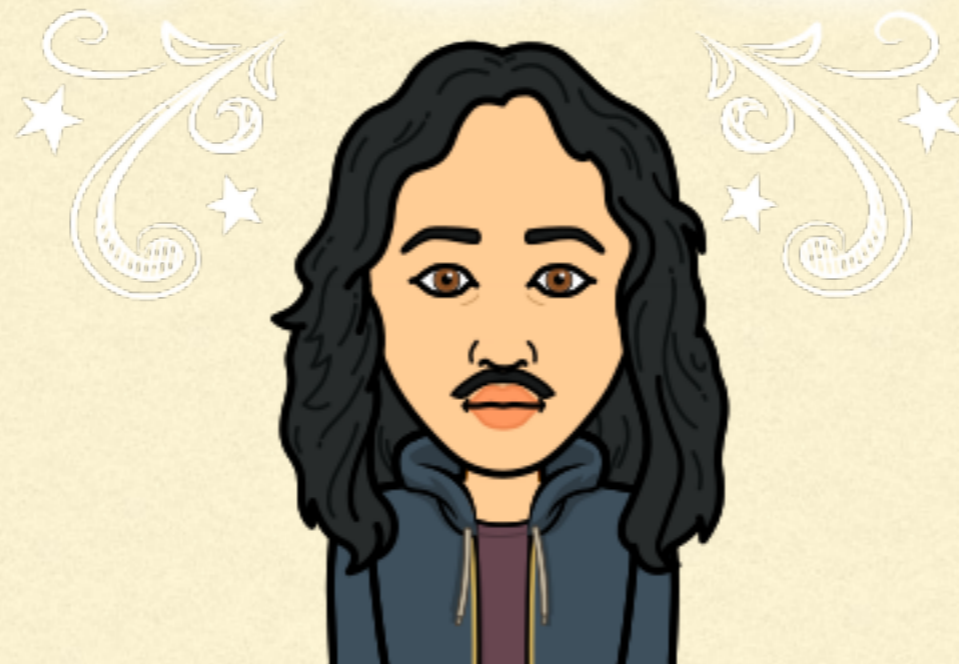

From Party to PEDAGOGY: *transitions.*

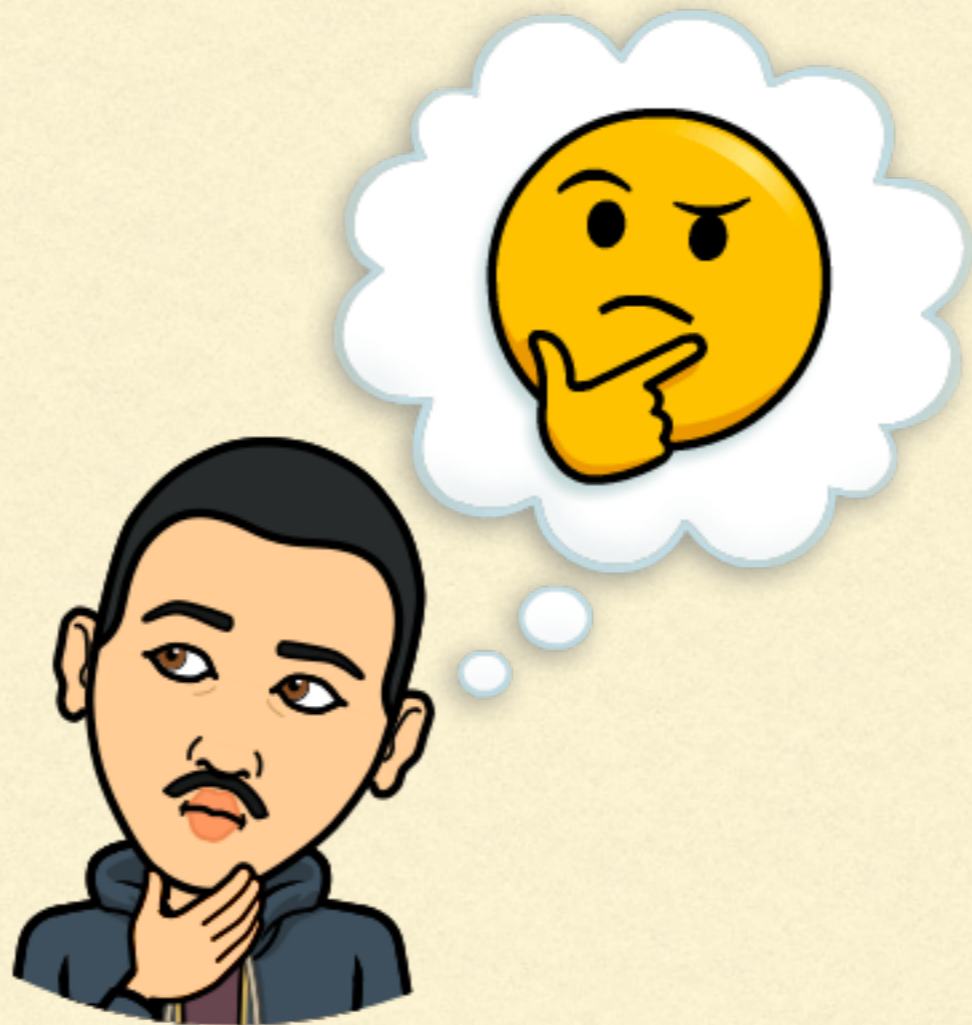
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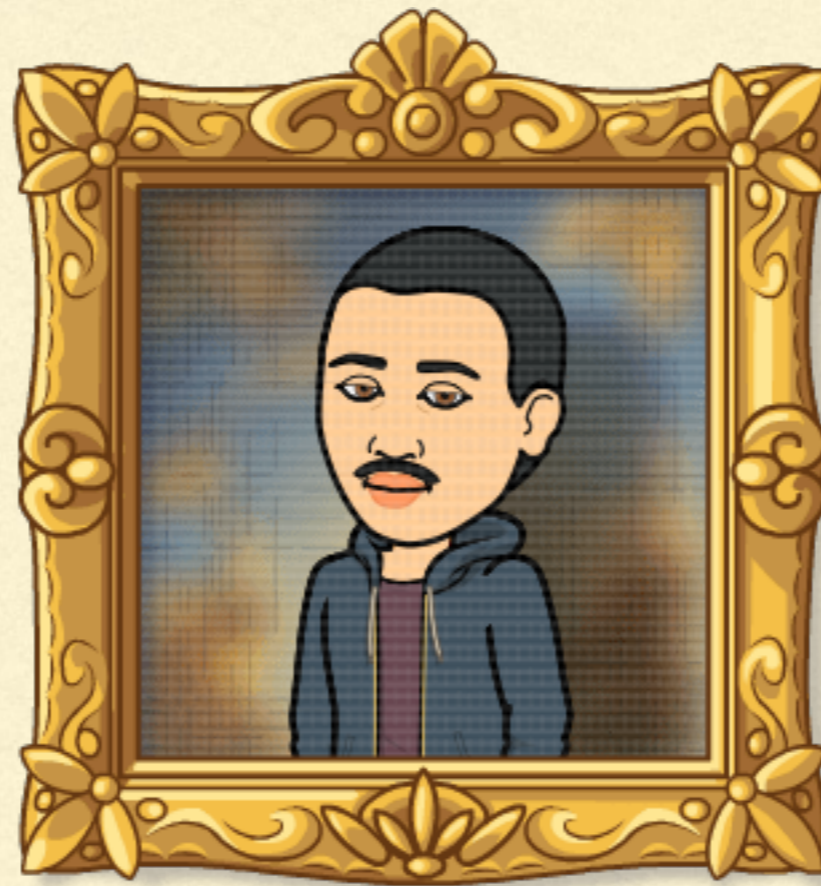
Note to my younger self;
you are more powerful than you know.



The party life chose Young Alvin. Late night and early mornings led to him knowing so many people.



Although the party life was exciting, Young Alvin never forgot his dream of becoming a teacher. He was inspired by a class he took in high school.



LEGEND

Meanwhile, Young Alvin chose to continue to party and along the way become legendary. To the point where everyone has a Young Alvin story to tell.



Every year on campus, Young Alvin saw his former teachers from that high school class. Every year, they would ask when he would teach with them. Yet every year Young Alvin said he was not ready.

