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SUBJECT: Query: The Disasters of an Untried Traveler in Korea

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Mary McBeth, Editor-in-Chief
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Dear Ms. McBeth:

We're all liars. In "[Lies My Mother Told Me / Lies I Told My Mother](#)," Daniel Uncapher describes the lies mothers and children tell each other, but there are so many lies told by so many people each and every day.

When somebody asks about our vacation, we only tell them the good stuff, the parts with a shiny glow. But the bad stuff is important too. It teaches us and helps us become better. "**The Disasters of an Untried Traveler in Korea**" is a memoir all about the bad days I had while visiting Korea. The fear from being so far from what's familiar. The embarrassment of not being able to communicate a simple desire. The disappointment from plans not living up to expectations. The panic of not knowing what to do next. But it's also about how powerful the good experiences are, and how they easily outweigh the bad.

One of *Memoir Magazine's* goals is to promote diversity. Traveling to new places encourages diversity because it allows people to interact with those who think and look differently than them. But traveling so far can be terrifying, especially for those who've never done it before. There are so many things that could go wrong. And that's okay. Because who has ever become a better person by avoiding adversity?

I'm a tech writer who's worked at a government contractor for more than four years, editing tech manuals for large watercraft and creating operating instructions for my team. I'm also a traveler who's been to South Korea twice. I spent months preparing for those trips, however, I couldn't foresee every problem I'd encounter. Things still went wrong. But I was open to disaster. I expected it, and I didn't let it ruin the experience. I'd like to inspire your readers to live the same way.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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