

# Fiction

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# New Journey to the West

*The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Bai, Aaron – 8*

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The planet's sole dictator MegaVile sat on the throne and thought about his evil plan. "We shall be the ultimate power of the Universe!" he exclaimed to his advisors, "but I am worried about the humans on Planet Earth, who are making rapid scientific progress and may be an obstacle."

"Your majesty," suggested MegaMind, his top advisor, "We should take pre-emptive actions, and deprive the humans of their power. I have a plan. First, we wrap the Earth with anti-magic wave to weaken them, then we muster an army and attack with our super space battleship." MegaVile nodded with a vicious smile.

*Two days later on Earth.....*

Xuanzang was meditating in Nalanda. Suddenly, Buddha appeared and whispered to him: "The world is in grave danger. In my meditation just now, I saw an alien villain called MegaVile make a plan to attack the Earth. You shall summon your team, and take actions now."

"What!?" Xuanzang took a deep breath, and tried to use his Zen stick to call for the Monkey King, but it didn't work. Buddha shook his head and told Xuanzang that magic wouldn't work anymore because of the anti-magic wave.

Xuanzang hurried into the garden and saw Monkey King, Monk Pig and Friar Sand gathering around and scratching their head. "Our magics don't work anymore!" they grumbled. Xuanzang told them the news, and they decided that they could only appeal to technology and science to save the world.

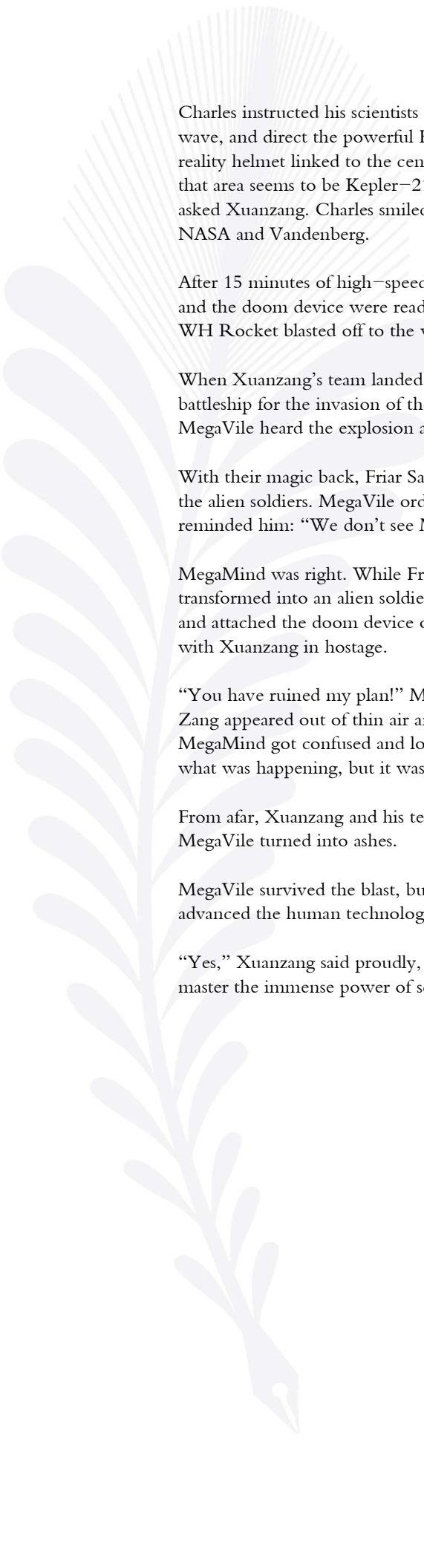
Xuanzang and Monk Pig hopped into a self-driving electric car. Monkey King jumped on a flying drone, and Friar Sand stepped on a hoverboard. "Don't forget our new virtual reality helmet and hologram machine." Xuanzang reminded his team. 30 minutes later they arrived at the New Delhi International Airport, and took a supersonic jet westward to Silicon Valley.

The first person they met was Sundar Pichai, Google's CEO. "May I please borrow the most advanced AI machine you have?" asked Xuanzang. Sundar grinned, and offered Tensor Net, a central AI unit that links 1 billion computers worldwide and turns the Earth into a super-intelligent mind that can devise a doom device 1000 times more powerful than all the atomic bombs in the world combined. "Marvellous!" Xuanzang and his team thanked Sundar gratefully. "It'll be ready for you in two days," Sundar promised.

The second person they visited was Elon Musk, the world's most inspiring inventor and entrepreneur. He just discovered a new technology that enables faster-than-light-speed wormhole travel. However, the technology was new and unstable. "Could we borrow your newest Space WH Rocket prototype to save the world?" asked Xuanzang. "Certainly," grinned Elon, "I need to conduct some more tests and it will be ready for you at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California in two days."

Then they left for NASA's Johnson Space Centre in Houston, Texas. "What can I do for you?" asked the NASA Administrator, Charles Bolden. "An alien called MegaVile is seeking to destroy the Earth. We need to locate him and bring the battle to his planet." Xuanzang explained.

"I see. You are welcome to use our most advanced outer space Hubble X telescope that can detect the most remote stars and planets in the universe. But where should we start looking?" asked Charles. "We should find out the source of the anti-magic wave, and search around there," suggested Monkey King.



Charles instructed his scientists to use all satellites and telescopes at disposal to detect the vibration of the wave, and direct the powerful Hubble X telescope to search the source area. Monk Pig put on the virtual reality helmet linked to the central computer, and looked hard into the space. “The only habitable planet in that area seems to be Kepler-211B,” He soon found out. “What’s the fastest way to get to Vandenberg?” asked Xuanzang. Charles smiled and suggest him to take the hyperloop that was just constructed between NASA and Vandenberg.

After 15 minutes of high-speed travel in the hyperloop tube, they arrived at Vandenberg. Both the rocket and the doom device were ready for them. In front of the whole world through TV broadcasting, Space WH Rocket blasted off to the wormhole, and through to Kepler-211B.

When Xuanzang’s team landed on his planet, MegaVile was still preparing his army and a moon-sized space battleship for the invasion of the Earth. Xuanzang sneaked to the anti-magic machine and blew it up. MegaVile heard the explosion and went furious.

With their magic back, Friar Sand and Monk Pig jumped on to the battleship deck, and started combatting the alien soldiers. MegaVile ordered his army to fight back with laser guns. MegaMind approached and reminded him: “We don’t see Monkey King and Xuanzang, they must be hiding somewhere.”

MegaMind was right. While Friar Sand and Monk Pig were creating a distraction, Monkey King transformed into an alien soldier and infiltrated the battleship. He located the power engine of the battleship, and attached the doom device onto it. When he was about to leave, MegaVile and MegaMind showed up with Xuanzang in hostage.

“You have ruined my plan!” MegaVile yelled, and threatened to kill Xuanzang. Suddenly, several Xuan Zang appeared out of thin air around MegaVile, all shouting “Let’s go, Monkey King!” MegaVile and MegaMind got confused and loosened the grip of Xuanzang. “These are holograms!” MegaMind realised what was happening, but it was too late. Monkey King grabbed Xuanzang and flew to safety.

From afar, Xuanzang and his team triggered the doom device, and “BOOM!” the super battleship of MegaVile turned into ashes.

MegaVile survived the blast, but he was injured and then captured by Monkey King. “I didn’t realise how advanced the human technologies have become,” cried MegaVile as he lowered his head.

“Yes,” Xuanzang said proudly, “Nothing can stop the progress of humans, as long as we have the wisdom to master the immense power of science and technology.”

# New Journeys to the West

*The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Chan, Sophie – 9*

“Good morning, and welcome to TTB News. The pollution storm Magnus’ death toll has reached over three million in Asia Pacific today. Amber Warning has hoisted for Pollution Storm Macon” The newsreader said. “A high level of pollution is expected, please put on protective masks at around noon, and also at sunset. Some heavy acid rain will move in at 11am, 2pm, and 6pm. Please do not venture outdoors at that time. Yesterday, the world leaders approved the “New Journeys to The West” galaxy mission, and the travelers will be departing earth next week, on January 3rd 2099. Good luck, and thanks for watching.”

Maia turned the TV off. She already knew about the mission. A letter from the government came yesterday, and she was chosen to be on the spaceship. It was about going to a new planet somewhere in space to start fresh. If all went well, they would send a message to Earth, and the rest of humanity will come. She had conflicting feelings. She was reluctant to go, because of her mother’s illness. On the other hand, she knew if she went, she and her mother would have free food. It was a once in a lifetime chance. Only a handful was chosen, and Maia knew she was very lucky. Maia felt the storm raging in her head, and decided to sleep on it. Hopefully her mind will be clearer.


A week later, the doorbell rang. Maia opened the door to see a government official standing there. He wrinkled his nose at the grime covered floor, the sofa with springs popping out, and Maia’s dirty clothes. Maia knew he was there to pick her up, and in that split second, she decided. Maia followed the government official out the door.

When the spaceship took off, Maia was amazed at how gracefully the spaceship lifted into space. “Magical, isn’t it?” a voice next to her said. Maia saw her friend Albert sitting next to her, and she hugged him. He hugged her back, but before they could say anything a man walked up to them. “Hello children,” he greeted them. “I’m Captain Timothy, captain of this ship. Let me tell you about this ship, just in case you need to learn how to navigate it. It’s a Bertha 2.0, and capable of travelling 10 light-years everyday. We already traveled 5 light-years. I made it stationary so I can talk to you. Well, enjoy your trip!” He smiled at them, then walked away.

Maia saw a meteor flying through space. She tugged on Albert’s sleeve. “Look!” Too late, he turned, and the meteor was gone. Suddenly, turbulence rocked the ship, Maia and Albert rushed to the window. They could barely see the meteor, but they could guess what was going on. “What do we do?” Maia cried. Albert looked more intently out of the window. His expression turned into one of fear. “What?” Maia asked. Albert let out a gasp. Maia went to look for herself, she too, stumbled back, and let out a croak of fear. A shimmering path led the way to the new planet, and since they were at the front, they should see the path, but the shimmering path was gone. By evening, the whole ship knew about being driven off course. People were panicking, but they more or less calmed down after a few days. They had food and water, and that was all that mattered.

Weeks passed by, and nothing interesting happened, and Maia explored the ship to her heart’s content. She found a library with shelves that grew higher than she could tilt her head back. She found a room full of the different constellations. She often went in there to with astronomy books to study the cosmos. When she wasn’t exploring, she was observing the stars. One time she witnessed the birth of a star. It stunned her, and it was the most beautiful thing she ever saw. She saw planets covered in sleet and snow; she saw planets shooting geysers of fire and flowing lava rivers. She learned from everything.

All was peaceful until Maia stepped into the cockpit, to ask Captain Timothy a question, when she saw him flailing about in his seat. “Albert!” She called. Albert hurried into the cockpit, looked Captain Timothy over, then said “He’s having a seizure. Someone will need to navigate instead of him.” “I’ll do it.” Maia said confidently. “I studied the stars in the library. I’m best suited to do it.” Albert nodded approvingly, and handed her a slip of paper. “This was in his hand.” Maia looked at it, and on it was the words: Go to star Alpha Westa. Underneath were Constellations they needed to follow. Maia gently moved Captain Timothy out of the way, then sat in his seat. Slowly, but confidently, she steered the ship in the way she thought was right, her only guide being the endless cosmos.



People accepted the idea of her steering, and all was well, but after they reached their destination, a minute barely passed without more screams, shouts for help, and the sounds of fainting people hitting the floor. Albert looked at Maia, but turned pale at something behind her. “What now?” Maia asked, annoyed. Then she turned around, and saw an octopus UFO with aliens inside. The aliens would’ve looked human, if it was not for the different hues of color their skin was, and their black eyes with no white. Then suddenly they appeared next to Maia, scaring her half out of her wits. Before she could even wonder how they teleported to her, she suddenly fell asleep. When she woke up, she was in a completely different landscape. The plants living on there were healthy, yet the earth beneath it looked like metal. A line of dome-like buildings glittered in the distance. After Maia collected her senses and focused on her surroundings, she fell again in a deep sleep.



# Phenomenal Modern Western Exploration with the Trio


*The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Ho, Yau Sing Martin – 10*

It was a miraculous day for the duo. “The city fair was epic!” “I know right? We got to play roller coasters and claw machines, eat dumplings and play lots of other games. It was the best day we had so far this month!!!” exclaimed the duo James and Harry. They hold a show called “The JH show”. It is a show where they do comedy, meet celebrities, news etc. They hosted one of the biggest shows on earth.

One day in they’re audience, they requested them to go to a foreign country. They so suddenly burst out that they scared the audience “Why haven’t we ever thought of that, ever?!” They were both so excited that they forgot that they’re in a live show right now! The excitement was so hype, that they asked the audience “Do you want to be a VIP guest and come with us? We will give you the ticket, the hotel room, and everything else let us sort that out. You can pack your stuff and get ready for the trip. By the way, what’s your name?” “Oh, my name is Bruce and how would I reject a chance like this! I bet you anything that we will have the best time of our lives there!!!” “That will also wrap up our show today, sorry it was a bit messy today but remember to watch us on tour in foreign countries!!!”

The next day was going to be a supreme day! They are going to ride a Emirates plane with prime food and stuff! “Wow... This is a very impressive plane you got here, you even got your own bed!!!” “I know right? It’s pretty marvellous, you’ve never seen a plane like this. First stop, Vegas.” “It will take us about 12–13 hours to get there. Once we get there, we will go to our hotel to settle down our luggage. Then we will start exploring Las Vegas!!!” 12 and a half hours later they finally landed in Vegas!!! They were very excited about Vegas. They were also amazed by how different it is from Hong Kong. “Wow, there aren’t any casinos in Hong Kong. This is cool!” so after that, they started going into the casino betting all they’re money on the slot machines, spending money on card games. “These stuff are sure more different than horse racing in Hong Kong! This is a very different culture, I’ve never had that intense betting ever in my life!” stated Bruce. “Yes, I’m sure that it is a big difference from Hong Kong here, in Hong Kong, you aren’t allowed to do betting all the time because if you go betting all your money, you’ll run out.” The next day in Trump international Hotel Las Vegas, they went out and had a pretty American breakfast which is of course a nice American breakfast with some eggs, sausages, ham etc. On the train to a theatre, they saw racism happening, they were arguing “I’m white and you’re black, I deserve that seat more than you!” “No you don’t, only because your white, it doesn’t mean that you’re a level higher! We should all be served equally!” That was very touching, it was so touching that the trio started tearing, but still, the man did not give up and said “If you don’t get up this instance, I will call the cops!” So the poor man sighed and left his seat and the man took it. The trio was as mad as a hornet! They had to think of a plan to overcome this very racist man! They thought, hmmm, maybe if we pretend to be the FBI, we could scare him away! So that’s what they did, they made cards and went like “Hello man, I saw what you just did sir.” “What you did was very bad.” “If you don’t give his seat back, then we will have to arrest you, if you fight back, then you will suffer death” “Okay okay, I’ll back off.” “Till next time black man, when I see you, those FBIs will be dead.” he hissed. As soon as that was sort out, they were going to watch ‘Hypnosis unleashed’ show which will be a very interesting show about hypnotism. They were very in to the show. That’s also another thing that Vegas is famous for, they’re the shows like the casinos. When they’re done, they didn’t notice someone is stalking them, it was the guy from the train! Harry said excitedly “Next stop is London, it’s also one of the major city. It should be different from Vegas, since they’re from very different places.”

They got to England on the Fly Emirates plane. This time the racist man was on the plane too! James quizzed the others “Did you know that Fly Emirates is a England company too?” “What? Really? I’ve never noticed before!” replied the very surprised Bruce. “We’re going to watch a soccer match Real Madrid versus Tottenham! Real Madrid is one of the best teams in the world! It’s going to be really good match to watch!” When they’re there, of course they needed a nice Fish and Chips to start of a day in London. They then went to of course watch the match and you might have guessed it, Real Madrid won because of Ronaldo and Bale. Then they ran into the person, guess who it was? Of course it’s the racist man. “What are you doing here?” “I’ve been following you this whole time!”



He looked a lot more intimidating this time because he was holding a FN Scar in his hands. They all shouted at the same time “I you don’t lower your gun, we’ll call the cops!” “Ahhh, so you’re not really a FBI huh?” They were all sweating now. They didn’t know what to do! Suddenly Bruce shouted “THIS GUY IS ABOUT TO KILL US!!!” So people started calling the cops and they came and arrested the man.

They had to go back to Hong Kong early because of that. “Shame, there were so much to see, but for our safety, we need to go back to Hong Kong.” “Well that’s the end of our tour everyone, I hope you had as much fun as we had.” “Because we had a phenomenal time in foreign countries!” “Bye!!!!!!”

## New Journeys to the West

*The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Parmet, Sarah – 10*

“In the beautiful state of Xinjiang, where glaciers glittered majestically and the blueness of the sky was more than anyone could bear, there was a market. Not just any market, no. It was a place where extraordinary things happened, where priceless artifacts were sold and where people would be forever changed. Everyone felt like today couldn’t be better. But there was one person that could sense that something was very, very wrong. Her name was Yin Yue.

Yin Yue had grown up blessed with luminous skin and eyes that shone like the moon. She was a bleeding heart, and would do anything to make someone’s day. Not noticing the wonders that lay before her, she recalled that terrible night, the reason she had gone on a dangerous journey to western China.

*Down the twisting, winding staircase. The place that she was never supposed to go. Piles of books rested on the floor. Some covered in cloaks of dust. One seemed to be calling to her, shimmering dangerously. Opening the book, she realized it was hollow. Inside lay a Chinese style dagger, with the word 「德」 carved on it. It meant morality and virtue, what it truly meant to be human. She tucked it into her sweater. Next to it, was a humongous jade— The Jade of Xinjiang! Its smooth, glossy surface reflected a young girl with kind eyes. But, the scene in the jade shifted. An ugly man with pure black eyes stormed through a crowd, and looked straight at Yin Yue. “Give me the jewel!” He roared, and the scene disappeared. Horrified, Yin Yue ran upstairs with the jewel, knowing she would need it, but hid it in her closet. A Voice told her to go to the west, the fate of Xinjiang in her hands.*

Yin Yue blinked, everything was fine. On the left was a stout man selling Shao Mai, and on the right was a lady showing off silk scarves. But, there it was again. That terrible feeling.

Suddenly, someone screamed. A bunch of men ran in, knocking over various stalls and wreaking havoc. “Reminds me of the Death Eaters from Harry Potter.” Yin Yue thought. And then, she saw a shadow looming over her and forced herself to look up. And there stood the man that she saw through The Jade, the man that had been haunting her in dreams. He was the Voldemort of her story.

“I know you want the Jade!” Yin Yue yelled to him, unsheathing her dagger.

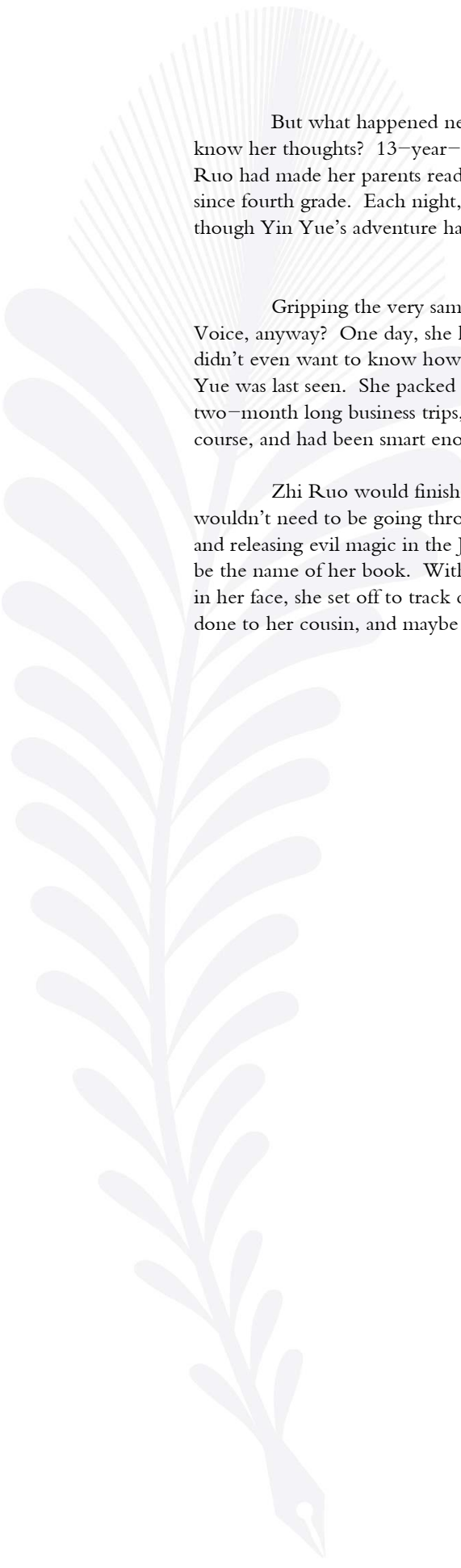
“Well, looks like it’s YOU who’s had it all along. Give it to me!!” The infuriated man lunged at her, but she was too quick for him. Stepping aside, she grabbed the jewel from her bag, and felt different.

A new, unknown power coursed through Yin Yue’s veins, and everyone backed away. She felt so knotted up inside. How dare he try to steal her family’s—no, her jewel? It was hers, and hers alone. And if anyone tried to take it, they’d be sorry. She rose her dagger and sprinted towards that thief, that tyrant—”NO!” someone yelled, the mysterious woman sounded like The Voice. Yin Yue was pushed onto the ground and The Jade rolled out of her hand. All that hatred and fury drained out of her, replaced by guilt and regret. How could she? Then she realized that it wasn’t her, it wasn’t even the man. It was only because he had been near it too long and it corrupted him. It was The Jade.

She gazed at the knife. 「德」. Being a good person. Not just being good, but being KIND. Understanding that everyone makes mistakes. Redemption. Honesty. Making it right. Helping others to be a good person. She understood. That dagger was meant to help, not to harm. It was to be used for the cause of good, not evil. And nice didn’t mean good, either. Finally, she knew what to do.

With all her might, she plunged the knife into the jewel. Jade shards flew everywhere, piercing Yin Yue’s face, arms and everyone in the market. Her eyes glowed with energy, and a blinding flash of white light was how it all ended.”





But what happened next? And how did this person know so much about Yin Yue? How did they know her thoughts? 13-year-old Zhi Ruo wondered, closing Yin Yue's *Adventure of The West*. Zhi Ruo had made her parents read it to her every night since third grade, until she started reading it by herself since fourth grade. Each night, she only had more and more questions. But she was sure it was real even though Yin Yue's adventure had happened when Zhi Ruo was only five.

Gripping the very same dagger, she wondered who mailed it to her. Who calls themselves The Voice, anyway? One day, she had brought in the mail and saw that someone had mailed it to her. She didn't even want to know how it had got past security. It had come all the way from Xinjiang, where Yin Yue was last seen. She packed a bag, relieved that her parents wouldn't worry. They were on one of their two-month long business trips, and they thought she was with a nanny over the holidays. (She wasn't of course, and had been smart enough to fool them. That was another story.)

Zhi Ruo would finish the quest that Yin Yue never completed. It was only partly done, and she wouldn't need to be going through all this trouble if Yin Yue hadn't made the mistake of breaking the Jade and releasing evil magic in the Jade shards around Xinjiang. *The New Journey To The West*. That would be the name of her book. With adrenaline pumping through her veins and the cold autumn wind blowing in her face, she set off to track down every single one of the Jade shards, find out what the jewel truly had done to her cousin, and maybe grab a double-cheeseburger if there was time.

# A Race to India

*The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Schrantz, James – 10*

To: wu@newjourneytothewest.org  
From: Xuanzang  
Re: WHO Formula

Dear Wu Lao Shi,  
I am going to India to pick up a formula for a cure to a new, menacing disease that is killing thousands of innocent citizens in China.

The WHO has requested that I retrieve the formula in person, since piracy is a concern in China. I will travel past the border by train and foot. I cannot tell anyone about my journey, as rivals are trying to steal the formula and sell it for profit. I dearly hope to succeed because my journey will save millions of lives. I am traveling alone, so that I do not attract unwanted attention. But, this journey frightens me, and I would *very much* appreciate a traveling companion.

I will keep in contact with you by regular emails, but you *must not* reply. My Iphone 9 has been installed with a program from the WHO, which is supposed to show that my phone is still in China, so that nobody can track me. Unfortunately, the program only works on my phone. ☹

Okay, I must leave now. Just remember, *never* reply to my emails!

Sincerely,  
Xuan Zang

To: wu@newjourneytothewest.org  
From: Xuanzang  
Re: Stopped at the border

Dear Wu Lao Shi,

Today I got stopped at the border. They said that my visa was expired, which made me flip out. As the border guards tried to wrestle me out of immigration, a man walked up and said, "I'm sorry, this is my brother. I'm sure that his visa was renewed last month. You must check it again, please."

One of the border guards snatched my passport out of my hands and stared at it in astonishment. "But...It just..." he muttered. The mysterious man said, "Thank you kind sir, but we must go now." He grabbed my arm and pulled me past the border guards. The last I heard was "You forgot your passport!"

The man dragged me over to a café and said, "My name is Sun Wu Kong. The government has requested that I accompany you on your journey, yet they have not told me *who* you are or the purpose of your journey."

I replied, "My name is Xuan Zang. We must talk somewhere, *more private*, but first let's get going."

After explaining my journey and my destination, he told me that he was some kind of magician, a trickster, who was somewhat like Loki, which is pretty cool. He got my passport back with a sneaky sleight of hand. Wu Kong is a tall, lanky man, with big ears and leathery hands, which make a sleight of hand look like monkey play. Sun Wu Kong and I rushed to board the train just in time.

Sincerely,  
Xuan Zang

To: wu@newjourneytothewest.org  
From: Xuan Zang  
Re: ROOOAD TRIIIP!! ☺

Dear Wu Lao Shi,

The next part of our journey was pretty worrying. The train car was disgusting and occupied by groups of chain smokers, making me feel queasy and scared that one of them would drop an ash on the gross carpet and burn up the whole train. I devised an escape plan, which I luckily didn't need to use. Sun Wu Kong and I took turns sleeping that nobody could steal our luggage. Sometimes he showed me how to do various card tricks, which helped take my mind off the dangers of the trip.

The journey was many hours. And at some point, a man walked by. He was short and fat and carried around a nine-tooth iron rake. He apparently noticed my concern. He approached me and said; "I know what you are thinking. This place is terrible, isn't it?" He introduced himself as Zhu Ba Jie, and soon we got to talking. It was a good thing he joined us because while we were talking, a pickpocket tried to steal my phone from my backpack. All I heard was a thud, and turned around to see the thief lying the floor with Zhu Ba Jie standing over him with the rake at his neck. The thief scurried away without looking back. Sun Wu Kong and I invited him to join us for the rest of the trip.

I'll be arriving in India soon and will email you again.

Sincerely,  
Xuan Zang

To: wu@newjourneytothewest.org  
From: Xuan Zang  
Re: Mission accomplished

Dear Wu Lao Shi,


When we arrived in India, I waited on the train platform for the doctor who was supposed to pass me the formula. I took out my phone and started to write a report to the WHO, but I was interrupted by the conductor. He grabbed my phone and started typing. I yelled, "Who are you?!"

The conductor said, "I've been tracking you and your companions on your journey. My name is Sha Wu Jing. I'm actually from the WHO, and I'm here to pass you the formula. We needed to get you out of China and make sure you weren't being followed in order to safely pass you the information."

He handed back the phone and said, "Take this back to China. The jet will be here soon. Sun Wu Kong and Zhu Ba Jie are waiting for you." As he turned to leave, he stopped and said, "Good job, Xuan Zang. You may have saved millions of lives."

Our jet will land in Beijing in a matter of hours. I'm anxious to start spreading the cure.

Sincerely,  
Xuan Zang



To: [wu@newjourneytothewest.org](mailto:wu@newjourneytothewest.org)  
From: Xuan Zang  
Re: New Adventures

Dear Wu Lao Shi,

The Chinese government was so impressed with our work that Sun Wu Kong, Zhu Ba Jie, and I are being sent on another mission. But that's classified even to you! When I'm back in town, let's meet for tea. Perhaps we can catch up then.

Sincerely,  
Xuan Zang

# New Journeys to the West

*The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Sze, Pak Hin – 10*

What another tedious day. Virtually everything was utterly normal. An antiquated, decayed book? Jack lifted his eyebrows in bewilderment. How did this get in my school bag? To make a long story short, he brought the book home.


How intriguing! Jack thought as he flipped through the tattered sheets of this inestimable artifact. Jammed with ancient Chinese characters (or as it seems), these words seemed to assemble a mysterious, intriguing background to this volume. Because Jack was revealed to be descended from the Chinese poet "Wu Cheng'en" of the Ming Dynasty, he possessed the capacity to comprehend, communicate and write the Chinese characters. As he commenced to utter the first word of the novel, a brilliant shaft enveloped his entire bedroom. As soon as Jack blinked, his entire world transformed tomato red, then after that, his still – intact surroundings turned pitch black.

Jack didn't stop screaming he struck the earth. After his environment disappeared, his "when-I-face-danger" instincts immediately kicked in. After an unbearable moment, his world reentered – but was it his usual world? As he crashed down on the surface with a loud "thump", he looked around. Jack observed his surroundings. On the horizon, Jack witnessed a foursome pacing towards the West. With a monkey – creature gripping a red and golden shafted baton radiating immense magical power, it seemed to be leading the team towards the unclear future. After continuously following the company for a lengthy time, the mist abruptly unfazed and there stood a magnificent palace wrapped in brilliant light. With a welcoming entrance and attendants flanking both sides, this seemed like, well, paradise! Then he took a second glance. As fast as lightning, the realization hit him. With the enigmatic book still in hands, he once again delicately observed the Chinese characters. This was the story "Journey to the West", where a foursome went to locate the "Temple of the gods". And here it was. Yet, it didn't feel right. Although it seemed right, this place felt wrong. The light that this manor radiated was cold and harsh. Even with a bright, warmful noon, getting adjacent to this place gave him the shivers. Retracting his steps back to the warmth, he intensively listened to the team communicate. "Should we go in?" The monkey king stated in a mischievous voice as if he had already made the decision. "Wait! We don't know what's in there –" Before the others could finish their sentence, the monkey king had already barged in through the door, ignoring the pleas of the others. As people may know, you cannot commence any further without a fellow team member. As a result, they walked in with anxiety. As expected, through curiosity, Jack also creeps inside.

Inside, they meet the 8 gods, also known as Buddhas. They smile with passion, although there was a twist to their warm smiles. Was it evilness? Cruelty? Or was he just imaging things? The Buddhas announced in perfect unison "Welcome to the Temple of the gods. One of our assistants will escort you to your room. We will commence to promote you to gods for you're overcome of hardship over the journey to this palace tomorrow. "As soon as they stated that, a man scooted over, and soon initiated to bring the foursome along with Jack to their room.

The door closed with a pleasant click. The foursome had only realized Jack had been stalking them until they had arrived at the chamber. The team immediately raised their weapons. Seeing this, Jack frightened raised his hands. "Who are you? I suppose you some form-changing monster, trying to eliminate us." Jack didn't know how to reply. "Um... actually... I come from another dimension." The monkey king scoffed. "Yeah, and I'm the Jade Emperor." Jack showed them the decayed book. "Do not continue. I see that he is telling the truth." He studied Jack. "You may stay with us." The three groaned with discomfort. "Hey, how did everyone not hear us when Xuanzang screamed?" The talking pig examined. "Try the doors." The monk, Xuanzang, commanded. With all his immense strength, the monkey king pulled on the door. No effect. "This can't be.. How would the gods deceive us?" All the color from Xuanzang drained away. "Perhaps it wasn't the real gods that did it..." Jack muttered. "That's it!" The exiled general exclaimed. Being the former general of the "god army", he knew all the dangerous monsters that he faced. "Zoroark, the monster of illusion. With the capacity to make illusions, this dreadful monster will deceive others into believing it is somewhere safe.





The only way to decipher the illusions is by using an overpowering amount of magic to turn the illusion back to its original form." The fallen general glanced at the monkey king. The monkey king uttered "Fine, fine. I'll do it." He turned to a corner of a wall, then spoke some gibberish that none of them could understand. The outcome almost immediately started to take effect. Starting from the corner of the wall, as if the illusion were wallpaper, the monkey king peeled off the fake surroundings. They soon saw the real "room" they were staying in. Through a magical mirror within the room, they saw the true identity of the "gods" and attendants, which were obviously hideous monsters. Eventually, the monsters fell asleep. With the alert of the magical mirror, the monkey king used his immense magic to deliver them all to their dreams, and then confronted their dream selves. When these monsters wake up, they thought was us who is guilty, but well, when they barged into our room trying to confront us, we were fast asleep. Perfect.

After a wonderful and incredible journey, Jack slumped across his chair. How exhausting! He glanced the grandfather clock standing across his view. Only 5 minutes have passed! I hope this happens next time! As If that was a cue, the book once again glowed with brilliant light.

# The Monkey Prince's New Journey to the West

*The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Wu, Yat Fei – 8*

One evening, while *The Monkey Prince* (The son of *The Monkey King*), was looking at his dad, engaged. His dad was telling him the most exciting part of his journey to the west, *The Monkey King* muttered to his very own son: "Time for sleep!" But, *The Monkey Prince* wants dad to just finish that part. "Did all the demons & devils die? Can't you just tell me the ending?" begged *The Monkey Prince*. His dad is very annoyed. But, he thought of a great idea. "If you want to the ending," he turned around and whispered to his son, "then you can find out yourself." Later, dad walked away, saying: "Good night!", and shut the door.

On the very next day, *The Monkey Prince* told his dad: "I wished I had a journey of my own." So, he decided to explore the world, just like how his dad did. He needed to find the son of *Zhu Bajie*, *Tang Seng* & *Sha Seng*. Finding *Zhu Xiaojie* was easy, because *Zhu Xiaojie* lived really near him. Actually, they two are best friends. *The Monkey Prince* told him his thoughts, and *Zhu Xiaojie* agreed with him, so these two best friends went to find *Zhu Bajie*, *Zhu Xiaojie's* dad. He agreed too, but he still had one rule: Make sure my son is safe. They promised that he is going to be safe, so they went to find *Sha Xiaoseng*, riding on a cloud. *Sha Seng* lived really far away, so it took them half an hour to reach his house. After they approached his house, they were exhausted. As they knocked on the door, *Sha Xiao Seng* opened the door. He knew those two friends too, so when he saw them standing in front of their door, his jaw dropped to the floor. They haven't seen each other for two and a half years! *Sha Xiaoseng* quickly invited the visitors in their house, bringing up three cups of tea. Then, *Sha Xiaoseng's* dad walked in. He called out: "Hey there, you two! What are you here for?" Oops! They just realized that they all have forgotten their purpose to come to his house: to ask him if he can join the new journeys to the west! They quickly asked his dad and himself. They both agreed. So, they went to find *Tang Seng*. Just then, *The Monkey Prince* stopped and shouted: "*Tang Seng* is a monk! He never married in his life!" And so, they went home and got their weapons ready, *The Monkey Prince* with the golden hoops, *Zhu Xiao Jie* with the nine teeth rake, and *Sha Xiao Seng* with the demon treasure stick. And, they started at the place *The Monkey Prince's* dad had stopped the story. Because all the demons were killed by their fathers. Everything was smooth along the way until they reached the beach. They can't swim, so they chose to ride a cloud. But riding a cloud is too slow. So, *The Monkey Prince* transformed (just like his dad) into a fish so that his friends can hold on to him. Now everything was smooth again, until they saw a tower. A really high tower, which is the Lincoln Memorial. So, they landed near Washington, where the white house is. The people on the road had never saw people like them, and so, they keep on pointing them, chatting. They finally reached the White House. Like those people, they have never seen real people, so they thought the guards were demons. They fought for the entrance. *The Monkey Prince* and *Sha Xiaoseng* took two, while *Zhu Xiaojie* whacking a guard with the nine teeth rake. These three friends crashed through the door and saw the president of U.S. sitting in an oval office. They thought he was a demon too, so they started to attack the president. Fortunately, the president knew the story of the Journey to the West. He immediately got aware who they are. The president quickly fetched his royal translator. The royal translator explained everything to them. Then, they said sorry to the president and became friends with the president. The president declared: "Welcome to the U.S.A! There are lots of spectacular places to visit!" The first place they went was the famous Statue of Liberty. They waited and waited for their turn to come in, but then the president called them to come with him into the fast lane with the special pass. The four friends stepped in, and saw the inside. The three friends said in unison: "This place is really the most spectacular place of all!" After that happened, they climbed up the statue and reached the top. But then, everybody heard a voice coming from their back! It was all the demons their dads had met in their journey to the west with more powerful weapons and capabilities! They and the demons fought for 45 rounds, but no one had won. The president seeing such scene, called the Air Force to come. With the Air Force here, they were stronger now. They only fought for half a round then they had victory. After fighting, they were extra hungry. U.S. president brought them to a nice restaurant. These friends had tasted the real western style. Time went by really fast. Soon, it was time for them to go home. At last, the president said: "You guys are the bravest children I have ever seen! I would like to invite you to be free educated here. I'm sure the kids here will be excited to listen to your stories."

So, they told their parents and then lived in America now. They got educated, they graduated, then they married. And one day, after they had their own sons, they said: "I wish I had a journey of my own." Their dads, looking surprised, stammered: "Then, do it!"

# The Incredible Four in Action

*Victoria Shanghai Academy, Chan, Kristne – 10*

“Look! There it is!” said Andy to his friends. They found the entrance of Mispy River and they rushed over excitedly. The Mispy River is a long and windy river in between the land of Misery and Happy and therefore the name of “Mis-ppy”. By the river entrance, they saw a little fish swimming freely through the river. Just as they were watching the little fish turning and splashing towards them, the tiny little fish turned into a huge monstrous looking fish that jumped right out of the river with its big mouth open showing layers and layers of huge sharp teeth. Andy and his friends Nick, Tom and Jack, the Incredible Four was shocked and petrified. They immediately turned around and hurried through the desert but sand started to fly everywhere. They had no choice but to stop when they couldn’t see anything, not even if they put their fingers right in front of their eyes. They were really worried and terrified that the huge scary fish was still out there. After what feels like a century, the sand cleared and they were relieved to find that they were safe and sound from the scary fish.

Walking back to the entrance of Mispy River again, they saw a flock of the black clouds floating around the sky at the other side of the river. When they got to the entrance of the river, they tied a rope on each others’ waists so that they could support each other like a team to cross the river. This time the Incredible Four looked carefully for the size changing fish but this time there was a little cute baby fish searching for food to eat instead of a huge ugly monster fish. Watching the baby fish searching for food made the Incredible Four remembered how hungry they were as they barely had anything to eat since there were no food available while they crossed the desert. Now they barely had any energy to cross the river but luckily, they had each other to lean on. Finally they reached the other side of the river, exhausted but felt wonderful for their achievement. From a distance they saw Dr. Miserable’s tower which has a big axe on the top of the tower. They stopped and stared at the axe and felt the axe stabbing them at their backs.

Now, the only thing to do is to defeat Dr. Miserable but they had a problem – they couldn’t fight only with their hands. So they had to make or find some kind of weapon that can be used to defeat Dr. Miserable. They looked desperately at each other for a second then suddenly Tom pointed at the direction of the axe. He found a weapon store next to the axe! They peeped through the shop window looking for the shopkeeper. They saw a man that was wearing sunglasses behind the counter but he was actually snoring as he only wears sunglasses so as to not let anyone know he was asleep. The Incredible Four crept inside quietly as they did not want to wake the shopkeeper up because they had no money to pay for the weapons.

Next to the counter, across the shop, Andy saw the shiny sword that he knew it was a weapon designed for him. On the way to the tall and dark tower under the big lump of black clouds (evil Dr’s lab), the Incredible 4 thought of a plan. They would pretend to be one of the soldiers and sneak in to Dr. Miserable’s tower and steal back the happiness they owned. Also to make sure this never happens again by locking Dr. Miserable in the “Happy Jail”.

Inside the tower, they had to cross a room full of misery in order to get through to the room where the happiness was kept. Inside the room of misery was the evil Dr. Miserable. The Incredible Four, disguised as soldiers, wanted to go pass the evil doctor without him noticing. All of a sudden, Dr. Miserable sneezed and his sneeze was as loud and windy as a typhoon. It blew everyone’s hats off and the Incredible Four had to reveal themselves. Dr. Miserable shouted at his squeaky voice, “Who are you? Why are you in my Tower??” The Incredible Four shouted back in unison, “We are the Incredible Four. We have come to stop your evil plan and to get our happiness back!” Then they started to fight.

