said Greggory, looking up at the sky.

Their excitement grew as they imagined all the wonderful things they'd see while traveling the world.



That evening, all the Eggs and their families met at Greggory's house. They talked and talked about the amazing opportunity.

The parents said they had been working on this since the summer when Ms. Poach first told them Albumen had won the contest. They could take a leave from work, and relatives would watch their homes and pets.

When it was time to vote, everyone said yes!

"I'm so excited we're actually going to do this!" shouted Reggie. "I'm not going to sleep tonight!"

Everyone laughed. There was a lot to prepare if they were leaving next month!



Later at home, Seggourney sat on her bed with her diary open. Moonlight filtered through her window. She doodled an egg-shaped globe with hearts all around it as she thought to herself, "I've never been away from home for so long. What if I get homesick? What if I can't understand other languages? What if I get lost? Ten months is a long time. I think I'm scared."

She quickly closed her diary and smiled as she picked up a picture frame on her dresser of her and her parents. She put the frame back and clutched her favorite stuffed bunny as she looked out her window at the stars with amazement and smiled. "But what if we have an amazing trip?" She quickly fell asleep as she dreamed of all the places they would visit.



The next day was the first day of school. Megg, Seggourney, Reggie, and Greggory got there early to tell Ms. Poach their news. "Ms. Poach, we talked it over with our parents," said Seggourney. "And guess what? We're all going!"

"That's wonderful!" said Ms. Poach. "I knew you'd see how special this is. It will help you grow and understand our world in a beautiful way. Let's meet after school to talk about how the program will work."

The Eggs agreed and took their seats.

It was hard to focus on the first day of school — they couldn't stop daydreaming about their big adventure.

"I wonder what people in other parts of the world will think of us," thought Reggie as he looked out the window, watching a plane fly high in the sky.

