



The Boundless World of
Nan Liem

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Hello!
My name is Nana Morren,
but my friends call me Nan.
I am 26 years old.

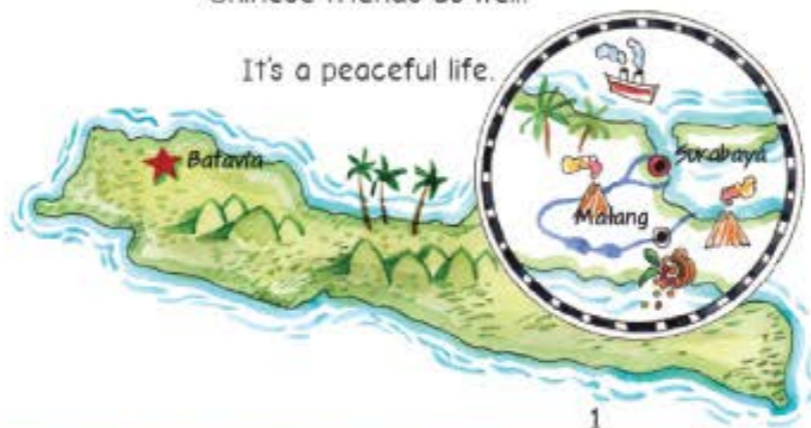
I was born on Christmas Eve
in Malang, Indonesia,
in the Year of the Tiger.

I have 3 sisters.
We are the fourth generation of our
family to live in Indonesia.

Our father is Dutch and he's in charge of the
finances for a coffee plantation. Our mother is
half-Dutch and half-Chinese.

We spend a lot of time with other members of the
Dutch community, and have many Indonesian and
Chinese friends as well.

It's a peaceful life.





Earlier this year, Swie Ling returned to Surabaya to get back to work. But he sent Tao and me to Holland because Indonesia was still unsafe.

Then last month, our second son was born. I named him Tien Pao, which means "Treasure from Heaven".

This will be the boys' first Christmas. Yesterday, we went to town and Sinterklaas gave Tao treats.



Celebrating here in Holland reminds me of the traditions I enjoyed with my family as a girl.



Presents are called surprises because they are hidden.



Shoes are put out instead of stockings.



Letter cakes are made with the first letter of people's names.



Hay and carrots are left out for Sinterklaas' reindeer.



Celebrating my birthday on Christmas Eve!



On July 21, I attended the wedding of Tien Pao and Kathleen Chow.

Katie and Pao are starting their married life in Singapore, without having to worry about poverty or war as Swie Ling and I often did.



Earlier this year Tao was married to Winnifred Diephuis in Singapore, while Fu married Sherrie Lynn Jisha in Houston.

I'm so proud that the boys have become such remarkable and worldly young men starting families of their own.

Now it's time for me to do something I've always wanted to do—

travel the world!!!





I am 98 years old.

It's been almost half a century since my boys have all been on their own, and I now have grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even great-great grandchildren! I am truly blessed.



While I have lived a life full of adventure, my family has been my greatest joy in life.