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Discovering a new life in a new country -
culture shocks, fashion, friends, coffee
shops and more.



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Letter from the *Editor*



*"I always knew
my place under
the sun was a
great one"*

Hi everyone and welcome, I'm excited to be sharing with you all a little insight into my life. So buckle up for some matcha reviews, embarrassing main character moments, and absolutely unhinged side quests.

Across every feature will be real time updates of my adventures and all the lessons I've learned along the way. So without further ado, let's get into the fun stuff, shall we?

Main *character* At Work



At the end of the day, she's just a girl

Sometimes, the only way to get through doing something so completely and utterly embarrassing in public is to remind yourself - you're the main character... and maybe having a cigarette.



I'm not gonna lie. I've collected a few humbling moments since moving here. Most of them involve me being a total and complete klutz in public. Starting off, the first and probably the most embarrassing thing I did was crash my bike. And when I say crash my bike, I mean I rode into a tram track while it was raining, completely flipped it, and ate shit on dirt right next to a whole line of cars. Needless to say, I jumped up, pretended like it never happened, and quickly walked my bike off in shame. Did I mention I had had three glasses of wine? No? Okay, well I'm gonna blame them.

The other incidents involve knocking an entire line of bikes over like dominoes—twice, getting myself locked outside my apartment and having to call a locksmith, (quick €120 down the drain), and almost getting ran over by a bike trying to look good in front of a house full of Dutch frat boys. Yikes.

Needless to say, I made remarkable recoveries from each of these incidents by reminding myself that this is exactly what a main character would do. And really, who could blame a star for making their movie a little more interesting?



MATCHA RATINGS

I know you guys were just itching for this one. Here are my matcha ratings based on the places I've tried so far.

3RD PLACE:



Coming in 3rd is Stach. This one was a pleasant surprise. Since the shop is a chain, I honestly didn't have much faith. Thoroughly enjoyed both times I had it - 7.2/10

2ND PLACE:



In 2nd place we have Saint-Jean. Now this is a REALLY popular bakery in the Joordan. It's good but I do think it's a little overhyped. But maybe I'm just a hater so idk - 7.4/10

1ST PLACE:



And coming in hot at #1 is laundry boy. Their matcha? To die for. Don't even get me started on the rose syrup, it's divine. This place is quite literally a laundromat with a barista out front. I'm not even kidding. Not to mention their prices are extremely low and there's no upcharge for anything. This one's gonna be a tough one to beat ngl - 8.9/10

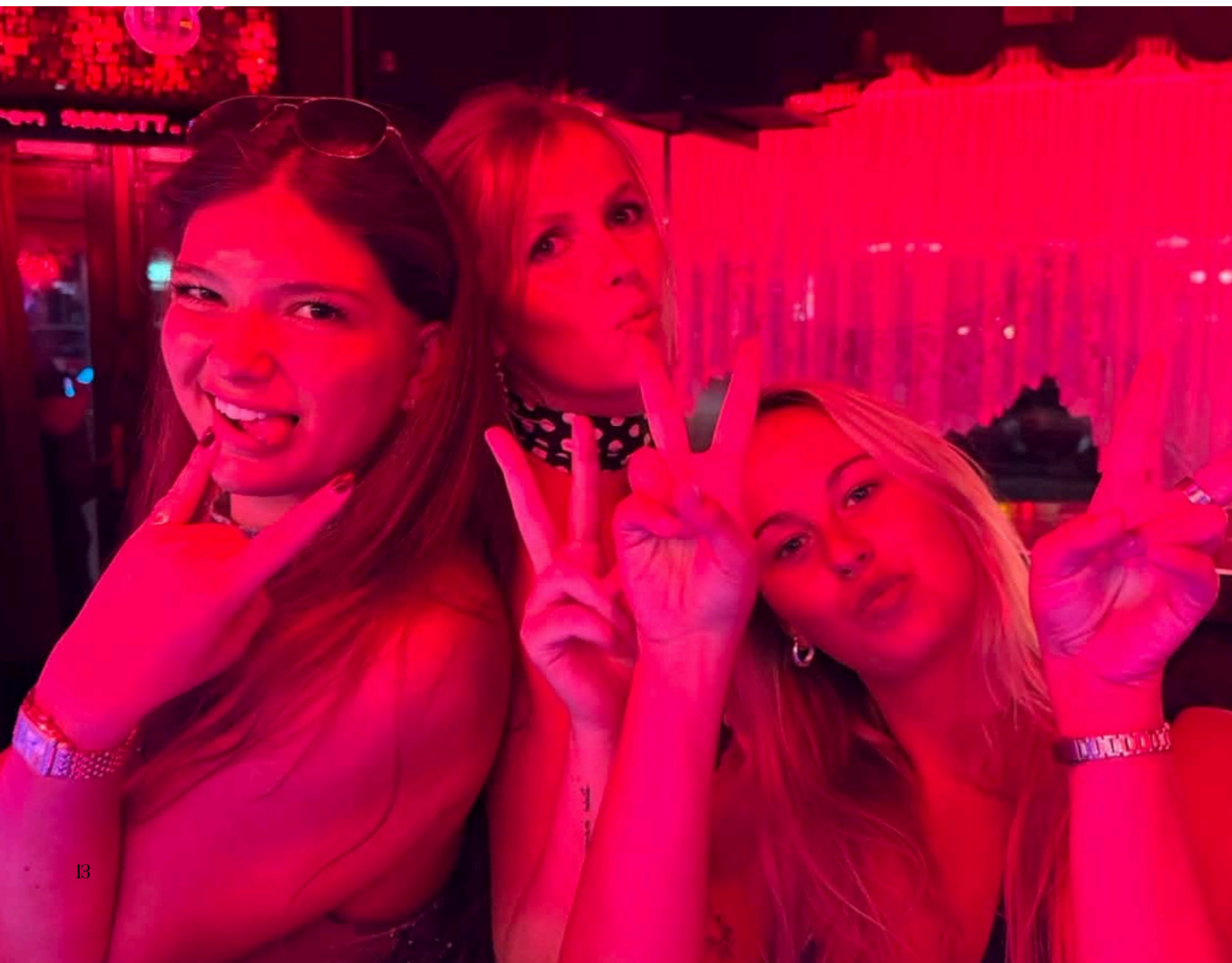
It's essential you
get a matcha for
your morning
“walk of shame”
back to the bar to
retrieve your bike.

