

## mary's story / 1-2 / running into lisa

anyway, the day before I left I **was shopping for** some **stuff** at the **mall** when I **ran into** lisa. she had just **graduated from** college and **was wondering** what to do next. when I told her **about my going** to europe, she **seemed even** more excited than I was. I **politely** offered **to take** her **with me** and she said yes **immediately**. **at first** I was a little **angry at myself for making** the offer but then I **figured** that **having** someone with me **might be** fun. and **it was**.

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we **were so happy to run into each other**  
Lisa asked me what **I was doing**  
I told her I **was** going to Europe  
**although** I knew she **would envy** me  
I **wondered** if I should make the offer  
she **kept saying** how she **wished she could** go  
I **was hoping** she **would** say no  
she said yes **without thinking** about it  
**being** alone is usually depressing  
so it wasn't **such a** bad idea to offer **to take her with me**