**GUESSING GAME**

When Tommy came home from school with a swollen eye and bruised lip, his mother said reproachfully, "Oh, Tommy! Have you been in another fight?"

"I was just keeping a little boy from being beat up by a bigger boy," he replied.

"Well, that was brave of you, dear. Who was the little boy?"

"Mr. Mommy."

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**LAUGHTERS**

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**JOHN'S LETTER**

Dear Nancy,

Have you recovered from your illness? I was very glad to hear that you are doing better.

My skin was sunburned, turning dark red like an Indian. For several days my back and shoulders ached as if stung by small needles. Now I am feeling better, but a thin layer of skin is peeling off my back and sides. I am not sure I have suffered more than I, haven't you?

I didn't know that you were an expert swimmer. Though I am stronger than you in physical strength, you get the better of me at cheststroke. You have certainly learned the right way of swimming; I wish you some day you might teach me to improve my swimming.

My friends, Mr. Wang and Mr. Lee, admire your singing very much. They said that they had seldom heard such voice as yours, and they wondered why you didn't sing yourself in the Ching-ping Concert Contest. We all feel that if you had not gone with us and led us in the games, the whole trip would not have been half so interesting as it was.

I have conferred with my teachers and decided to take some books to read in the summer vacation. I have a few plots for short stories and I wish to write them too. Would you give me some advice on the art of writing short stories? And what books would you recommend for me to read?

You said you would introduce Mr. Wu to me. I wish that could be arranged as soon as possible. You know, I like to play chess very much, and would be very glad to meet him. Sincerely yours,

John