

ALICE IN AUSTRALIA, BROKEN THINGS #3

AUNT XUI LI HAS GIVEN ME
A CHEONGSAM:

'AUTHENTIC,' SHE SAYS, 'FROM
THE 1920S'.

WHEN I PUT IT ON MY MUM AND MY
AUNTIE GET ALL EXCITED,

BUT IT'S TIGHT AND SCRATCHY AND
IT MAKES ME WANT TO ROLL IN THE DIRT WITH TILLY.
I TAKE IT OFF AS SOON AS THEY AREN'T LOOKING.

THEY SETTLE DOWN TO WATCH TV.

I SIT ON THE SOFA WITH MY
PLAYER.

BRAD WANTS ME TO WRITE
HIM A NEW STORY

SO I TRY TO THINK OF ONE.

BRAD GETS ON HIS
SKATEBOARD AND
TRAVELS TO INDONESIA.

HE HASN'T BEEN THERE
SINCE HE WAS LITTLE.

AND HIS DAD MISSES HIM A LOT.

HIS DAD'S FRIEND, ADHI,
DROWNED IN THE TSUNAMI.

But I delete
that story – it's
too sad for me
and Brad.