*You have been visited by
matcha snail, consider
yourself lucky.*

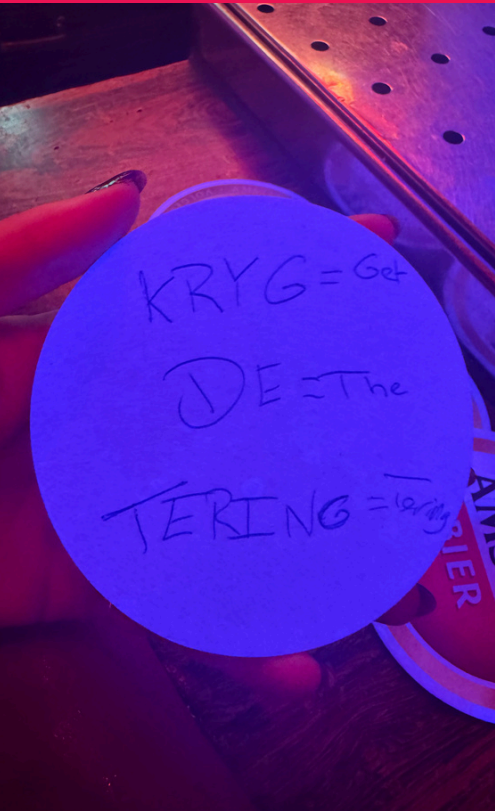


Everyone's wondering: What have the girls been up to?

SIDE QUESTING OF COURSE



Made some friends, had some drinks, you know how it goes...



BUT WHEN THE
GIRLS AREN'T
PARTYING, YOU
BET WE'RE
EATING GOOD

ALL THE
HOT SPOTS

Rest assured, a burger and a drink on Kikkie's terrace in the Jordaan will save your life. She's calling my name as we speak.



Truly a hidden gem—a hole-in-the-wall pho restaurant. My friend and I stumbled upon this bad boy by pure luck. I've only been once, but I definitely need to make my way back at some point.

Hands down the bougiest restaurant I've ever eaten at—and that's saying a lot. The interior is stunning, the food and drinks are incredible, and the staff are all hot Italians. Sorry, but it really doesn't get much better than that.

Actually, it does. They bring in DJs on the weekends, and there's a button on the table that summons a champagne cart. I haven't pressed it yet, but my mom is coming into town next month, and you can be absolutely sure we'll be pressing that button.



Before I introduce my mood board for my new apartment, shoutout to the two places I subletted in Amsterdam West and De Dijk first.



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