

Butterfly Diaries Sampler
Excerpts from
Enough Angels

A true story in Haibun form by Owen Bullock

Based on interviews with Sean*

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I was born in 1950 in the southern part of Korea three months before the civil war broke out. I was one of seven children, the fourth, middle child. I was weak, physically, compared to others.

big brother
runs like a bull
through the dust

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I decided to open a shop where people could hire typewriters (I laugh now at such old technology) and translation services, and my wife agreed to invest our money, but the business did not go well. I was naive. I had a junior who wanted to borrow money, but he ran away without paying it back. I was struggling to manage all of this on my own without telling my wife, who would be angry.

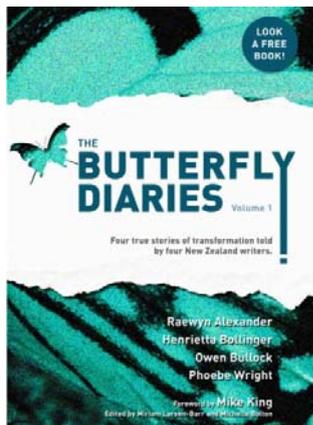
this shell
I don't own

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All this time my married life was not happy. I was self-consciously wishing things were different. My background did not allow divorce. I believed that I must stay married. I couldn't bear it at my job. But if I quit my wife would leave me. One day, I was quarrelling with my manager and he was insulting me. I wrote a letter of resignation but threw it away. I was about to break down so I quit and went to stay in a motel. I ran away to think. No one knew where I was.

somewhere
down this corridor
laughter

To be continued . . .



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