Another year, another spring; spring has once again come again. This time around I was luckily able to convince my parents to let me go to Puerto Rico with my friends. To reach JFK in time, we all needed to wake up at 5 am. After riding for four hours, we arrived at Puerto Rico. In order to save money, we decided to rent a cheap hotel. However, we were unaware that it was going to be motel instead of a hotel. Even though our hotel was awful, the weather was warm and the ocean was a deep blue. We spent the whole day lying on the beach and eating gelato. I went there so often that eventually the manager befriended me.

The second day was the most exhilarating - we went scuba diving and kayaking through the bioluminescent bay. Scuba diving was something that I have always wanted to do. Our scuba instructor was not very friendly; he made us jump right into the ocean without properly teaching us how to use our equipment. Diving underwater was so beautiful and so much fun. Our instructor said I reminded him of a mermaid. While we were underwater, Dave Chang got caught in the coral reef and was almost taken by the Sea King if I hadn’t intervened and untangled him. He was so grateful that he offered me his JBL speakers as a way to show his gratitude.

Although Puerto Rico was entertaining, after a while it became repetitive because there weren’t too many sites to explore - a four day vacation would have been enough. This was my first vacation with just my friends and I’ll never forget the fun we had!