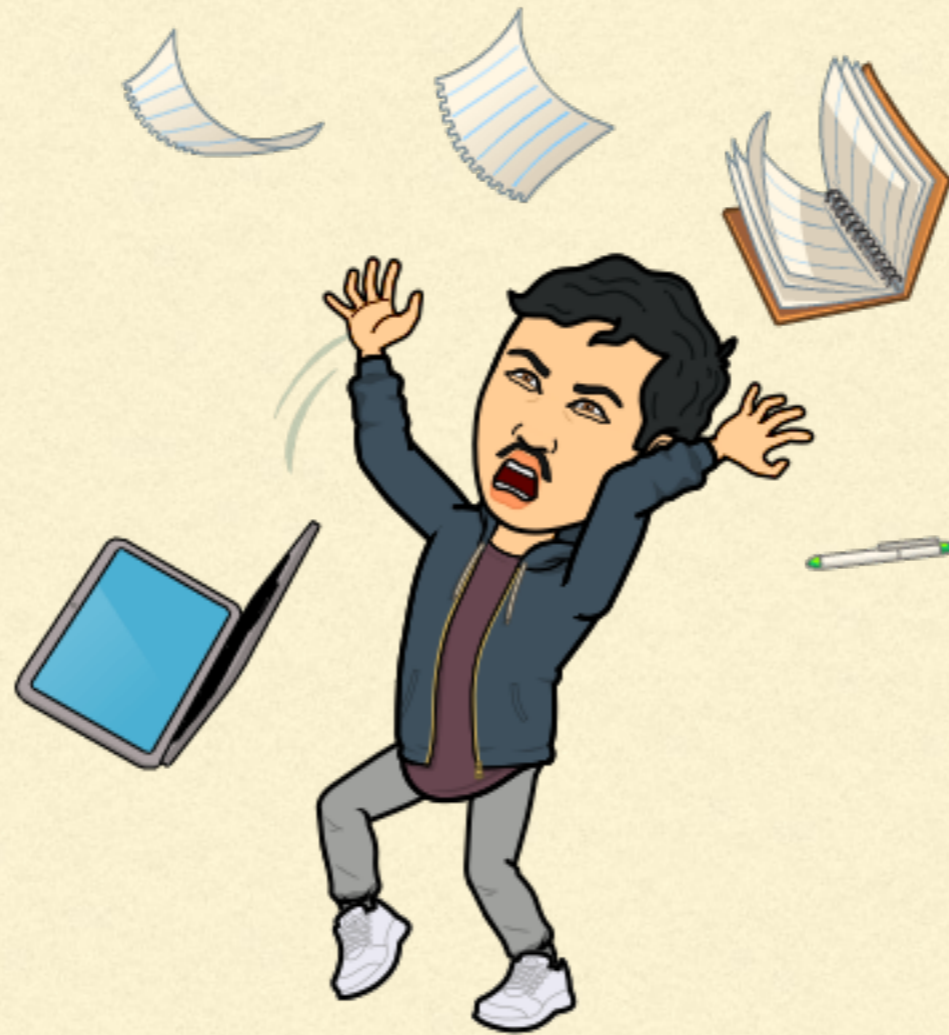


Until his last year of college, Young Alvin decided to finally join them. Balancing other responsibilities was not easy, he was stretched thin.

THE
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Being new, everything was unfamiliar and intimidating making his feel disconnected and lost. It was not easy for Young Alvin to get used to all the new things.



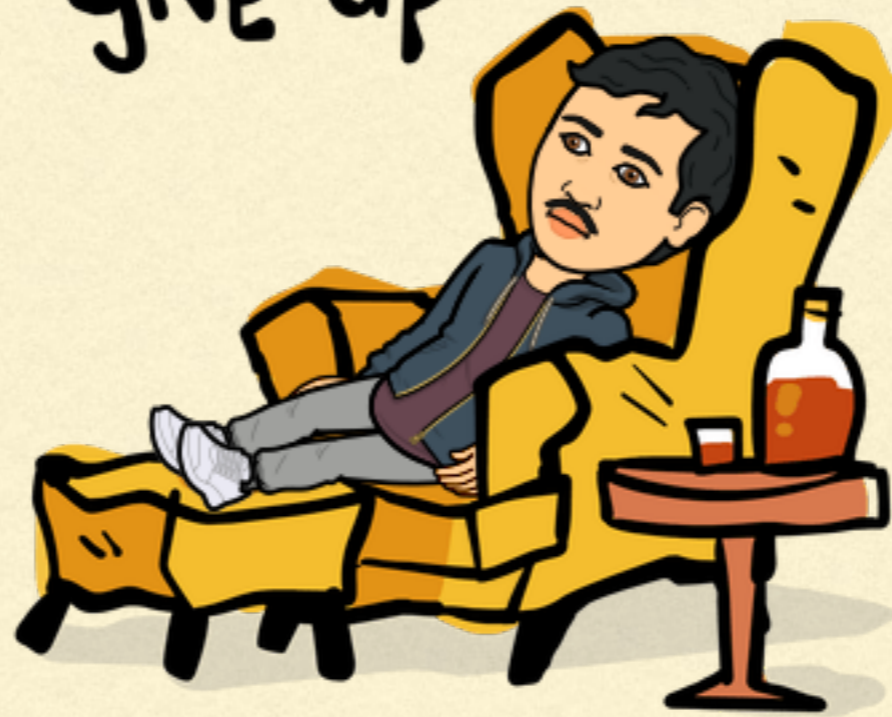
However, Young Alvin made friends and began to learn how to become a better teacher.

