

## Creative writing workshop Portugal and Belgium (1): pass it on story

### Assignment:

- You have 2 minutes to start your story. The first sentence will be: *Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*
  - After 2 minutes you pass your story on to the person behind you. The last person in the row, runs her paper up to the first person. Students must stop writing when the teacher calls time — even if they are in the middle of a sentence!
  - Continue with each student down the row adding to the story.
  - After a few rounds, students will end up with their own paper again. They then need to write a conclusion to their story.
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1)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

They already had a great time staying here. They loved the country with its fries and beer, where everyone drives their bike... But there was one thing that they didn't liked, **the weather. It's cold and rainy all the time, they're not used to this kind of climate. Thick coats weren't in their bags, so that made it even worse. However there was one thing that made it all good: they went to Tomorrowland and got so drunk that they didn't notice the bad weather. It was an amazing experience because they went to the festival they've always dreamt of joining and managed to trick the security with their fake ID's. It was a memorable experience and they would come back for more next year.**

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2)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

They haven't seen a lot of Belgium yet. They will go to Antwerp and Brussels later this week. **They want to see Manneke Pis in Brussels, but unfortunately Manneke Pis had been stolen. They all agreed to go and look for him and made a plan where to search. After searching for a long, long time, they still haven't found him. They gave up and decided to look him up on google images and concluded it wasn't worth the effort. Afterwards they went to drink a delicious Belgian beer.**

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3)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

one person is missing. **He got lost while they went to visit Leuven. The police was called and looked for the girl. After a long day of searching they gave up. But what they didn't knew was that she went back home. She didn't like it here so she sneaked out and jumped on a plane back to Portugal. All of her classmates were worried and cried which made the whole**

experience even worse. All of a sudden, one of the students gets a call from Portugal. It's her. She didn't leave but she got kidnapped and they took her back to Portugal. Luckily she escaped and that is why she called. She was going to take a plane back to finish the trip with her friends.

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4)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

they were already tired of Belgium and wanted to go home. But then they saw our faces and they started loving the country again. Today they are going to Antwerp so I'm curious what they are going to do. After Antwerp they will go to a restaurant and tomorrow they will visit Brussels. But the train to Brussels will be cancelled. So they have to find an alternative. What are they gonna do?

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5)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

they already wanted to go home. But suddenly news came that they wouldn't be able to go home because a volcano had erupted and they were stuck in the air. The flight was heavy and 1 hour later, they are back in Belgium. And they were very tired so most of the students went to sleep, but some of them didn't want to sleep so they went out.

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6)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

I haven't seen them in these days. Today it's the first time I can meet these people. It is very interesting to know more about these people and their country. There are a lot of different things. Why are there more girls than boys? Where in Portugal do they live? I got the answers to these questions during their presentations and it seems that it is a nice country.

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7)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

they are really excited to be here and to visit some places like Brussels. So this afternoon they will visit Antwerp. They will be able to shop there and eat something. Tomorrow they are going to visit Brussels. Fries mmmh.... Chocolate mmmhh.... They will see Manneke Pis in Brussels. It will be a shock because it isn't impressive at all. I hope it isn't a boring town because then they will think that we are all boring and we aren't 😊  
They will also visit Leuven where they will be lost because there will be a lot of busses. They will go back to Portugal and had a good view of Belgium!

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8)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

they couldn't get any inspiration to write a good story along with the Belgians. All they could think about was fries, waffles and beer. So when they left class, they went to the nearest café, just to drink beer, eat fries and waffles, but would they get fat because of so many 'fast food'? They ate, ate, ate and drank until nothing was left in that café, so they went to the café next to it and did the same. Maybe they have a secret. They have to. How can they be skinny and eat so much fast food at the same time? Maybe they take pills or something like that that burns all the fat from their body. Yeah, because they are really lazy so they don't exercise. The pills are an easy way to lose weight so yes, it must be that since they are almost transparent even when they only eat and drink in life.

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9)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

we don't like them. They are annoying and speak loud. I don't understand anything they say. They are nice, just different. It could be worse though. They could be French. French people are just a no for me. Those croissants and baguettes. We have that everywhere! Or Italians, oh god Italians. They are so loud, and always eating food that makes you fat like pasta and pizza. And it could be worse than that. Fortunately the Portuguese know that Belgium isn't the capital of Germany. But they don't know that fries are from Belgium. They thought that fries are American. Oh God, poor innocent Portuguese. They have no idea what really happens in Belgium. They don't know about the underground. Let's hope none of them end up there....

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10)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

so far it had been amazing. The girl that stays at my home is really nice. I am happy that I signed up for this project. The only problem that I have is that she is always late and asking for more time. She can never be on time! She also likes staying in the couch almost all the time, while I like going out to jog. The other day while I was jogging, I found a dog in a box floating in a river under the bridge. I got closer and looked inside and was shocked to find out that the dog had wings and a moustache. He had started to speak in French and flew his way to a bicycle. He had legs now too. What is that? Suddenly....

