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Division: My Asian-Obsessed Friend

My best friend goes by the name of Daisy. She has long curly brown hair that goes to her waist, and she's about five feet and six inches. She's a pretty cool person and fun to be around with, and my best friend of eight years is kind, caring, and sweet. However, she's also weird because she's Asian-obsessed. Daisy is my Asian-obsessed friend.

First, Daisy is obsessed with Asian pop groups. Now Daisy started to listen to K-pop back in 2017. She immediately became obsessed and would constantly blow my ear off about it, but I would never judge her for it because that's what she likes. She has even introduced me to a group called BTS, a boyband group in Korea. I don't always listen to them, but when I do it's always the same two songs that they have that are just so catchy that it would be hard not to like it. She recently called me screaming and crying that she was able to get tickets for a group called BTS. She waited months to even get approved to buy the tickets when they came out and was lucky enough to get tickets at the bottom of the rows. Unfortunately, though, because of the virus going around, the concert has been postponed. They will honor the tickets they bought, but just for a different day. She mentions all these boy groups so much that I sometimes want to attend these concerts with her, but then realize that I don't even know what they are saying, so it makes no sense for me to go. But sometimes I just want to go on impulse and see if I would really be into this K-pop stuff. I would have never thought, though, that this would last so long. I always

assumed that this was just a phase and she would get over it soon enough, but it's 2020 and she's still into the same boy bands.

Daisy continued being so invested into K-pop that she eventually started to learn Korean, even though she barely knows her second language, Spanish. In fact, as much as she wants to learn Korean and Japanese, she refuses to learn Spanish. I always tell her it's better to know Spanish so she could communicate more easily with her family, but she refuses to learn something that does not interest her. This is absolutely ridiculous because that is her culture's language. Besides not wanting to learn Spanish, she thinks learning both languages will be easy and not hard. She ended up taking a Japanese class and dropped it shortly after telling me that it was too hard and that she shouldn't have taken it and wished she had not spent so much money on it. Daisy still has high hopes of learning Korean because she wishes to study abroad in Korea, specifically Seoul, Korea. I encouraged her to try if that's what she really wants to do but also to look more into it, to make sure she has everything figured out. Until then, she should stay put. As of now she's learning basic Korean words that will get her by, but also this would have to go through with her parents because they would be unsure on how to feel about their only daughter leaving to another country. Even with everybody in her family thinking it would be a bad decision to go to a different country by herself, and it does sound sketchy, who are we to stop her from doing what she wants to do and when she wants to do?

Daisy also started taking me and others to Carrollton, Texas, where a lot of Asian markets and restaurants are at. One of our favorite places to go to is H-Mart. It's a large market filled with all types of Asian foods and cool merchandise, from K-pop groups to Korean beauty. Sometimes her mother will come with us and point at every Asian man and say, "Oh look there goes your crush!" which is not a good thing to say, but Daisy would just laugh it off. I enjoy

going with her to experience new foods and activities that they enjoy. One of my favorite things to eat is *bulgogi* and *kimchi*; the flavors when eaten together is just the best, especially eating it with white rice. One of the other foods I thought was delicious was this good egg soup. It tasted so different and good that I wanted to make it myself. Besides going there for food, she also goes because of the merchandise for K-pop groups that they have. It alarms me on how much she will spend and willingly go broke for useless stuff, but I can't stop her from doing that. She took me once to a Korean festival which was fun but very obviously very different from my Mexican culture. I enjoyed the festival and the people dancing everywhere, and the music was very good too. I will admit, though, she did get me into this cute "egg" character called Gudetama, who is absolutely the cutest egg ever. Besides all that, I'm glad to have experienced these small adventures and being able to do these with her and our friends and all the amazing food we get to eat. Bringing up the food is just too good not to bring up again.

In conclusion my best friend Daisy has a weird obsession with Asian merchandise, Asian languages, and especially K-pop boy groups who are fairly attractive to her and can dance. I go with her on these activities and make sure she doesn't offend anybody, because she tends to not think when she speaks, and make sure she doesn't do something on impulse which could lead to bad decisions or being scammed into buying something because she is that gullible. Even though she does all this, I still have fun and enjoy going out with her and experience a new culture that I absolutely love and would not mind travelling there to see what Korea is about.