When Andy was about to fall out the window, the sword lit up and turned into a chain for Andy to chain Dr. Miserable. The Incredible Four immediately collected all the happiness and left the creepy tower with a chained Dr Miserable. After a long journey, the Incredible Four finally arrived back in their own village. They put Dr Miserable in the Happy Jail at once and released the happiness that once belonged to their village. Everything then turned back to normal and the Incredible Four became the village heros. Then, the village got really busy setting up all the celebrations. There were flags and puppets of the Incredible Four. In the middle of the celebration, there was a note hanging on top of one of the flags. The Incredible Four looked at each other with a smile and went to get ready for their next mission....

# The Monkey King

*Victoria Shanghai Academy, Gou, Richard – 10*

A long time ago (probably 100,000,000 years ago), there was a high mountain, and on the mountain, there was a giant rock. One fine night, the rock exploded and everybody died...

Okay, it did not explode, it just cracked open, so nothing exploded, but a monkey jumped out...

Whatever, let's just start the story:

After the monkey jumped out, he said: "OMG WHY AM I NAKED?" Then, he surprisingly did a backflip into some bushes, and made himself some clothes with some gigantic leaves.

He went down the mountain and found himself in a crowd of monkeys and the monkeys are shouting: "YOU GO!!! I WON'T GO!"

"HELL NO!"

"WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU? I AM NOT RISKING MY LIFE!!! YOU WEIRDO!"

Then, an old monkey said: "Whoever goes, will be our king!"

The second the old monkey stopped speaking, the Monkey King, the monkey who had jumped out of the rock said: "I will go... But then he thought about it and asked, "wait, where are we even going to?" asked the Monkey King.

"Into that big waterfall over there" replied the old monkey.

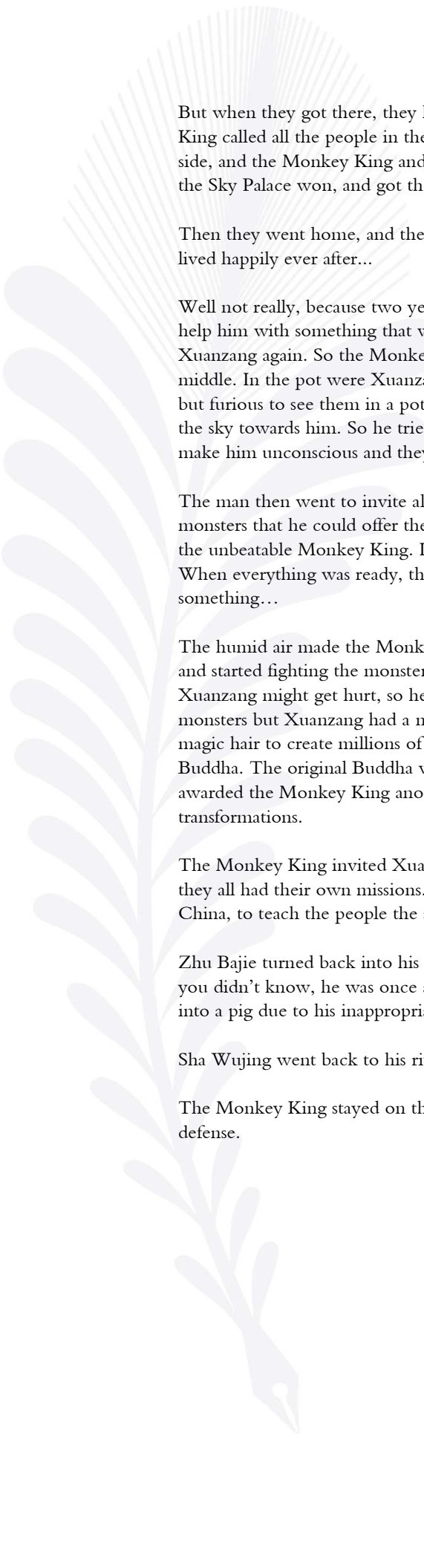
The Monkey King jumped and did a triple backflip into the waterfall and found himself in a cave, which had a bed. So he went to sleep.

When he woke up, he was in a vast desert, thousands of miles from anywhere. He looked all around and saw huge hills of shifting red sands, and heard the wind whistling through his ears.

"I have to get out of this desert," he said to himself. "I'm a young monkey, and I don't want to die in this awful place!"

When he stopped for a while to rest, he met a handsome Buddhist monk named Tang Xuanzang, a fat talking pig that was standing on his two legs named Zhu Bajie, and another calm friar, named Sha Wujing. They were on a trip to get an ancient book from the original Buddha. So the Monkey King decided to help them, and they had a lot of cool experiences on the long journey to find the book. This was two of them: Monkey King picked up the butterfly knife, moved slowly to his target, doing tricks. Then he slaughtered it, digging deep in. A red substance flowed out and he placed the beast onto a platter. "Have some strawberry mousse cake, Master Xuanzang". But since his master was allergic to strawberries, his Master kicked Monkey King so high that he could see a black hole right in front of him. Then he fell back to earth with his butt cheeks on fire. "Call the fire department" screamed Monkey King.

After that chaos, they went on with their useless and meaningless journey. They walked a thousand miles without stopping, then stopped because a wall stood before them, blocking their way, almost moving, trying to smash them. Monkey King was way too hard for any wall to smash, but his Xuanzang was not as hard as him. So Monkey King had to turn himself into a bigger wall in order to stop the moving wall. After smashing the moving wall and breaking his ribs, they went on with their journey.



But when they got there, they had to face a giant that was very fat, and literally unbeatable. So the Monkey King called all the people in the Sky Palace to help him. After an intense battle between the giant on one side, and the Monkey King and people in the Sky Palace on the other, the Monkey King and his friends in the Sky Palace won, and got the book.

Then they went home, and the Monkey King became the king of all monkeys of the mountain, and he lived happily ever after...

Well not really, because two years later, a weird man came and said that he wanted the Monkey King to help him with something that was very important. And if he helped him, he would have a chance to meet Xuanzang again. So the Monkey King followed him until they reached a cave that had a giant pot in the middle. In the pot were Xuanzang, Zhu Bajie, and Sha Wujing. The Monkey King was happy to see them but furious to see them in a pot. He tried to save them but he couldn't because a giant net suddenly fell from the sky towards him. So he tried to jump away, but he couldn't because the man had used a toxic plant to make him unconscious and they threw him into the giant pot.

The man then went to invite all the monsters he knew to have a feast. He once boasted before all the monsters that he could offer them all a bite of Xuanzang meat including the three disciples, even including the unbeatable Monkey King. It was believed that if you eat Xuanzang's meat, you would be immortal. When everything was ready, the man started to boil the four in the giant pot, but he didn't know something...

The humid air made the Monkey King wake up, and the Monkey King smashed the pot, saved his friends and started fighting the monsters, but there were just too many of them. And the Monkey King knew that Xuanzang might get hurt, so he took his friends to the mountain for safety. He wanted to go and kill all the monsters but Xuanzang had a merciful heart and stopped the Monkey King. So, the Monkey King used his magic hair to create millions of small monkeys to capture all the monsters, and sent them to the original Buddha. The original Buddha was so pleased with the Monkey King's heroic and kind action that he awarded the Monkey King another magic hair that enabled the Monkey King to have 72 more magic transformations.

The Monkey King invited Xuanzang, Zhu Bajie, and Sha Wujing to stay with him in the Mountain. But they all had their own missions. Xuanzang went back to Chang'an City, the capital of Tang Dynasty in China, to teach the people the secret of the ancient book.

Zhu Bajie turned back into his handsome man-look General Tian Peng and went back to Sky Palace (if you didn't know, he was once an awesome and powerful general in the Sky Palace but was punished to turn into a pig due to his inappropriate attitude to Chang'Er).

Sha Wujing went back to his river to take care of the people in the village next to the river.

The Monkey King stayed on the mountain and taught the monkeys more about martial arts and self-defense.



# The Fall of Heaven

*Victoria Shanghai Academy, Kong, Louis – 10*

The calm winter wind blew over the clouds of heaven. The heavily guarded castle was atop the cliff. The calmness suddenly changed. The clouds and moon faded away, leaving no trace it was ever there. Suddenly, the castle exploded, leaving the dark portal to Hell awake. The Fire Demons stepped out of the portal and basked in the moonlight.

Wu Kong and Sandy arrived at the ruins of the old and worn-down castle. Wu Kong knew what it was, as only one thing could have caused this... The Son of Darkness, Demonic.

“Come on!” Wu Kong said as Piggy and Sandy put down the last demons into a everlasting sleep. Wu Kong jumped into the portal, screaming behind him “Break the PORTAL!” Wu Kong then disappeared into the land of the dead.

Piggy and Sandy carefully picked their weapons up. The portal had a green mist walking around, and they approached. Sandy leaped inside the portal while Piggy let his rake swing down onto the dark and withered stone just as he disappeared into the depths of Hell.

Wu Kong’s staff pulled him off the ground. He pushed the dust off and scrambled towards the walls, just as Sandy and Piggy’s weapons flew down and the two also landed. “Welcome. Few visit me now, eh.” The old man stepped out of the shadows. His brilliant blue robe billowed behind him and Wu Kong grinned.

The old man led the 3 heroes through the dark pathway while Wu Kong and the walls fought for space. “Master Qing! So how life in hell?” Qing didn’t answer. He led them all the way to a secluded area, surrounded by mountains guarding the dark castle.

“This is as far as I can guide you. Good luck young ones.” Qing left and walked down the mountain path. Wu Kong saw Demonic. “Go! Spread out! We will take no prisoners!” Wu Kong growled. His boots leaped off the cliff and he rocketed towards the castle balcony.

Wu Kong’s Miracle Staff flew to his aid and it stabbed at Demonic. “Wu Kong... So childish yet attempting to stop me?” Demonic said sarcastically.

The 2 clashed with Staff against blade and battled, aura versus aura. Wu Kong was blasted backwards and into the sky above, crashing into the Great Hall.

He reassured himself it was okay as there was no one in Heaven. He slouched down the muddy path. Suddenly, he heard a low scraping sound. “There’s no-one here, they are all fighting the battle in Hell.” Wu Kong glanced around and peeked through the gaps. Then, behind him he glimpsed Demonic. The axe struck down onto where Wu Kong was, just as he rolled to the side and struck Demonic in the back.

“Demonic! Aren’t you supposed to be dead?” Wu Kong screamed as he lunged at Demonic.

He missed.

and the two clashed through the streets of Heaven, dodging and striking.

Soon, Heaven was a mess, broken buildings and bodies of returned gods lying if unfortunate enough to be in their path. Just as Wu Kong struck Demonic in the stomach, Demonic teleported behind Wu Kong and struck him with a power blast. Wu Kong tumbled down and landed in a house, crashing onto a villager. Wu Kong rolled to the side and grabbed his Miracle Staff. He charged up a power Buddha had taught him to use. His power made the floor tremble and the clouds move. He raised his staff and a blue aura of a huge ape. He flew up to heaven and slapped Demonic into the main hall. Wu Kong struck Demonic in the face and knocked him down to the lower levels of heaven. Wu Kong blasted him back down into hell just as the gods came out of the hole. Demonic shot down there like a bullet and fell to the ground with a shout of pain. Wu Kong seized his staff and shoved it down there, then retrieving it and returning it to his hand as well as returning to regular form. The gods rolled the gates of hell shut and returned to heaven. As they all were partying, Wu Kong saw through to a person sneaking through the trees above. After he blinked, the figure was gone. The figure grinned as he set the last of the bombs.

# Who framed the Monkey King?

*Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lam, Darren – 10*

“Shut up, you’re just jealous of my powers!” screamed Sun Wukong, the Monkey King. “NO, I’M NOT, I’M JUST-!” screamed Xuanzang, then stormed out of the door. Wukong threw himself onto his comfy bed in Heaven and tried to calm down, taking some deep breaths while wondering why his friend was acting so strangely. He gave another huge sigh, scratching his arms and rubbing his eyes, stroking his belly and hiccupping, and started to drift off.

Suddenly, he heard a noise and looked up, embarrassed, to see two soldiers staring down at him. One soldier nudged the other soldier, who shifted uncomfortably. The soldier looked around, as if hoping the floor would swallow him up, but it didn’t, so he reluctantly produced a script from his pocket and declared “You are hereby accused of leaking secrets to the Co-” but before he could continue, he noticed something. His script and the monkey were missing!

While the soldiers were babbling, Wukong had fled at full speed, and soon arrived at his friends’ (Xuanzang the monk, Sha Wujing, and Zhu Bajie) quarters. He arrived out of breath. “Guys,” he panted. “I believe I’ve been framed by the Cow King.”

“Really?” asked Xuanzang, who was all sweaty and dirty as if he had just arrived from somewhere. Wukong threw Xuanzang a stern, suspicious look and continued, “Anyway, I need you guys to help me find him.”

“Of course you can count on us!” replied Sha Wujing.

“LET’S GO!” cried Zhu Bajie eagerly, and over Xuanzang’s objections that they should be more cautious, they sprinted off from Heaven towards land.

After they reached land, they approached an eerie cave. Wukong insisted they go through it to find more clues, while Sha Wujing and Zha Baije made a strong case for scaling it and Xuanzang maintained they should turn back. Finally, they decided to climb it to look for the Cow King. The cave roof was steep and slippery and the four kept on falling. Luckily, they were able to climb up to the summit and were about to descend when Xuanzang slipped and fell! Fortunately, Zhu Baije grabbed him and they continued. But the rock in front of them suddenly came to life and knocked over Sha Wujing! Wukong tried to block the rock with his staff, but the rock knocked the staff out of Wukong’s hand and tripped him, making him fall into Zia Baije. Xuanzang tried to stop the rock, but it was too strong. Then, suddenly, just when all hope seemed lost, the rock disappeared without warning and Xuanzang fell straight towards a hole! But Wukong grabbed on to him, and they continued their journey.

WHAM! The door to the Cow King’s cave flung open, and the four charged inside, weapons clutched in their hands. A shower of sharp rocks greeted them. “NO! NO! GET OUT, I’M BUSY!” screamed someone. Wukong immediately leapt up the rock face and there stood the mighty Cow King. Wukong started to attack him, pinning him down to the ground. “Why did you frame me? I didn’t leak any secrets,” screamed Wukong.

“What?” asked the Cow King. “I didn’t. Someone must have framed me that I framed *you*.”

“Who?” cried Wukong.

“A man who wore robes and looked like a monk. He threatened to kidnap my daughter unless I signed an agreement saying that I framed you, so I did. However, my daughter still disappeared. Oh, what a tragedy!” sobbed the Cow King.


“We’ll get your daughter back and find the culprit, but did he or she leave any clues?” Wukong asked the Cow King.

“No,” replied the Cow King.

“We’ll do what we can,” said Wukong before jumping off the cliff and telling his friends about his encounter with the Cow King. Xuanzang, however declared “Huh, he might be lying.” Wukong was deep in thought but then something caught his attention. “There’s a piece of pure, fine silk on the walls!” Wukong immediately started to investigate, while Xuanzang insisted it was nothing special. So they hurried out of the cave.

*WHOOSH!* Dust flew up in the air as Wukong and his friends raced along. “Why are we rushing back towards Heaven?” asked Zhu Baije.

“That’s because the silk we found is mainly worn in Heaven, and I have a hunch about who the culprit is,” replied Wukong. He sprinted over to just under Heaven, then he and his friends summoned their magical clouds and flew up.



In Heaven, Wukong hurried to investigate the main hall. “Look! Some footprints!” Xuanzang cried, pointing to some bright ones imprinted on the ground. “Have you ever heard of false evidence?” Wukong asked Xuanzang, narrowing his eyes. “Also, these prints look n—“ Suddenly, Xuanzang pulled a sword from his robes and held it high towards Wukong. Then everything went black.

Wukong stirred in the dark, and found himself tied up inside a large, dark jar. Not surprisingly, Zhu Baije and Sha Wujing were also tied up alongside him. “We fought back,” Sha Wujing told him groggily. “But Xuanzang overpowered us, and so here we are.” Next to the group was the Cow King’s daughter, a pretty, posh and elegant young lady whom Xuanzang secretly admired. She was caught by Xuanzang as hostage, but in Xuanzang’s haste, a piece of silk was ripped from his robes. The truth was known ... but the group felt helpless and was about to give up.

Wukong summoned his powers and tried to charge the bolted doors, but they were firmly locked. “Cripes,” muttered Wukong. He then felt something, and, realizing that it was his pocket knife, managed to break the lock on the door, freeing everyone. Behind the door was Xuanzang, who was hiding from his friends, as his heart pounded heavily to see his plan failed. The door crushed him, and twisted his spine. Wukong felt betrayed and frustrated, but he had to do the right thing. He arrested Xuanzang, who was looking at him enviously. “You jealous now?” sneered Wukong.

# New Journeys to the West

*Victoria Shanghai Academy, Sham, Valerie – 10*

“Oh no! I can’t believe I lost my Chinese book!” Violet gasped as she ran through the hallway. She was rushing to Chinese history class when she discovered that her Chinese history book was gone. The torturing school bell was about to scream. Violet ran into the Chinese history classroom with a horrified face. “Miss, I... ..” Violet began. The Chinese history class teacher held up a book, Violet’s book. The teacher had just taken the Chinese book to mark.

“Class, today we are going to do some work on the ‘Journey to the West’ story that I promised you that I would teach. Open your books to page 105.” The teacher said. Violet’s book stared at her, waiting for her to open it. She did, and to her amazement, the book flipped to page 105 by itself. “Wow!” Violet whispered. She touched the words on her book. It made her feel at home. Suddenly, a ray of light burst out of the book. It wrapped itself around Violet and dragged her into the book. No one noticed that Violet was gone.

Violet watched as golden words danced around her. The words transformed into trees and grass or any other natural thing it could turn into. Violet looked down and saw that she wasn’t looking at a white classroom floor anymore. She was looking at a grassy ground. As she looked around, Violet discovered a campsite nearby. She decided to spy on the campers. Violet crawled close to discover a group of two people, a pig and a monkey who were making notes. “So what are we going to do now?” the pig asked. “I don’t know, Pigsy. Princess Iron Fan has gone way too far now.” the monkey, which Violet recognized as Sun Wukong from Journey to the West said. “You should do something with your useless pig brains!” “Surely you should know something, since you’re so clever!” Pigsy said angrily. “Boys, this is not time to fight.” One of the people spoke. The other person nodded. Violet knew this was her time to speak up. “May I offer a suggestion?” She asked loudly so everyone in the tent could hear her.

Everybody jumped. How could a 13 year old girl sneak into a camp full of highly skilled warriors? “Speak, demon.” Sun Wukong said, pointing his stick at Violet. “Or we shall attack you.” “Keep it easy, Wukong. She’s just a girl!” The person said. “Okay, okay. Fine. I’m Sun Wukong. The pig is Pigsy. The person over there is Sha Wujing and beside me is our master, Tang Sanzang.” Sun Wukong said. “Now what’s your brilliant idea?” “I’ll explain on the way, but first, we have to get moving. And grab as many sticks as you can on the way. We’re taking the forest path.” Violet declared firmly.

The little quintet journeyed through the forest, picking sticks and listening to Violet at the same time. “So we all know that Princess Iron Fan has magical water abilities, right?” Violet asked. The others nodded. “So we need to pick sticks to make fire. Fire is an opponent of water, so we can outsmart Princess Iron Fan once and for all. Then we just need to talk it out.”


“So all we needed to do was to just talk it out, so we didn’t need to fight?” Sun Wukong asked. Tang Sanzang shot Sun Wukong a look that meant, “I told you so!” The group soon reached Princess Iron Fan’s cave.

“So when I do the signal, you guys all pop out with your sticks, okay?” Violet whispered. The others nodded again. Violet knocked thrice on the princess’ metal door. The doors opened. “Hello? I’m here for a science project!” Violet shouted. A tall thin lady walked out of the door.

“Welcome to my cave. What is it that you seek?” Princess Iron Fan asked in a high, cold voice.

Violet counted to 3 before revealing her big surprise. When the gang popped out, they all shouted, “Surprise!”

Everyone rubbed their sticks together and made a massive fire. The fire knocked Princess Iron Fan to the ground. “And now, let’s talk it out.” Violet said. Princess Iron Fan gave up, and said, “As a young child, I was kidnapped by an evil buddha who took my magic. I have searched for power for centuries, so I started wreaking havoc on magical beings. I have never made a friend since because nobody liked me.” “My mother always said that friendship is the best magic. So maybe if you make friends with us, then you can have your magic back.” Violet explained. Princess Iron Fan was grateful for Violet, so she hugged her and apologize to the gang for causing them so much trouble.



“It’s fine. We’ve fixed it all.” Sha Wujing said. Suddenly, sparkles circled Princess Iron Fan. She had gotten her magic back. Sparkles circled Violet too, and before she knew it, Violet was transported back to class.

The class bell rung again, but this time, it rung sounds of joy. Class was over, and Violet had just done what she wanted to do most, escape a lesson. She’d have to thank her friends for it, because there’s no better magic than friendship.



# Bones Awaken

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Sze, Hayden – 10

Dark clouds gathered violently across the sky with lightning and rain hammering mercilessly over the buildings and towers outside the Time Patrol headquarters. She lightly stroked the scar on her face and picked up a rusty Time Patrol necklace. *It's time.*

“Agent Steven report to Director Bones’ office immediately.” The public broadcast bellows.

*Ugh...I hate time patrol,* Steven thought. It had been a year since his last mission travelling back to the Qin Dynasty to watch over artisans construct Terracotta warriors. He was bored to say the least. He needed something more extreme.

“Steven.” Ms. Bones’ petrifying voice echoed within the ice-cold black marbled office. “We detected a time anomaly. Look at this book.” *Journey to the West.* “Go to the chapter about the bone spirit.” Steven skimmed through it. *What? The bone spirit ate XuanZang and Sun WuKong gave up the journey? This is not right...* Steven knows the story well from his good old high school days.

“Go and rectify this situation.” Ms. Bones commanded.

“Will do.” Steven left without catching the sinister grin on her face.

While preparing his gear, Steven wore his good luck Time Patrol necklace. The shiny memento was awarded to him for his outstanding achievement when he was a junior cadet. It had been his good luck charm for many missions.

Steven stepped into the time machine praying, *Please, let this be a fun trip.* Three...Two...One...*Zap!* The teleportation sequence commenced.

Steven woke up in a forest, hundreds of years in the past, with that annoying merry-go-round feeling in his head. He shook himself awake. He looked around and decided to hide behind a close-by patch of thick, dark, bush alongside the forest path. Just when he got comfortable inside the wet hideout, he saw the company of four marching down the path. He saw, undoubtedly, Sun Wukong with his overarching arms hanging over his mighty magic pole across his shoulders, Zhu Bajie with his grimy rake resting against his colossal belly, Sha Wujing with his menacing necklace of skulls around his neck, and lastly, a stern-faced XuanZang perfectly composed riding on his white majestic stallion.

Then he saw her. From the opposite direction, a slender girl strolled towards Wukong’s group. Her eyes glowed a dangerous dark blue. Steven recognised her as the bone spirit immediately. He retrieved his Time Patrol telepathy earpiece and hastily clicked it into his ear. He programmed the target as Sun Wukong and began sending his thoughts to him. *Sun Wukong,* Steven said. *That girl over there! She’s the bone spirit that wants to eat XuanZang!* Wukong was stunned for a moment but was quick to respond to the situation. Wukong picked up his pace towards the girl, fierce shine in his eyes, magic pole at the ready. At the same time, Steven used another gadget, the illusion remover, which is essentially a high-tech torch. From his hideout, he shone the illusion remover at the girl. Instantly, the girl’s appearance flickered and disappeared, leaving behind a shocked bone spirit. Even XuanZang could see it now. “WAAA!” he screamed and fell off his horse. Wukong continued his advance and swirled his magical pole, “You are revealed now, you fiendish scum!” Before he launched his attack though, the bone spirit mumbled some words and magically vanished.

While Wukong was helping XuanZang up from the muddy forest floor, a frail old woman staggered towards the group and said, “Hello, have you seen my daughter? She headed this way without waiting for me.” Steven gritted his teeth and shone the illusion remover at the old woman. Again, the old woman’s appearance flickered and disappeared, this time leaving the bone spirit looking quite annoyed.

*“Again?”* She muttered. Wukong charged at the bone spirit, magic pole swinging ‘eights’. The bone spirit fled and disappeared into thick, dark vegetation. Wukong decided to stay close to his master and did not give chase. XuanZang was worried that the bone spirit would return and hunt for him again, but Wukong reassured his master that if that happens, he would be there to protect him. XuanZang was glad and sighed in relief.

Suddenly, an old man came running down the forest path towards them, yelling senselessly about his wife and daughter having gone missing. XuanZang started to trot away in fear, but Wukong, Bajie and Wujing fiercely stood their ground. They cautiously waited for signs that this was another attack. Steven yawned and shone the illusion remover at the old man, and once again, it revealed the bone spirit. “Argh!” The bone spirit roared. “This is it, out with the illusion! Just let me eat you!” The bone spirit charged at the four with a powerful Ki blast. All three disciples were blown far away, leaving XuanZang in the open, shaken and terrified.

*Now is the time for heroics!* Steven rushed out, arming himself with his high-powered electric baton. SLASH! Steven heavily injured the bone spirit and left a gaping wound on her face. Steven rushed back into his hideout before WuKong came charging back to his master’s aid, but the bone spirit was so hurt that she quickly fled the scene.

*I knew this was an easy mission.* Steven thought as he oversaw the company of four depart the forest unscathed and continue their journey to the west. He pressed his intercom and signaled headquarters to retrieve him. Three...Two...One...*Zap!*

He woke up in Ms. Bone’s office, a bit dazzled.

“How are we doing?” Ms. Bone asked emotionlessly.

“Fine, Madam.” Steven responded, rubbing his chest. *Huh? Where’s my necklace?* It was then Steven realized he had dropped his lucky charm when he fought the bone spirit. *Well, at least I am still in one piece.*

“You succeeded in rectifying history. Now leave and wait for your next mission.” Ms. Bone said.

*Something’s not right.* Steven thought, but he was tired and dismissed it as time travel anxiety and stepped out.

*The wheel is in motion...Mr. Steven.* Ms. Bones grinned, staring at Steven’s rusty old necklace in her skeletal palm.

# The Time Machine

*Victoria Shanghai Academy, Wong, Sherman – 10*

The monk was rushing through the city dodging people left and right, “Finally” the monk said “I found the cake.” He gobbled the cake in seconds then something he never thought of happened. Three people walked out of the shadows, The monkey king, the legendary taking pig and the friar the monkey king's master.

Suddenly something strange happened they were suddenly in China the year 617. The monkey king had teleported the monk to 617 along with the three friends. The monkey king said: “You are the chosen one, you have to save the world.” The monk said: “What is happening to the world?” The monkey king did not reply he just nodded at the materials sitting in front of them.

As soon as the monk stepped out of the time machine with the 4 other heroes they soon saw that the 4 heroes needed help he instantly agreed so the monkey king said use the time machine to travel to the future and get a object named bagalabaga it is a machine that can build a building in 10 seconds so after he done that.

“I am sort of the leader so you will listen to me. First you will need to build schools to help educate the world so the world will not look so bad.”

“Secondly you need to find things from the future, of course you will use the time machine to travel through time.

So the monk quickly finished the school and educated lots of Popeyes with the help of thee heroes they told the people not to pollute and destroy the world, for example we could stop cutting down trees. Then an evil scientist appeared he was called Mr.Gagadan he tried to stop the heroes and the monk to educate people then they had a great battle in the end the heroes won but all the heroes had bad injuries so it was only the monk who returned to the village , after educating the people the world wasn't so polluted, the village elder told him to meet him at his house they had a lot to talk about.

The skip till the end: The monk rushed though the village but this time he is not trying to find a cake he was running because he was late for a ‘meeting’ with the village elder to talk about the amazing adventures of the monk and also the amazing heroes did not meet him, the village elder met him and they chatted all day long about the amazing adventures of the monk.

# Wukong & the Five Finger Mountain

*Victoria Shanghai Academy, Wong, Wesley – 10*

**Y**oung Sun WuKong raced through the sky temple hall, shouting “I won! I won! The sky temple is mine!”.

“I can’t believe he won,” “must be a dream.” Muttered the priests and gods.

“Not so fast! I should be the winner!” said a strong, powerful voice. Sun WuKong turned to look.

The Buddha emerged from the dark clouds and, a frown draw itself across his face and his eyebrows furrowed, leaving his raging eyes in the darkness. He was in charge of the sky temple. “I should be the winner.” said the Buddha with a deep, frightening, terrifying voice. He raised up his hand, and the weather turned bad. The lightning touched the ground. WuKong dodged the bolts of lightning but realised it was a trap. The bolts of lightning formed a lightning cage. But Wukong laughed and walked through the cage without any harm. The battle kept on for a day, Staff clashing magic.

WuKong and the Buddha are still fighting. Fighting and shouting, screaming and clashing, the Buddha huffed, and puffed, and yelled “The battle ends NOW!!!” and so he lifted up his hand and a million rocks fell down on top of WuKong. WuKong had no time to dodge the rocks. WuKong was really scared, so he turned into a bee and tried to escape the falling rocks. But the Buddha used a special force to push him to the ground, as the rocks fell down on him.

Meanwhile, on Earth, it was quiet and peaceful. Then, suddenly and abruptly, There was a loud Boom! WuKong had fallen onto a village. WuKong turned and saw that a gigantic mountain had fallen on him. Not any ordinary mountain. A large, tremendous, tall, big, huge, great, enormous, gigantic, immense shaped-like-a-hand mountain has fallen on to him.

One day, he woke up to the sound of the clucking from the rooster. He thought: “Stupid rooster, not letting me sleep.”

He then realised that the rooster is chasing an ant. The ant was yelling “Help! Anybody help me from the rooster eating me!” WuKong saw that the ant was in danger, so he whispered to the ant “Hey! Come here, ant! And I will protect you.” So the ant rushed to Wukong’s side and WuKong covered him with his hand. The rooster walked away feeling confused. WuKong watched the rooster walk out of sight, and lifted his hand up. The ant and WuKong became friends.

Afterwards, the Buddha knew that WuKong had learnt to be respectful and kind. So said to WuKong “ You have learnt to be kind and respectful. You are freed.” Finally, the mountain lifted up until it was nowhere to be seen, and WuKong left the debris and back to his homeland.

# Monkey King: Fighting Against Tablets

*Victoria Shanghai Academy, Yin, Adora – 9*

**W**ukong woke up, startled by a man's voice "We will make America great again!"

"Wh-Where are we?" He jumped up, with many unanswered questions in mind, and looked for his Master and his mates.

After a glance at a digital device on the table showing 2017, April 20, he murmured "We must have had a long hibernation!" "Wake up!"

The friar first responded with a shy smile for oversleeping, while trying to wake the lazy pig up.

"One more minute, One more minute..." Muttered Bajie with his typical tactic of procrastination.

"Wukong, what's happening?" Xuanzang was very surprised at the scene he saw after opening his eyes – on what appeared to be a black outlined object on a wall where there was now a woman addressing a congregation.

"Monster!" Without thinking, the monkey king jumped up high with his Jing Gu stick, aiming at the woman's image. "Wait, Wukong," Xuanzang stopped him as the congregation suddenly disappeared and was replaced with a man and the word "NBC live" appeared on the right-hand corner.

Just then, Bajie accidentally touched on a silver colored, palm sized device, which suddenly lit up with a pleasant female voice "What can I help you with?"

"Another monster!" startled the pig.

The Friar also discovered another silver coloured device, double the size of Bajie's .

"Stay away from them!" The monkey ordered. With his gift of thousand-miles eyesight and hearing sense, he announced with laughter "Listen carefully. These are TVs, iPhones, and iPads. Everyone nowadays uses them. They watch shows on the TV, play video games and surf internet!"

"Really? Is it fun? Let me have a try!" Bajie wasted no time playing on the iPhone. "So cool!" After a short while, he already figured out how to download games and got mouth-watering food games like the "60 seconds burger run". He simply couldn't move his eyes away from the screen with saliva dripping.

"You silly pig, let me show you the cool stuff." The monkey king took a bigger device, a Macbook, and was instantly attracted to all sorts of fighting games. He quickly downloaded League of Legends.

The humble friar brought a spare iPad to Xuanzang . "Master, would you like to try too?"

"No thanks" Tangseng replied, "I shall do my daily devotion."

Friar Sand then took the iPad and checked App store. But unlike the other two, he searched for useful apps instead, and downloaded Google Map, and Weather Observatory. He took notes and researched the route to go to the West.

Soon enough, Xuanzang announced, "Apprentices, time to move on. No more delay, Bajie."

"Oh, please, just one more minute! And can I bring this Ipad?" begged Bajie, whose eyes turned to look cute and innocent. That definitely persuaded Xuanzang,

"OK, but you must not over use it."

The monkey king also grabbed the Mac while the Friar took the iPad. They set off.

Bajie walked really slowly with his eyes fixed on the screen, and kept sounding loud "YUM!". Wukong was no better. He kept pressing the keyboard playing the chaotic, fighting games. "Headshot! Come on!"



“Wukong, Bajie, please quiet down.” Xuanzang was annoyed. Sha heshang also tried to get them to hush along the way while he was using Google Maps to find the best route.

“Walk forward to the nearest traffic light, then go left and walk forward ...” He became a lot more knowledgeable and surprisingly started to outwin Wukong, who used to be the smartest with a good sense of direction.

Wukong turned more violent, hitting others with his newly acquired skills from violent games, and grew a lot more hot-tempered. He made frequent shouts of excitement “I won !”

Xuanzang was getting more and more annoyed. He constantly cautioned them to behave, but in vain. When it came to a point he could bear no more, Xuanzang started speaking the Jing Gu spell.

“Oh Master, please stop! Please !” Wukong was in great pain, rolling on the ground, hands holding his head. “Sorry master,I am wrong. Please forgive me!” Ashamed of his bad behaviour, he repented. Xuanzang stopped the spell.

“Master, I see people always using the screen heavily. It is so easy to get addicted.” The monkey went on. “Wait! This is the bait from the monsters! That is exactly their plot after they were defeated by us. They left these tablets to get mankind addicted. Before long, mankind will lose their will power, start fighting, and eventually be destroyed! Oh no. We must stop the plan!”

Wukong jumped high to the sky, raising his stick, aiming at the iMac. “STOP!” Yelled Xuanzang. “I asked you not to play the tablet, not to smash it!”

“But master, they must be from the monsters.”

Xuanzang comforted the confused Monkey. “Look, Sha Heshang used the device to help us find the best route and stay safe in severe weather. I don't think that's evil, but a useful tool. However, users must exercise self control, which means you should choose the useful apps and set a time limit. Just like your Jing Gu stick, you must use it for the good purpose and never harm innocent people, right?”

“Yes master!” All of the three apprentices bowed down with their palms closed.

“Now let's get going!” At the order from Xuanzang, the team reunited once again.

Wukong now was back on track, equipped with not only thousand miles eyesight and hearing but also the weather apps and the GPS to direct the team.

Bajie, though occasionally thinking about the delicious food from video games, was also learning useful Apps.

Sha Heshang was always a reliable team member. He booked flights on Priceline and the hotels via Trivago.

Xuanzang was very pleased with their efforts!

Just before they departed for the next city, they stopped by many houses to leave a message, stating ‘*Use tablets wise and well. Set a time limit for your benefits.*’

# Silk Road Tales

*Western Academy of Beijing – Azzopardi, Jeremy – 10*

It was a cold, breezy night as Zheng He's junk was cruising through the misty ocean. The low haze was visible on the horizon. The esteemed explorer was sailing to the desolate unknown but was stopping in Hormuz. He planned to go to the renowned Silk Road to buy essential supplies and ceramics, which he later intended to barter with other civilizations for unique goods.

"Zheng He! Hormuz is approximately 20 *li* away!" reported the navigator.

Everyone on the junk looked up to Zheng He. He was a big risk-taker and had remarkable perseverance. Zheng He's shift was over. He handed over the wheel for the rest of the night and fell soundly asleep.

The next morning, as the junk was sailing into the Strait of Hormuz, Zheng He could feel the crisp and refreshing morning air blowing on his face. He gathered a team of people to go off to shore. They were starting their extensive, difficult journey through Persia's dusty deserts and they also intended to visit the hectic town of Hamadan.

Zheng He's crew decided to purchase water first as the team had a major shortage. "I will give you five *chi* of silk, in return for 27 *sheng* of water," offered Zheng He.

"Deal!" responded the merchant, who was amazed by the high quality of oriental silk that was offered.

The early morning shades of red, yellow and orange were seeping through the horizon, as Zheng He lay awake gazing at the sky above, resting in the tranquil fields outside Hamadan, thinking about his passion for exploring. Eventually, his team woke up, and began to get ready for a new day. One of the crew exclaimed: "Zheng He! Zheng He! The water has been stolen!"

"What! How could this possibly have happened? I can't believe it! Now we're going to have to go to the market again," roared Zheng He.

While at the market, some of the team members started to shiver wildly with a fever. Zheng He also started to notice that gradually members of his team were bizarrely disappearing. He asked the remaining members if they had seen anything suspicious. They too had noticed the decreasing numbers, but didn't see anything untoward.

"If you notice anything suspicious, report to me immediately. We will unravel this matter shortly," stated Zheng He firmly.

After getting the water, Zheng He's team set out to acquire ceramics, which were made in the Byzantine Empire. On the way, he asked other merchants if they saw any people looking disoriented. Unfortunately, they hadn't seen anyone. The sick team members were now trembling very badly. They spotted a merchant who was selling beautiful ceramics, with intertwined patterns and vivid colors.

"Where are you from?" asked Zheng He.

"I am a Venetian, from a country in Europe which is to the west of Asia. Venice has lots of canals, and we have unique ways of living," responded the merchant.

"Why did you come here?"

"I came here to explore the east with all its intricate architecture, as it is very different to where I am from. I also came to make a fortune."

His name was Marco Polo.

Zheng He proposed an offer to Marco Polo, which he accepted. He also asked him if he knew any doctor to treat his ill crew, but Marco Polo didn't know anyone. Zheng He was still on the hunt for his missing team members. They agreed to meet the next day to talk about the life in Hamadan.

It was late. Darkness was bleeding into the sky. The team retired for the night. The fever was now alarming. All through the night, shrieks and cries could be heard. Unfortunately, nobody could do anything to help.

As the early morning sun rose through the seemingly everlasting darkness, swollen, ugly buboes appeared on the sufferers' necks. Within an hour, victims started to die. Following this tragic event, Zheng He led the remaining crew out and decided to go and barter for food; supplies were low.

They walked somberly to a food stall and started looking for dried foods; these would last longer than most other foods. The merchant was easy going and flexible. Zheng He and the merchant settled immediately on a fee and purchased the food: figs, apricots, date palms and grapes.

Zheng He and his team approached the ancient statue Shir-e Sangi. The stone lion was bold and very symbolic to Hamadan. He recognized Marco Polo instantly and thanked him for being so tolerant with his offer. They then started a conversation about the town of Hamadan.

"Lots of sicknesses are rapidly spreading around, probably of the plague," commented Marco Polo

"Yes, unfortunately, a third of my crew died of illness this morning," replied Zheng He in a melancholic tone.

"Also, thieves seem to be everywhere around us. This is not a surprise as Hamadan is the pinnacle of the Silk Road."

"That explains why our water got stolen."

The conversation continued and Zheng He mentioned the inexplicable disappearance of some of his team. Marco Polo simply ignored him as another merchant was calling him.

"I will be continuing my journey to Gujarat tomorrow," stated Marco Polo eagerly.

"It was a pleasure to meet you, and I wish you well in the future," replied Zheng He.

"Good luck in your journey to the west," concluded Marco Polo.

As the team departed Hamadan, they asked a merchant if he had seen any people with Asian heritage wearing Chinese silk garments looking confused and somewhat lost.

"I saw some people with Marco Polo. He said that they were intrigued by his future expeditions so they followed him," said the merchant casually.

"Did they actually do that?" boomed Zheng He.

"Yes, many others saw it too."

Zheng He was determined to get his crew back: "One day, I will come back and get them!"

He eventually calmed down, reflected, and smiled:

"I guess I was not the only explorer on my junk!"

# New Journey to the West

*Western Academy of Beijing, Cui, Nina – 10*

As the three starving disciples and their master arrived at a dark and steep valley, surrounded by whirling mist floating around. The King Monkey who had brilliant sense smelled devil. Evil. Plain evil. Getting closer and closer. The mist swirling and whirling closer. The sun setting at an extraordinary speed, the sky getting darker and darker...

Before he knew what was happening, and before he could aware his master of the chance they might be caught dead, and what they can do to avoid that happening or worse; blackness surrounded him, and then nothing.

When he opened his eyes, he saw “her”. The “her” everyone was telling him to be aware of when he was caught after disarranging the sky palace. It was “her”. Where were they anyways? Why are they here? Who exactly is she, the “her” they called it? Then it hit him! It was the 7 dragons cave, where the 7 dragons the color of the rainbow would turn real each night and heal people. But what is she doing here?

“WHERE ARE WE?” Exclaimed the Pig!

