DE: Alice (Escola Vera Cruz)
PARA: Thea (Mira Model School)

It's a pleasure to write to you Thea!

I'm Alice Paione Milner, I was born on March 23, 2008 in São Paulo, Brazil, so this means I'm thirteen years old! I am really intro astrology, crystals and makeup. In my free time, I usually spend some time with my friends, watching movies or in social media. My favorite movie is currently "Love, Rosie", I would totally recommend it.

I've been studying at Escola Vera Cruz for the past 12 years and I really like the school. They made me want to be a better version of myself and always do my best. One of my favorites school subjects is art, I feel like I can express my feelings and what is going on, It is nice.

A bit about Brazil
In Brazil, we got a lot of festivals but my favorite one is Carnival. It is in February and is super fun and happy, people go to the streets and drink a lot, always dressed in the craziest outfits, however, at this time of the year it is super hot. Does India got some festival like Carnival? One of my favorites brazilian typical deserts is Brigadeiro, it is made from condensed milk, granulated chocolate , butter and chocolate powder, these ingredients make the most delicious and easy desert!

If you don't feel like an inconvenience, I would like to ask some questions. What is your favorite Indian food or desert? Do you like where you live? Do you play any sport? How is the pandemic situation? At your free time, what do you like to do? Do you identify with any religion?

Looking forward knowing about you and your country,
Alice

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PARA: Alice (Escola Vera Cruz)

Olá, Alice! Tudo bem?

(I apologise for my rusty knowledge of Brazilian Portuguese)

Firstly, I apologise again for the late reply. Due to some unprecedented and unforeseen glitch, I was unable to receive your email, hoping that it doesn't happen again in the future! (｡•́‿•̀｡)

A little about me is that my name is Thea Girotra, and I was born on the 27th September 2008 in my home city of New Delhi, which is the capital of India. I too enjoy learning about astrology as a Libra myself, and I'm glad to meet an Aries like you (my dad is an Aries, too!). My makeup and fashion skills are unfortunately scarce, although I do like to keep up to date about the latest affairs in this industry. Great choice of movies! I loved 'Love, Rosie'; Lily Collins is truly an amazing actress. I recommend you watch 'Clueless' (a modern 90's remake of the Jane Austen novel Emma) if you haven't already, it is absolutely amazing and has such amazing depth. I'm not the most active on social media but I do keep an account for the latest news.

I, personally, really enjoy reading Classic English Literature and watching Korean dramas or Japanese anime movies but I watch all kinds of movies and shows, really. I've changed many schools in the past, since my mother is a teacher as well, but Mira Model School is the one I've stuck around the longest. I've been here for over three years now and I'm quite fond of my school. Wow, we're quite similar. I absolutely love Art, and abhor Maths (coming from a family of bankers it's quite... unusual). I, too, enjoy expressing my feelings through the medium of visual art and creative writing. We should share our art with each other, I'm sure you're amazing at it.

As for my motherland India, like Brazil, it's a country absolutely bursting with culture. My favourite festival is actually a national holiday and not related to any specific religion and is much like Carnival: Republic Day. It's the day our Constitution came into effect and there's a big parade every year right here in New Delhi with tableaus for each state and the different divisions of the army, navy, etc. I've always loved watching such a scenic and symbolic show of our affection for the country.

Republic Day Parade

Oh my god, this Brigadeiro looks absolutely mouth watering, ω(ﾟ ｏﾟ)ω
I love Chocolate so much, I will definitely try making this at home! An Indian dessert that I really love is Sewayian, which is basically sweet noodles in milk sauce and they're delicious. I'm actually not aware of the recipe since my grandma likes to keep it a well-guarded secret, but I will attach pictures.

Sewayian

As for your questions (which I am more than glad to respond to, it would be my pleasure), my favourite Indian dessert as I mentioned is Sewayian, but I enjoy a good Laddoo too.

I do like where I live very much, I'm surrounded by friends and my school is close by. It's the place I've lived in since I was born, and I can't imagine living anywhere else.

I do play tennis and badminton, but I am not athletic at all, and would much rather curl up with a book in the park than run around like a dog (I still love dogs though). I love playing board games though, and a great Indian board games are Carrom, Ludo, and Snakes & Ladders (do you play this game in Brazil too?).

A game where you have to use the carrom striker (the one the hand is practically touching in the photo) and strike these black and yellow and red carrom pieces into the four holes at the corners. The red one is the queen and you win the game is you strike her.

You play this using dice and if you labd on a ladder you go up, if you land at the mouth of a snake you go way down to the tail of the snake.

Ludo is a bit more complex and harder to explain, so I'll tell you if you want to know in my next mail.

In my free time I read and watch movies and shows all the time, and I like to paint and craft. I'm currently working on a miniature kit which is quite enjoyable. (／^ω^)／

I do identify with a religion, the one my family identifies with, the Hindu religion. It's actually one of the oldest religions in the world and over 1 billion people are part of it. Although, I like to think that religions are belief systems and God is one, we shouldn't differentiate. God must exist, but where I am not aware, maybe only in our minds and hearts, who truly knows? ¯_(ツ)_／¯

Hindu God, Ganesha. We recently celebrated a festival about him.

Now, I've already written an impeccably long email, and I'd like to conclude with a few questions of my own about you and your culture, if you don't mind.

What do you enjoy most about Astrology and Art? What type of courses do you study at Escula Vera Cruz? Could you tell me a bit more about your culture and some aspects you enjoy about it? What type of things can one do in São Paulo? What religion do you practice, if you do practice one? In India we speak a lot of languages, and I have heard that there are many other languages except Portuguese spoken in Brazil too, could you tell me more about them and which ones you speak or prefer?

That's about it for this email, sorry for the lengthiness of it all, I got a bit carried away (^・_・^)

Tchau, tchau!
Your newest friend from across the world,
Thea (｡•ᴗ•｡)