

All the family sit on the floor in a circle and the food was put on banana leaves. We used fingers and spoons and sometimes chopsticks to eat. We threw away the banana leaves. We didn't have to wash dishes.

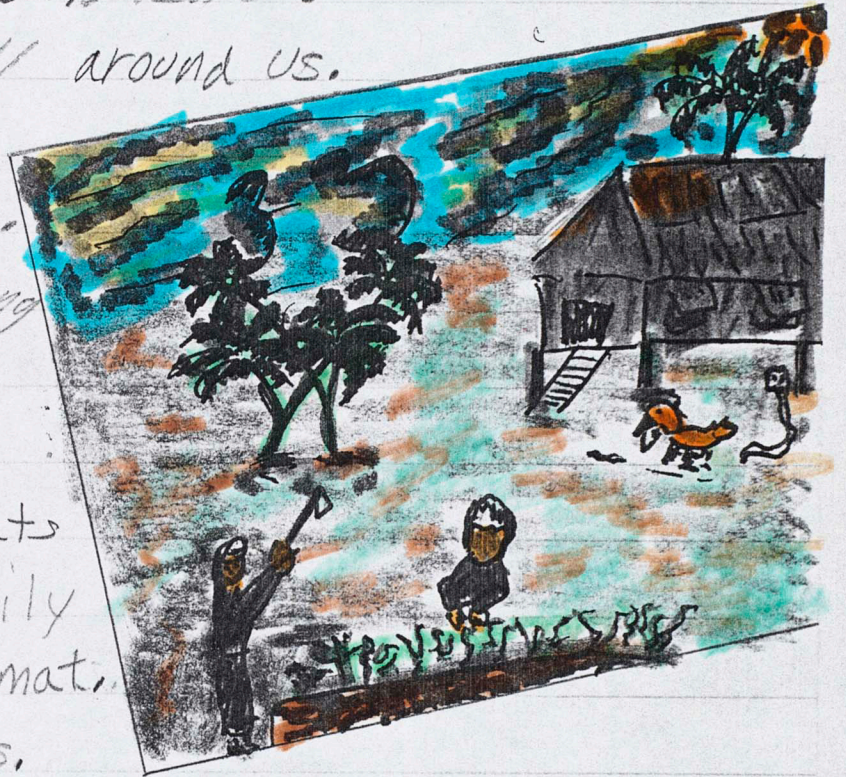
The jungle was all around us.

At night I heard scary sounds coming from there. I heard owls, tigers growling and monkeys.

In our one room house everybody slept on mats on the floor. In my family five people slept on one mat. We didn't wear pajamas.

My mother and father wore sarongs and the boys wear shorts.

How different living in America is.



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