

THE LIFE OF A STAR! By Chima C.

August 13th, 2045 My Morning “Ahhh, that new smell of opportunity, adoring fans, spotlight, and paparazzi”. It was a dream. “JADLYN! WAKE UP YOU ARE GONNA’ MISS YOUR BUS!!!!!!!!!!”. I heard my sister’s voice in my head. Uhhh bus? Waaaait my bus! Oh no! The one-week vacation is over already? I’m going to be late for school. I jumped out of bed and raced down the stairs. I almost forgot my luggage and backpack. Oh wait! My weekender bag wasn’t even packed, oh my days! When I got to the front door, I saw the school bus zoom off. “Noooooo I’m too late”. Then I realized What's the point. It's not like I can go to school in my pajamas or without my luggage and backpack “YOU ARE GOING TO GET IN SO MUCH TROUBLE!” I was startled by the sound of my sister’s booming voice. I snarked...What are you doing awake “Mrs. work at home”, “whatever” she replied.” I quickly got dressed, jumped on my bike, hurled my weekender bag and backpack to my bike and raced to school, which was about six to eight miles from my house. I'm not too late right? Its only been uhm...I glanced down at my watch. Oh wow! IT’S 9:15! I’M 25 MINUTES LATE! I start pedaling as fast as I could, “way to go Jadlyn” I thought to myself. There was no escaping a real scolding for this one, this is a major ball-drop. The Pressure Contrary to popular believe, a private girl’s high school is far from being an amazing place, it’s only bested by a military center. We live in a dorm, guided by so many school rules, strict dress code, older ones in charge of groups. I quickly hopped off my bike, locked it into the rack, and dash into the hallway. While I’m sprinting down the hallway, I heard Mrs. Singh holler my name “Ms. Wu!”. Now I must be in a whole bunch of trouble, I thought. I quickly dashed into the classroom and took my seat. “Perfect timing Ms. Wu, glad you could join us” said Mr. Yang sarcastically, this was followed by an eruption of giggles and laughter from my classmates. Talk about full dose of embarrassment. Ughh! The Reason Why I come from a humble background; my dad is a factory worker, while my mom is an elementary school teacher who also volunteers at the local shelter on her free days. We were not poor, we had just about enough to stay clear of the poverty line. Even with our economic situation, my parents wanted me to get the best education. I studied hard so I could get scholarships to attend the best high schools. Now in my 2nd semester of school at Marshall High School here in Japan, everyday feels like drag. Most people from my kind of background go to Burlington High School, which is a far-cry from the high class Marshall High School, most people wondered how I was able to even get admitted to such a school and how my family was able to afford me attending such a school. This semester we finally get to have clubs and extracurricular activities. I like the clubs as it helps me relief pressure. Pressure from being teased by a group of girls called “the color squad”. Yes, my nemesisThe Color squad, because they are named after colorful ornament stones. Friends & Enemies The leader is Emerald, Amethyst is the meanest, and Ruby is the snarkest and Diamond- the fanciest fashionista of the group. They are all from wealthy homes with their own personal cars with drivers. They go on the fanciest vacations and talk about it all semester long. As for me, I have only two friends- Chau and Lin. I love them to death and barely survive this school without them. I always get picked on by the “color squad” because they believed I don’t belong in that school and my presence infuriates them and, also since I refuse to show them my grades, they also assume I must be failing. High school was really difficult before I met Chau and Lin, I was mostly a loner, eating by myself at lunch and mostly lonely, not because I don’t want or can’t make friends but because of I was the least fanciest and I was to be avoided like a plaque. On that blessed day, Chau and Lin decided to come over to the table I was sitting at. We hit it off right away, we talked about interesting and funny things. We realized we all have a lot in common. For instance, I love animated movies and Broadway musical plays, Chau actually draws animated character and was in theatre club in middle school while Lin’s mom is an actress with one of the biggest Broadway musical group in Japan, so

she's been going to the musicals since she was three. How Drama Impacted We would always do mock plays and act a certain character and just generally have fun. One day, as we made our way to lunch, we noticed a poster with the list of clubs-reading club, science club, dance team, robotics and virtual reality, down the list was the drama club. That was the day I discovered my passion. I joined the drama club, learnt a lot and along the line I decided I was going to be an actress. A year after high school, I joined a small drama group that travel around the country to perform plays, it was during this period that I developed interest for directing. I eventually studied acting/directing as my major in college and graduated in flying colors, I already had two movies on screen by the time I was graduating. These days I am called the movie Director. My name is Jadlyn Wu. The End. This just because I really want to make