So tired



That year kicked his butt and made him question life.
He was uncomfortable in the classroom and felt like
he made a mistake.

i give up



He felt like he was a "bad" teacher and wanted to quit. It was hard for Young Alvin to sit with his emotions because he had a lot to sort through.



Unpacking how he felt allowed Young Alvin to find the confidence to continue. His got his first teaching job was working for an elementary after school program.



It was not an easy job. One time the school psychologist found Young Alvin crying in his classroom.



Seeing that Young Alvin was overwhelmed, the school psychologist helped him calm down. She let Young Alvin know that he was doing a good job and his students cared about him.



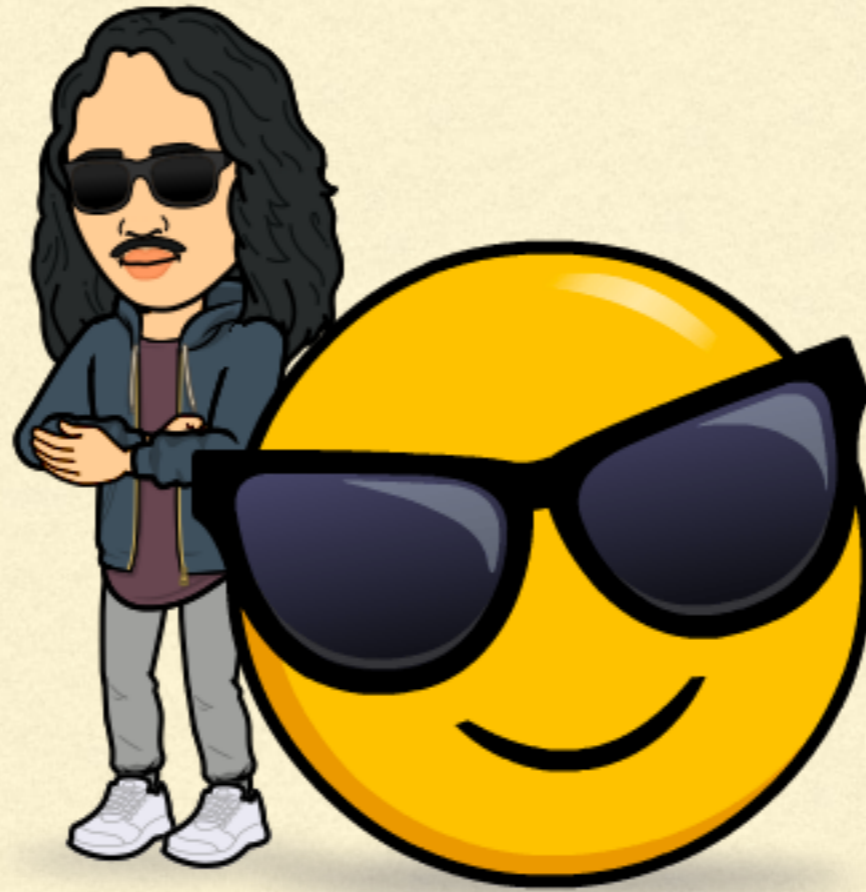
With her supportive words and belief in himself. Young Alvin sought to find knowledge in his reflections and connecting with others on how to get better.



WITH A LOT OF PROCESSING AND LETTING GO
YOUNG ALVIN BECAME MR. GOOBS. A COOL
TEACHER WITH THE QUICKEST OF WIT AND
VERNACULAR.



TO BECOME LEGIT, MR. GOOBS GOT HIS MASTER'S DEGREE AND ACCUMULATED STUDENT DEBT. WHILE FEELING LIKE AN IMPOSTER THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE JOURNEY.



HOWEVER, MR. GOOBS GOT THROUGH. BEING AS A FIRST GENERATION, FILIPINO IMMIGRANT WHO COULDN'T SPEAK ENGLISH, NAVIGATED A SYSTEM IN A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE IS SOMETHING HE IS PROUD OF.



FOR MR. GOOBS, THERE HAS BEEN SO MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS BUT STILL MANY DREAMS. HE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT FROM OTHERS AND BELIEF IN HIMSELF.

