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Group 6

A Tale: China's Healing Mountains

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It was a beautiful, sunny day in the mountain village in Huangshan. Isaac was on his way to get water from the well. He saw the village bakery and could smell the tasty meadow buns that are baked every day. He had no money so he would go hungry this morning. Isaac, only 10 years old, was well-liked in his village. Suddenly, he heard a loud sound of someone calling his name. It was his best friend, Adiak. They always did everything together.

He was a brave boy and lived with his grandparents. He didn't want his grandparents to die and tried to help them. His friend Adiak heard that Huangshan has some special plants that can help people grow younger. They decided to go to Huangshan to find the plants. What they need is guarded by Antilus in another part of Huangshan, Yellow Village. "How are we going to solve this problem?", thought Isaac.

One day, they started their trip. It was a beautiful, sunny day in their mountain village. There are many tall, green trees and colourful flowers. Isaac was on his way to find the plant that helps his grandparents grow younger when they saw the village. They saw a chocolate factory and could smell the tasty milk chocolate that is made every day. They tried one and he said, 'It's delicious.' Isaac bought a bag of chocolate for the journey.

Isaac and his friend, Adiak, leave the chocolate village. They started on the next part of the mission. He walks carefully on the way. Suddenly, they step on the tree branches and lose their balance. Isaac and Adiak fell to the ledge of the mountain trail below.

Both boys were injured and had to rest. They slept overnight and were woken up by strange noises. Adiak nervously woke Isaac from sleep and said, "Did you hear that?"

Isaac complained, "What's wrong with you?" Adiak whispered, "There's a dinosaur and it looks hungry?"

"Go back to sleep!", yelled Isaac!

On the second day, they were eating breakfast and heard a noise. They turned their head following the sound. They saw a tiny dinosaur in the bushes. It looked angry! They were so scared and hid in between the ledge. The dinosaur couldn't find them and started to smell them. It came closer to the ledge. Isaac started to shake and was scared. Adiak grabbed a piece of chocolate and threw it into the bushes. Then, the dinosaur ran after the chocolate and disappeared. They fell soon asleep on top of the ledge. After the scary journey they ate some tasty chocolate to replenish their energy. 'Yum! Yum! Yum!' and then they fell asleep again.

The flying dinosaur saw them again, and then breathed fire. They woke up and escaped from the fire and climbed up the tree. Soon the tree was burning and they were in danger. Suddenly, there was a thunderstorm coming and they could not leave. The rain put out the fire. Luckily, a monkey sees them and tries to help them. The monkey takes them to the mountain cave and he said it was a safe place. Isaac and his friend Adiak say thank you to the monkey.

The next day, they arrived at the Yellow Village. Isaac and Adiak could see Antilus' army were protecting the plants and the important places. "There are the plants that will help Isaac's grandparents become younger," thought Adiak. Adiak took his stun gun and sneaked behind the creatures. Suddenly, a creature behind Adiak grabbed him and said, "One move and you are dead!", he warned.

Isaac rushed out of the woods and yells, "Take your hands off him". Isaac pointed his stun gun at the creatures. Antilus quietly walked up to Isaac and grabbed him. "Nice try, young one", laughed Antilus.

“Let me go!”, yelled Isaac.

“What’s that delicious smell of chocolate?”, asked Antilus. Adiak yells, “We have more chocolate if you trade us the plants for the chocolate and let us go.”

“That’s fair”, said Isaac.

Antilus agreed, took the chocolate and gave the two boys a bag of the plants.

Everyone got what they wanted and the boys rushed home with the plants.

Isaac gave the plants to the grandparents and they became younger and younger.



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Group 7

A Mountain Letter To My Uncle

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Dear Uncle,

A few months ago, the Geography teacher said that we all needed to pack up and get ready to go for a hike in China's 'Magical Mountains'. We were all excited but, I was the most excited. After school, I ran home and started packing because we were going in just 3 days. I could not wait to go! During the 3 days, I still went to school and hoped that it would end faster so I could pack and get the plane ticket to China.

Finally, the day came that we all went to China. During the afternoon we all went to the airport and got on the plane. When we got off, the teacher told us to get our luggage and we took a tour bus out to the city. After, we checked into the hotel and had a shower. It was nice. Then I started to find food since I was hungry but I could not. So I waited and asked my classmates if I could eat some of their snacks?

'Snacks!,' they all said. 'Of course, you can. We don't like eating but you do, so enjoy the food.'