“Um, I think we are at the 7 dragons cave, though what is she doing here?” Explained Sha Wujing while wondering too.

Such a great question, wondered the Monkey King while trying to untie the rope that was holding on to him, where are they?

“Welcome to my cave...” Announced the fine lady dressed in shining silk and glittering diamonds.

“Your cave? I thought it belonged to the 7 dragons.” Tang Sanzang commented bravely. “Who are you anyways?”

“Aha, what a polite question. I am Paulina the snake devil, who once was so poor. But not anymore, well, after I captured the 7 dragons and occupied their house. Ugh, but it’s in such poor condition.” Replied Paulina.

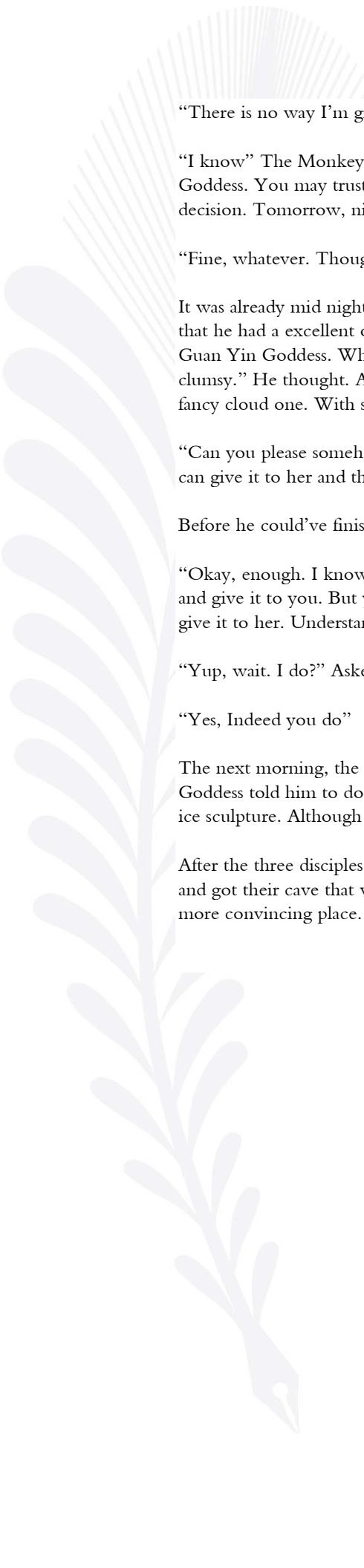
“Why didn’t he thought of that before, and if he did, they would have never gotten themselves in here, thought the Monkey King. Stupid me!!! But what can I do now?” He wondered. “Fight? Wrestle? Or maybe...trick her.” He knew that she was way too strong for anyone he knew to fight, but she is definitely not very smart. Tiny brain the size of a tennis ball... He knew that she was currently cursed by Guan Yin Goddess to fall in love with what ever she sees first and that is anything gold. So if he can somehow get her to...

“Aha, so you were the Paulina or you know “her” everyone was talking about. The smart and powerful goddess, beautiful and rich. Convincing and lovely. Nice and caring. So I was wondering if you’ll let us go.” He lied, knowing that of course it was an absolute NO “We gotta get going.”

“Maybe, maybe. But there is a deal” She replied, surprising the Monkey King. “Surprised you, huh? I knew that. Of course NO. You can not leave here. No matter— wait, how about this, I let you go but you have to give me that beautiful gold robe you’re wearing”

“Sure. Fine deal—”

As soon as the Monkey King finished his sentence, his master disturbed him, cutting him off. As he dragged the Monkey King aside, he began to whisper.



“There is no way I’m giving him my robe” He stammered

“I know” The Monkey King replied. “Don’t worry, I have a plan in mind, but I need help from Guan Yin Goddess. You may trust me!” Than he turned toward Paulina. “We need one night to discuss and make a decision. Tomorrow, nine in the morning we tell you. Deal?”

“Fine, whatever. Though I’m warning you. You don’t give me, you don’t leave. Hehe” She sneered

It was already mid night, and the Monkey King still haven’t actually got a plan. Yes, he did tell his master that he had a excellent one, but nah, not really. Than it hit him. Again! “Maybe, I should ask help from Guan Yin Goddess. Why didn’t I think of her before. Second time I made a mistake today. Why was I so clumsy.” He thought. As soon as he settled on the plan, he cartwheeled to Guan Yin Goddess’s palace. A fancy cloud one. With shimmery diamonds and glittering gold. As soon as he saw her, he asked:

“Can you please somehow make Paulina a new robe the exactly same as my master’s and give it to me so I can give it to her and than—”

Before he could’ve finished his sentence, she interrupted:

“Okay, enough. I know your plan” She said sternly. “I will make her a FAKE one the same as your master’s and give it to you. But you will need my help, because nevertheless, she will still not let you go even if you give it to her. Understand?”

“Yup, wait. I do?” Asked the Monkey King.

“Yes, Indeed you do”

The next morning, the robe was finished. The Monkey King threw it at Paulina like how Guan Yin Goddess told him to do. Just as it landed on the palms of her hand, she turned to ice. Well, actually a ugly ice sculpture. Although it looked more like a ice block. Disorganized and, well, just ugh!

After the three disciples, their master, the seven, colorful, nice, caring dragons thanked Guan Yin Goddess and got their cave that was in such beautiful conditioning back, the three disciples followed their master to a more convincing place. The sunny world.

# Berry the Travel Cat

*Western Academy of Beijing, Jung, Joy – 9*

A long time ago, a cat named Berry watched the horizon. Everyday she waited by the bay for ships returning from a journey. Berry was a brilliant cat and very unique. Also she loved her owner, but her owner left the house. Berry felt sorrow because she thought she was abandoned. But because she loved her owner so much, she thought she had to go a voyage for looking for her owner.

While she was packing, she found a picture of her owner's house and found a map. She knew that she to go to the West! So she started her voyage.

In her voyage she tasted many different kinds of fish. Then she saw a starfish on the sand. Berry wanted to help it. But she couldn't. She felt very sorry for all the starfish on the sand. She left the ocean and climbed up to a mountain.

On there, the air was fresh and cold. Berry's foot sank in the snow. When she looked at side of the top of the mountaintop from that angle, she saw the border of the clouds touch the rocks below. She also saw that she was almost at the west.

When she went down from the mountain, she saw a village. She saw a cat who looked very sad. Berry got close to her and asked "why are you sad?" "I got abandoned a few weeks ago because my owner liked a puppy better than a cat, but he only had a cat which me, he made money and bought a dog, that was how I was abandoned." The cat said.

"I'm abandoned too. But I love my owner, so I'm on a voyage how. I have to go to the west to find my owner. I think you play with the dog and don't hurt him or her, I think the owner might like you again." Berry said.

"Thank you for that. I'll try to away. And you said you want to go to the west? If you go and turn left, then you might see lots of houses. You would not miss it. I don't know your owner's house. Sorry. And also thank you for cheering me up." The cat said. After that she ran to her owner's house to try out from Berry.

At the same time, Berry reached the west! Then she took out the picture of her owner's house and found a same one. She knocked on the door. Then her owner saw Berry. Her owner was so proud and happy to see her. Also the owner realized how much trouble she had caused Berry to find her there.

Then she said "Thank you for coming and sorry. It was my fault to leave you alone. Sorry and Thank you." Berry was proud of herself too. But then she said to her owner "I was having lots of fun and found of interesting things, so I'm going on a new voyage to the whole world. Bye my owner! Thank you for loving me."

The owner had nothing to say bye...

TO BE CONTINUED...



## Secret Door

*Western Academy of Beijing, Kim , Eithan – 10*

“Hey! Did you know my dad has a secret door?” I said with a loud voice. “No way Jakob! There is no such thing as a secret door!” “I am so curious about that door I wonder what that door does”. “But my dad doesn’t let me!” “Let’s just go and play” It looked like my friend didn’t believed me. After while, I played with My Friend I went back to my house and I saw a magical door. But If I go into it, my Dad will be so mad. So I didn’t opened the magical door. I went outside and I had a good time with my Friends. “Hey Jack and Ronsen! Do you have any Interest In the Secret Door?” “Yeah!” Jack said. “How about you Ronsen?” “Yeah” Ronsen said. “This night, do you want to come my house and find about the magic door?” “sure!” That was when the problem started.

“Hey! Be quiet! I said. We saw my Dad watching a TV show. We went to the place where the Magical Door was. “Wow” we all said. “Let’s go in!” So we went Inside the secret door. Our heads were dazzled, so we closed our eyes and we slept. “Where are we?” “ This is like adventure? yeah!” Said Ronsen. I was very scared. I didn’t know what was going on. But there were big Houses and there was also many cars. There was a man who was just walking. So, we asked “What is this place?” So the old man answered “This is San– Francisco!” “Oh Thanks!” “Wait” the man said Are you from San Francisco?” He said with a scary voice. “Yeah” we lied. “Oh then can I go with you?” “Wait a second what should we do?” We whispered. “Let’s just try. Ok”? “Sure Lets go together!” But the man was smiling to his self I felt weird but we just went. “So where are you going?” The man said. “I’m not sure” Jack said with a low voice.

“I have very good plan on San Francisco do you want to follow my plan?” “Sure!” Everyone said without me. “Wait!” but everyone just didn’t heard me. “So first we are going to Golden Gate!” The man said. “But we want go but we don’t have that much money!” “It’s fine I can do that for you.” I was not really happy because I felt something strange.

“So let’s go there tomorrow and lets go to Hotel!” “yes!” So we went to our own room. “So did you know that?” I said. “What?” Ronsen asked with a curious voice. “I think the man is a strange person because he laugh when we go together and he also he kept helping us and he also gave us a good Hotel!” “What? So he laugh when we go together?” Jack said. “yes!” “I think Jakob’s right!” “Let’s go out this Hotel!!” We opened the door. But there was a man. “Hi” we said. “Where are you going?” He asked. “Ummm were are just going outside to play.” we said. “should I follow you?” He asked. “No thanks.” we said. “See you later” he said. We went outside of the hotel. “It’s so dark outside what should we do now Jakob?” Ronsen asked. “So find our Secret door and lets go back to our home” I said. “Do you remember the place the place that we came in San Francisco?” “I’m not sure but follow me!” Jack said. “Do we have to go more?” I said “Here!” “Yes!” We fined the door!” We all yelled. “Wait a minute where are guys going?” We didn’t said any thing. You can’t go into the door until I give you a permission!” The man said.

“Oh–no!” We yelled. “Were you kept following us?” We asked. “Yes!” He said. “Can you wait for just for 2 minutes?” We asked. “Ok” Man said. “ We are fast at running so we can run past him.” Ronson said with a quiet voice. “Times up! The man yelled. “Three, two, one run!” We yelled. We opened the secret door and we went inside. Our heads were dazzled again. “ Where are we?” I asked. “Yes we are here!” Jack shouted. “It’s time to sleep you too Jack and Ronsen!” Dad said. “What?” “Can we talk for few minutes?” I asked. “Sure be quick!” “Guys it was a fun adventure. Let’s never go to secret door because we know what the secret door does!” We said. “ Good night Jack and Ronsen. “Bye!”

# New Journey to the West

*Western Academy of Beijing, Kim, Lina – 10*

**M**ore than 1,300 years ago, there was a brave young monk, Xuanzang, who always had dreamt of becoming one who saves the world. Yes, he wanted to be a hero, a super hero! To become a great hero, he prepared a journey to India to meet Hanuman, a powerful god in India.

Hanuman was a powerful, brave, and heroic god in India. And we believe this is why Xuanzang wanted to meet him. But, do you think it was super easy to meet and ask Hanuman for a training or something?

From China to India, it was a very long journey, and Xuanzang needed friends to go with. So, he found three friends who wanted to join his journey: a monkey king, a talking pig, and a friar. The talking pig could speak as a human, so he translated what the monkey king said to Xuanzang and the friar all the time. For what Xuanzang and the friar said, the monkey king could understand without talking pig's help.

Because Hanuman was really brave and heroic, the monkey king wanted to learn from Hanuman about how to be brave and lead his monkey world well. Also, the talking pig wanted to be a Batman! Joking, the talking pig wanted to be a super pig! Lastly, the friar wanted to be more heroic and kind.

With great passion, they started the journey to the west. However, they only had a map, compass, little amount of money, and clothes. Therefore, they always walked, rested for a few minutes, and walked again. When they were thirsty, they had to drink from the ocean.


Once, the friar asked, "What if we just make a boat with tree trunks?" Everyone nodded and agreed with the idea. They all started to collect tree trunks from the forests. But the problem was that there were only twigs found on the ground. For tree trunks, they had to climb trees and cut them, but it was not easy to cut the trees! At the end, they just decided to pick up some twigs and make a little boat.

When they finally made a little boat, they started to go on board carefully. When Xuanzang first went on the boat, it was still and fine. When the monkey king went on, it was still steady. Next, when the talking pig slowly put his feet in, it began to tremble. Lastly, when the friar was just about to put his one foot in, the boat started to sink slowly! Everyone was panicking, and the water was coming into the boat! They quickly jumped out of the sinking boat. Now, they had to think about another way. The talking pig suggested, "What if we just hike those southwestern mountains?" Everyone, except the friar, nodded. So, everyone asked the friar why. And he said that it would take much longer to walk across the mountains. Later, Xuanzang came up with another idea of just borrowing a boat. Everyone sighed and said, "Are we stupid? It would only cost us just little." Xuanzang laughed aloud and borrowed a boat to cross the ocean.

Xuanzang and the three companions sailed day and night, but the ocean seemed endless like the whole universe. One day, in the middle of the ocean, they heard creaking and groaning noises, and the boat started to leak. Everyone tried to pump out water, but all had to jump out of the boat and swim. Among them, no one was good at swim, so after jumping out of the boat, they could not do anything. Water was freezing, and everyone was in panic. The monkey king was messing around and being loud; the talking pig was just floating around; and the friar was losing consciousness and drowning. Xuanzang was the only one who was trying to calm down and think straight. Little later, the boat sank to the bottom of the ocean.

Xuanzang and three others were all safe, but they were all wet and freezing. Without a boat, all they could do were just floating around the ocean and cloud-spotting. Soon after, Mr. Alligator, a giant dragonfly who lend Xuanzang the boat, came and rescued everyone.

Mr. Alligator salvaged the boat and found a hole in the bottom of the boat. He said everyone that the hole caused the sinking. The friar said that he saw the boat crashing into a quite big rock in the beginning of the sailing. He added, "I didn't see any water leaking or damage, so I thought it was okay." Everyone got angry and shouted at him, "Why didn't you tell us?!"



They were only half way to India, but they already lost their boat and almost everything they had. All they had in hands were small amount of cash and a map. They had to come up with a new plan to finish their journey. After discussion, they decided to just walk as they did in the very beginning of the journey, but there was another problem. They started their journey in the summer, and they were all in summer clothes. But, the winter was just around the corner, and they needed something to wear. The friar was the only one with money, and everyone started to suck up to the friar, the one with the money.

Although he had only little amount of money, he used all of his money to buy a soft and big blanket, that would make everybody warm. Also, with that map, they just continued to go to the west. They had many ideas to go to the West. For example, they first walked, secondly they ran, thirdly, they borrowed 2 horses to go, lastly they walked again!

Well, the story ends here, and we do not know if they made it to India. As far as I know, they are still walking to India.

# New Journey to the West

*Western Academy of Beijing, Li, Claudia – 11*

Once, in a faraway sea, was a little island. On the island, was a cliff, and on the cliff, was a stone. The stone was great and proud and was a cloudy, smoke colored shade of grey. It remained there for centuries and centuries, until one day, when it quivered. It shuddered, and then— crack! A stone monkey jumped out! It's huge, glassy, eyes darted around, then he shook his diminutive little head and jumped off the cliff. After a while of walking, he coincided with a pack of other monkeys. He was made out of stone, and the rest of the bunch were normal, but that didn't matter. They instantly became friends, and he decided that he would remain with them.

On a blithe morning, when the stone monkey and some others were bathing in the nearby lake, one of the monkeys craned his neck in the direction of where the lake water was coming from and questioned: "Where does this water come from?" Everyone looked at each other and shrugged. He suggested that they go find out, and since none of the rest of the monkeys protested, they set off to find the beginning of the river.

They climbed and climbed, carefully following the river path, with the stone monkey in the lead. Finally, they reached the opening of the river, to find a magnificent waterfall gazing back at them. They were all dazzled, and then went chaotic; everyone was pushing to get a closer look, and one of the monkeys yelled: "If anyone can jump in that waterfall and jump back out, unharmed, we will make them our king!" All the monkeys agreed, but no one volunteered to go. After an awkward few moments of staring and expecting, a voice piped up: "I'll try."

When they looked around, they saw the stone monkey raising his hand. They all laughed but were startled by his boldness and bravery. At first, they all thought that he was kidding, but when he took a deep breath, shook his head, pushed himself off the ground and jumped *into* the waterfall, their eyes grew into the size of tennis balls and all of their mouths dropped open. They worried about him but little did they know what fun and mysteries were soon going to be exposed by this brave little monkey.

When he jumped in, he landed on something hard, but bendy. He was surprised, because there wasn't a single drop of water in what looked like a cave. Cautiously, he opened his eyes and saw that he was standing on a bridge. He looked back, and it made sense— the waterfall was like a humongous curtain, covering up the bridge. He walked deeper into the cave, and what he saw was beyond what a stone monkey could ever wish for. There was an *enormous* circular room, with different passageways leading off to hallways, like a hotel. It was so beautiful, words could not describe it. There were green, bushy trees and blossoming, sweet-smelling flowers all over the courtyard. There were bridges and stairs up to who-knows-where, and the whole place was so clean it was practically sparkling. The place was so big, the stone monkey knew that all the monkeys outside and in their old cave could fit, no matter how young or old, short or tall, skinny or fat they were. But the best of all, *absolutely EVERYTHING* was made out of stone. There were stone doors, stone tables, stone stools, stone plates, stone forks, stone stairs, stone sinks, stone bathrooms, and even the fires that lit up the cave were held by stones!

Seeing this, he returned to the bridge and jumped back out of the waterfall. He was greeted warmly by the other monkeys, who asked him what he saw inside. Slowly, he told them everything he saw, every detail and every step he took. After he was finished, they excitedly went to call the other monkeys and, lead by the stone monkey, jumped into the waterfall to live in it. Inside, when everyone was settled down, they had a ceremony and crowned him as their king. From then on, the stone monkey was called the "Monkey King", and ruled over the other monkeys in the cave behind the waterfall, the place he called Home.

# Amazing Journey from Maid to Queen Matilda

*Western Academy of Beijing, Pal Singh, Kush – 8*

Once upon a time there was a big city with a lot of people. There was a big house in the middle of the city. There were 15 people living in the house, which were the mother, father, 5 big brothers, three big sisters, two little brothers, two little sisters and one maid. One day when the maid was cleaning the house she accidentally dropped a vase. The owners got very angry that the maid had to go out and find a new owner. The maid started going to the West and knocked on every door she found. She then got hungry so she went to a market and got some food. She walked a lot until she reached the end of the city and found a sea. Suddenly, a wizard appeared from nowhere. The wizard said “If you come with me I will make you the queen”. So the maid followed the wizard. Now, they had to cross the sea. So the wizard used his magic to cross the sea. He gave the maid wings to fly to the end of the sea. So they flew across but then the magic ended and the maid fell into the sea. The wizard saw a storm coming and he immediately dived into the sea to save the maid. He found the maid and he grabbed her with his hand and pulled her out and took her to an island. They climbed a tree which was on the island and they saw that the storm was coming very close. They found many wooden logs on the island and a rope which they used to make a raft. They found a safe place and waited for the storm to pass. Once it passed they got on the raft and set on sail and they reached their destination. Now they bought two horses and started going to a place which was very peaceful. So they went a place with castles all around. They went to the king and asked if the king would like a new wife? The king said no. The wizard and the maid got upset. The wizard said lets go to different kingdoms. So then they went to different kingdoms and asked the king whether they would like a new wife. All the kings refused. Now they were terribly upset. Wizard said to the maid, don't be upset we will make our own kingdom. Wizard took his magic wand and said “Abra Ka Dabra Chiki Liki Bumba” and a beautiful white kingdom appeared in front of them with lots of beautiful garden, mountains, waterfall and flowers. They named the Kingdom as “White Marble Kingdom”. Then they both went inside and saw beautiful greenery. Then the maid said we need people to work for the Crown. So the Wizard brought some people who would like to be the cooks, guards, gardeners, servants and soldiers. The maid decided to take a cooking test for the cooks. The day for the test went a disaster. There was a lot of steam and a lot of noise. Then the maid tasted every single dish. One dish was very bad that she got sick. She ordered the wizard to punish that cook who made that dish. So the wizard did what he was told to do. The maid decided to have a big feast for her crowning ceremony in which she invited king and queens from all the kingdoms and everybody from her own kingdom. On the day of crowning, all the guests came through the golden gate which was decorated with flowers. Then they all gathered in the main hall of the castle waiting for the would be Queen to arrive. The Queen entered wearing a silver gown and beautiful jewellery. She was looking very beautiful and all were surprised to see such a beautiful Queen. She sat on her throne and the wizard put the golden crown on her head. The wizard announced that she is the Queen of the new kingdom called White Marble Kingdom and her new name is Queen Matilda. The Queen stood up and started to say in her soft voice “ I am going to marry the man who is the strongest, with the kindest heart and the most caring of all”. So we will have the contest and the wizard is going to take the test. After having all the test they finally found a the most charming, caring and the strongest King named Prince Molen from Cranberry Kingdom. They got married with a lot of pomp and show.

The King and Queen lived happily as days and years passed. After some years, one day, the Queen went out for a walk and saw that every family in the Kingdom had a baby. So she also wanted to have one. That night she had a dream that there was a island far far away in the west with a tree having magical on it. If you put them in water and take them out and then drink the water you will have a baby. The next day she told her husband to go and get the leaf. The King refused to go but the Queen insisted that he must go. So the King went to the West and had a hard time finding the island. Finally he found the island and the leaf and came back to his kingdom after five years. Then the Queen drank the leaf water and had a beautiful princess which she named Princess Rose.

AND THEN THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER WITH NO TROUBLE



# Journey to the Cave

*Western Academy of Beijing, Park, Sian – 8*

Once there was a girl whose name was Melody. Melody had big eyes and curly blonde hair. Melody was a brave teenager. And she wanted to go to the most dangerous cave in the world. The cave was in Europe and it was far West. Melody packed warm clothes and shoes. For food she packed rice and meat, and she drank milk.

Then she started her journey to the cave. She arrived at the cave and she started going in. The cave was dark and creepy, and it was also very cold. She once heard that it is very dangerous in the cave. But she didn't see any dangerous things, so she kept going in.

But, after a while, she started to see a dark shape in the cave. The dark shape was a steep and high wall. She didn't have a rope to climb up the wall, so she started to look for something that could help her get up the wall. She looked and looked and after a long hour she found an old rope, and she put the rope on the wall and started climbing. It was hard work, but she kept on climbing the wall.

She finally got to the top of the wall and she started to go down to the other side. Then when she reached the other side, she had to cross a maze. In the maze there were all types of monsters. Melody was so scared she shivered, but she didn't give up. She started to cross the maze, but she came to a dead end. At the dead end, there stood a monster! Melody was terrified, that she started to scream so loudly that the monster ran away scared.

Melody turned back and walked out of the dead end. And she went to another pathway that was painted in red. She followed the red paint and she got to a end! There she found a key which she didn't know what it was for, but she kept it in case she might need it.

Melody was looking at the key, then something patted Melody on the back. Melody almost jumped, but she turned around and saw a monster. Melody ran as fast as her feet could carry her, then she saw a clue and stopped. The clue was on a piece of paper. Melody read the clue, the clue said a treasure was hidden in a secret place in the cave. Melody was desperate to find the treasure, so she looked for something that looked like a secret passage. After an hour Melody found one, and walked into it.

Then she stepped on something hard. When she looked down, she saw a treasure box buried in the mud. Melody started to dig, and she got out the treasure! And she tried opening the treasure with the key she picked up, it worked! Melody was so happy, she thought she would explode!

But it was so heavy, how can she get out and bring it back home? Melody looked for a way out of the cave. After hours of searching, she found a way. When she got out, she looked for someone who could help her. Then she saw someone coming to her, she shouted HELP I'M HERE! HELP ME!!

The person was a ballerina. The ballerina saw Melody and came to help her. She was very nice, and helped Melody to take the treasure to ballerina's father. The ballerina's father gave Melody a net to put the treasure in. With the help of the ballerina and her father, Melody started her journey home.

She took a train back home. It was a long trip, so she had to eat and sleep in the train. Melody went to sleep, but in the middle of the night a sound woke her up. A person was trying to steal her treasure! Melody SCREAMED. Melody kicked the thief away. The next day she got out of the train. Melody was delighted to be back home.

She gave most of her treasure to poor countries and people. Melody used the treasure for herself only for the things she really needed. Melody won prizes for kindness and for being a good person. And Melody lived happily ever after.

# Off I Go

*Western Academy of Beijing, Porter, Rory – 9*

Once a upon a time there was a young boy named Teal who lived in New Zealand. Teal was a very talented boy; for example he had built his own treehouse in his back garden all by himself. As you can tell he was very independent.

One day Teal and his family went to a farmers market near home. Once they had started looking around Teal's mom said "now Teal, your mum and I are going to look at some stalls, you stay here and wait around this stall" and off they went humming their favourite song. Once they had left, Teal looked around the stall he was standing next to. It was selling chocolate fish (these were a pink marshmallows in the shape of a fish that was coated in chocolate.)

"Chocolate fish, chocolate fish two for the price of one!" the stall owner shouted, trying to get people to come and have a look at his stall. Teal went over to have a look. Just then the ground started rumbling and the stalls started collapsing. Suddenly, Teal realised what was happening, it was an earthquake!

Luckily, because Teal had spent his whole life in New Zealand, he knew exactly what to do and he sprang into action and took cover. Fifteen minutes later the earthquake ended and Teal started to go home, he knew that his parents would meet him there. When he got home the house was empty so he let himself in. He waited for half an hour and then the doorbell rang. He raced down the stairs expecting it to be his mom and dad but when he opened the door he saw two policemen. "Oh!" exclaimed Teal " what are you doing here!" "We need to talk to you about something" mutters one of the policemen. "well, come in" said Teal, quite confused. When they where all seated in the sitting room the first policeman started to talk. "As you know, about an hour ago there was an earth quake" yes..." pushed Teal "and, well...your parents didn't quite make it" added the second policeman. "What do you mean?" said Teal he just couldn't believe it! His parents couldn't be dead. He had often dreamt about living alone but now it had actually happened it just felt wrong. "Yes, so you will be sent to your aunt and uncle in England, A lady who goes by the name of Miss Transpet will arrive tomorrow to collect you" concluded the first one. (Teal was not to happy about this because he never agreed with his aunt but still, he went to bed).

The next day Teal woke up early at six o, clock and got ready to go. He waited 'till lunch time and no one came. So, he made himself a lunch of sandwiches and sat down and waited. By seven o, clock still no one had come so Teal went to bed feeling very confused. By lunch time the next day no one had come either so Teal decided this was ridiculous and went straight to bed just as he had done before. The next day however, Teal got so confused and annoyed that he decided he would travel to England by himself. He ran into the kitchen, grabbed the boarding passes for the flight off the counter and dashed round the house to get everything he needed. He raced out the door and started the 30 minute walk to the small airport. When he arrived at the airport he walked to his gate, blending with other families and groups. After that he boarded his flight. It was a long flight, so it needed a big plane – there were lots and lots of seats. Teal went to his seat and sat down. "*welcome to our flight...*" the pilot started the boarding announcement. Teal buckled up his seatbelt and started to close his eyes.

It was 10:00 in the morning in busy London just as Teal's plane touched down at Heathrow, England's capital airport.

Teal was very tired, as a result of that he thought he should go to the bathroom and splash his face with water. (This was how he usually woke himself up). Then he suddenly realised that he hadn't thought his trip through very well, he knew where his aunt and uncle's house was but he had no way to get to it. He thought about this for a while then he thought he should take a taxi. So, he went and got in the taxi queue. When he finally got to the front of the taxi queue he got into a taxi. The driver waited, as if expecting a parent or adult to get in. "Where are your parents kid" he asked, not unkindly. "Oh, they took another taxi" he lied "now do you want the money or not?" He gave the driver the address to his aunt and uncle's house and the driver raised his eyebrows but he said "ok then, buckle up!"

When he arrived at his aunt and uncle's house he took a deep breath then rang the doorbell. His aunt and uncle started asking lots of questions like "where have you been?", "what happened?" and "come in!" (actually the last one was not a question but you get the idea). Finally they calmed down and asked Teal to come in and explain what had happened. Teal explained about everything: his parents, miss Transpet, the flight and the taxi. After he told the story everyone was silent for a while then Teal's aunt said to him "well, it sounds like you need a warm bath and then you should go to bed!" And finally, finally, even though it was only 6:00 Teal decided he definitely agreed with his aunt this time.



# Hunting for Richness

*Western Academy of Beijing , Song, Justin – 10*

“Hey, Tony, wait for me!” Alex shouted as his brother Tony darted into the forest as fast as a bullet. Alex worried that he would get lost in the forest forever. But, he kept on running because he was anxious more about Tony being lost alone. Pausing to take a break for a minute, he saw two different paths ahead of him! ‘Left or right?’ he whispered to himself in a scared voice. Then, he yelled, “Tony!!!” No answer. Hesitated, Alex decided to go right, dashing to the deep, deep forest. After Alex ran with all of his might, he found Tony. Because Tony denied going back home, Alex started to beg. But, Tony said, “Don’t beg me. It is annoying!” So, Alex just kept on walking with Tony. It was then that they heard a painful roar nearby. “Grrr...” Alex hid behind Tony’s back, but Tony went closer to the place where the sound was coming. Surprisingly, they saw a small wolf inside a trap full of sharp spines. Tony got a very long bamboo stick and threw it to the wolf. The wolf held it and came out. With a deep sense of gratitude, the wolf, named Ethan, told Tony and Alex that he’s looking for treasure in a country called China which was in the west of Korea. Under Japan’s tyranny for more than 20 years, Korea had suffered from extreme poverty. Without a hint of hesitation, they packed their stuff. Their journey began!

Tony, Alex, and Ethan started to go toward the west. “Is this way right? How long do we have to walk more?” said Tony, feeling already exhausted. “I’m not sure,” replied Ethan, “It would take more than one month to get there.” Ethan explained how far the place was and how dangerous it would be. “There are many dangers along the way. Be careful!” But, they didn’t come across any danger until the moment. Little did they know! When evening came, and an inky darkness draped over the forest, they found a cave. To his astonishment, the cave was warm. It was a long time for them to feel this kind of warmth. Alex went to bed, dreaming of his mother’s warm hugging. They woke up early, because of peculiar sound. Hissings and groaning and muffled cries that dying creature might make. The noises came from underneath. Suddenly, the ground jerked. They flashed out of the cave. A volcano was erupting! Sharp crackling like an enormous snapping of twigs, then a roar like the fall of entire trees of the forest! Suddenly, Ethan pulled Tony and Alex on his back, racing out of the forest. They could feel the noises getting away. Panting, Ethan let them climb down.

A few days later, they met a wolf family. Strangely, all the wolves’ eyes were red. Anyway, the family promised to lead them to a spot where the treasure was hidden. The place, with a haze of smoke and stream, was covered with sand. The wolf family told them to find a hole. As soon as they found the hole, they all were sucked into the hole. After gathering their senses, they got to realize that there were a target ahead of them! A bow and 12 arrows lying in the ground as well. Tony said, “I think we need to hit the center of the target 10 times to finish this challenge.” Alex mumbled, “I want to try this challenge. I didn’t do anything for us, until now.” Both of his friends were glad about his confidence. He hit the center 9 times, and there was only 1 arrows left. “You can do it, Alex.” Alex whispered to himself. He shot the last arrow with feeling of tension. Everyone closed their eyes. Then, Alex did it! They made their way through the challenge! Three of them walked and walked, until they saw a treasure box ahead of them. “Oh, look at the treasure waiting for me. Let’s just go get it.” There was a circle around the treasure box. When they went inside the circle, arrows came out from the top. “Oh, that was dangerous.” Alex exclaimed. So, they threw rocks because they knew that when something gets inside the circle, the arrows came. And they thought that there would be the end of the arrows, somehow. They threw and threw with all of their power until there was the end! They opened the treasure box. They thought that it would be a bunch of diamonds or something. But there was nothing and nothing happened. “What!! There is nothing. Like we put so much effort on this, and it was all lie!” Tony and Alex said. “No, it’s not the end. Let’s go home and see.” Ethan said. They went back home.

They were going to their home. They saw the wolf family. Their eyes were not red any more. Ethan noticed that he needed to say good-bye to Alex and Tony, following the wolf family. Meanwhile, Tony and Alex arrived at their destination of few weeks of sufferings for foods and water. But, they couldn't see their home anywhere. Instead, there was a luxurious mansion in the spot. Tony said, "Let's go in and ask them if they saw our parents." They went closer to the mansion. Once they arrived to the door, they ringed the bell. They were quite nervous. Then, the door opened. Surprisingly, it was Tony and Alex's parents! "Where were you! We missed you a lot!" their parents said as all of them cried in happiness. Now, Tony and Alex understood what Ethan meant to them. Finally, all three friends returned to their home. They lived happily ever after, perhaps they are the ones who are the most happy in the world!!!





# New Journey to the West

*Western Academy of Beijing, Wong, Hannah – 8*

One day while the Tang Priest (also known as Xuanzang) and his 3 magical disciples, talking Pig, Friar Sand and the mischievous Monkey King (Sun Wu Kong), were continuing their journey to the west to fetch the true scriptures, they met a young woman along the river. When they were resting under a tree, they chatted. The women warned them what dangers lay ahead of the Tang Priest and his disciples.

The young women said to Tang Priest, “Priest, there’s monster named Medusa and she could turn people to stone when they look into her eyes. The monster will then destroy the stone statues so that the spirits of the people that she turned into stone will be completely destroyed and cannot be brought back to life”.

They thanked the young woman and went on their way. Soon they saw a pretty little cottage with a gentle stream flowing through it. The Monkey King instantly recognized the cottage that the young woman described as the lair of Medusa. At that moment, the Monkey King hatched a cunning plan to stop the monster. He whispered his plan to the Tang Priest, Friar Sand and Pig. According to the plan, they would sneak in and Pig will change to into a handsome man to distract Medusa while the Monkey King would sneak in behind Medusa and kill her.

At first the plan worked but there was one little thing that Pig forgot was that if you look directly at Medusa’s eyes then you will turn to stone. While Pig was distracting Medusa, Pig accidentally looked Medusa in the eyes and he screamed and immediately turned into stone. Friar Sand heard Pig’s scream, so he decided to check on Pig. He told the Tang Priest to wait for him to check out Medusa’s lair to find out what happened. But when Friar Sand did not come back the Tang Priest went in and was also turned to stone.

While hiding, the very mischievous and lazy Monkey King had been very tired and in his hiding spot (behind a rock) he had fallen asleep. During his nap, he had heard Pig screaming and Friar Sand gasp. He woke up quickly but was feeling very groggy and sleepy.


Upon hearing the screaming and gasping, Monkey King leaped out of his hiding spot to fight Medusa. Monkey King was no match for Medusa as she was a good swordswoman because she could fight with anything and also, he was sleepy and sluggish. Fortunately, Monkey King was born from a magical rock, he could look directly into Medusa’s eyes without turning into stone. When he looked at Medusa, Monkey King was surprised that she turned out to be a very beautiful young woman with many cute baby snakes on her head instead of hairs. He was expecting an ugly old monster.

Monkey King was quick witted and smart, knowing that he was losing the battle, he quickly thought of a different strategy. He decided to pull out some hairs and he turned his hairs into three identical Monkeys. He left his doubles in the lair to fight Medusa while he went to seek the Bodhisattva Guan Yin for some advice. In one somersault, he reached the floating island of Perfect Bliss where the Bodhisattva lived.

Before the Monkey King arrived, the Bodhisattva sensed him so she went to the edge of the floating island to greet him. The Monkey King explained about Medusa, while he was talking, he shivered and realized that his doubles were about to turn into stone. As such he ended the spell and took back his hairs.

As soon as the Bodhisattva received all the information she needed, she commanded the Monkey King to lead her to the lair of Medusa so she could see for herself to investigate who was Medusa. They arrived at Medusa’s lair in a split second. The Bodhisattva told the Monkey King to wait for her outside. Then she went into Medusa’s lair.

The Monkey King waited outside of Medusa’s lair but then suddenly he felt rumbling in the earth below his feet and so the Monkey King went in to investigate what was happening. The Monkey King saw that the Bodhisattva and Medusa started fighting and were using their own brand of magic powers, determined to kill each other. The Monkey King tried to help but the Bodhisattva commanded him to stop. She said that the fight was between the two of them and no one can interfere, it was their destiny to fight each other.



The Monkey King watched as the two opponents started to tire, then when the Bodhisattva and Medusa were in the middle of fighting Medusa yelled “stop!” and said, “I surrender”. Then she said, “I’m now on your side” “I am tired of fighting you.” Everyone was shocked that Medusa had now surrendered and changed sides to join the Bodhisattva and other Gods instead.

The Bodhisattva told Medusa that she could be the entrance guard to heaven so that she could turn intruders to stone. Medusa had a happy life in heaven thereafter. She loved her new job because she got to know new people every day. She wore special glasses to avoid turning people into stone. When someone tried to sneak into heaven she can press a button on the side of her glasses and it let the lens of the glasses slide away to turn them to stone. So be careful if you meet Medusa. If you do, just tell her that you are on her side she won’t hurt you and turn you into stone. Medusa wrote a story about her fight with the Monkey King and the Bodhisattva and did you know that you just finished reading it?

# New Journey to the West

*Western Academy of Beijing, Zhang, Lily – 10*

The afternoon sun shone brightly as the four monks continued their way to the west. A gust of warm wind blew across the surface of the earth like an invisible train on a road trip. But the monkey king tasted evilness inside. Quickly, he turned around and insisted his master and brothers to leave.

Then, out of nowhere, came a massive red cloud. It hovered over the group as they scattered away from it. A hard gust of wind blew over their faces, not warm, friendly wind, but a cold, evil wind. It blew so hard that they the four had to shut their eyes tightly in order to keep dirt from crawling in. When they opened their eyes again... Their master was gone!

Terrified, the talking pig frantically called for his beloved master, but then clumsily tripped over a fallen tree. The monkey king just sighed. “\*sigh\* I told you guys to keep an eye on master and leave, but look what you did! Now we have to follow the scent of this monster lurking around, and follow it to it’s home.” The friar felt a bit guilty. “Sorry, but we couldn’t open our eyes during that... That ‘wind storm’.” “Well then, I guess that leaves us no choice but to find master.”

The three guilty brothers hiked along trails in forests, swam duck-crossing rivers, and finally, reached their destination. The Red Cave. The monkey king was furious and with a few hits (using his golden baton) , the monster’s cave door was broken. Inside, the monster, a monster known as the Red Child was just about to put Xuanzang into a boiling hot pot, he heard the monkey king’s angry screeches. Annoyed, he put down Xuanzang and got ready to face the monkey king...

“Take that, you old monkey!” shouted the Red Child as he aimed a fire ball at the monkey king’s arm. Luckily, this monkey isn’t a ‘monkey see, monkey do’ kind! It smacked it’s golden baton on the Red Child’s back as the talking pig decided to join in. But he decided to leave when he almost got burned by the Red Child’s fire hoop. The fight kept going on. Night fell, all the rabbits hopped back home, all the ducks slept on the surface of the Red Lake (it’s not actually red) like lifeless chickens bobbing up and down, but the fight kept going...

Thump! The Red Child landed hardly onto the ground, defeated by the monkey king. He scattered back into his cave, and, as quick as lighting, the talking pig grabbed his master and the four monks ran away.

They ran until they were as tired as a sloth that just ran across the zoo five times. The sun was woken up by the chirping of birds, and the huffing and puffing of the four monks. They had reached a village called “Zhang Village”. Nice people lived in it, the food was delicious, but there was something odd about it: Everyone’s last name was Zhang. That’s why it’s called “Zhang Village”. The four monks found a monk and asked him if they could stay for a night. The monk of course, said yes, and asked Xuanzang what his name is. “Excuse me, wise monk, what is your name? My name is Appu Zhang.” “My name is Xuanzang. It’s very nice to meet you.” They bowed and Appu offered the four curious monks a tour around the village.

On their tour, the Monkey King found some delicious red peaches for their dessert, as for Appu already made the special “ ‘Zhang’ –Pow Chicken” for the four monks.

The usual black cloth covered the sky as the four monks finished eating. The talking pig volunteered to guard them while sleeping, but the Monkey King proofed that HE should do it with the accident last time. The talking pig sadly patted his belly, and the three monks went to sleep.

