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Jakarta calls you. An ache like a hot tap grizzling in your head reminds you that it’s there, but you bend for the paper anyway and draw a hand across the gap in your pyjamas. There were thumps like a blocked drain next door in the night: someone is alive. The soles of your feet are numb and wet, there are tracks behind you on the lawn. Your voice is sharp and quick and you withdraw into certainty.

_Canberra is a beautiful city._

_In the winter it is surrounded by mountains. You should see it._

_The parrots are stunning against the snow._