The next day we all went to a mountain and the teacher said this is one of the magical mountains but I did not think so since I couldn't see anything magical. All I saw was rocks and sky with clouds. Then the teachers started telling a story from ancient China about two people that wrote poems. They were Du Fu and Li Bai.

After a while, we walked up to a village and the villagers greeted us then started to tell a story about the strange activities in the mountains nearby.

'It is like this every day. At least one of the mountains will get bigger or suddenly become smaller. It is quite strange don't you think?' they asked.

We all agreed that it was quite strange. One of the students said he wanted something to eat so the villagers asked, 'Would all of you visitors like something to eat? If you would, we have prepared food for lunch already.'

"We all would like something to eat" we said. 'Can we pay you for it?'

"Of course! You can if you want to."

We stayed the night and in the morning we all saw the mountains had switched places again. It was strange, so we left, to get closer to the mountains. After, we went for lunch. It was dim sum. Next we all went to thank the villagers but when we got there, the village was gone.

I asked the teacher, 'Where is the village?'

The teacher did not respond and then I saw that they had all turned to stone. I did not expect this. Well, now I was alone and I needed to get home.

Suddenly two people appeared behind me and they introduced themselves as Du Fu and Li Bai. They told me how to reverse this problem. It was hard they said. First I would need to win in a poem contest. Next I must make the best tea they had ever tasted. Then I must make a house before dawn. That is all I needed to do, but time was not on my side so I needed to rush.

When I was done, it was not quite dawn so finally, I won the contest and everyone went back to normal. They had no clue that they had been rocks moments ago. I tried to tell them that I had met Du Fu and Li Bai, but when I tried to find them they were gone.

We all went to the hotel and got our things and went to the airport to leave China and return to Hong Kong. Everyone was happy to get back home and see their families. Only I know the truth and I will never tell them now. This is all that I remember.

I hope I can see you in person soon uncle.

Your loving nephew,

Leo

The Yellow Emperor

Thousands of years ago, China was divided into many tribes and each tribe was fighting against each other to be the winner and rule all of China. The first Emperor of China was Qin Shi Huang (Huang), the Dragon Emperor. He was a leader of a tribe and helped other weaker tribes because he was kind and caring. He finally went to Heaven because he helped China to become a united country and made the lives of Chinese people better.

He had to face a lot of challenges to achieve this. Chi O, a bad leader of a tribe in China, used his superpowers for cruel actions fought against Huang, the Yellow Emperor, in nine battles. Huang lost all the battles and went to have a break in the mountains because he felt anxious and frustrated. Suddenly, a Goddess appeared and taught Huang tricks to fight this bad Chi O.

Later on, Huang fought with the nasty Chi O. During the battle, Chi O created a fog to block Huang's soldiers, but Huang created a magical chariot that pointed to the South. Huang's soldiers escaped from Chi O's fog and continued with the battle. Huang summoned a dragon and Chi O summoned a storm to extinguish the dragon's fire. Luckily, Huang had the help of the Goddess of Drought to dry up the storm and helped Huang to win the battle.

Afterwards, Huang became known as the Yellow Emperor and he united China and stopped the tribes' fighting. He wanted all of China to become a peaceful country and all the other tribes respected him because he was a very fair person and made the lives of people better by creating fair rules and laws for all people. One day, a gold dragon appeared and Huang climbed onto it and flew to the sky and he became a God for all his good work to create a united and peaceful China. Therefore, he is known as the first Emperor of a united China.

Mountain Challenge

One Wednesday in the afternoon, there was great news that there would be a mountain climbing competition in Antarctica the following Saturday at 6:00am. The person who got to the top of the mountain first would win a free ticket to Australia. The people who saw the news got excited and happy, they couldn't wait to get there on Saturday. On Saturday, early in the morning three strangers Joy, Magnet and Cotton Candy set out to Antarctica for the competition. When they arrived there they were very excited. They started walking at the Argyle point to the top of the Vinson Massif Mountain. In the beginning, they found it easy and Joy got to the number one checkpoint first. She suddenly heard a squeaking noise from the south side of the road. She followed the direction of the sound because she thought that it was an animal stuck in the brush, however, she saw a red pom pom hat moving and recognized that it was a girl, one of the competitors. She struggled with whether she should help, because she really wanted to win the competition. At last she decided to help her, because she didn't want the girl to die on the mountain. The girl introduced her name to Joy, "I'm Cotton Candy" she said and they became friends. Suddenly there was a big snowstorm falling from the sky. The wind was roaring like a lion, and all the clouds turned into a troop of soldiers throwing gigantic snowballs from the sky. Joy and her new friend were scared to death as the snow grew heavier and heavier.