The three monks slept soundly as the Monkey King kept watch o they room. Everything was going great, when suddenly...BANG!!! Something happened behind the Monkey King, something mysterious...

# The Awakening

*Western Academy of Beijing, Zhou, Aiden – 9*

## Prologue

Once upon a time, in a world similar to Minecraft, Noob (a woman) and Pro (a man), a married couple, were getting ready to part ways. Noob had to go back to her Easycore (an easy world, but you cannot respawn) world, and Pro had to go to his Hardcore world to slay a dragon. So they parted ways. After Pro had slayed the ender dragon and collected the dragon egg, a person with glowing white eyes tapped him on the shoulder. He instantly felt dizzy and drowsy, then he conked out... When he woke up, he was on a stone platform. But he had changed. He felt a burning rage to cause untold destruction. Therefore, he headed towards the Normalcore (normal world, but you cannot respawn) world to capture his son and daughter, Noobish Pro and Girly Pro, who were his first targets.

Noobish Pro woke up in a forest. He knew where he was. He was in a forest in a Normalcore world. First, he went chopping trees, then quickly fashioned a set of wood tools, which he used to chop trees. Then, after he had got 20 blocks of wood, he mined 20 blocks of stone, then he fashioned a stone set of tools and as the sun was still in the sky, he hunted some animals and made a hidey-hole and then smelted his food, and went mining.

After a while of mining in the dark, he found a black block with specks on it. It was coal. He then made some torches and lit up the mine. Suddenly, he found a block with tan specks. He didn't know what it was, but he still mined it. After a while, he finally found bedrock and proceeded to mine 11 blocks above it. After a while, he found more of the blocks with tan specks, but this time he recognized that that was iron and smelted it with the other iron he found. A long while of mining later, he went out of the mine with a full set of iron tools and armor.

After mining, his stomach grumbled. He realized that he had to eat, so he ate some steak. Then, he thought: "how do I get more food without slaying animals?" But he forgot how to do that, so he just expanded his house's defenses. Then, as an army of monsters approached, he started taunting them. He thought since he had a wall, the monsters could not go past the wall. But, the monsters opened up their ranks, and then a few creepers came through, and blew a hole in the wall. The monsters then stormed through and obliterated the house that he made. Noobish Pro, knowing that defeat was near, ran away to the west. The monsters then started to chase him.

Noobish Pro then went many days running to the west, hoping to find a friendly area. He encountered many dangers, like lava falls, ravines, and vast oceans. Once, he was going through a jungle biome, when suddenly there was a forest fire caused by nearby lava! But, since the fire was spreading quicker than he could run, he had no other idea to escape. But since he made a clearing, the fire did not spread there. He breathed a sigh of relief and continued on his journey. On his tenth day, he had nearly lost hope when he saw a warrior clad in iron armor with a diamond chestplate.

She introduced herself as Girly Pro. And then, she asked him: "where did you come from? Noobish Pro said: "I come from the west, and I am going this way to escape from a monster army." She said: "Me too!" Then, she said: "Do you think my hair looks good?"

Noobish Pro did not answer. Suddenly, the monster army approached over the horizon. Girly Pro said: "Run!" and they both ran to the west. But this time, they were so hungry that they could not sprint, so the monster army caught up, and they had to fight...

The monsters came closer and closer. Suddenly, Girly Pro dug a pit, yelled: "I don't want to get my hair dirty, but I have to!", pushed Noobish Pro into the pit, and then started digging. Meanwhile, Noobish Pro was covering up the pit. Suddenly, they came across a ravine. They could hear creepers trying to blast them out. Noobish Pro was about to attempt jumping to the other side, which was ten blocks away. At that moment, Girly Pro stopped him. She said: "That jump is suicide! I need you to help me with my look so you cannot die!" And then she bridged over with cobblestone and then destroyed the bridge. Meanwhile, Pro (Herobrine's minion)'s army had found the place where they dug, but suddenly they came across a ravine and there were no more traces of Noobish Pro and Girly Pro.

He was so infuriated that he ordered his creepers to destroy a nearby village. After he calmed down, he ordered his army to scout for Noobish Pro and Girly Pro. Meanwhile, Noobish Pro and Girly Pro were mining, their mine hidden away from sight...





# The Journey of Chaos

*Western Academy of Beijing, Zhou, Sophia –9*

Oliver hated being trapped in his room, well it isn't exactly his room, but after what has happened, doesn't the Parker family own this ship? He wasn't grounded, and he was only locked in his room because something was wrong, perhaps another swarm of Chaos? He stared at his pen and watch, which seemed back to normal, then lay on his bed, on top of his comforter, he wasn't planning to sleep, he wouldn't be able to even if he tried. But as if the entire world was against him, he was started dreaming without sleeping.

The flashback seemed so real: "He was above decks, marking out the fastest route to Egypt with his pen. Suddenly he felt an icy gust of wind, perhaps something evil, taking over him. It went deeper than his skin, unlike normal wind, it went inside his heart, for a second he felt like it was taking over him, then he felt free of the evil, it collected in his watch, then disappeared entirely from him. When he focused on the crew, he noticed that their bodies were still flesh, but it seemed, well, much more chaotic, the entire ship filled with chaos, there would have been a shipwreck if it wasn't for him. He sensed something powerful on his map when he turned to look, but it was just a plastic knife for cutting play-doh, it was weird, yes, Louis suspected that his pen got turned into that knife. 'The knife isn't going to help me,' he thought, and decided to fight the chaos with his bare hands, but his hands passed right through the chaos, it was an idiotic idea, but he didn't have any better ones, Oliver reached for the knife, stabbed the chaos... and it felt like Oliver was cutting play-doh! Fortunately, after tons of hard work, he destroyed the chaos, with the help of the ocean's current, washing it somewhere near Wales. Unfortunately, he was forced to kill those innocent people."

So what is he doing here in the middle of an ocean? For a class project, Oliver's teacher asked everyone in the class to go somewhere with an impressive background for Winter Break; his family decided that Egypt is the place for them, it has a lot of history, and is known as "The start of civilization."

Oliver fell off his bed, and for the first time, he was grateful for it, because it 'knocked' him into reality. His parents were at his door, 'maybe they aren't going to hide anything from me!' Mr. Parker gestured for him to follow them, and bring the pen and watch with him. As they settled down in his parents' room, Oliver was just about to ask about everything, but Mrs. Parker beat him to it, "Look at the watch, do you see some symbols on its strap?"

Oliver was puzzled, "Yeah, one that looks like a jackal, followed by another one with three things stacked on top of each other, then two jackal-headed men."

"Yes, that's Set's name written in hieroglyphs, hieroglyphs are like Egyptian words, and Set is the Egyptian god of chaos."


"I'm guessing it's supposed to protect me from chaos, the pen?"

Mr. Parker chimed in, "The pen turns into something that could help the owner defeat something that is not visible to normal people, for example, the chaos."

Oliver didn't get it, "May I ask, why are they with me?"

"You see, our family comes from a long line of pharaohs, these two priceless artifacts have been passed on from generation to generation, until Thutmose the third, when they got lost, no one ever thought they could ever be found again, until one day I found it on an archaeological dig." Oliver knew that his mom is an Egyptologist and his dad is an archeologist, but never knew that his family had so strong a bond with Egypt.

Two days until the Parkers got to Egypt, hopefully, nothing will get in their way on those two days. Of course, as usual, things didn't work out for them.



Just a few hours later, a boat approached them, from far away, it was normal, but when it got closer, Oliver could sense something, something very familiar. "Oh no, not again!" Oliver groaned. They ignored the boat, hoping that it would do the same, it didn't. It got closer and closer until there was only 1/2 meter of space between, the crew jumped onto their ship, trying to take the Parkers with them. They succeeded in kidnapping Mr. Parker, and Mrs. Parker and Oliver succeeded in destroying all the chaos. This time, the pen turned into a jelly like vortex, a perfect portal for trapping disorder inside.

The next 1/2 day was devastating without Mr. Parker, fortunately for them, an easily recognizable ship came into view, the very boat that had Mr. Parker on it.

"Dad!" Oliver screamed, excited.

"I fainted when they got me when I awoke, you were far from view, but I knew where to steer the boat so that I could get to Luxor, and perhaps meet up with you."

After an average day, they finally arrived at Luxor. Oliver and Mrs. Parker enjoyed the scenic views, the local food, and of course, the history. Meanwhile, Mr. Parker went on a dig near the Valley of Kings with some local archeologists. It was an enjoyable trip, not considering their trip, though that was pretty exciting.

# New Journeys to the West

*Yaumati Catholic Primary School, Kwan, Zeu – 9*

About 1400 years ago, after the Tang monk Xuanzang and his three disciples had retrieved the holy scriptures in the West, they traveled back to China on a Wukong's cloud. It was a clear and sunny day. Suddenly, a violent storm blew up. Wukong's cloud was rocked by powerful winds and a weird looking cloud straight headed for them. It whipped them inside a waterspout and they finally disappeared in the mysterious Devil's Triange.

In China, there was great chaos and disorder in the Chinese Empire. The ruler of the heavens, Jade Emperor wanted to destroy the empire. Chinese Emperor grew increasingly desperate and was seriously ill. "Without the Holy Scriptures, my empire will be ruined by the Jade Emperor. I must find someone brave and intelligent enough to fetch the Holy Scriptures!" He posted notices all over the world. The emperor asked his cleverest son to choose. After reading a million applications from all over the world, he found his favorite comic figures' application. He chose Snoopy, Garfield and Bart Simpson. They came to the palace immediately.

"Your Majesty, my supper dish can turn into a sturdy force field and my silver spoons can turn into all kinds of weapons," Snoopy said. "My giant fork can make fire and water," Garfield followed. "My skateboard can appear into any kind of transport," Bart added.

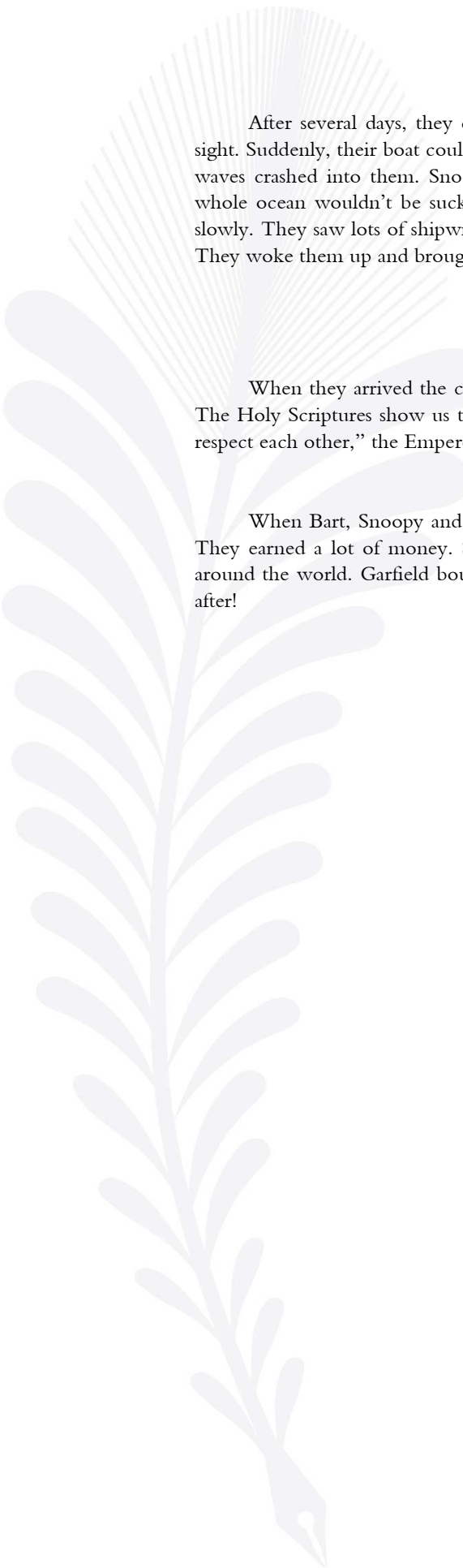
The next day, three travelers made their way to the west to find the Tang monk and fetch the great scriptures. They were using Bart's skateboard to cross China. When they came to the Himalayan mountains, a group of Yetis chased them up a mountain. One of the Yetis tried to step on them. "Come and hide in my gigantic supper dish!" Snoopy yelled. The Yeti grabbed the dish and hurled them up at the sky. They saw that they were going to fall into one of the Yetis' mouth. The Yeti gobbled them up. When they fell into Yeti's stomach, Garfield stuck out his fork and spray it with fire. The Yeti exploded and they flew out safely in Snoopy's force field.

Some days later, they came upon a vast forest. Suddenly, they saw a Bigfoot behind the tree. It looked like a bear. "Hey you come here, I heard you made my cousin explode last month," He walked over to them. Suddenly he threw a net made of vines over them. He bundled them over his back like a sack of potatoes. Snoopy turned one of his spoon into a knife and cut open the net. Then they put rocks into the Bigfoot's net and ran away quietly.

One day, they came to a sea. Bart turned his skateboard into a boat and they used Snoopy's spoons as oars. Garfield saw a sleek vessel flying a black flag with a skull and crossbones glided up behind them. Fierce looking men boarded their ship. They carried cutlasses. They even had daggers between their teeth! The pirates dragged them onto their ship. They met the ship's captain. He wore fancy clothes and a lot of jewellery. He took away their belongings and said "Send the little brat to the kitchen to cook but leave the dog and fat cat to catch rats."

At dinner time, Bart cooked a fabulous dinner. One of the pirates was so surprised he yelled out, "Shiver Me Timbers!" After the meal, all of them fell asleep because Bart had put sleeping powder into their wine. Bart ran to the treasure room. He took back their belongings and also took some of their ill-gotten jewels before they left.

After several months of sailing, they nearly reached the Dragon King of the Western Sea. They dived into the sea. When they got to the bottom of the sea, they saw there were lobster and crab soldiers holding spears and tridents in front of the palace. The soldiers took them to the great hall. The King's throne was made of gold and silk and studded with jewels. Then, the king came out. He was in the form of a human. He was dressed in rich silks and he wore a crown carved out of a diamond and a pearl necklace. "My Highness, may I ask you where the Tang Monk is?" Bart asked. "They are trapped in the Bermuda Triangle." The King answered. "My Majesty, would you be so kind to lend us a magic weapon to drain the water of Bermuda triangle to save the Tang Monk and retrieve the Holy Scriptures?" Snoopy asked. "This magic bottle can help you. Good luck!" Dragon King said. After they gave the Dragon King some of their jewels, they left.



After several days, they came to the Bermuda Triangle. It was a beautiful day, with not a cloud in sight. Suddenly, their boat couldn't move. They were stuck in a mass of floating seaweed! Then, some rogue waves crashed into them. Snoopy sucked the waves into the bottle. He created a force field so that the whole ocean wouldn't be sucked up. Then, he sucked up the water in the Triangle. The water lowered slowly. They saw lots of shipwrecks and they found Tang monk and his disciples had fallen into deep sleep. They woke them up and brought all Holy Scriptures back to East on Wukong's cloud.

When they arrived the capital, the Chinese Emperor and his officials were all waiting. "This is great! The Holy Scriptures show us the way to kindness, peace and harmony. It guides the masses to behave and respect each other," the Emperor exclaimed. "Thank you for going this difficult and risky journey!"

When Bart, Snoopy and Garfield went back home, each of them wrote a book about their journey. They earned a lot of money. Snoopy built a palace under his dog house. Bart bought a yacht and sailed around the world. Garfield bought a big plate and had chicken dinners every day. They lived happily ever after!

# A Quest to the West

*Yew Chung International School (Primary), Liu, Sicheng -10*

“**B**orn of noble and of green, something only a lion has seen, retrieved from the west of azure and of the pale, a new champion will arise through golden hail.”  
A girl in the Arostocia Library read from an old manuscript. The girl was a young maiden of noble blood, being the orphaned niece of the King of Arostocia, and was born with a green birthmark on the back of her hand in the shape of a swirl. She picked up the book and rushed out of the library to visit Cyltine, the family historian.

The girl knocked on the door of his hut and called out, “Cyltine! I need to speak with you!” She backed up, and soon the wooden door opened to reveal an old man. “Come in, Xandra. What is it?”

“This,” Xandra lifted the book onto the wooden table in the tiny hut and flipped it open. “What is this...prophecy?”

“Ah...This is called the Prophecy Of Green Swirls. It was written by me. I spewed out green swirls while reciting it, which is why it's called the Prophecy Of Green Swirls. It's a prophecy that says a treasure will be retrieved by one of 'noble and green'. If this treasure is not retrieved by the prophecy's third birthday, Doomsday for us. The third birthday is in three days.”

Cyline looked at Xandra, but his eyes were green swirls. She said with a blank expression, “Go. Path of Azure West. Beware Dragon's lion.”

Xandra ran back home and packed a few essentials and started down the path to the Azure West, which was what the Arosticians called the west. Around noon, she sat down under a tree and pulled out a sandwich. A figure crawled out from a bush, which turned out to be a lion. “I can help you.”

Xandra, stunned, nodded. It smiled at Xandra and said, “I know you are on a quest to retrieve a treasure. I have seen this treasure. It belongs to the Riddler Dragon.” The lion evaporated.

Xandra got up, finished her sandwich and kept going. As nightfall came, she took shelter in a cave and fell asleep. In her dreams, she was hiding in a lair, which she knew belonged to a dragon, and she couldn't move. He was talking to someone. “Did you befriend the girl?”

“I believe so. She may consider me an ally,” someone replied.

“Alright. Go, truly befriend her. Then you can trap her.”

“Okay. But may I ask what is this treasure?”

“Fine, I'll tell you. My father was a magician in the King of Arostocia's court, and was called ‘The Dragon Sorcerer’ because of his ability to turn into a dragon. But he once stole a chain of magical pearls, which is the treasure.”

“Thanks for telling me. I shall go and see the girl.”

Xandra woke with a start. She was still in the cave. “Hello, it's me. Your friend,” A lion stood outside of the door, the same one Xandra had given her meat to.

“Oh, um, hi. So, why are you here?”

“To help you. I've spied on the Dragon, and I know his plans and how to avoid them. I'll just let you eat breakfast”, he backed up and went out of the cave.

“Psst. Psst.” Another voice came out of the shadows. Xandra turned to see a butterfly. “The lion is lying. Do not trust him.” The butterfly disappeared.

Confused, Xandra finished her sandwich and packed up to find the lion outside of her cave. “Also, I didn't catch your name.”

“It's Prodione. Come on, let's go.” The lion trooped onward over the hill.



After a long climb...

"Here we are. The Dragon's lair," Proditione used a paw to point to a plate on the ground made of gold and with pearls spelling out the initials 'RD'.

"Wow," Xandra marveled as she took a step forward.

"Yes. It's also your demise."

"What?" Xandra had the time to get the word out of her mouth before Proditione pulled a tree branch which opened a trapdoor under her feet.

"Goodbye," Proditione put the trapdoor back and strode away.

Xandra remembered she had matches in her pocket, so she lit a fire to look around. The walls were bare except for a large patch of green moss, which Xandra instinctively touched. The moss fell to reveal a passageway. Xandra lit some moss on fire and used it as a torch to light her way.

The passageway led to a room filled with shadows. "We meet again. What did I say?" Xandra turned and spotted the butterfly she had seen earlier. "I expected better. But, fine, I'll help. Go up that passage to the Throne Room. That's where the Dragon will be. To defeat him, challenge him to a riddling contest." The butterfly disappeared.

Xandra walked upstairs to witness the Riddler Dragon yelling at Proditione. "WHERE IS SHE?!"

"I'm here," Xandra stepped up and strode in front of the Riddler Dragon. "And I challenge you to a riddling competition."

"No one can beat me. I'll start. It can only live where there is light, but I die if the light shines on me. What is it?"

"A shadow. What flies when it's born, lies when it's alive, and runs when it's dead?"

"A snowflake."

They kept riddling each other, until the Dragon couldn't answer three riddles in a row, and shrunk down to three centimeters high. "Give the treasure up." Xandra kneeled down to face the Dragon.

"Fine!" The Dragon threw a necklace at Xandra which grew larger when she caught it and teleported her back home in the library. Next to the table she was standing next to, the King of Arostocia was reading.

"Uncle?" Xandra walked up to her uncle.

"Xandra. Cyltine told me where you were. Where is the treasure?" Xandra's uncle hugged her.

"Here," Xandra gave the pearls to her uncle, who put it on his neck. "You've done wonderfully."

# The New Journey to the West

*Yew Chung International School (Primary), Lung, Eve – 10*

I've been hearing some of the other people talking about a great wizard of the village's departure to the west, even my best friend Elizabeth was talking about it all the time.

By the way, I live in China, in the village which is quiet and full of greens. Life is peaceful but sometimes wild as we all love to be farmers and hunters in these distant mountains.

My parents always say that I am a curious child, and that applies to me right now, thinking, 'What will he find in the west?' When I asked my parents about this, they said, 'Oh, don't bother, his work and knowledge are beyond children's understanding.'

I feel like I'm getting bored of them telling me that, I want to know what exactly is going on. One night, I secretly clambered out of my bed and sneaked into Elizabeth's house. I asked her the same question and she said, 'I don't know, I'm wondering too. I wish to go to the west to find out but I think it's dangerous, going alone. Since you asked, why don't we go together?'

I was delighted. We started to slip into the forest of the west. In the forest, we 'made friends' with many wild animals of different species: pandas, monkeys, owls. We also filled our pockets with plants.

Walking continuously into the darker depths of the west, I shivered like a scaredy cat. I started to hate adventures, after all. I committed to myself this is going to be my final adventure.

Oh no! It's getting dark, and I shivered more. Elizabeth must be puzzled, 'Why are you shivering so much? Are you cold?' I'm not cold. I just didn't want to tell her the painful truth.

'Hello?' A voice suddenly dazzled me in the darkness. Phew! It was just Elizabeth. I found that I was daydreaming, and she was trying to catch my full attention. 'Make your tent.' she said. How? I was totally confused. So I pretended to daydream, later realising myself daydreaming actually in front of a finished tent which Elizabeth made.

'Don't you ever pay effort to anything?', Elizabeth asked. Obviously, she was annoyed. I blankly stepped into the tent and said, 'Wow, thanks.' I knew I sounded rude. I don't care.

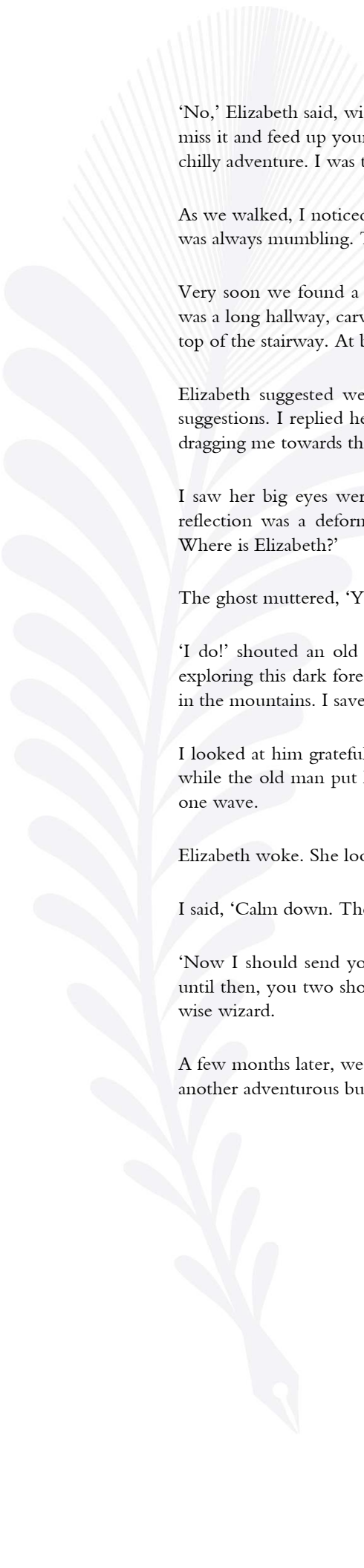
We ate some plants which tasted terrible but were definitely edible. I said, 'I want to sleep. I've finished eating.' Then I slept on the mattress inside the tent. 'Where are the blankets?', I asked, but Elizabeth couldn't hear me and continued eating, so I just slept on a hard mattress without blankets, causing me to freeze in the unforgiving cold.

The next morning, I was woken by a creepy yawn. I looked at the next mattress. No sign of Elizabeth. She must have yawned while eating breakfast, I'm guessing.

I walked out of the tent. Elizabeth was mumbling to herself, 'Six cherries, ten tiny seeds, one small tomato, two edible leaves... and one pure soul'

I stopped her by saying, 'What are you doing?' She answered, 'Ah you're awake, finally. We've made a big mistake. Yesterday, we shouldn't have eaten all the plants. Now I'm just counting what plants we've eaten.'

'It's okay,' I laughed, 'I don't usually eat breakfast. My mum and dad's crops are too precious that we can only eat them once a day, during dinner.'



‘No,’ Elizabeth said, with a serious tone, ‘breakfast is the most important meal of the day. You should never miss it and feed up yourself. See, you’re so skinny.’ I think her voice somehow changed during this horribly chilly adventure. I was totally speechless. Finally, Elizabeth said, ‘Fine. We’ll continue west.’

As we walked, I noticed that Elizabeth was acting strangely. Firstly, she was glaring all around. Secondly, she was always mumbling. Thirdly, she walked a lot quicker than usual. She looked somehow...different.

Very soon we found a hut. Elizabeth opened the door and we stepped in, my fears chills my back. There was a long hallway, carved out of dark stone. At the end of it, there were stairs, and there was a mirror at the top of the stairway. At both sides of the hallway, there were doors. I had a sensation it was a haunted house.

Elizabeth suggested we should explore sideways. My intelligence told me that I should disagree all her suggestions. I replied her that we can try the doors one by one later. She concurred and started to walk up, dragging me towards the mirror.

I saw her big eyes were glowing. We both looked into the mirror when we were at the top. I saw her reflection was a deformed face on a distorted body. ‘You’re not my friend Elizabeth! You are a ghost! Where is Elizabeth?’

The ghost muttered, ‘You would never know what happened next!’

‘I do!’ shouted an old man in his long grey robe standing in the front door. ‘These two silly girls were exploring this dark forest together until you took away Elizabeth’s clothes for disguise last night and left her in the mountains. I saved Elizabeth and followed you here.’

I looked at him gratefully. He was holding a girl in his arms – Elizabeth. The ghost charged at him angrily while the old man put Elizabeth on the ground and took out a wand, tearing the ghost into ashes with just one wave.

Elizabeth woke. She looked around, ‘Oh, GHOST, HELP!’ she exclaimed.

I said, ‘Calm down. The ghost has gone. You’re safe now. And I think we’ve found the great wizard.’

‘Now I should send you home, afterwards, I must continue my journey to destroy all evils in this world, until then, you two should never be too curious and go to this dark forest again all by yourself,’ advised the wise wizard.

A few months later, we heard news that the wizard has destroyed all evils. That means, we are ready to have another adventurous but safe journey to the west!

# The New Journey to the West

*Yew Chung International School (Primary), Pang, Hao Chor Phoebus – 9*

A long time ago, LaoFu was not like the other gods. He was the bitter god of death, and he was jealous of the sky god and the sea god's beautiful realms, while his was the gloomy underworld. He was jealous of the music god's humour and music, and the war god's combat skills while he was weak and serious. He was jealous of the light god's glory, and the moon goddess' majestic moon while he lowly. In general, he was jealous of everything other people owned.

LaoFu, along with devils from the underworld, devised a plan. In his plan, skeleton warriors would assault the land of China every night, charging into villages, killing people and steal their belongings.

If this plan worked and China fell, the gods, who loved the land of China, might surrender, leaving LaoFu to take their powers and belongings one by one. If the gods decided to fight, they would fight and win. It was a genius plan.

When LaoFu announced this plan to the skeleton troops and citizens on the underworld, they were overjoyed. Yells echoed in the gloomy realm of lava and skeletons, "No more of this!" "Let's get out of this stinking land!" "The gods shall fall!"

A brave monkey called Sun Wukong was determined to save the people of China from LaoFu, the devils and their skeleton troops. He knew of a great sword far west, but the trail was guarded by monsters and devils of every kind.

He went to before the gods, for he was a demigod, and asked for a weapon. Even the god's weapons were not as powerful as the sword far west, therefore they are not able to stop them, as only the most powerful weapon can defeat the devils and monsters in china.

The gods gave Wukong the Still-water Staff, powerful enough to slay the zombies that guarded the trail to the weapon.

He set off the next day. He battled through the underworld as in that part of the normal world, there was a volcano eruption, so he cannot cross. Finally, he came to the most dangerous part of the underworld, the dragon's den. Waving his staff, he advanced towards the dragon, using the shield that he collected earlier on from the fallen skeletons of the underworld to block the dragon's flames. With a roar, he leaped into the air and swung his staff at the dragon's heart. With a loud whine, the dragon fell. Wukong took the dragon's wings and made them into gliders. With them, he soared out of the underworld and into the normal world.


He soon journeyed into the mountains, battling frozen zombies and speed zombies, and made it to the top of the mountain. He saw a floating island, and thinking the ultimate sword will be there, he glided onto the island.

There, instead of seeing the great sword, he met a wise and kind monk who allowed him to stay for the night, and gave him a map and information about the ultimate sword that will save china. The next day, he left the monk to find the sword.

He soon entered the flaming valley, where it is 200 degrees celsius and where the fire demon and the fire boss lives. Thanks to his demigod powers, he survived the heat. He knew the fire demon and the fire boss's caves hold treasures, and so he fought, and killed them and took the treasures.

After walking for 3 weeks without stopping, he finally arrived at the mouth of the Mystic Cave, where the sword is placed. He made his way into the cave, finding the sword, which was made out of dragon iron.

He took the sword and started to go home, but he went the wrong way. He ended up on a beach and made his own ship out of wood. He sailed through the storms and waves, and nearly sunk twice.



When he checked the map, thinking he was just off the shore of China, he gasped. He was in the Bermuda Triangle, where ships and planes sunk whenever they crossed it. His boat sunk, and he found himself stuck in an underwater prison. He broke free and navigated through an underwater maze and broke free, surprising the aliens who made the triangle their base. The aliens surrendered, becoming Wukong's personal battalion.

Finally Wukong and his army made it back to China.

Wukong drew the sword and fought through the battle lines of the enemy. He came face to face with LaoFu, the evil god who masterminded the raid, and the two duelled for three days and nights, trading blows. The two warriors were evenly matched, each without any advantage over the other. On the fourth day, he finally struck the fatal blow that killed the evil god.

The gods honoured him, giving him the supposedly borrowed Still-water Staff, and China was safe once again from the evil warriors from hell, but because of the missing Still-water Staff, the seas were dangerous with tsunamis, waves and storms.



# The Mystery of a Suicide

*Yew Chung International School (Primary), Tai, Sum Wah – 10*

“If you’ve never made a mistake, you’ve never made anything worth making.”

Gnaznaux turned, finally meeting the gaze of her loving father. Her eyes glistened brightly from her tears. Gnaznaux knew her father, Mauzu, was just trying to comfort her. However, deep inside, Mauzu, knew it was useless. Eyes shining brightly, Gnaznaux glared sorrowfully into the dark shadows of the unknown, yearning.

Born under terrible circumstances, Gnaznaux’s son, Aodhan–zang, born fatherless, was cast away on a floating plank of wood to safety by his doting mother for his own protection from the evil gods, Arjuna and Djehuti. Gnaznaux, grieving from the loss of her newborn son, Aodhan–zang, tried to commit suicide. However, thankfully, Mauzu prevented her from carrying out such a dreadful act. Mauzu’s own wife, Gnaznaux’s mother, had died right after childbirth, and he couldn’t bear to lose his adorable daughter, Gnaznaux, as well. Mauzu knew that sending Aodhan–zang away might mean death, but the alternative was way worse.

“The situation is terrible, father, and you know it! I have disobeyed the gods. They will terrorize our family for eternity! Worse still, it might also mean death for the both of us.” Gnaznaux cried fearfully. “We can’t let that happen.” Mauzu replied, “Is there is no way of stopping them? They are so powerful! They have knowledge that we don’t have. Since they possess such magical powers, defeating them seems almost impossible.” And with that, Gnaznaux burst into floods of tears.

Mauzu finally left poor Gnaznaux alone, deep in thought. Gnaznaux needed some time to herself, to contemplate. However, as she stared at her hands, which were now overflowing with salty tears, she realized that she had to take control of her own destiny. From beneath her dress, Gnaznaux nervously took out her tiny dagger. “*Here it goes,*” she thought to herself. But then, she paused.

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Somewhere, far away from the clutches of the evil gods, Arjuna and Djehuti, the child, Aodhan–zang, floated safely into a tiny village.

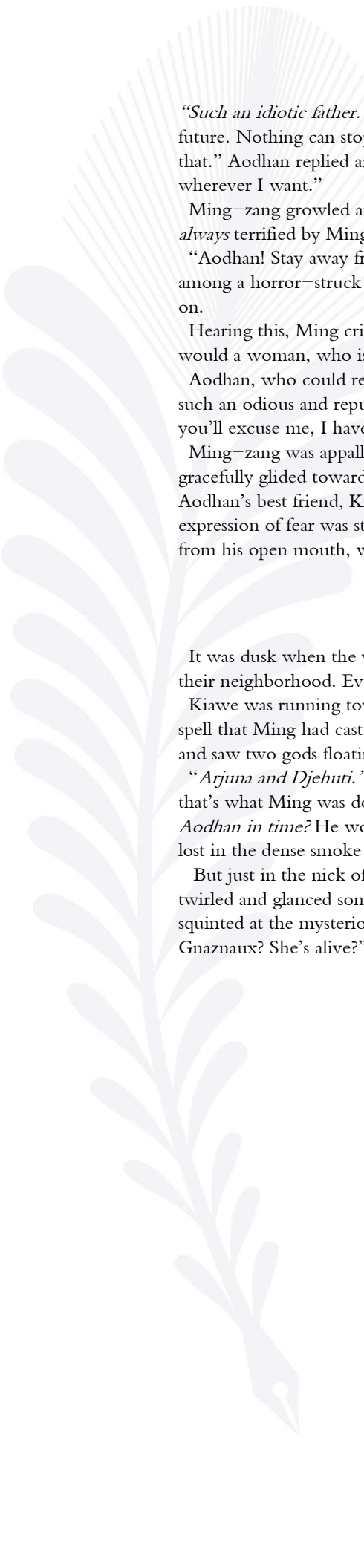
“My friends! We’ve got company!” someone said. Aodhan slowly opened his eyes. Even though everything that revolved around him was really blurry, Aodhan was still able to see several curious monks staring down at him, their heads forming a perfect circle above him. Their presence had never been felt before. In a short matter of time, the blessing was over. Aodhan–zang was now a monk, and he started to cry uncontrollably.

“Aww kid, it’s okay,” he heard a friendly woman whisper gently in his ear, while carrying him and patting him gently on his tiny back. With one final look at the sparkling lake nearby, Aodhan’s heavy eyelids fell and he slept peacefully for some time.

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“*Such* a horrendous tragedy, isn’t it? The once beautiful world of ruined abbeys and picturesque villages, now destroyed. Though, I’d much prefer myself ruling this vast empire that you’ve formed, *brother.*” The eldest of the four Zang brothers, Ming–zang, muttered in an evil tone, as he gave 12–year–old Aodhan a wicked smile.

As Ming–zang clutched the young monk’s shirt, he pulled Aodhan closer and glared at him.



*“Such an idiotic father. The best way to foretell a child’s abilities.”* Ming conceived. “I see the past. I see the future. Nothing can stop me now!” “Well, *I* can see the present, which is far more powerful than any of that.” Aodhan replied arrogantly, “I can read people’s minds, see what’s happening everywhere, and go wherever I want.”

Ming-zang growled and shot out a beam of deadly light in anger at Aodhan’s arrogance. People were *always* terrified by Ming-zang’s presence. Why wasn’t Aodhan? He *should’ve* been.

“Aodhan! Stay away from him! He’s going to kill you!” Aodhan’s adoptive mother, Mellie, cried out from among a horror-struck crowd that had now gathered below the building Ming and Aodhan were fighting on.

Hearing this, Ming cringed, disgusted. He thought to himself, “My mom cared nothing for *me*. Why would a woman, who is not even biologically related to Aodhan, care so much for him?”

Aodhan, who could read minds, replied, “That’s obviously because you’re nothing but a monstrosity, with such an odious and repulsive face. You may be powerful, brother, but you will never be loved. Now, if you’ll excuse me, I have some villagers to aid.”

Ming-zang was appalled by Aodhan’s poisonous words. His grip on Aodhan loosened, and Aodhan gracefully glided towards the traumatized crowd of villagers, which was still paralysed with fear. However, Aodhan’s best friend, Kiawe, stared at the spell that Ming was discreetly casting behind his back. Ming’s fake expression of fear was still plastered across his face, but there was a slight difference. A drop of blood fell from his open mouth, which was slightly curved up.

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It was dusk when the villagers had finished their jobs and went home. People stared depressingly around their neighborhood. Everything that they’d built in the last ten generations had been destroyed.

Kiawe was running towards Aodhan with a panicked expression. He was dying to tell Aodhan about the spell that Ming had cast and about Ming’s strange behaviour when he suddenly looked up towards the sky and saw two gods floating towards his hometown.

*“Arjuna and Djehuti.”* Kiawe murmured to himself, remembering what his best friend had told him. “So that’s what Ming was doing! He was summoning the gods who tried to kill Aodhan!” *But how will I alert Aodhan in time?* He wondered to himself. Kiawe continued to sprinting towards Aodhan, who was now lost in the dense smoke of his brother’s destruction.

But just in the nick of time, out of nowhere, lightning zapped Arjuna and Djehuti into oblivion. Kiawe twirled and glanced someone gliding fiercely through the clouds, towards the crowd. Kiawe, bewildered, squinted at the mysterious figure and wondering, “Are my eyes playing tricks on me or could that really be Gnaznaux? She’s alive?”

# Wizards to the West

*Yew Chung International School (Primary), Tsang, David Chung Wah – 10*

I and my best friend Michael were in the school playground talking when Jathan walked in with his heavy backpack. Jathan was wearing his same blue glasses and his summer school uniform. Michael was also wearing his summer school uniform. We were about to line up when we heard a warping sound and all our other classmates froze on the spot.

The warping sound stopped and a blue portal appeared. Some Chinese wizards stepped out of the portal and grabbed us.

“Hey, stop that!” We yelled in protest, but our classmates were all frozen so they couldn't hear us. At last, they overpowered us and pushed us in the portal.

When another portal appeared in the portal tunnel, the Chinese wizards pushed us out. They stepped out and the transformation began. One of them turned to Xuanzang and the other became his horse. The last wizard became a person who looked like Xuanzang.

They said, “The king said you are from the future and can help us get the ancient scroll from the west.”

We introduced ourselves to them and started going the direction their compass. Then after a few hours of eventless walking, we arrived to a dense, green jungle. It was humid and hot so we were all sweaty after a few minutes. We sat down to rest and eat. The wizards (except the horse wizard) told us there were monsters who wanted to catch Xuanzang and eat him. We sat down against a tree and the wizards started to sleep.

Suddenly, I heard a rustle in the leaves above. I looked up and saw a thick snake coiling down the branch trying to catch Xuanzang. I warned my friends and we grabbed the snake's head. It snapped at us but we were holding it tightly so it couldn't escape. Just when I was out of strength, a Chinese witch in long green robes floated over and muttered a spell. I felt stronger after the spell and crushed the snake's head.

The commotion must have awoken the wizards because now they were standing somewhere near a pond. They were drinking water and eating some food. Then we continued on our journey to get the ancient scroll.

After a few more hours, we came to a deep chasm with pointy spikes at the bottom. We had no idea how to cross and survive so we sat there thinking. The Chinese witch came again and made a flying cloud that we could all stand on. We crossed the chasm easily on the cloud.

There was a desert on the other side with nothing except sand and cactus. Luckily, we found a cave to give us shade. It was also cooler inside the cave. The bad thing is we couldn't see anything inside the cave.

It was night now so the wizards fell asleep and left us to guard them. I then saw a shape coming towards us at the far end of the cave. As it came closer, it also became clearer so I could see what it was. It was a giant spider-person! It was shiny black and eight red eyes staring at us. Its eight limbs reached out to grab us but we were too quick.


The spider backed us out into the open where there were scorpions waiting for their dinner, which is us. We jumped away and tried to grab the scorpions. I grabbed one and threw it at the spider. My friends saw what I was doing and joined in.

Soon, the spider was defeated by the scorpions and we woke the wizards. Then we continued our journey. We walked on like this, passing different places and fighting monsters.

We finally arrived at a big temple covered in gold. We entered the gates and entered the temple.

Inside were lots of monks and buddhas sitting there. On the big gold throne sat the king buddha eating fruit. The other monks and buddhas just sat there talking amongst themselves. Someone finally noticed us and invited us to sit at a table with chairs around it. On the table were some food so we gobbled it up quickly.

