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Dear Journal,

Today I received a gift from my great aunt who lives far, far away in a big city. For months I waited to get this. I had greeted the postman everyday at the edge of the village to see if he had a package for me. But for weeks he said he had nothing. But today it finally came! People will become jealous when they see me walking by with this on.

Everyone else's exceeds my old one in size. I want what they have. But wait! Having the same, just won't cut it! I must have a bigger, better one! I would have the best one in the entire village! Everyone would look up to me. They will celebrate me and my accomplishments!

In addition, when party officials come to town they will see that I have the largest one, they will know my loyalty and dedication. Maybe then they will allow me to move to the city and work for the party. I wouldn't have to work in the fields any more! I would have a much better life!

Having the largest Mao Button represents my ultimate dream! I would like nothing more then to profess my extreme love and deep respect for our Great Helmsman Mao Zedong. Yes, dear journal; how else could I profess my love then by wearing a big, red button featuring the great man's smiling portrait displayed proudly across my chest. Mao struggled for us, for the great People's Republic. And now I must repay this great debt by honoring his name.

From our farms glistening with crops to our technological superiority, only Mao can lead China. We toil for hours in the rice terraces our ancestors built so that our comrades can live with ample food. Chairman Mao says we need to work hard. I certainly try to do what he says. I try to practice loyalty and faithfulness. I read every night from his Little Red Book. I practice his principles and hope communism will rule the world. Mao taught us these things; thus I need to show my support for our great leader.

My day starts before the great red sun rises from the east. I quickly eat breakfast before I collect the big water buffalo I work with. We walk slowly to the great rice terraces and start plowing up and down the paddy. Later in the year I must help to harvest the rice and bring it to a central collection point. There the crops get sent across China to the big cities I can only dream of.

Mao keeps us employed, and my parents tell of times where no work and no food existed. Those years went by painfully. Since our great leader started guiding our nation, we have not fallen on such hard times again. And for that

I feel grateful. He tends for our needs, runs our mail, and occasionally we get a tractor. Every year we get all the seed we need. I also heard about the times when we our family could not afford the seed to plant our rice. Thankfully, those times have ended, and no one goes hungry.

Still, I can't wait until tomorrow when I can walk around my village with my new Mao button. I just hope no one gets a bigger one in the meantime! I would become angry that I didn't even have a day to show it off. I would need to wait again for an even larger button. I don't know if my great aunt will come through again for me and get a bigger button. She has told me about all of the trouble she went through to get one. She said that she had to pay a lot of money, but I think it's worth it. Yeah! Can't wait.. Can't wait...!!!

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Thus I need to show my support for our great leader. When party officials come to town they will see that I have the largest Mao button. They will know how loyal and dedicated I am. Even my neighbors will recognize my dedication. I can't wait until tomorrow when I can walk around my village with my new Mao button.

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so I can plant the rice. For hours we go  
up and down the terraces plowing the fields.  
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the crops and carry them to the central collection  
point. There the crops get sent across  
the country to the big cities I can only  
dream of.

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tell of times where there was no work, the  
rice could not be sold. Or there were years  
when the crops failed and everyone went  
hungry. Thanks to Mao, that is not the case.

Maybe I will be allowed to move to city,  
~~and~~ I wouldn't have to work in the ~~big~~ fields  
any more. It would be a better life.