"Come quickly to the cave" shouted a voice over the noise. They followed the voice and found the cave. They went as fast as lightning into the cave where they met another competitor. Cotton Candy looked at her name tag and saw that her name was called Magnet. Even though she was competing against them, she was happy to see they were safe now. They talked, laughed, told jokes and became friends.

Suddenly, the cave spoke to them in a deep voice saying

"Hello, who are you?"

Joy screamed.

The voice continued "I am a giant stuck in the mountain, can you help me? A witch cursed me 2000 years ago. The witch was jealous because people liked me more than her, because I like helping people."

"How can we help you?" The three friends asked.

"I like seeing people helping each other. Every time when people help each other on this mountain a new flower grows on top of the mountain. I need you to collect three flowers to undo the spell." Now, I see two flowers growing when Joy helped Cotton Candy climb out from the hole and also Magnet saved Joy and Cotton from the snow storm. Thank you for giving me hope. I only need one more flower." Said the giant.

Whilst the giant was talking to them Cotton Candy snook out. She wanted to win the race so she blocked the cave with heavy rocks. She ran to the top of the mountain and when she got there she saw two gorgeous flowers shining under the sun. These flowers reminded her that Joy and Magnet had helped her even though they were competitors. She wept bitterly because she knew she had been very selfish. She decided to go back to the cave to save them. After Cotton Candy saved them, she apologized to them sincerely. Joy and Magnet gave her a hug and forgave her. As they did this the third flower grew out of the soil.

Suddenly, the mountain shook and the spell of the giant broke. He was free to go. The giant carried the three of them to the top of the mountain on a flying carpet. They had won, not alone but together. Most importantly, they learned that as long as they worked together they would be stronger together. The magic of the mountain brought them together as friends.

Over the past years from 1968 to present time, the Natural Titans were the most powerful creatures of all. They have defeated huge monsters and many other enemies from outer space. No man or monster could defeat these seven titans. The Natural Titans were:

The Lightning Bird – Who has the ability to create storms and lightning.

The Manticore – A lion with wings. Who has the ability to shoot venomous spines and can speak to humans.

The Phoenix – A firebird who can shoot extremely hot fire. Its body is made of hot lava.

The Shadow Dragon – Probably one of the most powerful dragons on earth, who has an increasing number of magical abilities to hide from enemies, hiding away into shadows.

The Minokawa – Another bird but with gold, blue and orange colors. Its eclipse occurs when the Minokawa swallows the sun. It is so big that it lives in outer space and can gulp the sun, the moon and the earth. It also has the ability to control time and space.

The Emerald Dragon – A shiny and durable dragon. When it walks on land, it creates massive green fire.

And finally... the Chinese Yellow Dragon – The only dragon with no wings who has been given many powers in Chinese folklore. They are said to control thunder, floods and rain. It is said to be kind and noble and the leader of the Natural Titans.

These seven creatures give so much to help people and gain their place as the seven titans. No one knows where they hide or live but whenever danger comes to the earth, they will always be there to fight them.

Our story starts in a huge city in China called Shanghai where a teen named Thomas along with his friends, two girls named Baozhai and Changchang and two boys Wang Lei and Bingwen live with their pet a peregrine falcon named Flash.

“Baozhai would you battle 100 ant-sized zombies or the zombie sized ants?” asked Changchang

“I’d have to go with the ant sized zombies.” said Baozhai.

Two minutes later, there was a knock on the door.

“BOO!” said Wang Lei. Baozhai screamed like hell.

“That was not FUNNY!” shouted Changchang.

“Nice mask,” said Bingwen. But just then, they heard a rumbling noise coming from the fjord nearby.

The Natural Titans we’re fighting the Kraken!

The Serpent jumped into the air and splashed onto the water, causing a huge tsunami.

“Hang on guys!” shouted Wang Lei.

The tsunami caused a great deal of damage. The waves whooshed and crashed onto the buildings. Tons of buildings were broken.

“What happened?” asked a man. “Some creatures we’re fighting a serpent.” shouted Baozhai. “I think it was the Natural Titans.”