Then the king buddha asked us why we came to his temple. We answered that we walked through deserts, and forests to come here for the ancient scroll. The king buddha asked to trade something for it. So we had to give away the sacred belt we made out of the snake monster. Later, he sent some monks to give us the scroll.



We left the temple a few minutes later and began to walk back to the city but we were cut off by a river. It was cold, deep and wide but most of all, it's full of sea monsters. They had long necks, big bodies and a sail on their backs. We had to cross by jumping on the backs of the monsters. We accidentally dropped the scroll and it got all wet.

When we all got to the other side, we hung the scroll out to dry but we found out it was a trick! The pages were blank with not a single dot on them! We jumped across the monsters and sprinted back to the temple.

The king buddha tried to trick us by saying it was invisible ink or saying that the ink got washed off. He finally gave up and gave us the real scroll. He also gave us a flying cloud to take us back to the city.

We climbed on and watched the trees, hills, houses and dunes zip by. We landed where we first came through the portal and got off. We noticed the giant city behind us and saw that we didn't see it when we first arrived.

The portal appeared again so we jumped through and went back to the normal world.

Back at school, everything returned normal and they were in the same position before they froze.

# The Quest of the Sacred Moonstone

*Yew Chung International School (Primary), Wong, On Yiu – 10*

“**A**ll the pleasure to feast on your little piggy friend. Must be good blood.” The Vampire grinned evilly, licking his lips and tightening his grip on Zhu Bajie. The Monk Pig quivered, the thought of being prey, hopeless.

“You get your rotten claws off my mate’s body this instant!” The Monkey King leaped in front of the vampire, aiming his Ruyi Jingu Bang at the Vampire. “You and I are only 7 inches away from each other. I wouldn’t suggest you shoot a move at my team, because you wouldn’t stand a chance!”

“Okay... you think that I wouldn’t stand a chance against your meek friends? Think again, young warrior. You must still remember that one of your mates is already... abducted.” The Vampire laughed a high-pitched, shrill laugh. It gave you shivers constantly, but not Xuanzang, as he already learned how to control his emotions since he was a little kid. He focused on good thoughts and managed to block out the fear.

The Vampire, without warning, hurled forward and hissed a gallon of acid gas at the approachers. Sun Wukong leaped to the side while the Sand Demon and Xuanzang promptly dodged opposite. But as the beast spat deadly poison, he made a huge mistake; letting the Monk Pig go. Zhu Bajie didn’t waste a breath of time, he sidestepped swiftly and quickly joined the trio.

The four bypassed all of the gas and managed to get into safety in time. They ran across the horizon, galloping like Jockey racing horses. They didn’t look back until they saw the faint shape of the Gobi Desert ahead. The four collapsed on the sandy ground and sighed in relief.

“Whew! That was close!” The Monk Pig gasped hoarsely for desperate air. He took out the now crumpled piece of paper and traced the word in the air: Mongolia.

“I guess we’re not that far away from Mongolia now. If my childhood Geography teacher was right, then the Gobi Desert is one of the natural barriers of Mongolia. One of the natural barriers to protect the land of Mongolia; in conclusion, it should be really safe.” Sha Wujing admitted, giving his friend a fond pat on the shoulder.

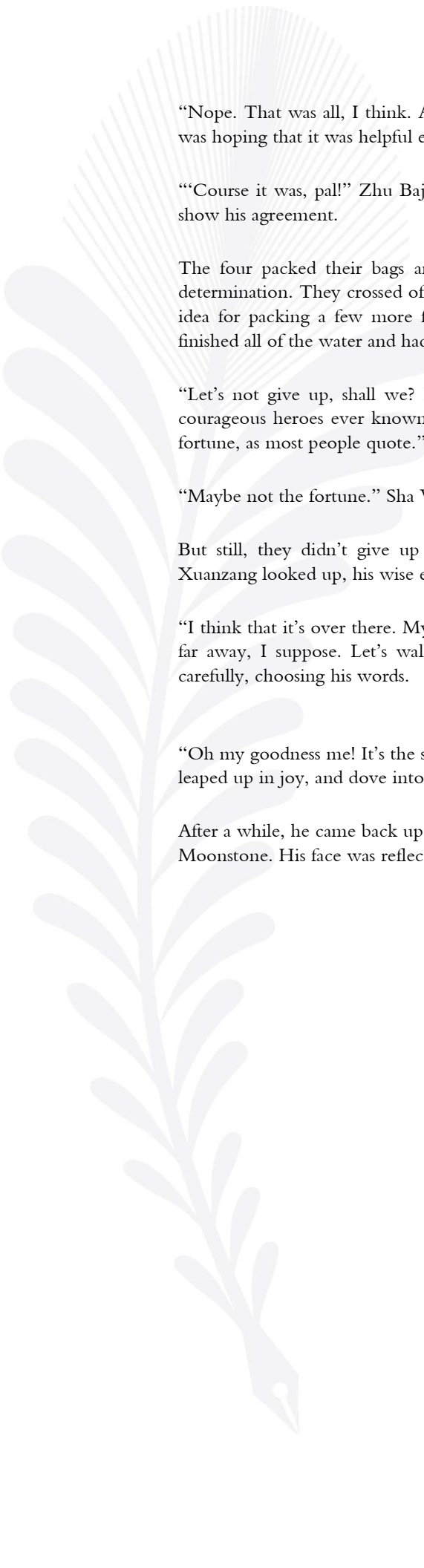
“Yep. The treasure is close indeed!” Sun Wukong declared, his eyes gleaming with excitement. The four had been set on a quest to find the treasure of Mongolia, which according to Xuanzang, was a sacred Moonstone. Its surface shone with pure light, reflecting whoever held it its true self. The map of Mongolia belonging to Xuanzang had a riddle.

“Inside the plains of Mongolia, where the sacred Moonstone lays. A gleaming clear oasis showing pure light, but for free no need to pay.” Sha Wujing, the Wisdom Master, and Zhu Bajie whispered at the same time. They blushed one by one. Sun Wukong smirked ear to ear. “The plains... well to be honest, I only know about one plain in Mongolia—the Gobi Desert! So does that mean the Moonstone is found in the Gobi Desert? In a particular oasis which shows pure light?” Sha Wujing asked.

“I...I know! I think that I’ve got it!” The Monkey King’s index finger shot up into the air. “My father used to tell me a story when I was little about a magical oasis which reflected pure light. He said that one day, a very rich and well to do boy was strolling down the Gobi Desert for a morning walk, when he accidentally dropped his most precious possession he ever owned, the Moonstone! He cried and cried, sobbed and sobbed. “His oldest ancestor gave it to him, and he has been protecting it ever since he in his mother’s tummy. Not that I believed that though. Until now, the Moonstone was never retrieved by anyone known in history.”

“Did your father tell you where the oasis was located? Perhaps a bit more detail?” Xuanzang pressed on, hope glinting in his eyes. He had a faraway look according to his expression.





“Nope. That was all, I think. All that I could remember, I’m afraid. Sorry.” The Monkey King insisted. “I was hoping that it was helpful enough.” He added.

“Course it was, pal!” Zhu Bajie complimented his friend. Sha Wujing slapped him fondly on the back to show his agreement.

The four packed their bags and set off to Mongolia, all of their expressions mixed between hope and determination. They crossed the great Gobi Desert without a single trace of worry, thanks to Sha Wujing’s idea for packing a few more flasks of mineral water in case. The downside however, was that they had finished all of the water and had to depend on nearby rivers and oases to keep them going from exhaustion.

“Let’s not give up, shall we? If we give up, then hope shall flee us right away. We won’t be the most courageous heroes ever known to find the sacred Moonstone of Mongolia. Think about the fame and the fortune, as most people quote.” The Monkey King said brightly, trying to lift everyone’s spirits up.

“Maybe not the fortune.” Sha Wujing pointed out bitterly.

But still, they didn’t give up hope. They trekked on reluctantly, not ready to give up yet. Suddenly, Xuanzang looked up, his wise eyes glinting faintly with joy.

“I think that it’s over there. My heart told me so. I think the pure light attracted my power of wisdom. Not far away, I suppose. Let’s walk forwards and see if my wisdom shines more brightly.” Xuanzang stated carefully, choosing his words.

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“Oh my goodness me! It’s the sparkling oasis! The Moonstone! Yes the Moonstone!” The Wisdom Master leaped up in joy, and dove into the oasis. His whole body trembled ever so slightly in excitement.

After a while, he came back up to the surface. He thrust his hands into the air, revealing the large, precious Moonstone. His face was reflected at once. He cheered loudly, the others echoing with relief.

# Journey to the West

*Yew Chung International School (Primary), Xing, Willy Chen – 11*

The sky above Eastburg was full of dark, billowing clouds. The wind moaned and thrashed against the trees. It was a cold and wet morning, with a brisk wind sweeping rain across the island.

“We have to abandon the island,” King Augburt announced in the Grand Hall of the Royal Palace. “Skymonsters are attacking the island every night. Almost a quarter of our population was either killed or held hostage by the monsters. We are no match for them. If we ignore this situation, the Skymonsters will wipe all of us out in no time.”

Within days, the island of Eastburg had turned from a wonderland of gorgeousness into a world of rubble and heartbroken people.

“I appreciate your urge to get everyone to safety, but where could we go to, your majesty?” asked Blake, the king’s royal advisor. “The land beyond is unknown to us.”

“That’s the point,” said the king. “Centuries ago, our ancestors settled on the island of Eastburg, and we have not explored beyond it ever since. But where have our first ancestors come from before they settled on the island? It’s time to be brave, courage is the only way to solve such problems. I’d rather die trying to protect than get killed along with my people.”

The king unrolled a map, revealing an archipelago of islands.

“This map was found under the ruins of the old palace. This island right here, that’s Eastburg.” the King pointed to a microscopic island.

“Eastburg is not the entire world, it’s only a small part. There’s plenty beyond this island, we cannot ignore.”

The best architects on the island were gathered in Britzport, Eastburg’s main port city, to work on a new ship. After a week of hard work, the brand-new Eastburg Explorer sat on the waters of Britzport Harbour.

With the crowd cheering, King Augburt IV, along with some of his top officials, stepped aboard the ship. The foghorn blared, and the ship cruised westwards, vanishing into the setting sun. The quest had begun.

As the ship cruised west, the crew traveling aboard were having the time of their lives. King Augburt relaxed in his private jacuzzi as he studied the ancient map. Blake sunbathed comfortably on the deck, admiring the spectacular views.

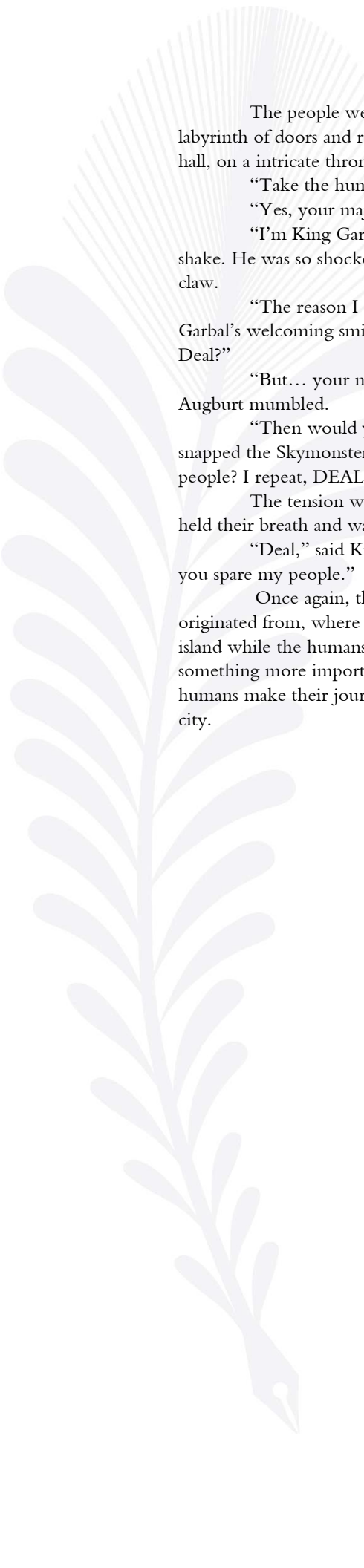
One day, while King Augburt searched the ocean with binoculars, he spotted a picturesque island sitting elegantly on the brilliant turquoise ocean, which he was immediately attracted to. It was so charming, so enchanting and so wondrous that he couldn’t resist but tell Captain Dickens to steer the ship towards the island.

Once The Eastburg Explorer anchored at the shores of the island, King Augburt and his crew stepped onto the powdery white sand and began investigating the island. The men followed a path lined with exotic trees and colourful flowers. The incredible merging of colours was such a marvelous sight that the men forgot the mission. It was only when they came to the end of the path where a sign marked the entrance to a walled city, did they remember what they came to do. The sign read:

Welcome to Skyreln, the City of Skymonsters

Terror-struck, King Augburt and his crew instantly dashed back the way they came, finding themselves surrounded by dozens of hideous creatures with glowing eyes, razor-sharp teeth and huge shiny wings. The men held up their hands in unison and begged for mercy. But instead, the monsters forced them into a large sack and entered the city.

The city of Skyreln was just as inviting as the gardens beyond it. Golden sunlight spilled over the alluring hills, dotted with luxurious cave mansions and glamorous lakes. On the largest hill of the fifteen hills, sat the imposing Castle of the Kings, with its six majestic towers soaring into the heavens. The men were shocked such a delightful city belonged to such terrifying creatures. But what really surprised them was how peacefully the Skymonsters lived. Just like Eastburg, if not better, none of Skyreln’s citizens showed any hostility.



The people were taken into the stylish interior of the Castle of the Kings. After passing through a labyrinth of doors and rooms, they entered the grandest and most impressive hall of all. At the end of the hall, on a intricate throne, sat the King of Skymonsters.

“Take the humans out of that sack!” ordered the king.

“Yes, your majesty,” said the monster carrying the sack.

“I’m King Garbal, the King of Skymonsters,” the monster king offered his claw for Augburt to shake. He was so shocked and frightened that it took some time before poor Augburt shook the monster’s claw.

“The reason I am not killing you and your men is because I would like to offer you peace,” King Garbal’s welcoming smile turned evil. “Give us half of Eastburg, and we all live peacefully. It’s your choice. Deal?”

“But... your majesty, we can’t give you Eastburg. We have lived there for over 2000 years!” King Augburt mumbled.

“Then would you rather die and let us end the existence of every single one of your humans?” snapped the Skymonster irritably. “Would you rather lose half your land, or lose all your land AND your people? I repeat, DEAL?”

The tension was getting higher than ever. Everyone in the room, except the two kings, of course, held their breath and waited for the king to decide.

“Deal,” said King Augburt after a long period of hesitation. “I would accept anything as long as you spare my people.”

Once again, the two kings shook hands. From then on, the Skymonster returned to where they originated from, where they lived in peace with the humans. The Skymonsters took the west half of the island while the humans occupied the east. Although the humans lost half of their land, they had achieved something more important – friendship. But Skyreln was not abandoned. During holidays, monsters and humans make their journey west to Skyreln, to relax on its soft white beaches and explore the appealing city.

# The New Journey to the West

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Birney, Oscar – 9*

One day, Lijin, a young Chinese boy woke up to a scroll lying by his bed, saying: Lijin, it is me, Liucheng the Emperor. I request that you journey to India to find and catch the sacred golden fish from the lake of immortality.

‘Woh’ Lijin thought! “No one ever gets a letter from the Emperor,” Lijin said. Suddenly he heard a ‘neigh’ from the stables. Lijin rushed outside and was met by an epic sight. A beautiful brown horse with a golden saddle strapped on it. The next day, Lijin set off on his journey.

The journey will take eighty-one days, riding on the magnificent horse. The first of the journey is through the Gobi Desert. Getting through will take twenty-five scorching hot days and freezing cold nights. Lijin soon realized that he was going to run out of food and water and by the time he was in the middle of the desert he was in deep trouble. Not to mention the danger he faced of scorpions and snakes.

One the twenty-first day, a monkey jumped out at them and he said “He who dares to cross the Gobi Desert must answer three riddles.” Luckily, Lijin got the answers correct. The monkey then bellowed, “you may cross and I, the Monkey King would be happy to accompany you,” bowing as he said it. “W...well, sure” Lijin stammered, “As long as you help me become stronger and wiser,” Lijin added. For the next couple of days the Monkey King taught Lijin how to master his qi power and soon, Lijin could shoot bolts of qi from his fingertips.

The second part of the journey, Lijin and the Monkey King will have to cross the Himalayas, in a pass five thousand metres above the sea level. This part of the journey will take forty-three days of temperatures as low as thirty-seven degrees Celsius. For the first twenty-five days all was well and they got on without a trouble, but on the twenty-sixth day, disaster struck. Lijin and the Monkey King were happily riding their horses when there was a sudden boom and a tumbling noise. The Monkey King asked “What is that noise?” Lijin replied, “I have no idea?” Suddenly there was a huge ‘BAAM’ and the pair ran into a nearby cave and their horses soon followed after the danger.

As they huddled at the back of the cave, the entrance was blocked by rocks. “Oh no!” the Monkey King exclaimed. “What are we going to do?” asked Lijin. “I know!” exclaimed the Monkey King excitedly “We can follow the tunnel over here” he said, pointing. There was indeed a tunnel to their left in which they have not noticed in their terror. “Let’s go in” shouted Lijin so the pair and their horses ran into the tunnel.

A couple of minutes later they heard strange sound like metal hitting something. The Monkey King thought that it could be a chain hitting the rock, but Lijin thought it sounded like gold scraping on a hammer. Neither of them were correct, but the Monkey King came the closest. It was indeed a chain hitting something and that something was a second chair. Also those chains belonged to a greedy bandit. A few seconds later, the bandit, who’s name was Yulongli, launched his attack. Lijin squealed, but the Monkey King was already upon him with his baton. Luckily, Yulongli had retreated within minutes. As they continued through the tunnel, they experienced no more attacks and finally after seventeen days they saw light from the end of the tunnel. “Hooray!” Lijin exclaimed, “we’re at the end of the tunnel.”

Finally, they had reached the end of the second part of the journey. The last part was through India and they only had three hundred and seventy-one kilometres to go, which is 3 days and nights. Once the three days were over. They faced the most difficult challenge of all: catching the golden fish while staying mortal, because they didn’t want to live forever. First the Monkey King tried with a net but the fish was too strong, so it ripped it out of his hands. Next, Lijin tried. He used a fishing rod, but the fish just snatched the bait off it without getting stuck. There were about to give up when Lijin had a brainwave, “I know” we can catch the fish while we are swimming and then go into the pool of mortality” Lijin shouted, “oh yeah!” replied the Monkey King.

They dived in and swam for some time. Finally, the golden fish was caught and they entered the pool of mortality and became mortal again. To get to the Emperor's palace, they used the Monkey King's somersault cloud because it would take a year to get to get there on foot. When they got there, they were presented the fish, which turned into a chunk of solid gold because it was out of the water, on a silk cushion. The Emperor was very pleased and told them that he needed the fish because it would help to summon dragons. The Emperor rewarded them with a sack of gold coins, precious stones and a room in his palace. Lijin realized that he had learnt from his adventure that long journeys are worth it and not to be put off by distance. Lijin and the Monkey King became good friends and went back to Lijin's house to live.





# Journey to the West

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Chen, Xiaoding – 9*

Long long time ago there was a monkey called The Monkey King who was born in the mountain, Flower Fruit Mountain. One day an enormous rock fall down from the sky. All the monkey went forward and took a look. The rock was a huge grey rock, it 2m wide and 1m tall! The monkeys all talking in confusion “what is it?” “I don’t know” “Maybe there is a treasure inside!” the biggest monkey shouted with excitement. Maybe there have many ...” Suddenly the rock cracked and jumped out a monkey wearing a shiny gold armor with a golden necklace. All the monkey stood aghast and said “WOW!” together.

20 days pass. The strange monkey eat peach every day, he eat at morning, for lunch and dinner. The strange monkey grow bigger and bigger. It grows like a giant! The other monkeys called him “Monkey King”.

One day “Monkey King” was enjoying his noon break. All the monkeys are like servants of “Monkey King”. They give him water and peach and 2 little monkeys are making the “Monkey King” cool down. Suddenly it start to rain and thunder. All the monkeys went back to their cave. Only the “Monkey King” was still outside. Then the “Monkey King” saw a huge tornado far away from him. he shouted “help! Oh my gosh!” after a few seconds the tornado whirled “Monkey King” up to the sky.

When he woke up, he saw he was flying on the cloud! He think I’s amazing! But in his front sit a giant lady. She is in pain and close her eyes. “monkey King” think its very fun and jump around the lady. Suddenly the lady’s eyes open and said “You stupid monkey!” The “Monkey King” angrily said I am the king of Monkey, you old lady, you are not qualified to scold me!” “Of course I am! I am “Guan Yin Pusa the god of China!!!” “Now I will give you a job on the heaven. “monkey King” listened and be excited.

“Guan Ying Pu Sa” send “Monkey King” to the heaven. She give him a weapon called “Jing Gu Bang” all the gods on the heaven said “That monkey is so ugly and strange!!!” Sun Wu Kong (monkey King) was a Bi ma wen, the protector of their houses. He thinks the job is a important job, but actually is a low job. When he knows the job was not very high, he starts a fight with the gods.

All the gods can’t win “Sun Wu Kong”. But a god called ‘Rulai” the giant push his hand on Sun Wu Kong and Sun Wu Kong never came out. So that’s why in china have a traditional phrase. It means “Whether the people is so powerful, you need to be honest!”.

# The Secret Mirror at the Basement

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Cho, Hajung – 10*

“Ding dong!” A doorbell rang. Rachel opened the door. It was Liz, her friend. She came to have a sleepover at her house. Liz was too late, so they didn’t get to look at fireworks and play. Rachel thought that Liz wouldn’t come because she was too late.

It was night, late night. It was Friday, so they have to sleep at 11:30 p.m. When they ate popcorn and watched movies, they started to sleep. Liz slept first. Liz must have been tired all day long. At about 4pm, Rachel woke up to drink water. Suddenly she heard a crashing sound at the basement. She went down to have a look. “Gasp!” It was...Liz! She was standing like a zombie. It looked like she was daydreaming. In that sound, Rachel’s younger brother Johanna woke up, too. Liz hit the mirror again. Suddenly, the mirror began to turn purple, squirreling and Rachel went inside the mirror with Liz. Today will be the worst sleepover of all! When they came in, it was a new place they didn’t know. The only thing she knew was that it was a strange place. Liz suddenly woke up, so they went to have a walk. Then, they found out an...an enormous pig eating in the ground! What is this place? They were so surprised, so they were screaming and running through the woods. They also met a monkey who looks very...like a person. Suddenly, somebody said, “run!” So the pig and monkey went through the trees. A while later, a king came towards Liz and Rachel! Also, the king is much bigger than the pig! However Liz and Rachel were too tiny for the king, so they were almost stepped by the king.

When the king passed by Liz and Rachel, they just decided to help the pig and the monkey. When they just started to run, they saw a letter. It said, “To Liz and Rachel.” They read the letter. “I will promise that when you guys finish your job, you guys an go back to home. P.S: You guys will find the mirror soon.” “Is this real?” said Liz. “How did they know are in the mirror?” said Rachel. “Anyway, let’s go to finish our mission!” said Liz. So, they followed the pig and monkey. Monkey was fast as a cheetah but pig was slow as a sloth. So, they had to help the pig first. Pig said, “This king likes the color brown because it’s the color of meat and hates color red because it’s the color of fire!” But they didn’t had anything red. When they were finding red, they saw a rock. Then Rachel had an idea! She said, “ Let’s use two rocks t make a fire!” Liz said, “No! It’s too dangerous! Let’s just find a red thing to make him go away.” Suddenly, Rachel shouted: “ There is no red but many brown! How about making him follow us?” Liz said: “Fine~.” So they make the king to follow them to the deep forest. So the king was lost, but they found the way to go back. Pig said: “Thank you so much! My name is Pigsy.”Monkey said: My name is Monkey king.” Liz and Rachel also introduced themselves. Suddenly, the mirror came out. They waved bye and went inside the mirror. They came back to the basement. They played again! When it was 6am, Rachel’s mom woke up. They went to there bed quickly. Rachel bet her mom doesn’t know she as awaked. Liz and Rachel woke up at late morning and ate breakfast. After lunch, Liz went back to her house. When she waved Liz, she thought she have to go back to the basement. “Gasp!” She saw a Pigsy and Monkey kings figure in front of the mirror! Also, Rachel noticed that Pigsy holding the king. She thought the mirror tells what it is happening now! Rachel decided to go to the mirror again tomorrow.

# Journey to the West

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Choi, Ahin – 9*

Not so long ago, there was two best friends called Pigsy, and Sun Wu Kong. Everyday went happy and peaceful. They were really kind to each other and friendly to each other everyday. Pigsy and Sun Wu Kong had many hobbies, for example baseball, soccer, basketball. But most of all, fighting and Kong fu! They practiced fighting and kong fu every single day.

But one day, as usual, they were practicing kong fu. Pigsy thought to himself, “Hmmm... I hear something weird behind the bushes!” He thought it was just a tiny little bird or something so he didn’t care. But a few minutes later, Sun Wu Kong also heard some strange sounds behind the bushes and whispered “Hey, Pigsy! Don’t you hear something over there!” “I also heard that sound few minutes ago!” answered Pigsy. Sun Wu Kong said, “Well... let’s go just take a peek in there, very simple.”

Pigsy and Sun Wu Kong took a look behind the bushes. “AAAAAAH!” shouted Sun Wu Kong and Pigsy. It was White Dragon horse and Tang Monk! They were famous to be evil and extremely strong! Nobody were even brave to fight with them! But pigsy and Sun Wu Kong were different. They just ran straight across Tang Monk and White dragon horse! The gigantic fight began... Tang Monk shouted, “We came to destroy your land!” “Ha Ha! If you can!” shouted brave Pigsy. He took off his shirt and ran a wards to Tang Monk and White Dragon Horse. Pigsy were fat but his belly muscle were extremely strong! Tang Monk and White Dragon Horse flew into the air and never came back!

Pigsy and Sun Wu Kong was extremely happy! “You were so strong just now! I never knew that you were so brave and powerful!” said Sun Wu Kong. “Thank you, you are my best friend ever!” laughed Pigsy. “If any other evil guys ever comes again, we will fight with them again like today” smiled Sun Wu Kong!

They had a big party by their own. Pigsy and Sun Wu Kon lived happily ever after!.

# Journey to the West

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Duro, Alberto – 10*

One day, a long time ago (1,349,365 years, 3 months, 2 weeks, 1 day, 3 hours, 2 minutes and 5 seconds ago to be exact), was a monkey called Suem that lived in Chongqing, China and he was a very adventurous monkey. At about midday, he decided to climb a mountain that was near a lake. Once he reached the top, he looked down and his legs wobbled and shook till he fell off the mountain! Terrified and scared, shocked and surprised, he fell from the lofty mountain. When he was inside of the lake, he saw a cave and entered and sat on a big chair like that of an emperor. After a minute or two, a big pole appeared, as he grabbed the gleaming pole, he felt a surge of energy enter his blood stream...

And there was a god that commanded his master to go to India and buy some things, but in those times, going to places like India was hard. Therefore, he requested some help. Immediately, the amazing Monkey king (Suem) appeared behind him and scared the god called Tref. They continued through the mountains and oceans till they found a cave. As they entered the cave, they heard a whhhooooosshhhhh . They entered the cave and figured out, **it was a trap!** A pig (Piggy) and a sand monk (Bob) saw them. Since the pig was very fat, he was able to demolish the poles with one single hop. As the poles shattered, they saw a strange purplish-black figure giggle as it escaped into the mist.

After a long time of walking, they saw a dinosaur that had a very long neck. They prepared to fight the dinosaur because the dinosaur declared a fight. (Secretly, they were all scared of each other.) As your probably thinking, the all powerful monkey king won, but all his friends were with him, and then, knocked out. So Tref slammed Suem's stick onto Suem's head.

A little later, they got hungry, so Suem went to seek food. He then saw some grapes on the highest branch of the only tree for miles and miles. But if he tried to do the cloud jump, he would go too high. So instead, he grabbed the staff and extended it's height till it was able to knock out the grapes out of the tree. All of their other members of their now so called 'Team' arrived and they had a feast consisting of: 3 chickens, 1 cow, 2 salads, 32 glasses of water, 8 bowls of soup and of course, grapes. They all ate gracefully until they heard a **bloperbloop**, and then a **buuuuuuuuuuuurrrrrp!** They finally arrived in India and bought what was requested with all the jewels and gems given to them. But then they started to cry... They had realized they had to return!

# Journey to Thailand

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Jiang, Yuchen – 10*

**B**lazing, boiling, red. Suzy, who never give up, Lucy, who has long hair, and Hanna, who likes animals. Also with their pet, Puffy, who was silly and naughty, go on a journey to Thailand for their vacation on Wednesday.

Fill with happiness, excitement, curious, they packed up their bag with many bottles of water, some food, some T-shirts and some biscuits. Just the time they backed up the bags they noticed that the bag was too massive for them, so they decided everyone take it for half an hour every time.

Dry air, gentle breeze, they wished this will be a perfect and a fun journey. They didn't think further. Sometimes a bird flew by, and sometimes a few grass snakes scurried by. Few trees were in the desert, and there is not a tiny bit of water. The day passes. They found a clear place and pitched up the tent for dinner. They ate some food, including the main drink was water. "What a tired day!" Hanna said. "Puffy, what do you think?" Lucy asked. Puffy walked away and played with the huge bag. "I think it's time to sleep!" Suzy suggested, "And we could continue tomorrow." "Ok, why not?" Lucy and Hanna agreed. "Good night!" They all cried.

Dark night rises...

After morning comes, big sunshine, little wind appears. "Good morning guys! Or...wait, are you still sleeping?" Hanna questioned. "No, we are awake now." Lucy and Suzy mumbled. "Where are the bags and the water? I hadn't had water for a long period of time and now I want to drink some water!" Hanna exclaimed. "I don't have any idea." Suzy answered. "Me too." Lucy cried. "Puffy, did you see our bag? Where are you?" Then they heard Puffy make noise outside of the tent. They were shocked and amazed of what they had seen. "Puffy! What did you do?" They shouted. They cannot believe their eyes! Water splashed and flowed on the ground and sink into the desert, everything is messy. "Now we don't have any water to drink!" Lucy cried sadly. Meanwhile they all felt thirsty. Puffy look at them with disgust and ran away guiltily. They were very disappointed(but they still that he is naughty) when they find out Puffy had broken the water bottles. Luckily, there are still some food left. They carried on with their journey. But with no water, they cannot walk a long time. Hanna was thirsty and exhausted, but they still carried on the whole day with little food and no water. Afterwards they walk further and further. They were extremely thirsty. They must walk fast. Soon, it was night time again.

During the time they are starting to build the tent, they heard some noises around then not far. The next thing they saw is light, bright light. However, they saw two clumpsy people who has torches light up. "Hey, You! What are you doing here! You know were you are?" One of them yelled. Puffy barked back. "Sorry, we don't know were we are." Lucy mumbled. "This is our farm!" They cried it angrily. Lucy, Suzy and Hanna was shocked again. "Oh, sorry...we don't know that this is your farm." "Oh, its okay we thought you are thieves but we saw many travelers like you. By the way, do you guys also needs water right?" "Oh, yes please!" They exclaimed. Meanwhile the sun rises.

After they got water and prepared some more water , they thanked them and headed for the journey behind. "Bye!" "Bye!" They all cried.



# Journey to the FUTURE

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Jung, Jeehoon – 10*


**I**t was very dark when everyone was asleep, when an evil scientist was working on his invention. This scientist was different from others, he had magic powers. He suddenly shouted “Finally! It’s time for me to rule the world!”. His name was RAZAROCK.

In the very past when dinosaurs were alive, there were four kids who were courageous, strong and also joyful. Monk which was the strongest of all; Fatty, who was very fat and ate everything; Calm, who always made good choices; and lastly the Captain Genius who was the smartest. They all had superpowers, Monk had super strength; Fatty was very heavy, no one could lift him up! Calm had a clear mind, he can give strengths and powers. Which means he can heal anyone. Genius had a supercomputer in his brain, so he can hack into systems. Happy and joyful, fun and cheerful, they played happily together. Genius had a feeling of something going wrong. This genius boy was very smart that he hacked into a few systems and discovered some plans. Genius found out RAZAROCK’s plan. His plan was to upgrade his superpower for him to rule the universe. This scientist couldn’t upgrade his super powers with this amount of electricity so he would take all the electricity from earth and then rule the universe. They panicked as they realized this plan. They had always used this plan and it was successful. The plan was just to attack. This plan actually worked for every single monster. The four kids went on a journey.

RAZAROCK was also smart. He also knew that the four kids noticed his plan, so he made two strong robots to obey him. RAZAROCK went back to future after he made the robots. They waited until the four kids came. As the four kids came they made sounds to attract them. “Wrrrrrrrr” “knock knock” were the sounds they made. They all thought it was just someone playing, but they were incorrect. The robots shot guns as they came out. The four kids fought and fought but it wasn’t easy to defeat them. Genius thought it was a challenge for them to defeat the robots, so he sat down and concentrated. Suddenly the robots ran away! This was his superpower. As they defeated the robots there were glowing stones. As Monk touched it, he felt more powerful. After they investigated what the rocks do they found a time machine hidden behind a huge rock. Monk lifted up the huge rock so that they could go through. They went in and saw many buttons. Just as Monk said don’t touch anything, Fatty touched one red button. Later it started to shake. All of a sudden, they all vanished.

After Fatty clicked the red button, there were no sounds at the beginning. “Ahhhhhhhhh! There are monsters!” They all ran away. Everyone screamed as the four kids came. They were in the future America. Everything looked cool for them, there were flying cars, jet packs, floating houses and Ironman suits. Suddenly a robot with a jet pack flew towards them. Then the robot arrested them. They noticed that they were RAZAROCK’s robot. They were transported by planes because his lab was in a small island. His lab was colossal and secret. No one knew there was a lab on this island.

As they arrived, RAZAROCK said to put them into prison instead of killing them. The robot took them into the prison. As time passed the guards fell asleep. They stretched their arms and they got the key. The four kids unlocked the door and went to find out who was RAZAROCK. They went into his room and saw his face. It was Monk’s Dad! Monk ran with sadness. He thought his dad was a good person but he wasn’t. They went to a weapon shop to hit themselves but it wasn’t a dream. They just didn’t want to believe it. They came up with a real plan but there was one thing missing. It was their best friend, T-REX. T-REX is also the biggest, the tallest, and very heavy. However, the only problem is he is not that smart. T-REX didn’t understand what they were saying so genius summarized what they were saying. Anyway their plan had changed. “First we will send Fatty to attract the guards. Next we will come in through different doors. We will fight the guards and save Fatty. Then the siren will ring. That’s when you, T-REX will come. T-REX, you will make the way to get to RAZAROCK’s room. At last we will arrest my father. Isn’t it easy?” Monk explained. Everyone understood and their plan had started.



“Ahhhhhhhhh! Help!” As Fatty got arrested, the three kids had come in and they each fought one guard. As they saved Fatty, the siren rang. The guards came but T-REX didn’t come so Genius whistled very loud. Finally, T-REX came. He stepped on the guards and made the way. The four kids stepped forward courageously. No one was in the room! RAZAROCK left with no sounds. Suddenly T-REX caught one plane! Luckily RAZAROCK was in the plane. He fell out of the plane and it was time to fight. “That is what you get, Dad.” Monk said. He fought and fought but RAZAROCK was unbelievably strong. It was too hard for him to fight him so Calm thought of an idea. Calm could take energy from anyone so he took Fatty’s power, Genius’s power and his own power. He gave this power to Monk. He felt very powerful. He finally won RAZAROCK. They came out with happy faces and dead RAZAROCK. Villagers shouted happily. They took RAZAROCK to the very past and gave T-REX to eat. They thought they were safe but suddenly “Guys! I found something! There is an another monster attacking our village!” said Genius. “So what are you thinking? It is time for us to save the world again.”

TO BE CONTINUED

# The Journey to the Great Unicorn

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Kaur, Maya – 10*

As you all probably know the story The Journey to the West. It all started off with the Sand Monk leaving for a wife. Shifu, was now retired from his job. The Monkey King had been hurt badly while trying to fight a monster! Meanwhile Pigsy and the White Dragon Horse were looking for the Great Unicorn. They wanted to ask him some questions. Pigsy and White Dragon Horse had heard about him being very old. He was also good at fortune telling.

One day they set off into the world to find the Great Unicorn. They started their journey. WHAT?! They were in the park. Pigsy was dumb and the horse was a genius, but couldn't speak. Pigsy shouted "a map, we need a map!" So, they went off to find a map it was confusing and hard to read. The horse could read it and lead the way.

As soon as they started their journey they felt something was wrong. Was DANGER coming? Pigsy didn't want to follow the horse. They then found a temple. It was gorgeous. They searched in there. No Great Unicorn. Where could he be? They even checked everywhere in town. No sight of him.

Oh no! Pigsy and the horse were trapped. Pigsy sighed "The Evil Cat!" It was definitely The Evil Cat (Sunny.) What Sunny didn't know was the key was inside the cage. Pigsy didn't realize until White Dragon Horse showed him. While the cat went to get noodles, they got out of the cage. They continued their journey. Of course Pigsy got hungry, so off they went to get some Chinese food. The horse went to fetch some carrots. They were now full, especially Pigsy. Sunny had a camera, that was watching them. Sunny went off to go and find them. No sight of them! Sunny thought very hard and asked herself... "Could I ask the Great Unicorn?" Yes, that's it she could ask him! It was raining; Pigsy was fed up. They walked through the cold, pouring rain. Sunny was then disguised as a little girl! She kept trying to catch them, but never succeeded.

They finished off their journey to the Great Unicorn. When they got there they realized that the 'palace' was in a cave. The Great Unicorn said deeply "Good evening and welcome." Sunny was there too! What was going on?! They were going to fight! Wait, they are going to fight! Well, the Great Unicorn was weak. So Sunny fought for the Great Unicorn.

Finally, Sunny and the Great Unicorn turned into stone! Pigsy nor the horse got to ask their questions. This story is telling you that you should never lie. The Great Unicorn and Sunny turned into stone because they lied.

# Journey to the Secret Forest

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Kim, Bogyong – 10*

## Introduction:

Long time ago, the monkey called Sunwukong, made lots of problems in the heaven. For example, one day he ate Jade Emperor's peach, which makes person or animal to live forever. So finally, Jade Emperor made an order Sunwukong to go down to land, and then help people or fight with Demons on the ground. That is the reason why Sunwukong starts to journey to the secret forest.

## Sunwukong found secret forest:

Sunwukong walked and walked. Finally, he found the secret forest in China. This forest was infamous for dark and depressed demon's house. Sunwukong was little bit afraid of Demon's house, but he also thought that it was a good chance to help humans. And he believed that was way of returning to the heaven.

## Sunwukong made team:

Sunwukong fought various kinds of demons again and again by himself and got tired. He felt that it was necessary to have friends. One day he met Sanzang monk by chance who is very skillful, and learned so many skills that made him fight easy. Also he met Zubajie and Shuwuing, originally they were kinds of demon. But Sanzang tried to make them reflect. Finally, they became brother with Sunwukong and fight demons together. They could finish their missions easier and faster. Sunwukong felt that Team is stronger than One.

## Found special weapon:

Their team won fight 99 times. But final one was king of demons. Although everyone did their best to win, the king of demons was too strong to have no choice but to run away. When they lived in hiding with disappointment for a year, by accident they found a very strong magic stick called as Yeouibong, which can control its length and weight with owner's wish. They recovered their confidence but had a decision to fight the king of demons after learning and training more.

## Last mission:

After many years of training, finally they are convinced that they would fight win the king of demons. They went to the secret forest again and fight the king of demons for 10 days without eating and sleeping. Finally, the king of demons was defeated Sunwukong's team. After defeating the king of demon's suddenly secret forest was changed to bright and shiny. Also the king of demon was changed to Kuanyin, who is Buddha from the heaven. And he said "I come here to take you to the heaven because you finished this mission." So everyone was too surprised and pleased to say nothing.

## Now in heaven:

Sunwukong's brother meets on every Sunday in heaven. Do you know the reason why they meet on Sunday? Since they work at Jade emperor's peach farm on weekday. The Jade emperor still have a headache because of Sunwukong's brother.

# Journey to the Game

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Kim, Seo Ha – 11*

“U” hum” a strict voice was heard by Monkey Queen, who was very sly and distinct. The severe voice heard again. Strict voice owner was Mrs.Master, who is considerate, also very purity. At the back of Mrs.Master, there was Sand Monster, who was very tough in water. "Oink!" Everyone viewed the way where the strange sound was. "Oink!" The sound heard again. It was Piggy, who was much healthier and fatter than other monsters. They were travelling to verse other 81 monsters.

