***Deep-Dive Into Singapore’s Raffles Hotel LUCAS LIU***

***Told by Rick***

The shining marble faces of the iconic hotel bounced light straight back into Rick’s eyes as the mammoth building boasted its magnificence and height. Rick was relieved when he escaped from the monstrous heat that seemed to follow him everywhere outside. As he glanced around, he saw a luxurious pool covered with colourful tiles. The aroma of food was wafted into his nose by the gentle gust of aircon.

The historic Writers Bar looked extraordinary to Rick’s eyes. Shelves of books towered high above his head as he sat pondering all the great writers that sat here, on this exact seat, that has lived. As Rick stood up, he made a promise to try to be as good as one of the writers one day.

Rick's eyes couldn't keep up with the bartender’s hands whooshing around at dizzying speed. They were pouring things, slicing fruits and pouring liquid into a cup all at the same time. Then, with an expert finish, all of the bartenders made an unimaginable, sweet Singapore Sling. This prominent drink was first created in 1915 by Nigam Tong Boon, so the bartenders say.

"This hotel has always balanced tradition with modern expectations like ying yang," says a staff member. "We have also introduced Afternoon Tea, which is where people can drink high-quality traditional tea with modern foods,"

As Rick's shining boots clicked on the lobby, he thought about when he could visit this again. Even though it costs a lot, it is a satisfactory hotel, complete with modern and traditional practices. As he hailed a cab, he pondered about how this excellent iconic hotel came about, mixing luxury cuisine and 5-star rooms for those who have the time and money to come here.