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DEL VALMAI WATER TOWER (POLAR)

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DEAR SIR.

I AM WRITING ABOUT MY HOME TOWN WOORABINDA  
WHERE I WAS BORN IN 1943.

AT SIX YEARS OF AGE I WAS WORKING  
AROUND THE POLICE STATION. WE LIVED  
NEXT DOOR TO THE POLICE STATION. AT SEVEN  
I WAS TOLD BY THE BOSSES TO PICK UP RUBBISH  
& LEAVES FROM THE TREES AND SWEEP OUT  
THE POLICE STATION EVERY SECOND DAY OR  
SOME TIME EVERYDAY BECAUSE WE WEREN'T ALLOWED TO  
PLAY TOO MUCH. MY FATHER WAS A POLICEMAN  
BEFORE I WAS BORN. WHEN I GOT OLDER AND WORK THERE  
I WOULD SEE A LOT OF FIGHTS, PEOPLE FIGHTING  
WITH MY FATHER BECAUSE MY FATHER TRIED  
TO KEEP THE PEACE AT WOORABINDA.  
MEN AND WOMEN AND FAMILY'S WOULD FIGHT  
WITH OTHER FAMILY'S WHO CAME FROM  
NORTH OR THE SOUTH BECAUSE THEY WERE  
ENEMY'S WHEN THEY WERE SENT FROM THEIR  
HOMES WITH THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN WOORABINDA  
OR ANY BODY WHO LOOKED AT THEM. MY FATHER WOULD  
GET SPEARED OR BOOMERANGED IN THE HEAD. BE  
BLOOD WOULD BE EVERYWHERE BE THERE SCREAMING  
FOR MY MOTHER TO HELP GET OLD DAD INSIDE.  
I WENT OUT TO WORK ON STATION (CATTLE) I WENT  
BACK TO WOORABINDA TO HELP MY AUNTIE MAY CABINE  
MY FATHER'S SISTER. HER HEALTH GOT WORSE.  
AUNTIE PASSED AWAY.



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MUM AND DAD

WE MY FAMILY 2 BROTHERS 3 SISTERS  
WERE GIVEN FOOD FROM THE PERSON WHO WAS  
IN CHARGE OF THE MISSION (DICK NAGGS.  
I THINK WE WOULD GET ALL OUR FOOD WOULD  
HAVE WEAVELS IN IT. MY MOTHER WOULD  
HAVE TO STRAIN AND SOAK OUR FOOD  
OVERNIGHT LIKE PORRIDGE WE WOULD  
EAT PORRIDGE BEFORE WE GO TO SCHOOL.

STRAIN THE FLOUR SUGAR MILK POWDER.  
BE OLD. SAID OUR FOOD WAS FULL OF WEAVELS  
WHICH WE HAD TO EAT OR WE HAD NOTHING.

I GOT SAWDUST IN MY EYE WHEN I WAS FOUR.  
AND A NURSE PUT HOT WATER IN MY EYE TO GET THE  
SAWDUST OUT. I LOST MY LEFT EYESIGHT BECAUSE  
SHE WAS NOT A QUALIFIED NURSE.

SO I WAS PUT THROUGH HELL AND CALLED NAMES.  
BECAUSE I HAD ONE EYE MY YOUNG LIFE WAS HELL  
MY MOTHER WORKED ON CATTLE STATIONS.

HER NAME WAS IVY JANE SAUNDERS.

MY FATHER'S NAME WAS

DUDLEY THOMAS WATERTON.

MY FATHER WORE THE KAKIE POLICE UNIFORM.

I WILL SAY CHEER

FOR NOW.

GOD BLESS

DEL VALMAI WATERTON (DOLAR)