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**A True Friend**

I’ve known him since I was two years old. We were neighbors back then. I knew that he had my back through tough times. He always helped me through everything and I helped him as well. We had many differences, but what kept us together, was our friendship and our hobbies. Some hobbies we both liked were playing League of Legends, watching T.V., and playing ukulele. He was Filipino and good looking just like me.

Although he was more likeable than me, he and I would follow each other’s footsteps. He was the “athletic jock” and I was “the nerd”, but we were still friends because we looked out for each other. Some days when I was down he would help me back up. Likewise, I would do the same for him. He is the one who taught me how to play a new character on League of Legends. He is also the one who taught me how to play the ukulele.

I felt like I was in his shadow at times, but I would never get mad at him and I never felt envious because I knew he wouldn’t turn his back on me. He was always the star in our friendship. My role was to be “the support” of our friendship. It was my job to keep it together. To be the strong, constant one that supports from behind the scenes. He knew what we were capable of and he pursued it with me following closely behind. I knew he would be my lifelong friend.

When he taught me how to play the ukulele, it was challenging for me but he walked me through it. He would always tell me, “Keep practicing and you’ll get better”. The strumming was like his words blending into the song as he fed them to me. At first, I couldn’t seem to get the hang of the strumming pattern, but with practice, I learned. As I felt the strings run beneath my fingers, beautiful music began to emerge. By teaching me how to play the ukulele, he also gave me the confidence to be a leader as well. My friend is a brave and persistent person and I am grateful for our friendship.

Nathan Raras, I hope that our friendship will last for a lifetime.