Before very long adventure to west happens, they decided to go back to the cave and take some foods. Unfortunately, flash of lighting sent them to future. While they were fainted on the grass, a very naughty boy, who was playing Minecraft, but, where they were was not on the grass. It was the world that they have never been.

They notice where they are, because they met zombie. The Minecraft game zombie! Mrs. Master, Monkey Queen, Piggy and Sand Monster dashed as quick as they could, but Piggy just fell down to the cliff. They did know why they jumped there together. No one knew that under the cliff is a large Ocean...

After a while they jumped from the cliff, they found their selves on the core of Ocean in Minecraft world. Soon, a humongous wave to cover them, the person who did was Sand Monster, who is very strong in water. "Trader!" Mrs. Master shouted. Then a boy with scull magic appeared. It was the boy who saved them.

But did you know? Monkey Queen was actually not fainted when they come the future land, so she knew that boy was the monster. A second later she went to save Sand Monster, but Sand Monster did not want to come back. He said " No. I'm not going back. I like here more., our master I'm precious but, you guys think I'm just a monster that holds things.". "But..." She could not say anything...because it was true. That little time, everyone had many thoughts. Very many thoughts about their behavior to Sand Monster.

"Sand Monster..." Mrs. Master started off." I'm very sorry about that, but you don't even have good memories with us? Only memories that we fight and behave you like who holds thing?" while she spoke a single teardrop trickle down her face. Sand Monster did not know why he was sniveling. Sand Monster started speaking "I....I....I thought you guys hate me..." "Never!!!" Everybody shouted in one mind.

They worked in a team and they could find the way to go back home. Of course, they never fight again." Do you really *love* me??" Sand Monster asked carefully. "Yes!!!" everyone shouted without one second of thinking.



# Journey to The West

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Lee, Seungmin – 11*

Long time ago, there're the Mountain Covered with Fruit and Flower. One day, one monkey was born in there. The monkey's name was Monkey-King. He defeated all the monkeys in Mountain Cover with Fruit and Flower. Monkey-King wanted to be more stronger, and stronger, so he ate magic food, practiced every day and fought with other monkey every day. Finally, Monkey-King became a god. Monkey-King went to Ocean castle and fought with many ocean solders. In Ocean castle, there was one magic stick called Yeo Yi. No one could lift Yeo Yi. Monkey-King found that stick and lifted easily and used Yeo Yi to defeat all the ocean solders! Even Wok-Huang-Shang-Di (the god of sky and heaven) was afraid of Monkey-King too. Wok-Huang-Shang-Di and his Generals fought with Monkey-King. But, Monkey King Defeat all the gods! So Ata-ne (the god of fire and live) called Buddha (the second strongest god.) Buddha just punched Monkey-King and locked him in his hand. Buddha call Tang Monk, Pig-s-y, Sand-Monk, White dragon horse and Monkey-King and say to them "If you all came to India, I will make you god!" and Buddha flew away. They killed the monster block the way and they came to gate of India. In front of the gate, they saw Cow-Devil. Cow-Devil ran and punched Pig-s-y! Monkey-King used Yeo Yi to hit Cow-Devil. Monkey-King, Pig-s-y, Sand-Monk and Tang Monk fight with Cow-Devil almost 2days and finally killed Cow-Devil.

When they came to India, Buddha was flying in there. Monkey-King said to Buddha to make them god, but Buddha just hit Monkey-King. And said "I was just joking!" Monkey-King, Pig-s-y, Sand-Monk, Tang Monk and White dragon horse was so angry and fight with Buddha, but Buddha was too strong! They fight 5days and they lose. Sand-Monk, White dragon horse and Pig-s-y died and Tang Monk and Monkey-King was dyeing too. So Tang Monk said to Monkey-King. "Eat me and killed Buddha!" (When some one ate Tang Monk, that people get super strong power so that's why the reason monsters block the way to kill them.) Monkey-King ate Tang Monk and cried loudly. Monkey-King get super strong power and ran to Buddha and just punch Buddha's face. They fight crazily. They throw planet, punch each other... Suddenly, Buddha use his all power to punch Monkey-King! But Monkey-King went up to Buddha's head (Buddha was 100km long) and used his most of power to hold Yeo Yi and crash Buddha's head. Monkey-King thought it's over, but suddenly huge door crashed him!

The huge door was open and all the gods was come. Because gods saw Buddha was died and they came to kill Monkey-King! Monkey-King saw many gods and thought it was too many, he called Monkey army and say to them fight with gods. Monkey-King fight with Zeus and Poseidon, Poseidon use big wave to make Monkey-King flew away. Zeus shoot lightning to Monkey-King, Monkey-King used Yeo Yi to block that huge lightning. Suddenly, Hades throw Mars to Earth, Monkey-King thought when Mars and Earth crash, many people will die. So Monkey-King use Yeo Yi to make Mars flew away. Monkey-King also has magical cloud. Monkey-King said to magical cloud to shoot lightning. Zeus also shoots lightning, but Monkey-King use Yeo Yi to block Zeus's lightning! Zeus crashed with magical cloud's enormous lightning and died. When Zeus died, Poseidon was so~ angry and use giant wave to made Monkey-King flew away! Poseidon can't lift Yeo Yi. Monkey-King put Yeo Yi in Poseidon's hand, Poseidon fall down to Earth. Monkey-King ran fast as lightning and punched his head with Yeo Yi, so Poseidon died. Suddenly, the Hades (the strongest god ever) came. Hades use Sun power to attack Monkey-King. Monkey-King use Yeo Yi to block, Hades punch Monkey-King like a toy. Monkey-King thought Hades was weak at lightning, so Monkey-King said to magical cloud to shoot the lightning! But Hades just catches that lightning and breaks it. Monkey-King kick Hades, but Hades also kick Monkey-King too. Hades use Black hole power to Monkey-King. Monkey-King want to block that huge Black hole power, but Yeo Yi broke. Monkey-King used all the power to kick Hades head. Hades can't move a while. Monkey-King used his life to use the skill called Thunder Breaker! Many planets were exploded and Hades and Monkey-King died together. When Hades die, all the gods were died. Many people remember Monkey-King; Tang monk, Pig-s-y, Sand-Monk, White dragon horse and the people who fought together forever.

# Adventure with Elsa

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It was a cheerful sunny day in the U.K. The three children called Jack, Tom and Jobly went abroad. But the problem was they changed into Piggy, Monkey King and Tang Monk. Three little monsters (3 children) swam into the nearest island called 'Guam.' It was very nice place to live.

When they arrived to intercontinental hotel (the one in Guam) every single person rant and threw things like eggs. Even some people blew blow dart!!! (one that makes people sleep.) So 3 monsters flee to the dark spooky forest. There were tigers, lizard even gorilla! But the funny thing was that tigers thought the Piggy was a real pig!!!

When they across though the forest, they seek a gigantic castle for a witch. She had 1 trillion of knight, 20 secretaries to be safe. But the scariest thing was that there were 10 canons and some aliens!!! Suddenly, Tang Monk said "Hey guys, do you want to go inside and have a look for the medicine?" Then everybody said "yes!" (But in fact, Piggy didn't wanted to go inside because he frightened.

Inside the castle, there were many different kinds of strange creature such as, larva, bats, bone and even statue. It seemed like it built in 19<sup>th</sup> century. Just then, a humongous shadow came front of 3 monster. They heard heard an evil witch sound. Suddenly, the lights were turned on and every knight was ready to shoot the gun. The witch changed into a 'Queen of 3 states of matters.' The queen put the knife in front of Tank Monk's head and said "You may choose one. Number 1 is tell the truth, the second choice is to cut off your head." Well, of course they chose to say the truth.

They said everything what was happening and why they are here. The queen understood and took them to her magical room. There were 2 cups of purple milk, orange eggs, mysterious medicine... First the queen put rotten fish, salt, unknown flour, orange eggs and purple milk into a huge pot. And provide some eggs, cookies and said "Have some cookies and orange juice."


Unfortunately, they suddenly shrink into a frog!!! Then butterfly, lion ... The queen was drawn because she made more than 150 medicine for the 3 monsters.

Suddenly knights all died because of a queen of ice, Elsa. First, Elsa thought there was nobody was inside of the castle. So she made an ice castle in 1second beside the other castle (the castle for 3 states of matters).

The queen of 3 states of matters woke up from a dream. She gazed at the door and said "What the heck is that giant ice castle?" And she tried to contact her knights, but they didn't answer. She thought deeply. She saw the owner of the castle. But the face was really familiar!!!

Actually, she was her old friend Elsa. The queen let her secretaries to let Elsa come to her room. But the funny thing was the secretaries were got her love in first sight. They served which is really expensive and the food which only queen can eat. After giving things, they let her ride a mini car which is deliver to queen's room. When they saw each other, they sobbed. Secretaries quietly move them into meeting room. The queen told Elsa that 3 monsters had serious problem since 1day before. After Elsa heard that she covered her mouth because she was really keen to help people.

Elsa and the queen went to Elsa's castle. The queen said "This place is freezing." So Elsa provided some hot chocolate, blanket and let her go front of fire. The queen continued talking about 3 little monsters. Elsa brought 3 purple orange, green fish, rotten tomatoes and salt. Secretaries screamed at Elsa because they never thought Elsa had these smelly materials. After a second of eating, they changed into fish, monkey, gorilla and finally normal children.



When they all right, the queen and Elsa called 'SOS' for lovely children. The helicopter came in 15 minutes. When they back to their own home country, they have noticed that there will going to be a funeral tomorrow.

Next day, (in the funeral) their dad, mum, grandma and grandpa were crying whole day. Suddenly they came side and said “**we haven't died yet!**” Then everyone stopped crying and hugged them and said “**thank you very much to be alive.**” So they lived happy forever.

# Journey to the West

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Lim, Sean – 9*

Once in Ancient China, there was a special monk called Monk Tang. If you eat his meat, you can live forever. He thought of going to Egypt to get valuable treasure. But he knew that it was way too dangerous for him. So he found some of his best friends to go with him. They are Monkey King, a pig, and Monk Sha. They are all best friends of Monk Tang. So they started their adventurous journey to Egypt...

They reach Iran for a brief break. They saw a savage tiger which is actually a monster. The monster was trying to eat Monk Tang so that it can live forever on the planet. The Monkey King could tell whether it was a monster because he had special eyes. The Monkey King informed Monk Tang immediately and they went away using the somersaulting cloud. Monk Tang screamed, "Help! Help!" as they got out of Iran.

They finally reached Egypt. Monk Sha said, "We almost got eaten by a savage tiger!" The Monkey King replied, "No, that was a monster." They all gasped. When the Monkey King said that the pig said, "Let's continue finding the treasure." But suddenly a group of scary mummies came dashing towards them as fast as lightning.

Monk Tang exclaimed. "Be careful!" The Monkey King tried to kill the mummies using his golden stick and the pig tried to kill them using his rake. But Monk Tang and Monk Sha just took wooden sticks from the ground to hit the mummies. Finally, they killed the mummies.

They saw a colossal pyramid and there was a sign, it said: Pyramid of the treasure. They dashed into the pyramid as fast as they could. But on the treasure chest, there was a keyhole. So they searched the whole pyramid for the key. Monk Tang shouted, "I found the key!" They all ran towards Monk Tang. They opened the treasure together and there were lots of gold coins. They shared the gold coins equally among each person and went back to China happily.

# Journey to the West

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Liu, Yuetong – 9*

Once upon a time there is a beautiful new master princess called Malina lived in a big big castle, her eyes are like stars in the sky, her hair is black as obsidian, her lip is red as roses, she is perfect! But she has a evil stepmother—the new queen. Malina was locked up by her stepmother Tyra in her room. Tyra doesn't like her. So Malina never receive any kindness from her. Malina is lonely for sure, but she is bright and optimistic. she sings and dances in her room. in sunny days, she talks to the birds and insects that flew to her balcony.

One dawn, Malina heard a big noise “Bang” in her balcony. she went to see what is happening, there is a monkey with a big golden stick at his back sitting there. he looks like a warrior who fights for freedom and justice. But when he saw Malina, he put up a gentle face and smile at her “I’ve been looking for long time, Master.” “Master?” Malina was confused. “I am Malina, not your Master, Sir.” “Yes, you’re, I am here to pick you up and protect you in our journey to the west.” said the Monkey King. “but...” Malina doubted “compare will being lock up here in this room, I ‘d like to go outside the see the world beside. This monkey doesn’t look like a bad guy.” She thought, after a few minutes of hesitation. she said “Yes, I believe you, I’ll go with you, Let’s go.”

Then the monkey took Malina to the palace and they met Piggy Ba and Mr. Sha. Then they go on the journey the west. they walk and walk day and night. finally, near the lake they are starving and exhausted, they decided to have a rest on the bank. Monkey King go to find food an Mr. Sha go to find wood to make fire, Piggy Ba stay with Malina and protect her. Piggy Ba is too exhausted so he lay down and fall asleep. Suddenly, some creatures from the lake grab Malina into the water, Malina struggle and yelled Loudly “HELP!” But she can’t say anything as she is in the water and on one can hear her. While she was struggling her mind come back to the past, she saw herself sat on the real mother’s bed in her room “the old queen” told her “Dear Malina, you supposed to be “The god of kindness” and your duty is go to the west and help the poor people there, and I Suppose to help you to be “The God of kindness”, but now I dying now incase your stepmother treat you badly. I must Lock your memory until your in danger, your memory can be recalled only then.

Just then, Malina knows who she really is, then she use her mind power to persuade the monster to let her go, soon the monster were softened and finally send her back to the bank. When Malina woke up, she saw Monkey King is yelling to Piggy Ba “How can you fall asleep you fool!” “I’m... I’m just too tired. “while they are talking, Malina walk to them with a kind smile and says to them “Guys, I know who I am and why we are going to the west?” Piggy Ba whispered “how can you know just know, I thought you know already and that’s why you came with us? Isn’t it?” the Monkey king punched at Piggy ba’s head said “You Idiot” how can you say at to master!” Mr. Sha said “don’t fight, we all trust master.” Malina answered “YES!” trust me, I’ll lead you to the right way.” everybody said “Yes, master! We will all protect you!”

And they all went on their journey to west happily~



# Crow Goes to India

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“R AAAAR!” Sit down Crow, I have a mission for you,” said the king of all cats, Jackson Flash. He is a dark black jaguar. Crow is a Russian cat with only half an ear and only 3 legs. He lost half an ear and an entire leg when fighting a German Shepard in cat VS dog war in 1573. Today it is 2017, and yes Crow is 444 years old and he still fights in war. He is navy blue and has enormous, gloomy, yellow lemon eyes. Crow wears a lemon light jacket and he is brave and kind.” The mission is get the golden immortal fish, and yes it is in India.” Any questions?” No? Ok, now go away.”

So he went to India to seek the golden immortal fish. While Crow was on a mission, a dog was as well. And this dog’s name is Spot. He was sent by an evil master called James. James is a forest wolf with the same lemon eyes as Crow. Spot was different, he was filled with spots and had brown soft fur. He had a kind heart and wanted to rediscover the dog world, but spot still has some evil in him. Crow was half way to India and did not stop walking. He went past Mountains, hills, forests, oceans and cows. Finally, he got to India. The music was amazing; the dances never stop; and the happiness never ended. India was as happy as Heaven on the 4 of July.

Meanwhile, Spot was waking slowly through the forest of death and did not die. ZOOP, Ha ha ha Spot somehow got to India in less than 3 seconds. Crow could smell Spots expensive perfume. He knew Spot was close. After 1minute Crow finally found Spot and ran quickly towards the fish. Unfortunately, Spot got there first and stole the fish. Crow ran and ran but could not catch up. Oh, and just so you know, not all stories end happily ever after. Not this one: this one ends badly.

Spot got to a back portal and got back home in a blink of an eye. His master was pleased to see Spot back in time for the party. They partied all night and when day came they still did not stop. After 2 days of dancing and singing the master ate the fish to become immortal. Once he ate the fish he started to destroy all the cats and their country. “MUHAHAHA.” To be continued...

The next day the cats that lived in the country of Catlandia were terrified and could not move. James plan worked and he could move on to terrify other countries to become the king of the world. “OH YEAH.” Jackson Flash was disappointed in Crow so he fired him. Crow started living in the sewers and instead of eating chicken; he had to eat rats. “YUK.” As I told you, this story would not have a happy ending. “HEHE sorry.”

# Journey to the Future

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Qwek, Elias – 10*

Having done with that monster, they continued their journey to India. The blazing sun shimmered over Tang Seng and his disciples. As they ventured through a vast desert, Sun's keen eye spotted a calm, glittering oasis. "There!" He called out. They scampered towards their target. However, the water turned out to have a color of purple.

Poison?" asked Sha. "Just jump in, you can trust me." Tang interrupted, "Jump!" Tang repeated. So they did, splash!

"Where are we?" Sun questioned curiously. "This is the future. That was a magical portal to a random time." Tang answered. "But how do we get to India?" Still baffled Sun commented. Since it might take forever to answer all of Sun's questions, he just shunned him and carried on walking on the street. As they perambulated through the narrow, winding streets, the people who passed them looked at them weirdly.

Soon, they arrived at the airport. "We're taking the plane," Tang verbalized. Zhu interrogated what a plane was, "is it delicious?" He asked. His answer is that it was not food; it was a form of transportation.

As they climbed up on the colossal machine, they stepped on 42 people's feet; elbowed 12 people, and tripped 36 people over. Their seat was at row 316; it was a really unordinary plane!

Not long after take-off, they crashed onto an unknown island. They lingered there for ages! Until one day, they realized they were at India, what a fascinating discovery! However, the truculent guards didn't allow them to enter the country as they looked like creepy monsters.

Soon, there was an abrupt flash not far from them, "it's a portal!" Exclaimed Sun cheerfully when he saw it.

Into the portal they went!

ZOOM!

They were back at the desert, "oh! I wish I could have some water? Don't you?" Cried Zhu. The thing is, the oasis has completely vanished. There was still a very long way to walk!

# Journey to the Very West (present version)

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Sagong, Jun – 10*

“FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF”(the plane) “Hey! Who is there!” A noise came from the villa. “Oh! Master .it is master. Yi yi ha ha!” shouted the monkey king. “By the way where did you got that plane?” questioned Wu Kong. “I’ve got it in Taobao and it cost me almost a million dollars, but no problem!” Said Monk Tang. Then the monkey king replied “How isn’t a problem? “Hmmmmmm... Oh, because I have more credit cards!” Said Monk Tang “Okay! Let’s go now, no time to waste!” By the way I haven’t even introduce you the member of the group.

First and foremost, the monkey king, who is also known as Sun Wu Kong. This monkey is born in Xian. After it born for two months a man named Mayun bought it (monkey king). Unfortunate the monkey king was sold to the circus. On the way to the circus, the monkey king inexpertly escape. After that he learned some superpowers such as the 72 changes, Huoyan Jinjing(penetrating insight) super strength etc.

Secondly, the pig or I should say half human half pig is one of the main member in the team. His full mane is Zhubajie. Zhubajie likes to eat and meet pretty girls. Hundreds years ago he actually used to be a general (Tianfeng general)

Last but not least, the master(Monk Tang).Monk Tang is the person who is in charge of everyone in this team. Monk Tang is a bodice and his destination is to find his son in U.S. He know cures that could make monkey kings head hurt(it hurt a lot)

If you have read journey to the west you should think where is Sand Monk. Apologize that Sand Monk is acting a series of American TV drama right now, so hopefully he will come back in the next series of Journey to the west. Sorry about that!

Oh! Wait let’s keep going on with our story!

While everyone is on the plane safely, the plane suddenly shackd “What is that?” questioned everyone except Zhubajie. ”Ha ha ha, I shackd the plane!” laughed Zhubajie.

10 minutes later...

”Kmaaaaash!” “Okay, Zhubajie stop messing around with the plane” screamed Monk Tang.” It is not me!” Shouted Zhubajie!

Suddenly, the plane started to stop flying, it start to going down. Fortunately, the Monkey king went out the plane and grab the plane. Luckily everybody is safe.” Thank you for saving our life!” said Monk Tang.“必须的(of course)!” Replied Monkey king.

”Ok let’s keep going on to the west.” Said Monk Tang.

After everyone past the cave, they’ve all saw something incredible. All they see is a place of green. The trees are lofty and flourishing. Everyone could feel the freshness of every tree.

By the time that everyone is about to sleep, everyone except Sun Wu Kong lay down for no reason. For less than a second everyone started to attack the monkey king. ” No way,” shouted Sun Wu Kong “what is happening to you guys.” Ahhhhhhhh...

“wait! This is just a dream right? Questioned Sun Wu Kong.” Hey prepare a car for me, let’s go shopping!” said Sun Wu Kong to the guards...

# The New Team

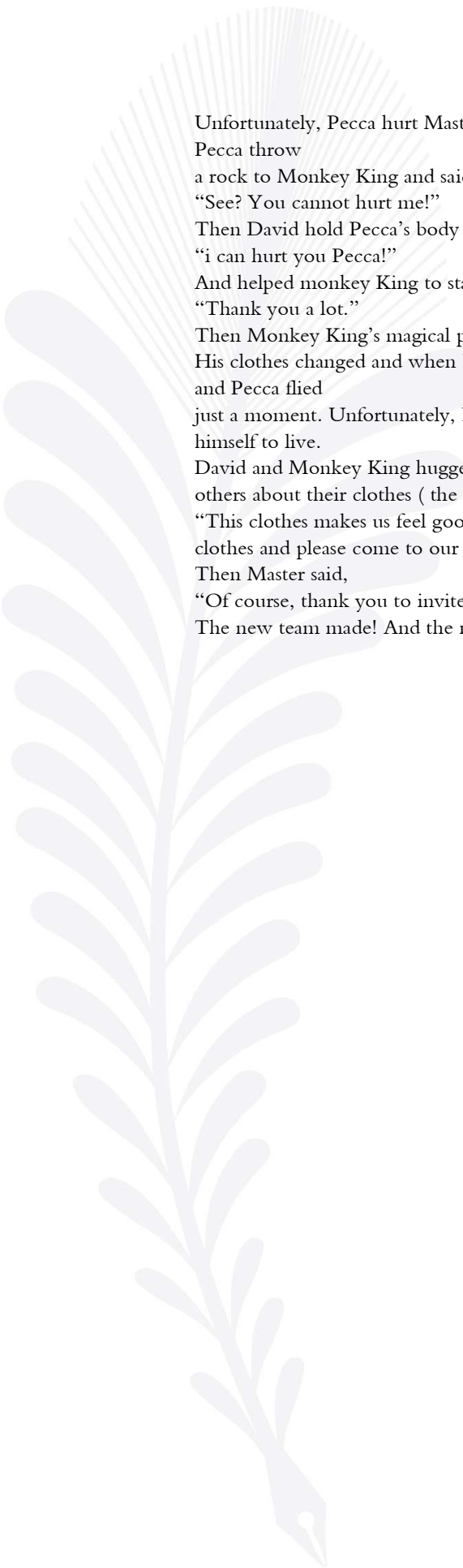
*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Seong, Jina – 10*

Monkey King was too boring. That was a sunny, beautiful day, Monkey king wanted to have a new journey. But Sand monk, Pigsy and Master were doing their work. And Monkey King did all of works that he need to do. Finally, Master decided to go Olympics. They all agreed to go so the Monkey King was very excited. They went to the airport.

While they arrived to Olympics in India, there was little bit hot so Master, Pigsy and Sand monk were wanted to rest but Monkey King was so excited so he closed his eyes and felt the fresh air. Then, he fall down because of the rock but he didn't know he was fall down so he walked like a baby because he didn't opened his eyes. Finally, Monkey Kind opened his eyes and they bought tickets and they found their seats. They surprised because there were many different sports that they didn't know. Then they saw a group of people are very unique! Monkey King was going to fight with them. But they were very kind to people! They helped a lot of people that need help. So, Master stopped Monkey King because master knew that was kind people. They introduced themself. "We are Amazing Group members! Nice to meet you!" The group was called Amazing Group and the captain for that group was David. They saw the sports together.

That group was very unique. All the people wore strange clothes. But they said, "This clothes are very special. If we lose them, we cannot make it again." But Monkey King didn't trust it. Then the real monster was came. It called Pecca. He sell his fake clothes and when they buy the cloth that Pecca made, are going to be the monster. Pecca thought he will be the best in the world because his teammember number is getting more and more. Monkey King and David from the Amazing Group team captain, were try to catch him first. They need to work together but monkey king and David were foughting. So the monster was gone! Monkey King shouted, "It's your fault. if you didn't move from your seat, I could catch the monster already!" Then, David shouted, "No, It's your fault!" Then, Master stopped them and said kindly, "It's not your fault. And we need teamwork! You cannot find him to catch the monster." They both were very sorried to each other. And finally, they look for the monster.

They looked for everywhere but there was no monster. it means the monster is not in the building! Finally, they found the monster. The monster was selling the clothes. And the Amazing group members and Monkey King , Master , Sand monk and Pigsy saw that when Pecca sold the clothes to people, the power from the people, pecca is getting that and the people who didn't have power were changed to a monster. Monkey King and his teammember, David and his teammember were fighting with the monster that pecca made. Master used his magic but it didn't work! Then Amazing group members used the power from their unique clothes. It was the great power. Pecca made a lot of monsters so can escape from their. But the powerful power made monsters gone and Amazing Group already found Pecca! But Pecca got a lot of power and said, " You guys cannot escape here!" And he blocked everywhere! Sand Monk and Pigsy fought with Pecca's monster, also Amazing group member too. Monkey King, David and Master fought with Pecca.



Unfortunately, Pecca hurt Master, so Master couldn't use magic. Monkey King helped Master but then Pecca throw

a rock to Monkey King and said loudly,  
"See? You cannot hurt me!"

Then David hold Pecca's body and throw him away for just a moment. Then said,  
"i can hurt you Pecca!"

And helped monkey King to stand up. Monkey King said softly,  
"Thank you a lot."

Then Monkey King's magical power started because he was very mad at Pecca.

His clothes changed and when Pecca ran to Monkey King, Monkey King were hold him and kicked him and Pecca flied

just a moment. Unfortunately, Pecca landed in the unknown island. He needed to do all the things by himself to live.

David and Monkey King hugged. They both could win Pecca because of their teamwork. Fianlly, David told others about their clothes ( the power).

"This clothes makes us feel good and strong! So we could protect our amazing island,we will give you these clothes and please come to our island

Then Master said,

"Of course, thank you to invite us. New Journey for us!"

The new team made! And the new journey started. The interesting journey with new team!



# Secret Mission to the Well

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Shin, Yeonsu – 10*

“Sigh, if I’d only finished my homework from last Thursday,” I sighed in my filthy room. It’s Thursday night and I have to return it tomorrow. Heavily, I looked at the clock and almost fainted. It was 11:30pm! Suddenly, there was a creek sound made me unable to breath. The sound got quicker and quicker. My heart beated faster. “Slam!” I hid under my desk, and shut my eyes. A few seconds later, I opened my eyes filled with tears. Guess what? It was my little brother Chris! He’s bit naughty. “Chris! What are you doing here? You’ve shocked me!” I yelled. Chris said sorry in a small voice. “Can you seek for my historic robot in the basement? I have searched for it, but it was totally gone,” he said. I tried to disagree with him, but after a while, I was following him to mini, freezing basement. We eyed for his ancient robot for about 30 minutes. However, we were unable to find it. We decided to take a rest. Chris sat down on marble, cold floor, but I was not able to. The luminous light was shining on the corner. Slowly, I went to the twinkling light. There was a well. Chris came with me and hid behind me. Suddenly, a tornado came out of the well and swallowed us.

A few hours later, I woke up in a comfortable and lengthy sofa. My brother, Chris, was there too. I had no idea where I was. All I can tell was that I was on a miniature house. Then, I grabbed the door handle and pushed the door with my great force. We were in a zoo. “Linz, where are we?” Chris yawned. “In a zoo.” I replied. We took a look at the zoo. Even though I was in secondary, I still liked to take a look at animals. We weren’t enjoying it since we were wearing our skinny pajama that our turned our hand icy. When I was looking, I found something strange. All the animals looked tired. “There’s a human that looks like a monkey escaping from the monkey cage! Let’s follow him!” Chris said. I didn’t answer, but I nodded. We followed as much as we can, but we lost him. We began to sprint forward. The night came and we were walking much faster. A dreadful cliff appeared and we had to rush back. Chris and me were in too much of a hurry that we bumped into a humongous belly. Chris fainted and I just lied as if I was dead. Then I saw a shadow. I hid behind the tree without Chris. Without any sound, I observed him very carefully; It was the human that looked like a monkey! A sudden memory went through my mind, It was the monkey king! The giant belly person was Pigsy! “We are being chased by a dragon! You’ve forgot it?” monkey king whispered. “ROAR!” Pigsy got up and hurried after the monkey king. “ROAR!” a vivid blue, lengthy and skinny dragon appeared.

“AAHHH!” I ranted. A strict dragon tried to step on Chris. Shadows covered Chris. About 10 minutes later, “Crash!” I was sobbing. Although dangerous things had happened, Chris was comfortably sleeping on the ground. I darted to him and gave my biggest hug. The shadows were lying. I held my breath and and got closer. Then I gasped, it was the characters from “Journey to the West.” Although all the characters were there, Sank monk was not there with his white horse. Shadows began to wiggle. I was terrified to spot that happening, so I hauled my brother behind the tree unexpectedly as characters appeared behind the tree. I muttered, “Thank you!” Monkey king stepped forward and replied, “Thank you”. While I was staring at him, he started explaining, “We were doing our missions. Sank monk told us to get dragon balls in its mouth. Firstly, I went to the zoo and got all the animals’ power. Secondly, we tried to fight with the dragon, but we all became tired. Thirdly, you guys came. Dragons in this world become tired when they see humans. Finally, we could have a great fight with it. Thank you.” He stopped talking and bowed. I didn’t know what to do.

“Linz, are you there? I want to go home,” Chris spoke and burst into tears. “Do you guys know where special well is? I questioned. They nodded. They began to step into the deep, deep forest and we followed them. Suddenly, a giant came out.

# Journey to the East

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Sho, Mayuko – 9*

Once in Ancient China, there was a special monk called Monk Tang. If you eat his meat, you can live forever. He thought of going to Egypt to get valuable treasure. But he knew that it was way too dangerous for him. So he found some of his best friends to go with him. They are Monkey King, a pig, and Monk Sha. They are all best friends of Monk Tang. So they started their adventurous journey to Egypt...

They reach Iran for a brief break. They saw a savage tiger which is actually a monster. The monster was trying to eat Monk Tang so that it can live forever on the planet. The Monkey King could tell whether it was a monster because he had special eyes. The Monkey King informed Monk Tang immediately and they went away using the somersaulting cloud. Monk Tang screamed, "Help! Help!" as they got out of Iran.

They finally reached Egypt. Monk Sha said, "We almost got eaten by a savage tiger!" The Monkey King replied, "No, that was a monster." They all gasped. When the Monkey King said that the pig said, "Let's continue finding the treasure." But suddenly a group of scary mummies came dashing towards them as fast as lightning.

Monk Tang exclaimed. "Be careful!" The Monkey King tried to kill the mummies using his golden stick and the pig tried to kill them using his rake. But Monk Tang and Monk Sha just took wooden sticks from the ground to hit the mummies. Finally, they killed the mummies.

They saw a colossal pyramid and there was a sign, it said: Pyramid of the treasure. They dashed into the pyramid as fast as they could. But on the treasure chest, there was a keyhole. So they searched the whole pyramid for the key. Monk Tang shouted, "I found the key!" They all ran towards Monk Tang. They opened the treasure together and there were lots of gold coins. They shared the gold coins equally among each person and went back to China happily.

## Kill the Skeletons

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Wang, Yiwen – 10*

“What a nice day to swim” said Monkey King and Pigsy. They all want to swim in the swimming pool, but just then a pretty little girl came and said “My Mum fall into a swimming pool, she can’t swim, help!” “Where, where” said Tang Monk very worried. Monkey King look at the girls heart, he saw a skeleton!

“Don’t help her” said Monkey King shouting out loud. “She’s a skeleton” shouted Monkey King again and he wanted to kill her with his golden stick. “How mean you are to kill a little girl and you said she’s a skeleton and her Mum is in danger and she’s only 8 years old! For punishment, I’ll bump your head!” said Tang Monk. Tang Monk says some magic words and suddenly Monkey King is bumping his head over the ground! After a few minutes he stop and ask the little girl where is the swimming pool but the girl catch him and put him in a bag and send him away in 1 second.

Monkey King, Pigsy and Yuly sitting on a rock don’t know what to do then Yuly had an idea, “lets trick them and get Tang Monk back! Let’s go” said Yuly.

They went there, the girl is really the skeleton! Tang Monk is trying to get out of the bag, “if you want to get Tang Monk back, fight with me!” said the skeleton. Monkey King and Skeleton are so good at fighting they will need a person to help. However Monkey King have pigsy and Yuly, Skeleton have her dog and husband. At that point Tang Monk get out of the bag and also add in a fight. Finally monkey King win! They get the tang monk back and keep going on journey to the west, they met 81 problem but keep going on!

# Journey to India

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Wi, I-Hsien – 10*

It was an extremely hot day in America. Andrew just finished reading a book which is called 'Journey to the west'. After enjoying a part in the story, he fell asleep...  
"悟空! 快醒醒! 要去找宝藏啦! (Monkey King! Wake up! It's time to go to find treasure!)" Tangseng was trying to let Andrew wake up, using Chinese. But Andrew didn't even understand, also he was extremely scared of Tangseng, who jumped into his house for no reason. Tangseng is also the character in one of his favorite book, 'Journey to the west' who always ride on The White Dragon Horse. Tangseng thought for a while, then he started using English to explain what they are going to do next, how he comes, and why did he come. Andrew asked, "Then, where's Sand Monk, Zhubajie and The White Dragon Horse?" They are in the UFO outside." He pointed at the LARGE thing outside the window. Sand Monk, Zhubajie and The White Dragon Horse seemed like they heard that Tangseng is calling them. They looked at the window and did some emotions with Tangseng. After a while, they came off from the UFO and went into Andrew's house. Soon, a yellow paper came down, Tangseng took it and started reading, "Blah Blah Blah..." BOOOM! Andrew turned to Monkey King, the character he likes the most in Journey to the West. Andrew forgot all his memories when he was Andrew 3 seconds ago. The other thing is that, he could speak and understand Chinese very well! Now, Monkey King (Andrew) can fully understand what they're going to do.

Monkey King, Zhubajie, Sand Monk, Tangseng and The White Dragon Horse step into the large UFO. 2 seconds later, they arrived India. But, India is too big, how can they find the treasure? When they were all thinking, wind blew, they could almost see a yellow piece of paper flying to them. Tangseng also saw that, so he jumped up and grabbed the paper. "Go forward, turn left..." Tangseng quietly read the words on the paper. They followed the instructions on the paper, and went to the place they can find treasure... Finally, they are standing in front of a castle. Inside the castle was very dark. They couldn't even see each other! Zhubajie took out something from his pocket, WOW! There is light. Monkey King, Tangseng and Sand Monk realized that it is Zhubajie's iPhone X! They followed the only way they can go, and they found a strange shape, "What is that?" Asked Zhubajie. "I don't know..." Responded Tangseng. "Ah!" Shouted Monkey King "I think I know what it is! Let's stand together then go into the shape, maybe the door can open!" "Ya! Lets try!" 5 minutes later, they are already in the shape. BAAAMMM! The door opened, with a loud voice. Wow! The treasure is there. First, Monkey King used his eyes to check around them... it's safe. They nearly touch it! "WAIT A MINUTE!" Baigujiang jumped out and screamed, "What are you doing here? Don't you know that I am the protector of the treasure?" Monkey King replied, "How would I know? You are not famous!" "AHHH! Stop saying the things that are not important! Let's fight with pillows who fall down first, who will lose. If I lose, I'll give you the treasure, but if you lose, I'll keep the treasure forever... deal?" "Deal man!"

Monkey King and Baigujiang all won 1 time, at the last time, Monkey King won! Baigujiang gave the treasure to them, they opened it. Wow! It smells soooo good! The treasure was a whole pail of hot dog!

Monkey King, Tangseng, Zhubajie, Sand Monk and The White Dragon Horse love to eat many of them every day, they got fatter and fatter...

"AHHHHH!" Andrew woke up and screamed, "That dream is so scary, how can they eat too much? Wait... what's that?" Andrew saw a strange wooden box, he walked there, and opened it...WHAT?! It is a large box of hot dog! After eating, he dreamed that he became a superman... wait... it is another story.

# Journey to the Chongqing

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Wu, Ruixuan – 10*

Now, it's a very hot summer. Cindy and Jina are going to Chong Qing. Because they have a writing work for secondary. Now they are in the airport.

They arrive in Chong Qing. Cindy says: 'Wow! We are in Chong Qing now!' Cindy and Jina are very excited, because they will learn the Chong Qing's history and China's culture.

First, Cindy and Jina go to eat hotpot. Cindy is very excited. Because they will eat Chong Qing's hotpot soon.

They knew Chong Qing's hotpot is Korean. Chong Qing's hotpot is very famous. Cindy says: 'Oh! Jina! Do you know Chong Qing's hotpot? Everybody said it's very spicy! I love spicy food.' But Jina says: 'I just want to try a little bit.' They go inside the hotpot store. Cindy said: 'Ok! Now! Let me try this!' Cindy picks up a beef, Cindy puts the beef in her mouth. One second later, Cindy yells: 'Oh! Give me the water! Jina! Quickly! Help! Water!' Jina gives the water to Cindy. Cindy drinks a lot of water. Jina is afraid, Jina says: 'Oh~~~ Cindy, are you sure we need to try the hotpot? Maybe not everyone needs to try it.....' Cindy replies: 'Oh~~~ Come on! Jina, just try a little bit, come on~ Here is Chong Qing! Hotpot is very important in Chong Qing.' Jina picks up a vegetable, and she puts the vegetable in her mouth. Jina yells: 'Oh! Water! Cindy! Help! Water please! Cindy!' Cindy gives the water to Jina, Jina drinks a lot of water. Cindy laughs. They go out of the hotpot store. Cindy and Jina write: Chong Qing's hotpot is very spicy! We drink a lot of water, but we still wasted some food. Because it's too spicy!

Then, they go to Ci Qi Kon. Jina and Cindy are very excited, because they hear about Chong Qing's Ci Qi Kon is very good and it's not spicy like hotpot. They see so many people and stores in Ci Qi Kon. Cindy says: 'Jina, I'm so excited! I want to go shopping now! But first, I want to eat Chong Qing spicy cabob, ci ba and twist.' Cindy goes to buy twist and ci ba. Jina goes to buy spicy cabob and shaved ice. They find a table and sit down to eat. Jina loves ci ba, twist and shaved ice. She didn't like spicy cabob, because it's same spicy with hotpot. Cindy loves all the of this food on the table. Cindy and Jina come across a girl: Wendy! Wendy tells them about the Ci Qi Kon and Chinese culture. They become friends.

Wendy told them a lot about Chinese culture and the Chinese emperor's ancient knowledge and poets.

Wendy says: 'In ancient times, people wore skirts. The Ci Qi Kon has a long history.....'

Then, Cindy, Jina and Wendy wander around to learn Chinese more. They wander around all the Ci Qi Kon. Cindy buys so many things, like: China skirts, China pencil box and China's toy. Wendy tells them Ci Qi Kon's things in older time. Cindy and Jina write in their notebook. Now, they have so many things in their notebook.

They are hungry again, so, they go to buy some food again. They sit down, and eat. They eat, drink and talk. But, they didn't watch their bag. Now, it's 4:30. There are so many people here. When they are talking, a hand stretches.....


One hour later..... Jina stands up, she says: 'Oh~ How great today is! We taste Chong Qing hotpot, although I don't like it. We went to Ci Qi Kon, and taste Ci ba, spicy cabob, twist and shaved ice. We bought so many things about China. Now, let's go back to hotel! I'm so tired!~~~~~' She turns around, she wants to take her bag. But, her bag is missing!!!! Jina yells: 'Oh my gosh! My bag is missing! Cindy! Your bag is missing too! How can we go back to Korean! And our writing work!' Wendy says: 'China has so many thieves, if they steal something, they will not give back.' Cindy and Jina yell at same time: 'But how can we go back to Korean! And our writing work! No! Go back to Korean is the importantest!' Wendy says: 'Don't worry about it, we can call the police.' But no one answers the phone. Cindy and Jina cry:

Oohhhhhhhhh..... How can we go back to Korean?!! Oohhhhhhh.....' Wendy says: 'That's ok! Guys! Let us find the thief!' Cindy and Jina asks: 'How to find the thief?!' Wendy answers: 'Just one by one to find it!'

They walk on the dragon road, and they are very very tired.

Meanwhile, the thief is at his home. He sees the passport is Korean people's. The thief just wants to steal the money, he doesn't want to make the people can't go back to home. He is very worried about the two Korean people. And he runs out of his home.





