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00:00:00	Life in Chapters
00:02:01	Difficulty returning from China on F1 Visa
00:02:40	Dislikes being treated as foreigner
00:03:05	DORA program
00:03:43	Benefits of having a Green Card
00:04:16	Birth of son changes her life
00:05:04	Assimilated easily into American culture
00:06:11	Difficulty getting drivers license
00:07:51	Identified as immigrant by speech patterns
00:08:34	Felt alienated at school by social cliques
00:10:04	Difficulty getting instate tuition with Green Card
00:14:10	Participating in Plano community
00:15:22	Believes if she can speak as an American she will be accepted
00:16:30	Church involvement
00:17:56	Moved to America to marry her husband
00:18:39	Hardship leaving family and friends
00:19:20	Wants her son to know Chinese culture and history
00:20:28	Struggles with country identity especially being from Hong Kong
00:21:53	Cannot find work as an editor
00:23:45	Pursuing an Associate's degree for work
00:24:41	Only follows political issues in America
00:25:55	Friends in America
00:26:42	Focuses on raising her son
00:27:49	Son is choosing to speak English
00:30:20	Difficulty applying to colleges
00:33:18	Frustrated with differences between education systems
00:34:49	Has to start from scratch in America
00:36:29	Wonders why people group together in America around race
00:38:04	Only one culture in America
00:41:51	Must assimilate in America to survive
00:42:26	She appreciates advantages of living in America