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11)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

in three days they will go back already. They are great people so they should stay longer, see more of Belgium, maybe see other countries around Belgium. A week isn't long. The Portuguese are amazing, friendly and nice but at the same time, they are always late and they don't know how to ride a bike properly. They seem to like the Belgian boys, like we like beer. Beer is the best, hopefully they can drink some when they are here, if they are lucky they might find some butterbeer. There are a lot of wizards here in Belgium. The boys' smiles seem like they cast a spell and suddenly we want to bring such beauty to Portugal.

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12)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

they are really having a great time, but they are struggling with the time fuse. We are learning so many interesting things. Fries are really delicious But there was this one dish, this weird plant rolled up in ham in cheese sauce. I hate it! Luckily my host family didn't make me eat it. My host family is super cool, too bad that they like these weird creepy foods. The only thing I can eat is bread and potatoes, and I asked for olive oil whit animal bood. Although the food may be creepy, the people aren't. I love making new friends.

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13)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

they have changed since then. They turned more feral and drunk, because they tasted a magical Belgian beer that made them recall their brave seamanship past and suddenly they realized they were not in Belgium anymore. That magical beer made the Portuguese students fly to another place, full of magical creatures, named mr. Waffles, Delicious Beer and Mrs. Chocolate. Those were the leaders of the new place. The Portuguese were not scared, they were to drunk for that. They started feeling tired and decided to go to sleep because they weren't understanding what was going on. In the next day they woke up in their own beds like nothing happened.

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14)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

they didn't go out yet. They need to drink the Belgian beer. I'm sure they will like it. And after that they need to go to a party at 'de oude markt'. They were really drunk from our beer. We thought it was really funny. A lot of crazy things happened. The Portuguese were dancing on the table and they never went to a party like this before. They made a lot of fun and laughed a lot. We had a great time. And the Portuguese gave us a very big gift. They gav us tickets to go to their festival. But only 5 tickets. So everyone was fighting.

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15)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*  
we lost one person in the class. What shall we do now? **Everyone was in panic. So the teachers decided that everyone should stay inside before other bad things would happen.** We went to our phones and we received a photo of a dead kid. I was in panic: all of the blood, all of ...

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16)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*  
they already liked it so much that they wanted to stay so they made a plan to sabotage their way back. **They thought about hiding the ID's of their teachers so that they couldn't leave the country and so they started to study the teacher's movements.** After a lot of thinking, they had started their plan to steal the ID's but what they didn't anticipate was that the teachers had copies of their ID's do the Portuguese went home feeling sad.

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17)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*  
they already liked students at our school. Our class had a clear vision of how we thought everyone looked like. But we were wrong, they look a lot like us. At Friday we went partying with them and something happened. **We went to the club and danced a lot. Three girls of the group went outside but we didn't see them back.** So we decided the Portuguese and Belgium students to go looking for them. We looked everywhere in Leuven, but we didn't find one of them. They are probably just partying somewhere else and making new friends. We don't need to worry about it.

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18)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*  
they already liked their stay in Belgium so much. They decided to go out for a drink on the 'Oude Markt'. It was so fun that they decided to go party and drink shots. But then **they still have more days to meet new people and to visit other things.** They gave a presentation about Portugal and it was really interesting. But they had a hangover from the day before. They drank a little bit too much. Will they survive the stay in Belgium? We will see. They took a painkiller and they felt better. They felt so good that the Portuguese were considering to go out again. Some Belgian students wanted to go with them

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19)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

they have already opened themselves to us which is super nice and gives us a feeling of happiness. There was a funny boy with big brown eyes. And... that smile! I really have to focus on my studies but the shadow of this cute boy is following me everywhere. It kind of feels like there is always someone watching. But it turned out he was interested in camels, so not for me!

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20)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

it didn't go as I wanted. We already lost one student in our big country. The other girls were already very worried because they thought they would never find their friend again. Because they were so worried, they decided to go on a quest to find their Portuguese friend. They were looking for him at the airport but they didn't find him. All of a sudden they saw someone who looked similar to their friend. They wanted to talk to him but it didn't seem to be their friend. Maybe he is taken by a man because they Belgian people 'like little children'. We started panicking so I decided to call the police.

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21)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

they already saw a lot of cities here. They think that Leuven is a beautiful city. Suddenly Portugal wasn't so great at all. Today it started snowing. There was a dog. The dog was biting in the snow and he bit someone's hand because he thought it was a branch. The hand was screaming 'help me, but nobody was listening. The hand couldn't be saved and was bleeding severely. This story got a sad ending. The dog was put down because everyone thought it was a bad dog. RIP.

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22)

*Just 3 days had passed since the Portuguese students arrived in Belgium, but...*

none of them was actually Portuguese. That was a lie made up by the state to trick the Belgians and steal their not so French fries, and then the state headmaster was caught by the police and dragged to the prison. In the prison it was really cold. The food was good but always with a lot of fries. I don't like fries. People think that I'm weird but I don't know why.

I'm making friends here in prison. It is nice because I never had a friend. Prison really changes someone. I have friends and eat fries and I started to do yoga. Yoga is really good for your bones and skin, you know, to make you feel younger and hot. I stopped drinking beer too oh! Who am I now? I lose my identity! I will jump from the next bridge. God forgive me!! Why am I crying? I'm not a baby anymore. "Be bold, be a man" – my head is struggling with me.