Jina and Cindy are crying. Wendy is very worry. But, they see a person wear black cloth. And the man run to them. The man gives them two bags, Jina and Cindy yell: 'It's our bag!' The man says: 'I am so sorry, I am the thief, now, I well give your bag, very sorry~~~~~' Cindy and Jina say: 'That's ok, but, be a good person, ok?' The man says: 'Yes, I'm so sorry about this~' Jina and Cindy say: 'Good bye!~~~!~~~! Remember to be a good person.' The thief says: 'Good bye~!~! I well remember it~'

Cindy and Jina go back to hotel, they write: Today we meet a thief, although he stole our bag, but he gave it back. We think thief also can be very kind. Because the thief care about can us go back to korean, so, he gave the bag back. And also thanks god, gave our bag back~ Then, they go to sleep~

(Next day at airport~~~~~) Cindy and Jina ascend the airpiane. They smile to Wendy: 'Thanks you for help us! Thank you very much! But, please remember anyone also can be kind~ Good bye~' Wendy smile, too: 'Sorry, because I can't belive in China the thief well gave the bag back. And if you guys have time, can you guys come back China again?' Cindy and Jina say: 'Of cours!~ Wait for us!'

The plane is go backing to korean.....

# The New Journey to the West

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Woytowich, Claire –10*

The plane thumped. Finally, Lara has arrived in Xi'an! Lara sat silent by the window, her icy blue eyes fixed upon the airport. As time went, they eventually reached the humongous, marvelous, beautiful hotel. Even though they had a week there, her parents already began to plan activities for today! After planning and catching a taxi, they proceeded through the gates of the Giant Wild Goose Pagoda. The steep stairs were difficult to climb, but eventually they reached the top. All of a sudden, Lara observed a sparkling portal, roamed through and then, the magical portal disappeared! Lara was back in the time of the 16<sup>th</sup> century! Wait, is that? No, it can't be! Sun Wu Kong and his friends! Despite wanting to stay, she knew she had to accept that she had to go back to her family. Immediately after nearing her family, Lara noticed that Sun Wu Kong followed her! Once they were back at the hotel, Lara figured that she should tell her parents about Sun Wu Kong following them. "Mum, dad, I need to talk to you." "Yes, Lara, what would you like?" Lara's mum said in a hushed voice. "Well...When we were at the Giant Wild Goose Pagoda, I saw something sparkling...I walked through it and it took me back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century and well..." "Go on." Lara's dad said kindly. "Well... Sun Wu Kong followed me. Him and his friends." Lara finished telling them. She was relieved, but time to see their reaction. "That's fascinating!" Lara's parents said at the same time. "I'm going to go see them then." Whispered Lara.

Right after she arrived, she found Sun Wu Kong and his friends leaving. "Where are you going?" "On a journey to India. We have to prepare to walk there." Replied Sand Monk. "Why are you walking? Why not just take a plane?" Suggested Lara. "What's a plane? Why have I not heard of this, plane, before?" Questioned Tang Monk. "Come on, I'll take you on one. Let's go to India!" At the airport, Lara bought the tickets. Out of nowhere, she felt strange... The portal has re-opened!

Confused, shocked, frightened, Lara warned Tang Monk, then he warned Zhu Ba Jie and so on. Sun Wu Kong felt suspicious... The monsters came out of the portal, and they were disguised as humans! Tang Monk stated that the monsters used their powers to travel so they could find them. Zhu Ba Jie pointed out that they were on the plane with them! The 'human' monsters trotted towards Sun Wu Kong, so he stood up and, as usual, they fought. Knowing the rules of the plane, Sun Wu Kong fought weakly. In addition to going against the rules, the monsters got thrown off the plane.

Lara felt that familiar thump. Now, they were in India! Walking down the planes stairs, they realized that the monsters were there! Fortunately, they were heading back to their time. Although they wanted to stay, Sun Wu Kong and his friends also went back. "We better go back... Also, we are in India, so when we go back to our time, we will be in India. Thank you." Sun Wu Kong thanked Lara. "Good bye!" Lara sadly waved good bye to her special new friends. She made it look like she was happy but really, she was going to miss them...

After arriving back home, everything was back to normal. Well, it was all normal until she felt a familiar feeling... The portal re-opened!

# New Journey to The West

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Yoon, Hyunseo – 11*

Whoosh— the wind blew through the window as I shivered inside my bedroom. It was midnight. I've never been awake at this time! Today is an exception, my grandfather said. Worried, I asked "Um...what are we doing?" On the other hand, though, I was curious. "SHHH...quiet." Grandfather whispered slightly, "Okay, now let me talk." I nodded. "Now, I don't want to waste our time because I know that we will need a lot of time. It is just that I am here to tell you a brief story. Long, long one. Do you know the Chinese traditional story, 'Journey to The West'?" "Yes." I replied, "In fact, you were the one who told me, weren't you?" "Oh. Right. If you listened well, you would know that they had 81 difficulties. Sorry, but you are wrong. They had 82, instead. After telling all 81 stories, they were so humble that they didn't want more reputation, and they think nobody knows...but I do. And you will do too after 10 minutes or so." Grandpa explained.

"Covered in a deep darkness caused by a horrible storm, I was hiding in my hut when the master and his four faithful friends were dashing through Forest Woody, towards and towards the South. 'OH NO!' I thought. I've lived there for decades, and I know almost everything while growing up and living in this forest. At the end of Forest Woody, where nobody dares to go, lives a heartless, ruthless monster with ten dirty, sharp claws which will destroy everything but nothing. His enormous body was covered in navy-blue furs, and the only thing we could see from his body was his big yellow eyes, gleaming with light even when it was extremely dark. His name was...Bunny." Grandpa told me. "bunny...B-U-N-N-Y?" I questioned in disbelief. "Oh, yes, I know it is a totally dumb name for such a monstrous creature, but you won't be able to laugh after I tell you that it stands for..."

B: bloodcurdling one,

U: uncivilized one!


N: nobody survived from this

N: never seen creature...and

Y: you should be aware of it!" grandpa sighed. "Oh no!" I cried sadly. "Oh yes," grandpa said, "and I think you might have to lower your voice. Now may I continue?" he sounded a little bit interrupted. Then he continued...

"They, the master and his four friends, didn't know anything. At the just right time, or should I say the just wrong time, BUNNY was hungry. It would have sounded more alike if I said 'starving to death' actually. RROOAAARRRRRRR! A huge, enormous roar filled the whole forest with silence. And when this giant monster appeared, the travelers just could stare at him, at loss of words. BUNNY lifted up his foot over the master and let go of his foot. THUMP! Frightened, the master ran away screaming, leaving a single inch between himself and the giant monster. The monkey king realized that his master was in danger, so he quickly stretched his stick aiming at the monster., ready to defeat him. Unexpectedly, BUNNY swiped at the long-stretched stick. With a swipe of his claws, the magic stick was broken in half! Monkey King stared at his broken stick, unable to believe that someone had broken it...in half. Then in no time, one monkey, one pig, and plus a horse was kicked far away by the monster. He was hungry, but he was more eager to eat quickly without being disturbed. Now there were two people left, frightened and horrified. But they knew they weren't supposed to stay there forever, waiting for the monster to stomp all over them and get his vacant tummy full. They had to do something.

First, the master attracted BUNNY's attention, bold and daring. 'Please, please turn around.' He thought. The master yelled and yelled, as loud as possible to get his attention. Finally, the giant monster slowly turned his head backwards. I could see his anger just from his eyes. Second, the master bravely screamed out loud, 'You weird, overgrown creature! Catch me if you can!' Now that was when BUNNY totally lost his temper and started chasing an itty-bitsy tiny creature he never even met before. What BUNNY didn't know is that it all was part of their plan! Fortunately, a vine was seen in a distance. 'AAA!!!!' Swinging, Sha He Shang screamed. He had come to save the master! He swung from the longest vine I've ever seen, and then kicked the middle of BUNNY's eyes. He was daring, wasn't he?" grandpa exclaimed delightfully. "But," grandpa became serious, "something happened, something nobody expected. BUNNY grabbed the vine, ripped it from the tree, and started to eat it! Gobble, gobble. Before Sha He Shang could just jump down letting go of the vine, BUNNY ate half of the vine, leaving twelve feet between him and the ground.



The master just stared, unable to do anything in shock. Then... BOOM! When a single inch was left between Sha He Shang and the monster's drooling mouth, with a mysterious 'thump' BUNNY fell straight to the ground. All of a sudden, the master and Sha He Shang saw three shadows. They knew just by the shadow...that they were the Monkey King, Pigsy, and the White Dragon Horse!" grandpa told. "YAY!" I whisper-shouted. I was glad to hear a story with a happy ending. "It is not finished yet. When BUNNY opened his eyes, he forgot everything. 'Who am I?' he thought. He also thought that the master had helped him, so he fixed monkey king's stick. They became friends and the master asked him whether he wanted to go on a journey with them, but BUNNY insisted on not leaving." Grandpa said. "Tell me more!" I begged, but his reply was disappointing. "It is time for good boys to go to bed." he said. The 'time for good boys to sleep' seemed way past though. Suddenly my eyelids felt so heavy...and zzz..I fell asleep.

# Journey For Goodness

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Zheng, Haochen – 11*

**H**ave you ever been bullied before? Have you ever think about what should you do if you had been bullied? If you have not been bullied before, let me tell you my story!

Wait, let me introduce myself, my name is Eddie. I am a sane and ordinary 5 grader in Retriever school until three annoying bullies came to ruin my life, they were Bobby, Useful and Useless (Useful and Useless are nicknames, their real name are Jack and Jake). Every time, they would steal my lunch money and every time, they would hit me on the hallway. It hurts!

I have no idea what should I do until I have read about The Journey to The West, their personalities were something that I was lacking. Maybe I can ask someone who can help me learn all of the personalities, I thought, I bet no one will bully me anymore! The next day, I found three boys that are loyal, greedy and smart, so I started my journey for goodness.

Firstly, I asked Tyson, who is loyal, for help, and he told me that he was happy to share his knowledge. He said a lot of things that I have to record, for example, no telling secrets, do not say bad things about someone, be nice. It is actually hard to be loyal because it has so many rules. Secondly, I asked Brain, a smart boy, for help. Although he agreed, he talked about lots of things that I misunderstood, for example,  $x+3=10$ , when  $x=7$ , Hard, right? After all day long, he finally told me something that I understood, he said, "Okay, so the class is over. Remember, do not give up." Lastly, I asked Shark, a greedy and fat boy, for help. However, he asked, "Why do you need my help?" "So I can defeat the bullies!" "No, boy. Get out of my sight!" It turned out to be a bad ending.


"Wait, what? Why?" I asked him, "Please!" "No why, get out of my sight!" He said angrily. "Well, do you want to have two packs of chips?" I asked with a smile, he shouted, "Oh yes! Let's start the lesson now!" So, he taught me how to eat, why to eat, when to eat and how we can eat quickly. *Burp!* I was very full.

It was science class now, Mr. White taught us about light and it was awesome! I took ten pages of note so it can help me on my homework, but Bobby, Useful and Useless were not very keen. They stole my notes and hit me harder this time. Well, the homework was easy, so I thought I can do it without my notes, however, I was wrong: It was too easy! I even did the extension and some extra research about it, I was really happy that the lesson did pay back. After a week, my scores went higher and higher, but the gang still did not ignore me, they went crazier and would throw my backpack in to the bin so that I cannot give my homework on time. Is there something wrong? I thought, the lessons had made the gang want to kill me! I read Journey to The West ten times again to see if there was something I missed. While I was reading the eleven time, I discovered that I forget about the Monkey Kings personality!

The nest day, at recess, I stood beside the hallway and stared at the mob. James? Not really. Jerel? Nope. I thought to myself, it is so hard! After recess, I was very hopeless, without the Monkey Kings help, how can I defeat the bullies? Day after day, I felt like everything is grey, and I could hardly talk, it was like my heart sank.

Then the next day, something surprisingly happened. It was nearly the end of this semester, Mr. White said that the tests about lights would be at next week, (which was not that surprising), and he told us to practice it. At lunch, I sat at the edge of the lunch room, where nobody was sitting (except me), and ate nicely. Then, three shadows came over, I looked up, it was the gang! However, Bobby said gratefully to me, "Hi, um...We need your help on practicing the test about light." "Or do you guys want to snatch my money? Sorry, already bought lunch." I said coldly to them. "No, no! We want you to really help us!"





Useful said, "Please!" "Empty your bill will be added, too!" Use less said with a smile. I stared at them, there were like three demons that came out of the book because their faces looked helpless, and evil, I cannot figure out if I was going to help them or not, soon, an idea pop out in my mind, "Yes, sure." I said friendly, my excitement was back to normal, "Tomorrow, after school." "Thank you!", they all said. After school, I went to the principal's office, and talked with him for so long that if we can have a homework club after school so that someone who needs help on their homework can finish it quickly, and understood it. At the first the principal did not agree, but after the conversation he agreed and told me to let them know that there would be a homework club. So, the next day, at the assembly, I had talked to the students that there would be a homework club every day at the school library, everybody liked it!

Soon there are lots of homework club that included a lot of student, I felt that I am the hero. My personality is really similar to Monkey kings: if you have a job, do it with your best attitude. I was happy that my problem are solved, thanks a lot, Journey to The West.

# The Legend

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Zhou, Zicong – 10*

“ No!!!” Screamed King as tears rolled down his cheeks. He tried to help , but Tang stopped him...

9 months earlier...

“**H**elp, help!!! I’m stuck under this tree!” Screamed King, whom was stuck. “What’s with the noise? I’m praying!” Replied a noise from within the bushes, “and who are you?” Just then, King found a bullet, put it in his gun, and shot the tree. As the tree rolled down the hill, King stood up and and shouted: “I am King, come out now and bow down to me!!!” Two minutes later, it became quite obvious that the mysterious guy didn’t want to come out. So King went in to find the guy. In the end he found a priest and the priest introduced himself. “I’m Tang a priest we are going to USA to collect the ultimate script which the gods have send me and you to collect.” King thought about it for a while and said “okay I’ll g...wait, is this revenge for me wrecking heaven 1900 years ago?” “No.”Tang replied. Finally, after a few Q&A’s, King agreed to go provided that they find King’s lost staff.

Soon, they arrived at Tang’s car, a Porsche . They went in and Tang started the engine. Soon, they left Beijing and 20 days later, they arrived at Australia; they saw Koalas and played with kangaroos. At the end , the were like brothers, taking care of each other. Next, they went to Singapore and parked near a giant crowd near Bukit Timah. King asked the person beside him, “excuse me, but what happened here?” The man replied, “you see that staff up there?It’s knocked over lots of people and it is still swinging dangerously.” As the words “staff” went through Kings ears *he’s* hands raised and the staff flew Into his hands. Everyone beside him were shocked and King told everyone, “this staff is mine. If anyone dares hurt It, I won’t forgive him.” And he left.

When they arrived at USA, they realized the terrorists had almost ruled it . As soon as they realized it, King gave Tang all his guns and took off with his staff. King managed to destroy one small army before he heard Tang cry in pain. Quick as a lightning, he arrived to the scene, Tang was lying on the the ground, his hands clutching his chest. “ No!!!” Screamed King as tears rolled down his cheeks. He tried to help , but Tang stopped him, “Don’t help me, help all the innocent victims of these war. You are King, The Monkey King.” Then, Tang died. King’s eyes suddenly glowed white, he shouted: “ everybody you better listen, I will say my name and you will remember it for eternity!!! I am The–Monkey–King!!!!” When King finished saying, a giant burst of energy appeared and he was back to what he looked like a 1900 years ago—In his brightly colored armor and his staff ; red, golden and black. Behind him, a sudden flash appeared with the heaven army and everyone In heaven. King looked back, gave them a smile and screamed : “charge!!!”

There was a sudden white light before everything was back to normal, buildings were back, hurt people were healed and the sky was blue again.

But there is still one question, where is The Monkey King?

# Journey to the Human Land

*Yew Chung International School Chongqing, Zou, Leyan – 10*

**O**n a lovely, sunny day, in the human land there is a horse, the White Dragon Horse, was a unhelpful and greedy animal. (Not everybody know about it). The Animal Land is a place under the ground. The only entrance was an enormous hole in Antarctica, so deep that no light can be seen. Although, it was bright as a sun in the ceiling, the animal in the land saw.

The White Dragon Horse, who was the king of the Animal Land, was tall as an enormous, yellow giraffe. However, he wasn't believe by most of the animals. Strong and fast, he likes to hunt and play. Before the winter, when he wants to hunt, a tiger, who was the king's guard, said he caught a human by the humongous hole. "I was a person from human land," Mumbled the man softly, "accidently fall in yo...your l...land!" "Rubbish!!!" "Please, please don't gobble me up!" "Well! OK, but you have to tell me all about the beautiful, wonderful human land. Do you understand?" "Yes, yes!" the short man replied frightendly. In the supper, they had delicious food (chickens, fish, goat meet, cucumbers, tomatoes, etc. are all contain). Finish the dinner, White Dragon Horse kindly asked some brief questions about what human do in their land. After answer each questions with drama and emotions, it decide quickly, with excitement, he gonna go to the human land with his ally.


"You can't go with those animals, they will think you're their foe," said the man dishonestly. "OK!" yelled the king, "We'll go there tommorrow with no body!" They might ate bakens, but must dinked milk, should ate other things, however, no. The bbreakfast was smiler to the lunch and dinner, although, bland for the man to eat. The table was tidy and clean, the light shine softly through the castle of the giagantic colourful castle. Just finished the breakfast, the White Dragon Horse king decided he will now began the jurney to the human land. The dismemberment made he forgot the danger. Walking and jogging, happy and excited, they quickly arrived at the giant hole. Climbing hardly with the aid of the rope, they suddenly have some trouble.

Firstly, a little slip cause the string to fell. Then, the man fall in the dark. After jumping back to the land of animals, he found that the man was lying on the ground. (Forgot to tell, the White Dragon Horse can jump from anywhere down but not get hurt.) Befor the man, he found a grass that can help the man to have energy and fill beter. At last, the man awake and very "pleased" to the White Dragon Horse. Against the fear, reclimbed the hole. "Yhhhhhh!!" cheered the climbers, they climbed up at last.

Happy and excited, the Whise Dragon Horse wonder around to see the picture of this place . Yet, the man who was a greedy, sly man, called the police quickly. After minutes, there were cars that vieving pass. Did not notice anything at all, the White Dragon Horse was still thinking things that isn't happening in the land (like candy world, people fly in the sky, house in the sky, etc.) Down the deep, dark prison, he did not realise.

Suddenly, he starts realise he was in an uncomfitable prison with discusting, bad scent with a lot of guards around. Don't want to see a vacant prison any time. It was hard eat anything that is food for pigs and farm animals. Unable to eat and drink, he slept just in few seconds after.

Walking and wondering, he saw a lot of animals and forest. The river was clean that can even see the small spread stones and rock under the water, it was blue as the sky, peaceful that no water moves. Green trees was beside, the river bed and the birds sings, bear dance, monkey play dramas. Beautiful and amazing, quiet and calm, it was puzzled to think where is here. Suddenly, an arror straight and sharp, went into the bears body, who was still dancing happily. "Who was that?" he thought angrily. The next scenen, that he could never think of it, the person who killed it, was him. Suspisely, he now see that he made a huge error. He woke up. It was was hard to go back to the prison when you was unhappy. He thought he wanted to die quickly. Although, he fell asleep again. This time he saw him standing in the hall where the person, that he lead him to, yelled how the monster nearly killed him. (It was not true, he nearly been killed and the White Dragon Horse saved his live when he have danger.) The tears begin to fell when outside, the sky started sobbing. "Why can't I have a good ending when I help others?" thought the White Dragon Horse hardly.



Exhausted and sleepy, he again dreaming the magic world. I wasn't that beautiful now. The water is frozen, the brown, tiny leaves were falling. Every where is snow and no animals can be seen in the sight. Making his mouth into a shape of "o", he found himself over the freezing river , sitting in the untidy bed in the smelly and old prison. Realise he should do something, he said to him self,"I will not turn to him!" At last, he decisively decided he would help others and proved that he is good. After that, he changed, he turned to a nice, kind person. Helping and waiting, he finally, get out of the prison.

After helping and improved, he was good, he was OK to go back. Dashing back to the hole he jumped down and landed safely. Amazed by others, he was now became a helpful, meek animal. In a rainy and windy morning, there was a letter and it says," Bye, bye, From The White Dragon Horse!" He was never been seen again...

# New Journeys to the West

*Ying Wa Primary School, Deming, Ford Jonathan – 10*

Newspaper boys bustled around Beijing, all with the same headline news: ‘Scriptures Stolen in St. Petersburg’. Monkey King and ‘the team’ quickly grabbed a copy and ran to their detective agency. Detective agency? Yes, it was 1992 and they were going to go on their most perilous journey yet.

You might wonder why this incident made headline news. It was because the scriptures were the most famous in the world; famous for having ‘everything and nothing’ written on them, as a famous ecclesiastical scholar once said. However, Monkey King and ‘the team’, Xuan Zang, Piglet and Xuan Lang knew that there was also something else written on them: a set of nuclear codes in invisible ink.

Why did they know this? It was because in their very first case, they were hired to eliminate the writers of the codes.

They looked at each other. They knew that as a human-interest agency, which took on cases to help humanity, they had no choice. They had to save the world from possible annihilation. To St. Petersburg it was!

Onboard the Trans-Siberian Express, Monkey King and Piglet found the four people in the compartment next to theirs very suspicious.

However, Xuan Zang, who was very calm and would give anybody the benefit of the doubt, befriended one of the occupants. Then between Ulan Bator and the Mongolian-Russian border, Xuan Zang invited the occupant for a shot of vodka.

Out of the window, the endless grasslands of the Mongolian steppes rolled by. Inside the carriage, Xuan Zang slowly drifted into unconsciousness as the poison that had been slipped into his drink took effect.

Fortunately, the poison was not lethal, but Monkey King decided to remove the would-be assassin. He was very good at fighting and totally confident in his ability.

That night, in the dark, clanking gloom of the wheel-change shed on the Mongolian-Russian border, Monkey King waited in the shadows. The would-be assassin walked to the rails. Then, Monkey King pounced. He knocked the would-be assassin unconscious and rolled a set of bogies on top of him. The man was dead. It looked like an accident. Mission accomplished.

If the people in the next compartment were the people who had stolen the scriptures, and were now trying to eliminate the four detectives, the world was one step closer to avoiding an ugly incident.

The Trans-Siberian Express thundered relentlessly on through the stark beauty of Siberia towards Irkutsk, one-and-a-half days away.

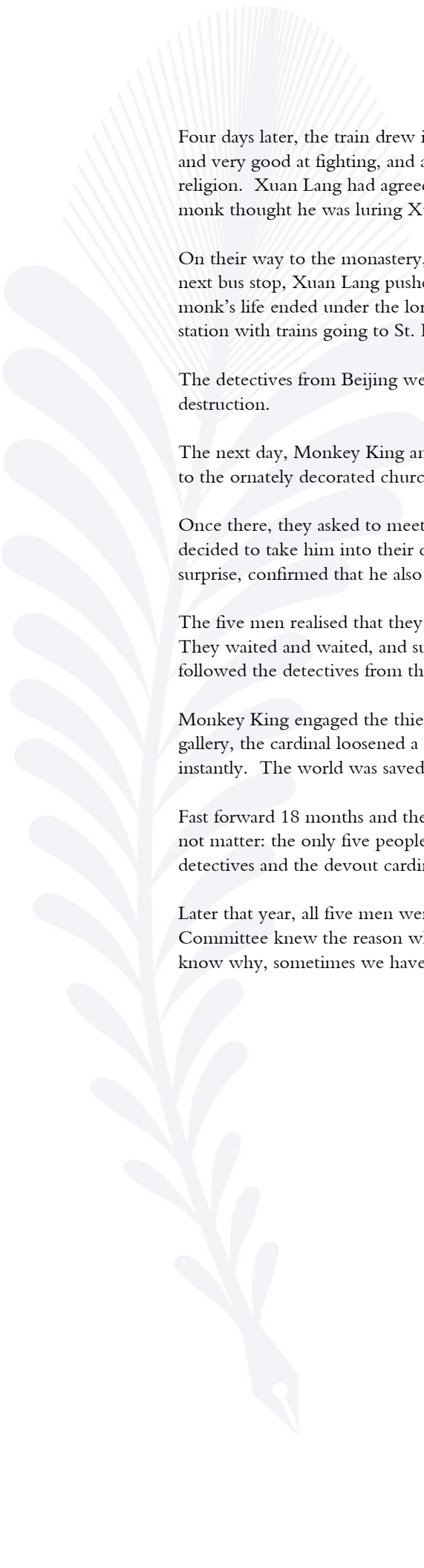
That evening, Anastasiya, the young, blond-haired lady from the next compartment, worked hard to attract the attention of Piglet. Monkey King was worried. Piglet had a dangerous track record of losing his senses when he became infatuated with a beautiful woman.

Xuan Lang immediately stepped in and had a private conversation with Piglet. Piglet retained his senses and the strategic side of his personality cut in. It now seemed very likely that the people in the next compartment wanted to kill the four detectives. Were these people really the scripture-theft culprits?

The train came to a halt at Irkutsk Station and Piglet persuaded Anastasiya to take him to her flat. It was very grand, located in an old imperial palace. What an appropriate setting for a murder!

Whilst in a romantic embrace, Piglet pushed a pillow over Anastasia’s face and held it there until she moved no more. He then rushed quickly to the train and got onboard. Two down. Two to go. Could the world be saved from possible disaster?





Four days later, the train drew into Moscow. During these four days, Xuan Lang, who was very religious and very good at fighting, and a monk from the neighbouring compartment, had talked about nothing but religion. Xuan Lang had agreed to visit the monk's monastery in Moscow with an ulterior motive. The monk thought he was luring Xuan Lang to his death, but the truth was vice-versa.

On their way to the monastery, the monk and Xuan Lang had to change buses. Walking in the dark to the next bus stop, Xuan Lang pushed the monk down onto the road just as a lorry was about to pass. The monk's life ended under the lorry's wheels as Xuan Lang ran back up the road, hailed a taxi and went to the station with trains going to St. Petersburg.

The detectives from Beijing were now just one evil man away from possibly saving the world from nuclear destruction.

The next day, Monkey King and the team arrived in Russia's old, imperial capital. They immediately went to the ornately decorated church from which the scriptures had been stolen.

Once there, they asked to meet the cardinal in charge. They had heard good things about him and had decided to take him into their confidence. They explained the whole situation and the cardinal, to their surprise, confirmed that he also knew the secret of the scriptures.

The five men realised that they had to eliminate the fourth thief and the cardinal came up with a plan. They waited and waited, and sure enough that afternoon the remaining thief entered the church, having followed the detectives from the train station.

Monkey King engaged the thief in conversation and led him to a circular side chapel. High up in the gallery, the cardinal loosened a rope and the chapel's chandelier came crashing down, killing the thief instantly. The world was saved.

Fast forward 18 months and the scriptures had still not been found. In fact, they never would be, but it did not matter: the only five people in the world who knew what they contained were the four human-interest detectives and the devout cardinal.

Later that year, all five men were awarded a special Nobel Peace Prize. Only they and the Nobel Peace Committee knew the reason why. Yet as Monkey King said in his acceptance speech, even if we don't know why, sometimes we have to put the interests of others and society ahead of ourselves.

# New Journeys to the West

*Ying Wa Primary School, Ng, Oliver Chun Yin – 10*

Deep in the land of China, a monk named Xuanzang wanted to go to a place where no Chinese people had gone before: India. He wanted to find out India's life. So with his enormous amount of food supplies and his tent, he began his long journey. Little did he know that he was going to face more dangers than he ever expected.

After Xuanzang set off his journey, a group of talking monkeys in a secret cave were spying on Xuanzang. "He is the savior of India," a rather fat monkey said. And the king of the monkeys, named the Monkey King, stepped up from his seat.

"I will 'protect' him," he said in a deep voice, and left the cave in a flash. The monkey cackled loudly.

Twenty-three days later, Xuanzang was in India, and was running out of food. Just when he was about to rest, he spotted a bustling village. He quickly went towards it and asked for food, but no one replied to him. Just then, the clouds darkened, and almost simultaneously, everybody ran indoors, even the fruit stall's owners.

"Food!" Xuanzang's eyes glowed as he spotted a fruit stall. He quickly ran towards it and grabbed some apples and bananas. Boom! A deafening noise appeared and the dark clouds formed into a demon. Its eyes were oval shaped and there were no eyeballs at all.

"Ahh!" Xuanzang ran into the fruit stall and hid under a table filled with fruits. The demon shot lightning bolts at the stall and it immediately caught on fire. Xuanzang panicked and suddenly fainted for no reason. His last sight was a rather fat pig looking at him.

"The poison dart worked. Xanubi should be very happy," the Monkey King grinned. Just then, the pig, who was a talking one, punched the monkey.

"You stupid Xanubi's minions! Nearly killed Xuanzang!" the pig who was named Zhu, shouted as the evil monkey leaped away from the fire. Zhu didn't follow the Monkey King. Instead he went to save Xuanzang. Zhu grabbed Xuanzang and took him away to somewhere extremely deep in India. "Are you the Chosen One?" he muttered as he placed Xuanzang in a secret place no human being has ever set foot on.

"Zimbacolodence!" Zhu shouted and Xuanzang immediately woke up.

"Where am I?" Xuanzang said.

"Penglign forest," Zhu said, "the land of talking pigs. I am Zhu,"

"Whoa," Xuanzang exclaimed. "Is this India?"

"Yes,"

"How do I get out of here? I need to find the secrets of India," Xuanzang said.

"Good question. The deepest secrets in India are in Xanubi's hands, the demon," Zhu said, sighing. "Legend says that India was a thriving country before. India was a very high tech city, all thanks to a giant book called the Book of Secrets. But now, the book is gone, and so India was poor again. That is why you came, Chosen One,"


"How can I get to the book?" Xuanzang loved that Zhu called him Chosen One. But he didn't know why.

"It's at the most mysterious part of India. The entrance of it is located at the border of India. It's so secret that only a few guards guard there. The entrance is very near this place," Zhu answered. I have to make China thrive, Xuanzang pondered.

"I shall teleport you there. Pigs have magic powers. Pigoteleporto!" Zhu chanted and Xuanzang disappeared. "Make India thrive!" Xuanzang felt a bit of regret for taking the book to help China instead of India, but he ignored the feeling. Xuanzang was quickly surrounded by darkness, and he closed his eyes. When he opened them again, he found himself in a colossal room. The room was in deep blue color, and a chandelier hung above. The Book of Secrets was floating in the middle. Xuanzang can just take the book. Piece of cake, Xuanzang thought and he quickly grabbed the book and found the exit door, but he was knocked on the floor.

"Who's there?" Xuanzang was nervous now. A monkey and a thin man appeared out of nowhere.

"DIE, savior of India!" the Monkey King kicked Xuanzang straight in the face. He slammed on the wall, a bit dazed. I have to get to the door and leave, Xuanzang thought.



“Hiya!” the thin man took out a giant sword out of nowhere and callously sliced towards Xuanzang. Xuanzang quickly dodged it, but was kicked by the Monkey King again, sending him to slam on the hard floor. There's no way Xuanzang to win this battle. The thin man tried to sliced Xuanzang, but Xuanzang tripped him. Suddenly, Zhu came through the door.

“You stupid pig!” the Monkey King leaped towards Zhu and they began fighting. Xuanzang saw his chance. He darted to the exit but was tripped by someone. It was the thin man. Zhu mumbled something and blue light shot out, causing the thin man to faint. The Monkey King grabbed Zhu and pinned him against the wall.

“Go!” Zhu said weakly. Xuanzang immediately cried, hands covering his face.

“I don't want to leave you!” Xuanzang sobbed.

“You have to. For India...” he collapsed on the floor. The Monkey King chased after Xuanzang.

“Aah!” Xuanzang exited the room and came back into Pengling forest. The Monkey King didn't chase after him. Xuanzang cried for half a day. Zhu had sacrificed his life for him. For China. The Xuanzang thought of Xanubi, the demon. It had destroyed India. India was in flames because of it. China, on the other hand, was very peaceful. India needed the book much more. So, with the decision, Xuanzang walked back to the main city and gave the mayor the book. The mayor thanked him and made him “Hero of India”. And India thrived ever since.

## The Pool's Trial

*Ying Wa Primary School, Song, Yiding – 12*

**W**e must be crazy, Monkey King thought. Trekking through the desert for eight days, depending their lives on a single flask. Crazy. Going to the west a second time, just because of Gautama Buddha's unreasonable orders. Even crazier. Even worse, Tripitaka insisted on going there through the desert. That was...dumb. Monkey King secretly wondered if Tripitaka had changed since their first journey to the west, nearly a century ago. Could they still trust each other?

"Look!" Piggy shouted on top of his lungs. "A pool! Finally, an oasis!"

The group of four surged forward with burning excitement. They arrived at the pool within minutes. All around the pool, palm trees littered, casting ghostly shadows on the lonely sands. The four friends settled down near it.

"You first, master!" Friar Sand pointed at the pool. Tripitaka thanked him and moved toward the source of water.

Meanwhile, Monkey King stared at the pool with a particular interest. Something was not right about it. He had a cold feeling running down his spine. The shadows on the sands, the ripples in the pool... He stared at it again, this time using his fiery-piercing-eyes. Sure, the water in the pool was acidic, and moreover, there was a snake-like monster looming below. He looked up, "Master, stop!"

Tripitaka stopped in his tracks, "Yes?"

"There's a monster in the pool, and the water is acidic!"

The expression on Tripitaka's face turned from confusion to anger then to bitterness, "Monkey King, how can there be a monster in the pool? Are you so cruel as to not grant your master even a single drop of water? Stop tricking me!" With that, he strode on, muttering a curse under his breath. The ring on Monkey's head tightened, making him groan in agony. Monkey King stared at Tripitaka with disbelief. How can his master be so suspicious of him? How can he not trust his loyal servant? Tripitaka muttered faster, the pain Monkey King beheld made him roll around in the sand, screaming, but Tripitaka didn't care.

Soon, Tripitaka arrived at the pool. He bent down, almost touching the water. As a last resort, Monkey King ignored his pain and sent his golden cudgel flying out like a boomerang. It sprang around in front of Tripitaka and knocked him off his feet. When he rose again, he was deadly calm. It was the calm before a storm.

"Get away!" he roared. "I don't need your company to the west! First, you tricked me; now, you attack me. What you only know is to harm your only master! I want a follower with a kind heart, not you! Now get away, Monkey!" He stressed the last word heavily, like Monkey King was a merciless monster.

Monkey King didn't seem to register what Tripitaka was saying, "Please, master, I was just trying to save you, and I promise I won't do what I've done again! I promise..." His voice faltered. Tripitaka was staring at him like a predator staring at a prey. No mercy, no forgiveness, no trust, no sympathy. It even made Monkey King...afraid. Monkey King stood petrified for a moment, then vanished into the sky.

After making sure that Monkey King had truly left, Tripitaka sighed and bent down, taking a sip in the oasis. The water was sweet and refreshing, not acidic at all. "Fill in the flasks!" Tripitaka announced.

Meanwhile, far away, on the Mountain of Flowers and Fruits, Monkey King sulked in his Water Curtain Cave. What should I do next? He thought miserably. List out the possibilities, he urged himself. Hatred? Well, not the answer. Revenge? He shook his head, definitely no. Forgiveness? Monkey King paused on this option. Is this option great? Nope, he decided, but it's the best one available.

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When he went back to the oasis, his friends were already leaving. Monkey King landed beside Tripitaka. Tripitaka turned to face him, "Do I know you?" A hint of hatred in his voice.

"Master, I forgive you!" said Monkey King calmly.

"What do you mean by you forgiving me? I should be the one..." Tripitaka started, then stopped abruptly. A few meters away, in the pool, water began to churn and hiss. Then out came a majestic Buddha resting on lotus leaves.

Tripitaka and Monkey King knelt down, "Gautama Buddha, it's a pleasure."

Gautama Buddha smiled, "Have you ever wondered why I put you on this new journey to get new scriptures? It's to see if you are all worthy of enlightenment! And what you've received today, is your very first trial among many others! Let's start with you!" Gautama Buddha pointed at Tripitaka, "Tripitaka, you need to learn how to trust and forgive. Only then, can you be trusted and forgiven. Trusting and forgiving are the fuel that lights your life. Without trust, you're hollow; without forgiveness, you're already withering. Remember that. And you," Gautama Buddha looked at Monkey King, "you've already learnt how to trust and forgive. You just need to know that one can never be judged from one's appearance. When you found the monster in the pool, you assumed that its heart is the same as its appearance. But is its heart really monstrous? Think about it."

Gautama Buddha was about to leave, when Monkey King stopped him, "Gautama Buddha, why didn't Tripitaka die after I left? He drank the water in the pool, right?"

"He did drink it," Gautama Buddha replied, "but I tricked you into thinking the water was acidic. It was meant to be part of the trial!" With that, he smiled and disappeared.

Tripitaka and Monkey King walked back to their friends, pondering what Gautama Buddha had just said. They shouldered their packs in silence. Up in the heavens, Gautama Buddha watched the four friends' silhouettes as they disappeared beyond the sandy road. This was only the start of their journey; they still had a lot to face and learn.



## New Journeys to the West

*Ying Wa Primary School, Tong, Colin Sek Yuen – 10*


As the saying goes, “Rome was not built in a day.” Accomplishing a hard task are usually looking for one that has the patience and mostly hard work. And a group of friends were obliged to journey the lands of unknown places—India, and they changed the impossible to the joyous hopes of the possible.

One day, Xuanzang, an ordinary man living in China, felt his country tarnishing apart. Everyday life was exceptionally boring. Accustomed to the boring society of bleak lives, Xuanzang decided that it would be put to a stop. His initiative action derived a big encourage from people who wanted to change the deteriorating China into a civilized place. Together who wanted to explore India was beloved pet monkey king, a friar pig, a friendly monk, and countless other whimsical creatures. Soon they were taking off on their way to India.

On the way that they passed some mountains. Few could surmount such ‘wondrous’ heights. Suddenly, the monk waved his magic stick in midair and in front of them was an immense boat. They crammed in the boat and magically it flew up into the mountains. However, the worse was to come when they heard a high-pitched growl. ‘Misfortunes never come alone’. In fact, the ferocious growl was coming from intimidating wolfs. The monkey king immediately swooped in a tug-of-war, and with the cohesion of the powerful creatures and the friar pig’s potent magic skills helped defeat the wolfs. After the war, they only found out that the whole thing was just misapprehended and the wolfs were the gods of the wolf princess, Mrs. Tam, so they welcomed them into their group of explorers. Xuanzang felt that with their skyrocketing magic powers they would be able to rule India and bring back their precious treasure to China.

‘Boom!’ The hammering and torrential rain rushing down in torrents was similar to an energized percussion band drumming their intolerable sound against the onslaught of brutal winds. And inside the small cabin of the monk’s boat, everyone was sure that they were never going to make the treacherous journey back to China, but the monkey king’s scream shook everyone into the terrified trance of scary experience. The boat, as wrecked as the Titanic, was washed onto the sandy beach of a rocky island. It was hours after the ship halted before the monkey king nudged his shivering hand. They found the ‘Tam pigs’ family’, a family of pigs harvesting on the island. The friar monkey knew some of them and they all embraced each other. Soon they were treated to a mouth-watering dinner. Every day they helped mend the boat. Soon they were adequate supplies for them to survive at least a year. Time on the island was ephemeral and soon they were leaving the island with the whole throng of Tam pig family and with lots of hopes they left.

After a month, they arrived at the borders of India. The villagers there were very kind and food supplies were refilled instantly. The leader of the village, a young monk, promised that he would find treasure for them. He took out a treasure map and told them that they were menaced and harassed by the ghosts guarding the treasure chest resting in a ghost house on the top of the mountains. Xuanzang decided that he would defeat the ghost. With their friends marching up the mountains in agile and swift actions, they were



sure to win. However, things were going downhill as they heard a scream and a beeline of phantoms, ghosts, vampires, whatever you could name it swarmed out as if they were bees. Convulsing in horror, Xuanzang could not help but to stand aside, but when he remembered that his friends were the most important. With their mighty power that they launched a counter attack and that halted the eternal battle. But at least they had seized some of the ghost's treasure. They sold it and got some money. Soon, Xuanzang was planning his last journey of India.

A few months later, they arrived at India's capital, New Delia. There Xuanzang started up his company—Xuanzang investment and charity company. Their aim was to help the poor with their life and money matters while investing with different properties. In a matter of time they were the world-renowned company that stood the best around the globe. In the meantime, Xuanzang was thinking about home. Instead of choosing to invest the alluring monster— money, he decided to return home.

Different emotions were adversely affecting Xuanzang's heart. He still remembered the familiar sightings around his home. His company was doing well, but he just wanted to thank his friends for their hard work. As he turned his head around he saw his friends standing aside, and they could not help but smile at each other.

