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Writing

100 Years of Girl Power

Girl Power is so important to me. This picture is of my great grandmother, Popo, who has shown me what real girl power is and this is her story.

In 1920, Popo's father passed away, two months after she was born in Indonesia. Her mother yearned to go back to China, but could only afford to take two people with her. She chose her two sons because girls weren't as valued as boys at the time. Sadly, Popo was left with foster parents, but she wasn't upset because they loved her as if she was their own child. I feel bad for Popo, but I've learned to stay positive because of her.

My great grandfather is with Popo in this picture. They married and moved to a town where disaster struck. The city's dam had burst, filling the streets with water, destroying everything in its path. Unfortunately, Popo couldn't swim. Popo and her family hung onto a floating door to survive. They were stranded with no food or water for 24 hours and when a boat came to save them, Popo said "I felt like I was going to die".

After this happened, Popo was in poverty and only had enough money to buy a piece of meat. Popo decided to use her skills to sell meat stew. Over time, her dish became popular and she was able to sell many dishes. Earning this money allowed her to create new successful businesses until she had enough

money to help others like building schools where kids could be educated for free.

Popo has shown real Girl Power by persevering throughout her whole life. Because of Popo, I believe I can do anything. Though I might never go through the same struggles, I will always remember to use my Girl Power to never give up, work hard, and have a positive attitude like she had.

