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The Possibility of Lions
By Marta Maretich

The McCall family should be thrilled to be back in California, after what happened to them in Africa. Forced to flee their home in Nigeria by the violence of the Biafran Civil War... But while life in the States may be safe, it's also foreign to this unlikely family of refugees.

Fortunately, relief comes in the suave form of Anatole Hachette and Roland, his lion... His plan is to re-create a piece of it [Africa] in California by establishing a wild animal park... But will the cautious locals embrace the possibility of lions? And can two such different worlds really be brought together in one place?

Pick up a copy of *The Possibility of Lions* at the Coventry Public Library or reserve a copy through your local Ocean State Library!

EXPERIENCES AND EMOTIONS I WENT THROUGH BY CHRISTOPHER SALMERON

It's a long story behind this, but I'll summarize a little....

Everything started a year and some months ago, to be exact, last March when I decided to come to this country: U.S.A. I was very excited to meet new people, make friends, learn the new language, and discover new places to visit.

Months after I arrived here, I started working and speaking English with my coworkers, learning the language at the same time and feeling more comfortable with myself. And I said to myself, "Keep going."

By September-October of 2023 I started going out with my cousins to learn more about Rhode Island holidays and festivals, to know more places in the city and to make more friends. At this point, I feel very good, I feel very happy because of how I speak English and the way I am learning English so quickly.

I have had many interesting experiences during my work and with my family. One experience was when I went to Block Island, which is an island in the middle of the ocean where I went for work. I was working in a new house when a lady who was walking in the street came to me to ask me about the house and what was going on, and I was able to answer all her questions.

My American friend Jay, who was working next to me, congratulated me, saying I did a good job taking with the lady, because I was respectful and she understood all that I said.

Another time we were working at a man's house who has many restaurants in Rhode Island, including one on Block Island. After we finished work at his house, he came to me to say he was very surprised how well I spoke English in such a short time. He offered me a job in one of his Block Island restaurants. He said, "I need people like you, very friendly, charismatic, respectful, who speak English and Spanish." He congratulated me again saying, "Your English is really good, I am very surprised." I told him, thank you so much for offering me a job/ and I will call you if I am interested.

When people congratulate me, I feel so good about myself. Their good wishes make me think that I can do everything I want and I should keep going. Bad Bunny is one of my favorite artists and he says in one of his songs, "Keep going for your dreams, and don't let people ruin them for you."

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EXPERIENCES AND EMOTIONS I WENT THROUGH (CONT.)

I continue to go through many changes in my life; doing many things, but at the same time, always thinking about how other see me: I see myself as very friendly, happy, with a smile on my face and always trying to be kind. And my personality has let me make many friends.

This life is teaching me to always do my best, to be a nice guy, to help people when I can and to be a better person every day. Part of this life is to be able to speak English without translating everything in my mind before saying it. Sometimes learning another language can be hard, but not impossible. I know that I can reach my goals because I am unique and special in this world. I am feeling proud of myself because I decided to continue and didn't give up.

Don't allow other people to tell you what to do. Believe in yourself, keep practicing and never give up because you CAN DO IT. Every moment is a new chance to be a better version of yourself.

-Christopher Salmeron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWSELA TUTOR IN-SERVICE

LVKC is hosting a Newsela Tutor In-Service on December 4, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Our in-service will cover: - What is Newsela? - The Features of Newsela - Tutor features - How to make an account - Help/support Please register at coventrylibrary.org/tutor-in-service



BUCKET RAFFLE

Our November 2024 Bucket Raffle is here! Stop by the Coventry Public Library throughout the month of November to check out all the items you could win in our raffle! Enter to win at the Circulation Desk for prizes valued up to \$115! Theater tickets, gift baskets, jewelry, gift certificates and more!

Tickets are \$1 per 1 ticket OR \$5 for 6 tickets.

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THANK YOU

LVKC would like to thank Christopher Salmeron for his contribution to our newsletter!

We love to exhibit our student's work! Thank you to his tutor, Judy for helping Christopher on his English Language Journey!

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