# New Journeys to the West

*Ying Wa Primary School, Yip, Justin Wai Yam – 10*

The shepherd boy was herding his sheep on a treacherous path when the sheep all ran away, bleating in fear. He shouted for them to come back, but, of course, they couldn't understand his words. Suddenly, something like black mist appeared in the form of a vampire. The monster bared his fangs and scared the boy so much that he fell to the ground and covered his eyes. His cry when the vampire devoured him resonated in the small canyon.....

The religious monk, Xuanzang was admiring the sunny sky when he noticed the sun was slowly, very slowly, being covered. He quickly went back indoors and asked his first disciple, Sun Wukong what it was.

Sun Wukong saw it and cried out, "Oh no! It is the Vampire who has a gigantic amount of magical power! He rebelled in heaven some 2000 years ago, and nearly destroyed the celestial palace! We must set out at once and find the obsidian amulet that he hid. That ancient relic will defeat him!"

Xuanzang nodded and said, "We will set out immediately. Please tell the friar and the talking pig."

The friar, named Sha Monk and the talking pig, named Zhu Eight Rules prepared the provisions they needed for the trip.

Xuanzang asked Sun Wukong, "Where's the place that the relic is kept?"

Sun Wukong replied, "The place is due west of China, on Thunderclap mountain. There is a sacred shrine, but you will have to face a lot of dangers to get there. Are you sure you really want to go?" Sun Wukong asked.

"Yes! We have to save the sun and the world!" Xuanzang said confidently.

They set out immediately and trekked into a dense forest, but they didn't know about the dangers inside.

There was a monster living in the forest that got wind about the monk and his companions going to the shrine. The monster wanted to taste the fat monk's juicy flesh. He swooped down from the trees and picked up the monk to his evil abode.

Sun Wukong mounted the clouds and flew high to take a look at his surroundings to see where the monster had taken Xuanzang to. He told Sha Monk and Zhu Eight Rules to follow him.

"I'd rather be at my home village eating dumplings," Zhu Eight Rules muttered, as all he always had in mind was food, food and food.

Suddenly, Sun Wukong chuckled and pointed to a nest on a huge tree.

"That's not really an ideal place to live if you are going to capture a monk to eat, dear monster," he said to himself maliciously.

"Brother, stop talking! Let's go down and rescue Xuanzang immediately!" Sha Monk said impatiently.

They mounted their clouds and swooped down to apprehend the monster. Inside the cave, the monster was preparing his pot. Xuanzang was tied up by huge ropes to a wooden pole.

"Disciples, please come and save me. I can't endure this any longer!" the monk cried.


Sun Wukong and his companions flew into the cave and called for a fight with the monster.

"I'm not scared of you blundering barbarians! How dare you intrude my cozy home!" the monster roared angrily.

He picked up his Snowflake Lance, which was forged when Heaven and Earth was created and started fighting. What a magnificent battle between them! They fought for the whole day until the monster could not resist the three "blundering barbarians" any longer. He fell to the ground and dissolved into acidic smoke, his Snowflake Lance clanging onto the ground.

Sun Wukong, Sha Monk and Zhu Eight Rules picked up the heavy Snowflake Lance and stuffed it inside Sun Wukong's bag. They then rushed into the cave and untied the monk, who fainted long ago. To revive him, they poured ice-cold water over him. He woke up immediately, changed his soggy robe and they set off once again.

After going around huge sand dunes, going through forests, they reached the kingdom of the Master of Light. They walked into the palace and respectfully asked the master which way they should go.



The Master said, “There is a portal underneath my palace. Go through it and you will reach your destination.”

They walked down the path and saw the portal right in front of them. They stepped into it and immediately saw the shrine in front of them. The shrine was huge, made out of red and green bricks. Magical green light surrounded it, as if it was a barrier protecting the shrine from unwanted intruders. On the doors, there were numerous carvings and drawings made by the creators of this ancient shrine. They stopped and admired the shrine for a while until they remembered their mission.

“It’s too easy,” they simultaneously thought.

Xuanzang and his friends walked into the shrine and saw the obsidian amulet. Suddenly, the Vampire appeared out of nowhere and attacked them. Sun Wukong started duelling with the Vampire. The golden hooped rod of Sun Wukong was like a phoenix, the crystal spear of the Vampire was like a dragon and they both sought for victory. Feigned strikes and lunges slowly turned into real fighting. Xuanzang and his companions could only see blurs of golden and blue light.

As Sun Wukong knew they could not defeat him by brute force, he signalled them to feign defeat and let the Vampire tie them up. As the Vampire studied his handiwork, Sun Wukong used his super strength to cut their bonds. They surprised the Vampire and started pushing him back with their powers. Unexpectedly, the ground disappeared under the Vampire’s feet and he fell.

They shouted, “Activate!”

And there was a horrible shriek that they would remember as the Vampire was imprisoned in the amulet... for now.

# The Problem of the Jade Emperor

*Ying Wa Primary School, Young, Ambrose Whai Hin – 11*

Until then, the heaven had been peaceful for a long time. But then everything changed, and the problem came.

The Jade Emperor was listening to his favorite song on his MP3 player, when a guard came in and whispered something to him. He was so frightened by the news that he jumped up a few feet into the air!

“The prophecy mentioned that the Monkey King will be born on a beach, jumping out from a rock. THAT HAPPENED TODAY!” The guard had said. “He broke into the Dragon King’s underwater palace and stole a weapon – a super heavy cudgel from him! We must stop him!”

“You’re right. Get ten thousand troops and capture him. I want him alive!” The Jade Emperor shouted.

The troops quickly grabbed rifles from the gun rack and filed into the Chinooks. They were just a hundred feet from their destination when a single anti-aircraft gun started firing, and along with a huge explosion a chopper got one of its props blown away. Then soon shells filled the sky, and helicopters swerved to avoid colliding. A few brave pilots tried to land, but only two made it safely to the ground while three were hit by a large cudgel – it’s the Monkey King! Tanks and soldiers swarmed out of the landed copters and wounded men crawled out of crashed ones. The men set up machine guns and mortar guns while tanks advanced quickly. But then, they realized that the Monkey King had an army under his command! Guns behind a hill began firing. Enemy soldiers rushed out and hurled grenades. The tanks fired back furiously. A battle had begun.

Meanwhile, battles raged on the sea and in the air. A few hours later, the air force NCOs reported bad news.

“Sir, we lost our air fleet over the Western Heaven! Air support is impossible, sir!” A lance corporal remarked.

Soon the Jade Emperor got the news. He was so furious that he nearly machine gunned the messenger. He got the Buddha on the phone and the Buddha promised to help him.

Swiftly, the Buddha defeated the Monkey King and locked him up. His army was captured and their weapons were surrendered to the heaven army. Then a monk, Tripitaka came by and told the Buddha that he wanted to go to the Western Heaven to get the Buddhist Sutra. The Buddha agreed to let the Monkey King go and follow Tripitaka, and signed a truce with him. Monkey King was not allowed to beat up anyone he wanted like before. He also had to obey any orders from the Jade Emperor.

When the Jade Emperor found out that Buddha had let him go, he angrily shouted over the phone. He nearly screamed insults at the Buddha! The Buddha then showed the truce between him and the Monkey King. The Jade Emperor was relieved when he saw the last point.

“One huge problem gone. What a great idea! I could get the Sutra by turning a criminal into an assistant of a monk. That’s a win-win!” The Jade Emperor murmured to himself.



# New Journeys to the West

*Ying Wa Primary School, Zhou, Richard Xiyuan – 9*

Once upon a time, there was a magical deer that lived in a forest. It radiated a sort of magical aura. The deer was called Deerina.

One day, Deerina was drinking beside the stream when through the corner of her eyes she saw an American leopard on a tree. Deerina started to run away, but the leopard jumped down and chased her. Leopards are the fastest animals on land, so after a few minutes Deerina was in the leopard's jaws. Then Deerina sensed that the leopard was radiating the same magical aura that she radiated. That didn't make her feel any better. She summoned a white fireball and directed it towards the leopard. The leopard was taken by surprise and yowled in pain. It summoned a half-transparent green ball. The ball flew towards Deerina and suddenly she was inside the ball, which had expanded for her to fit in. Deerina sent a white wave towards the wall of the green ball, but the wave was simply absorbed. Deerina was carried, helpless, in the green ball. Suddenly the green ball stopped, then disappeared. Deerina saw a monkey and a tiger who were all radiating the magical aura that Deerina and the leopard radiated.

"Hello," the monkey stuck out his hand. "Nice to meet you. I'm Monkin."

"D...Don't come close," Deerina stammered, backing away.

"Don't worry," Monkin said. "We won't hurt you."

"You won't?" Deerina asked cautiously.

"We won't," Monkin replied. "We have a mission. There is a kind of magical fruit that has been lost for eons. But suddenly, it has popped up far to the west. We must touch the tree that the fruit grow on, and claim the tree and the fruit before the army of evil snakes do. Leopardina and Tigron have already agreed to come." Monkin gestured to the leopard and the tiger. "Do you want to come?"

"Of course," Deerina answered.

The companions set off quickly. The way to the west was to cross the sea, and find the island where the magical tree and fruit were. To cross the sea, the four companions rode on a giant eagle that Leopardina had summoned with magic.

After an hour or so, they flew across an island.

"Be careful now," Monkin said. "This is the island of the Sirens. They're songs will charm you to come to them, and they'll kill you. Fortunately, I have some wax."

Deerina heard faint singing. The song was beautiful, and she had the sudden urge to jump down.

*Don't be stupid!* a voice in her head said. *You'll die if you jump down!*

The song faded in Deerina's ears. She felt dizzy.

Monkin handed several bits of wax out. All four of them plugged the wax into their ears and they flew safely past.

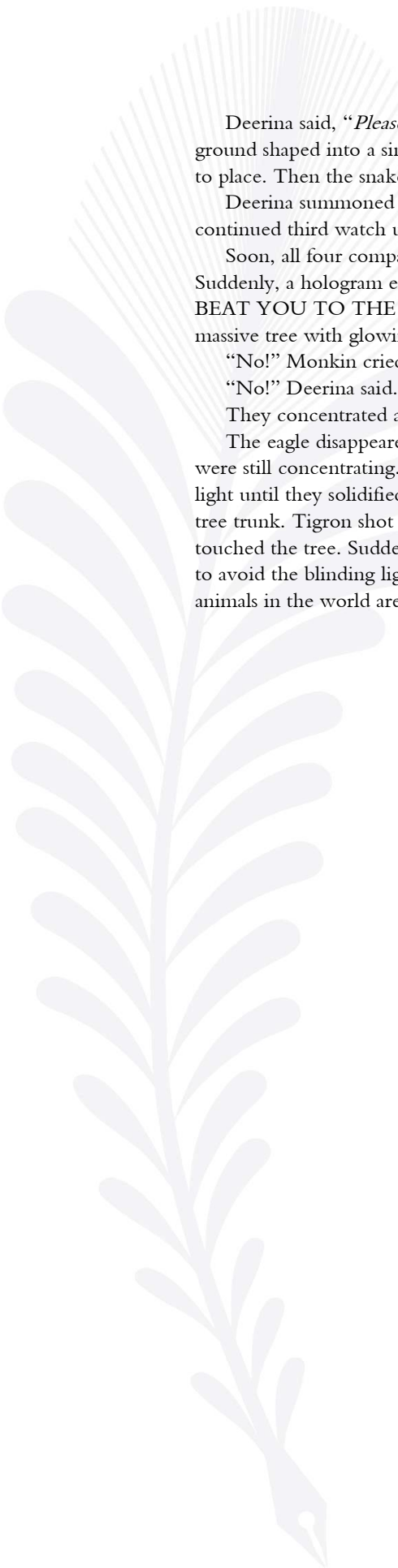
Time passed quickly, and soon it was night. The giant eagle flew down to an island below (not inhabited by Sirens, thankfully) and the four companions found in a cave to sleep in. Leopardina collapsed immediately. She was tired from summoning and sustaining the giant eagle. Tigron took first watch at the cave entrance. Deerina settled down to sleep. She was tired and overwhelmed by all this craziness. She closed his eyes, and slept.

It seemed like only a second had passed when Monkin was waking Deerina and saying, "Wake up! You're taking third watch!" Deerina opened his eyes.

"Okay," she said. Monkin went to sleep.

Deerina went to the entrance of the cave and kept watch. The night air was freezing. In the distance, the sun was rising above the horizon.

Suddenly, something flashed out of a bush. Deerina ducked. It was a snake! A member of the evil snake army, surely! Deerina summoned a white ball of magic. The snake summoned a black ball of magic. The black and white balls of magic fought in the air. The black magic was aggressive, continuously attacking. The white magic was slower, defensive, and holding ground. Deerina summoned a heavy hammer and willed it towards the snake. The hammer flew towards the snake, but the snake summoned a sort a black hole, and the hammer was sucked inside. Deerina stamped his foot. The ground turned to ice. The snake hissed. It slithered towards Deerina.



Deerina said, “*Please*, my specialty is ice magic. You think you can live on *my* ice?” All the ice on the ground shaped into a single spike and spiked the snake in the gut. The snake howled. Blood spilled all over to place. Then the snake went still.

Deerina summoned a wave of white light which pushed the disgusting snake carcass into the sea and continued third watch until the morning.

Soon, all four companions were on their journey on the giant eagle that Leopardina had summoned. Suddenly, a hologram exploded to life in front of them. Deerina saw the leader of the snakes. He said, “WE BEAT YOU TO THE MAGICAL FRUIT! HEH! HEH! HEH!” Then the hologram showed a great massive tree with glowing fruit on it. The hologram flickered out.

“No!” Monkin cried. “We lost!”

“No!” Deerina said. “We can’t lose. Let’s use all our power! Maybe we can win!”

They concentrated and imagined all their power outputted.

The eagle disappeared, due to Leopardina’s output of power. They were now plummeting, but they were still concentrating. Suddenly, all four companions dissolved into light. They moved at the speed of light until they solidified at the magical fruit tree. The leader of the snakes was just about to touch the thick tree trunk. Tigron shot a ball of blue light which hit the snake leader. The snake leader reared back. Deerina touched the tree. Suddenly, a white light shone out from the magical fruit. All the animals closed their eyes, to avoid the blinding light. When the light faded, all the snakes were gone. Monkin explained, “All the evil animals in the world are gone now due to Deerina’s friendly touch of the tree bark.”

# THE ADVENTURES OF A.M.N1

*Zhuhai International School, Huang, Mao Xian – 10*

N1

In the 77<sup>th</sup> Century, in the planet Techtronic there were three robots called: Microbot, Microbot and Microbot. Well the creator thought it was to chaos, so the creator turned two robots into: atombot and Nanobot. One day the three robots went to the airport to fly a plane. They Waited on the path through the plane shop. Tons of people were buying planes, soon they are annoyed. They thought: “Instead of buying planes, we’ll make planes!” Passing by a Sign saying:

DO NOT GO TO ALCATRAZ!

WARNING: zombies inside!

“Creeeeepy!” Said Microbot. Same time, Atombot and Nanobot were making a plane. They made a perfect plane Called: CZ3799. Soon, they went to the runway and got the Permission to take off. They flew, everything looks good, Engines went smooth and landing gears were awesome! When the plane reached 300,000 feet. 6000,000,000 knots, something went wrong: flaps, engines, gears, brakes wings and thrust are all dead! (Sorry for saying the word111) They glided until 1000 feet they Saw a prison, “oh no! It’s Alcatraz!” Said Microbot. The Two robots wondered: “Huh? What’s wrong?” “Alcatraz Was haunted “Said Microbot. They crashed into Alcatraz. Nothing got damaged except the plane. Soon they spied Down to the Alcatraz’s floor. Waling and walking, walking Through Alcatraz and suddenly they find a helicopter! (Lucky) well, scary zombies were blocking the way. The only way is to fly, but only microbot and Nanobot can fly and atombot are too heavy! So they need to think a plan to escape, ah ha! Atombot have a plane! Just don’t know if it works. He told microbot and Nanobot to get on the helicopter and wait for him. So Microbot and Nanobot flew to the helicopter waiting for Atombot’s Victory. (Well, you know if Nanobot and microbot can fly, why would they need a helicopter? Cause Atombot cannot fly! And Nanobot and Microbot will cause much energy to fly back to their planet Techtronic all the way through Milky Way. ) They waited for many hours and they are worried..... Nanobot saw an antenna, “what is that” said Nanobot Microbot use the telescope and saw Atombot with a broken leg. “How did you do it?” Asked Nanobot. Atombot tell the story to them “don’t you forget?” Said Atombot. “Forget what?” said the rest of them. “The creator gave me an AK47 in my back!” “Oh! We forgot!” Now they need to think a way to “Creation Factory” to make a rocket, because earth rockets do not fly to space! (Hope this time will not fail!) And they will fly back to planet Techtronic. 3YEARS LATER..... they went back to their planet, (It took longer than the plane they made in Techtronic) they made their story into a book, and they sell it, even sometimes Atombot’s fans want signs of Atombot! They are famous specially Atombot. THE END!

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# The Mystery Rock and HouHou

*Zhuhai International School, Jeong, Gyu-In*

Once upon a time there was a monkey called HouHou. He was very annoying. When his mother says “go to mountain and get fruit”, he goes to the sea and catches many fish instead. When his father says “asks your big brother to teach you how to climb an extremely tall tree”, HouHou teaches his younger sister to swim in a very deep lake.

One sunny morning, HouHou was sitting on a tree, eating a yummy peach. Suddenly he saw another peach that looked deliciously sweet. It was a beautiful color vibrant yellow and pink. The hair was so soft. When HouHou opened his mouth, the peach fell to the ground, and rolled down the hill. He followed the peach because he thought it was strange, but interesting. It rolled....rolled....rolled..rolled, and rolled and rolled. One hour later, it stopped, beside the big peach tree, but the wind blew and the peach started to roll again. “Oh no!” HouHou said. It rolled inside a hole in a rock. He felt very sad because the beautiful peach rolled into the hole, a very small hole, where he couldn’t fit. He never saw this small hole before, so he was curious and wanted to look inside the hole. It was too dark inside, and he couldn’t see anything. He went back home and took a flashlight. When he returned to the huge rock, it now had a massive hole where the small hole once was. HouHou could now enter the rock and look for the peach.

HouHou cautiously entered the hole. Inside was unbelievably dark, but he just kept walking. The further he went, the darker it got, until he couldn’t go any further. He felt frightened and started to panic. He turned to leave, but he fell over something hard. When he stood up, a little light was moving around him, beckoning him to follow it. HouHou followed the light, because he had no other option. He walked until his legs wouldn’t walk anymore. He kept walking, until finally, he saw sunlight. He ran excitedly to the sunlight. HouHou saw something shiny and beautiful. It was a crystal, at the top of a staircase. When he climbed the stairs and turned around, there was nothing. The huge rock and the massive hole had vanished. He felt very confused and couldn’t remember why he was inside the rock. He took the crystal home. He didn’t tell anybody about it and hid it in his bedroom.

Two days later, HouHou was looking for the crystal. He searched high and low, but it was nowhere to be found. When he tried to return to where he found the crystal, he couldn’t remember. In fact, he couldn’t remember anything except the crystal. The next day, he even forgot about the crystal. He was sitting on the peach tree one afternoon, when he started to remember something, but he couldn’t figure out what. He just knew it involved a peach. HouHou suddenly started to remember something. To his left, he spotted a beautiful peach, with soft skin. Suddenly the peach fell from the tree and rolled down the hill. Poor HouHou was destined to relive this cycle, until his end of days.

# Find the King Egg

*Zhuhai International School, Liu, Yu Wen – 10*

A long time ago, there are two rabbits, one is called Emma and one is called Jenny. One day they went in to the forest. They saw a lot of trees and animals, but they saw the bird have one wing and lions have two tails, or some animals only have one eye. Emma and Jenny were excited, and Emma hears something behind them, and Emma tells Jenny "hey... do you hear something behind us?" "Yes..." Jenny said, "3...2...1..." they said "turnaround", they shouted "WOW you are so cute" they said "Oh My God is you are the monkey baby?" Jenny ask, "Yes, my name is Ben", monkey said. "Why you're not a monster?" Jenny said "There find a king egg" Ben said "Stop, who are you Ben, why you are here, does your parents know?" Jenny asks "Oh! I am king ..... son" Ben said. "Oh my" Jenny said. "Come here", Ben said 'go where?' Jenny said "go to find my father," Ben said "OK" they said, so Jenny and Emma have one new friend and they went to see the king and ask the king what happened. Jenny and Emma want to find the egg too. They and Ben go to find egg. After one week Jenny and Emma found the cave and it was dark, "Emma do you want to jump in to this cave?" Jenny asks. NO! NO! NO! I don't want to jump in" Emma said, "I have idea you can take a rope and if I jump in the cave and you tape the rope to me, if I have problem you can pull me up," Jenny said. "Ok", Emma said. After few minutes Jenny was ready to go inside. "ARE you ready?" Emma asked. "Yes!" Jenny said. "OK! LET GO!" Emma said. "Ah!" Jenny shouted, Emma heard and take Jenny up then ask "what happened inside?" Jenny said "In the cave I see the very big people are sleep and his hand have the 3 king eggs. Jenny and Emma went to find the king and tell about where his egg is. The king knows it and he told the monster and Jenny and Emma went to fight with very big people. First Jenny and Emma walk quietly to the very big people and then they told the monster who can fly and he fly in to the cave. Jenny and Emma put the 3 eggs on the monster, but Jenny fell and then the very big people wake up with a noise. So, the other monster fought. Jenny and Emma are too small so they can't fight, they just sat on the monster who can fly, Jenny saw some monsters are climbing a person but the person just hit the monster down. Emma told Jenny, "look Ben is there!" Jenny said "where?" Emma said "He is in the back!" some monster is dead. At important time Ben was at the top of a person, and he took a sword and put it in to the that persons heart. The very big person died. At the end the king was very thankful for Jenny and Emma can find his egg!



# The Devil's Visit to Another World

*Zhuhai International School, Miu, Raymond – 10*

Once, a devil was born. He went to a huge mountain and found a master magician there. The master taught the devil different magic, and by the time he was finished, the devil could turn himself invisible. The devil had no weapon to use, so he travelled to the North Ocean. There he stole the huge fork from under the sea palace. A seashell caught him and shouted “you thief, I’m the king of the North Ocean. Who let you in, you ugly little devil?” The devil turned invisible and luckily escaped the seashell, but not before stealing his huge fork. He returned to the huge mountain to find his master. However, his master had since died, so he had to leave.

He jumped 20,001 miles away to Five Colour Mountain, where he saw a bunch of young devils chatting and playing games. He ran over to them and asked “what are you guys talking about?” One old devil came out of the crowd and said “I heard from my dad, that whoever can jump inside the lava cave, will become our king.” The devil was curious, so he ran to the lava cave, and closed his eyes. He jumped in, and much to his surprise, he discovered an extremely beautiful place inside the cave. There were many trees which had five different colours of leaves on them, and 1,000 watermelon trees. After he ate 95 different types of watermelon, he decided to take a rest, as his tummy was gurgling. He forgot all about the bunch of devils and fell asleep.

The bunch of devils thought that the devil had died inside the cave, so they started shouting and calling his name. Eventually, the devil was wakened by the yelling. However, he took out his fork, as he thought that he was under attack. He soon realized that it was just the bunch of devils. “Sorry, I forgot to tell you guys that it is safe inside.” The old devil came out of the crowd and replied, “It is okay, your highness.” The devil, not happy with being just a king, thought that if he could be a god, it would be better. The old devil told him that there is a type of watermelon juice in heaven, that a god called Akasashimahan, brews. If you drink one sip you will live for 300 years, but if you drink one bottle you will turn into a god.

The devil immediately jumped out of the lava cave, and out of the huge mountain. He turned himself invisible and leapt up to heaven. He found the watermelon palace. Inside, he saw a bowl containing 12 bottles of watermelon juice, just sitting on the table. He drank all of it, every last drop. The devil instantly felt stronger and stronger, but his intelligence decreased. His fork somehow turned into gold. He then jumped back to Five Colour Mountain, where he saw two ugly monsters killing the bunch of devils. He took out his golden fork and killed one of the monsters, but the other one got away. The one that died turned into a black hole flowing on top of the lava cave. The devil leapt into the black hole, and came to a land with three archer towers on each side of the river, and two bridges to cross.

The devil noticed that he had turned into a wizard, just from entering the black hole. “Where is my golden fork, I need it for protection?” said the wizard (devil). He saw a dragon and a baby dragon, “they are going to kill me!” said the wizard. The wizard realized he had stumbled upon a battle between two dragon clans, fire breathing dragons at that. Suddenly, a baby dragon approached the wizard. A hog rider from another clan came from behind him, and killed the baby dragon. “It’s time for me to go!” said the hog rider. He ran to the black hole and disappeared.

“Phew! Finally I’m safe,” sighed the wizard. He was standing beside a camp fire, when an archer shouted “THE WAR HAS STARTED! The wizard was suddenly deployed and appeared closer to the archer towers. The archer tower killed almost all of the battlers, but the wizard destroyed the last remaining tower. “VICTORY, VICTORY,” shouted all the survivors. The black hole appeared in front of the wizard and he jumped in.

Soon he was back at Five Colour Mountain, after a very successful visit to another world.

# The Journey to Tibet

*Zhuhai International School, Ouyang, Judy – 10*

This is a very exciting, but dangerous journey to Tibet. This is the first night of the journey. Our car is stuck in the middle of the forest; the car has no more power to drive to the closest village next to us for a shelter tonight. It's too dark to walk to the village, and all of the electronic resources are powered off. The forest has many animals that hunt at night. I can even hear wolf howls echoing through the jungle. I try to calm myself and take a nap, but the noise beside me is keeping me awake. I try to make myself comfortable and cover my head with a jacket. I spent my first night of the vacation in a jungle.

The next morning... We prepare stuff for tomorrow's hike (to the village). My father put all the breads and cookies in his bag, and two buckets of water. My mother carries the shirts, and the covers. I just need to take my shirts and water bottle, and some stuff that we take off the car.

After an hour, I count the stairs in my brain as I go 144,145,146...As soon I count to 189 there is a village in view. It's still noon, and our food is almost finished. It's lucky for us that one of them knows a little bit of Chinese. We get 5 of the Tibetan breads, and a bag of milk (they pour the milk in the plastic bag). We need a place to rest, so we keep on traveling until we get to a flat land beside the lake.

My father uses the clothes in his bag to make a web, and tries to fish. My mother and I set out the tents, and start a fire. My dad comes back with a lot of shrimp, shells, and tiny fish. We lay out a metal plate (which is on the front of the car), over the fire, and spread out the food on it. The metal plate has many holes at the bottom of the plate, so the fire can reach the food. We use another bowl and scoop some water from the lake. We put the shrimp in there, and then we put the bowl on a stick over the fire.

After we finish our dinner, we send out a signal, hoping the helicopter will see us as when they pass by. 3 minutes later... a helicopter circles above us. Then, slowly lands beside us. Thank goodness, it's the rescue team.

On the helicopter, I wave my hand at Tibet. It was a dangerous journey, but it was also an adventure.

# The Twins

*Zhuhai International School, Revel, Gabrielle – 10*

The twin's grandmother who they called Grand was like a mother to Claire and Jack. Their real parents died when they were only three years old.

On their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday Grand had a party waiting for them when they got home from school. Grand was the only guest. "Happy birthday" said Grand. She presented ten gift-wrapped boxes, five with blue paper, five with green paper. Jack loved to read, so he got books. Claire liked sports so she got sport supplies. "I almost forgot!" said Grand. She hurried to the other room when she returned she had a locket in each hand and gave one to each twin. They opened it at the same time. In Jack's there was a picture of Grand in an army uniform. In Claire's there was a picture of Gramps in an army uniform.

Gramps and Grand met in the army and fell in love. Gramps died only two years ago. Claire was fond of him. They would play in the yard for hours on end and come in and Grand would yell at them for getting their clothes dirty, and how Jack never got dirty reading. Claire wasn't the same after Gramps died.

Claire was sitting on the bed looking at her locket. Jack burst in and Claire flung off the bed, and dust rained down on Claire and Jack. Then they argued about whose fault it was till bedtime.

At school Claire couldn't stop thinking about the locket. "Claire?" asked the teacher Mrs. Roxy. "What?" asked Claire. "Do you know the answer?" said Mrs. Roxy. She just wanted to be back to when Gramps was alive. Suddenly she was in the back yard playing rugby with Gramps. Claire was so shocked, she didn't notice Gramps whizzing past her. "No no no! This can't be happening!" murmured Claire. "What because I beat you!" teased Gramps. "I need to talk to Jack" said Claire over her shoulder. Claire ran into the living room and saw Jack with a confused look on his face "I think we traveled back in time" the twins said in unison. "But how" asked Claire. "The dust!" exclaimed Jack. "Why didn't it react immediately?" asked Claire. "Were you wishing to be somewhere in the past?" asked Jack. "Yes!" exclaimed Claire "I was wishing I could rough house with Gramps again!"

Gramps died on a Saturday in a car accident on his way to the golf course. The twins agreed to go back to that Saturday. Claire found herself walking home from a victorious soccer game again. She ran home. When she returned, Claire was relieved to see Gramps telling a war story to Jack. "Hey, Gramps! Want to play baseball?" asked Claire. "Sure!" said Gramps.

Claire won. Claire and Jack met up and each reached for their lockets and sprinkled the dust over their heads and wished to be into their own time.

Claire was jumpy all day. When the bell rang, Claire dashed home. Gramps wasn't on the porch waiting for them like he used to. She went inside and was overjoyed to see Gramps sitting on the couch with a newspaper. "Claire!" said Gramps "If I had known you were running home from school today I would have greeted you on the porch!" Claire said Hey old man. Want to be creamed in a game of tackle football?" Gramps said "I thought you'd never ask."

# The Smell

*Zhuhai International School, Von Rosenstiel, Malena – 9*

Once upon a time there was a dog called Annabel she loved inquiring, she belonged to Steffi who loved Annabel. Leo and Sissi were geckos, brother and sister, Sissi was the younger sister of Leo, they live in Zhuhai, Annabel and Steffi live in Germany.

Once, Steffi took Annabel for a walk into the park near the zoo, as they walked through the park Annabel smelled a weird smell. It came from the zoo, Annabel was so curious that this night she decided to run away from home and check the new smell out.

So she followed the smell which led her to the zoo. After she had searched through the zoo she realized the smell did not end in the zoo.

Instead it led her to a car where the same smell came from before the car had taken an animal from the zoo, now it took the animal in the car to the airport.

In the airplane she lost the smell so she hid under Mr. Dan's seat. After the flight was over and all people had left the airplane Annabel smelled the weird smell again so she went out of the airplane.

As fast as she could she followed the car with the animal inside it. Annabel for sure wanted to know what this smell was, so she jumped on the car, none of the humans knew.

After they had a long ride behind them they stopped beside a rain forest. Quickly Annabel hid behind a bush. The men opened the car and a crocodile came outside. Then the men said, "He will feel better here in China ""yes ".So I am in China Annabel thought. After that the men left.

Annabel followed the crocodile to make friends. The crocodile went into a little pond. Annabel stopped in front of the pond.

Then she called "Mr. Crocodile come out I want to be your friend ".And when she said that she leaned so far over the pond that she almost fell in. Then the CROCODILE jumped out of the water and tried to eat Annabel. Luckily, he failed. Scared Annabel jumped away. Then after the crocodile had gone back in the pond Annabel smelled almost the same smell but a little different.

So straight away she went to follow the new smell. After she had walked a lot she finally was at the point where the new smell stopped. She looked under the bush where the smell came from. Under there where two super cute geckos. "Hi there "Leo said" Hi" Annabel answered. "I am Annabel" Annabel said. "Nice to meet you "Sissi said. "And I am Leo" Leo said. "I am Sissi Leo's sister." Together they slept at Sissi's house.

In the morning Annabel began to cry. "What's wrong "Sissi asked. "I miss home" Annabel answered. "We will bring you home."Leo said. "Really" Annabel asked. "Yes" both answered. So Sissi and Leo helped her get out of the rain forest. Then they hid on the plane with her and back to Steffi. Steffi was really happy. Steffi kept Leo and Sissi as pets and they all lived happily ever after.

# My Adventure with Wolves

*Zhuhai International School, von Rosenstiel, Micha – 10*

Four years ago, I was six years old and lived in Germany. My family and I lived in a little house in a small village. The village was built in a huge land of nature, with clean lakes and rivers, where you can drink the water. There were high mountains full of secrets, and around there were huge places of trees and plants. All this nature was the habitat of bears, deer, beavers, birds, wolves, wild boars, rabbits and a lot more animals. So, when I was six years old, I went into the forest almost every day. I had built my own hut near a clean river. Sometimes I spent a couple of hours in the forest, so I could rest in my hut. One morning, I woke up very early, everybody in my family were still sleeping. I quickly put on my clothes, and wrote a letter to my parents which read;

“See you later! I’m in the forest. I will come back after lunch.”

I then went outside. The air was still fresh. The sunrise turned the whole sky red and the birds were still singing.

“What a beautiful day,” I thought to myself.

I went into the forest and decided to go to my hut and drink my tea. But when I came closer to my hut, I heard noises. The closer I came to the hut, the louder the noises got. When I had almost reached my hut, I climbed up a tree, to try and get a view of where the noises were coming from. When I was on top, I was able to see my hut and what was in it. A wild boar was standing under my hut and shaking his whole body out. The boar kept staring in one direction and I wondered what it was looking at. Whatever it was, the boar was frightened of it. Five minutes later, I heard a wolf howling.

“AAAAUUUUU AAAAAUUUUU AAAAUUUUU AAAAUUUUUU.”

Now I was certain why the wild boar was scared, wolves were after it. I knew that if I got down from the tree now, the wolves might go after me too. So I needed to wait until the wolves left, or think of an escape plan. After some time, it got uncomfortable up in the tree and the wolves showed no sign of leaving. I was sitting there, thinking and thinking. After one hour, I finally got an idea. It was dangerous, but the best idea I could think of. I would quietly climb down the tree, grab a big rock, and quickly climb back up again. Then I will take a long string out of my backpack and tie one end of the string around the rock, and the other around the tree I’m sitting on. Once it is secured, I will throw the rock around a branch of another tree and I will climb along the string to get to the other side. I will repeat this until I’m out of danger.

So I slowly and quietly climbed down the tree. When I was almost on the ground, I heard ‘aaaaauuuuuuu’ really close, so I quickly grabbed a rock and climbed back up the tree. When I was on top of the tree, I tied the one end of string around the tree, and the other end of the string around the rock. Now I threw the rock with the string tied around over a branch and started climbing over to the next tree. When I was halfway across, seven wolves were running around beneath me. If I fell down now, it would be my end. So I climbed faster. The wolves followed me to the next three trees, but then turned away and left. I guess they got bored of me, or felt it was too much work. I finally climbed down the tree and walked home.



# The Magical Portal

*Zhuhai International School, Wahl, Melody – 10*

Once upon a time, there lived a little boy called Henry. One day, he was skipping beside a lake. He tripped and fell into it. He plummeted deep down into the lake, where nobody could hear him. He was terrified, but much to his surprise there was a magical planet beneath the lake. It was so colourful and so peaceful, Henry loved the silence. He felt perpetually happy in this spotless new planet. There were tiny fairies flying around, and so many different little creatures everywhere his eyes wandered! Suddenly, a centaur appeared. He told Henry that if he jumps through the portal in this magical planet, he can return to the old world. If he jumps through the lake in the old world, he can return to this MAGICAL planet.

By the time the sky turned dark, Henry had jumped through the portal and gone back home. After Henry had been travelling back and forth for a number of days, his mother started to suspect something was going on. She was curious about where Henry kept disappearing to. So one day, she followed him. She snuck behind Henry, then suddenly she saw him jump into the lake. Her heart stopped, as she feared for her son's life. Without hesitation, she followed him with one great leap into the lake. She was desperate to save him. However, she found herself in an extremely strange, but magical, planet. "MOM, what are you doing here?" asked Henry. "I was following you, because I wanted to know where you kept vanishing to," replied the mom. Henry convinced his mom to let him continue to visit this wonderful place. He also swore her to secrecy, not even allowing her to tell his dad. Then the centaur appeared again. Henry's mom was so petrified, she fainted. Henry took his mother home and hoped that she will not remember a single thing. Later that night, while Henry was sleeping, he had a strange dream. In his dream, a bunch of villagers were following his mom to the portal and killing the centaurs. Henry was awoken by loud noises. He quickly ran to the window to investigate. He realised his dream had become reality. Henry's mother had brought a bunch of villagers with weapons to the lake. Henry tried to stop them, but it was too late. The damage had already been done. Centaurs were killed and injured, the villagers were ruining the beautiful land. The portal closed up, and all the villagers went back to the village. Henry ran away from home. He ran and ran, until suddenly Henry's foot became stuck in a large pile of rocks.

Days had gone by, and no one had seen Henry. They feared he had died. When a centaur was searching he found Henry's bag. He now knew where Henry was. The centaur rushed to Henry, and used his magical powers to move the massive pile of rocks. He brought Henry back to the village, but he remained still. A bunch of little fairies appeared. They circled around Henry, and he began to levitate. Henry opened his eyes "the fairies saved him" cried the villagers. That night they celebrated with a feast. All of the creatures living in the magic planet were invited. The villagers apologised to the centaurs and agreed to help them fix their magical planet. Months had gone by, and finally the magical planet was fixed. It couldn't look any better! The centaurs forgave the villagers, and the portal remains open always!

# A Tale of Earth and Mars

Zhuhai International School, Zhao, Tianyuan – 10

In the year of 3020, in the *beautiful* city of Techville, It was a peaceful afternoon but then, a **GIANT** grey cloud **SUDDENLY** appeared out of nowhere, followed by a lot of grey flying discs, flying at **SUPERSONIC** speed. 16-year-old Fred Hanlock was a cyborg. He got turned into a cyborg because of a fire. Most of his body was burned, but he got saved just in time. He and his best friends Ardy the robot (Fred built him but gave him artificial intelligence) and Katie Knowless. The light in the house **SUDDENLY disappeared**. Fred went outside to take a look at it but had **VERY SECOND** his holophone displayed this hologram: "we are asking if anyone has seen this person : Jack Hanlock, he has been **KIDNAPPED** by some unknown people. The police are investigating. " "Jack Hanlock is my little brother! He's 13 years old and lives in Washington DC which is not far from here" Fred and his friends decided to look for Jack because they knew he could not rely on the police. They knew they were better than the police. "I have left a tracker on every family member so think I can track Jack down" Fred said. Ardy started to pinpoint Jack's position on a **HOLOGRAPHIC GLOBE**. Ardy kept on pinpointing but nothing seems to work because Jack's signal kept moving real fast around the globe. Jack's red dot finally stopped moving, "location in Mexico," said Ardy "my hover can bring us there in a few hours, so let's **GET GOING!**" The three friends hopped on Fred's hover, in just a few hours they were in Mexico. Ardy had to hack into the kidnappers' computer to find out who they were but all he could find was a few strange characters, Ardy was an excellent decipherer so he looked them up in his **SUPER MEGA BRAIN** which all list all the ciphers and all the languages from past to present. Nothing came out so he told Katie and Fred "I think we are dealing with not humans but **ALIENS!**" Katie butted in and said some knowledge "I read in a recent—new science book that there **ALIENS** have been spotted on Mars by an astronaut called Ryan Blume." "Then that means that there's an **ALIEN** invasion Martians!" "This is bad!" Said Ardy, the red dot has led them to a giant stadium, "this place is abandoned, according to my information, this place held the Olympics 50 years ago." Said Fred "how is this possible the red dot is telling us that we should be right on top of them." They figured that the aliens had an underground base, so they went down into the sewers and tried to find Jack there, but all they found was **d-i-s-a-p-p-o-i-n-t-m-e-n-t**. But suddenly, Ardy disappeared! He was leaning against the wall two seconds ago, Fred scanned the walls and said "I am detecting high air levels and possible hollowness on that wall." He pointed a finger on the wall Ardy was leaning on, Katie and Fred thought it was a secret passage. So they held on to each and touched the wall, a second later, they vanished too! When they re—appeared, they were in a room full of gadgets and technology they never saw before! They saw Ardy hiding in the corner, they quickly joined him as well "Who are these guys?" Asked Fred. The strange looking people in a distance were just **SUPER WEIRD**, they had: 3 eyes, noses that make them look like pigs, green scaly skin and a few pink freckles. They saw Jack in the corner not moving for some reason, only his face could move, the aliens asked Jack who he was but he did not answer, the aliens said that they were sent here because their planet wanted to have a friendship with Earth, not start a war or anything. Jack used to work for the president of the United States, so Jack gave the aliens the contact information and they asked in an encrypted line "dear Mr. President, we are here from planet Mars and want to say that our colony wants to have a friendship with Earth, our president is going to come in a few months." And after a few months Earth and Mars were officially friends.