“Nonsense!” said Changchang. “Remember what our parents said?”

“No,” said Baozhai.

“It’s a myth, you idiot!” shouted Thomas. “If we’re willing to find those creatures, we need to know where they are.”

“Great idea!” yelled Bingwen.

But one of the men shouted, “What are we gonna do here?”

“You guys can start rebuilding,” said Thomas. Half of the team got in the X-Fighter and the other half got in the Mil V-12, the largest and fastest helicopter in the world. Changchang and her friends had a crew of their own. They we’re friends of Baozhai.

They flew all over the world for two hours trying to find the titans. “You found anything?” said Thomas. “No,” said Bingwen. “It’s been like two hours since we found anything,” said Baozhai.

Just then, they flew through a lightning storm. And they saw the titans flying across a thunderstorm. “I see them! Follow them!” said Wang Lei. The helicopter and the plane flew as fast as they could. They were catching up fast but the Phoenix shot fire at them.

“Look out, Baowei!” said Changchang. They dodged the fire just in time. “Maybe we should hide in the clouds so they can’t find us.” The team continued flying. But then, they flew through a mountain. “Wait, what happened?” said Thomas. “Oh I know what this is! This was their secret base where they could regain their powers inside that mountain. Known as, “Mount Cerberus”. Yelled Wang Lei. They tried flying inside but it was no use. “I remember that in order to get through, we need to label all the powers they use.” said Thomas. They all went down from their vehicles to label each of their powers.” The peregrine falcon helped as well. They each took turns labeling each of their powers until the door opened.

“Piece of cake” said Thomas. So they flew inside. Inside was full of colors. “This is more beautiful than I expected!” Colors beamed with brightness until at last, they made it to the Titans base.

“There they are,” said Thomas. They were regaining their powers and discussing something.

“I heard that the Manticore can talk to humans,” said Thomas.

They crept down to see the Titans but then, the Lighting Bird saw them and shot lightning at them. The Manticore stopped him and he approached them.

“Who are you guys?” he said.

“We just want to tell you that our city was attacked by a giant octopus.” said Wang Lei.

“Did you say “Kraken?” he asked.

Yes,” said Changchang.

The Manticore and the others started discussing the Kraken and their defeat against it.

“We never defeated it after we lost one of our members of the Natural Titans. The Basilisk.” said the Manticore

“What happened?” asked Wang Lei.

“He was eaten by the Kraken.”

The Manticore said, “Back then, we used to have eight members. We were fighting the Kraken who lived in the Magic Mountains. It was one of the biggest mythical creatures we’ve ever fought. The Basilisk had poisonous and powerful teeth. He tried to bite it’s tentacles, but the Kraken grabbed him and threw him in his mouth. He was the bravest mythical creature we’ve ever had on our team. When he was eaten, the Kraken grabbed the Phoenix with its tentacles and tried to drown him. He almost lost his fire powers.

We flew back to the mountain where the Phoenix got its powers back. But we never fought it again.”

“That sounds sad.” Thomas said.

“Yes, that’s why we never fought it again.” said Manticore.

“But we can help you. Our plane and helicopter has rocket launchers and lasers.” said Toby

“Hmmm.” said the Manticore. He went to the table and discussed with the others. The Titans were talking but the humans couldn’t understand what they were talking about.

“We can’t just leave the Kraken lurking in the Mountains!” said the Minokawa.

“It has placed a curse on the mountains and everywhere around the world. Making every single plant and animal die.” said the Shadow Dragon.

The Yellow Chinese Dragon wasn’t sure after that Basilisk died.

“I am NOT going back to the mountains again. After we lost the Basilisk, I am NOT gonna lose you guys!” said the Chinese Dragon.

The Manticore was mad. He went down and told the humans that he won’t allow them to fight the Kraken.

“Then we’ll just have to fight him ourselves if that’s what the dragon wants.” said Baozhai.

They each got into their plane and helicopter and drove off. They flew to the mountains as fast as they could. But they didn’t know that the Kraken was already creating a massive amount of damage to the world.

“I see the Kraken!” shouted Bingwei. “And I think he’s heading for the Magic Mountains!” yelled Thomas.

“Follow him!” said Wang Lei. They chased the Kraken across the sea. All the way to the Magic Mountains in China. But the mist covered their sight. “Where is he?” said Changchang.

“Guys look out!” said Wang Lei. The Kraken almost crashed them. The Kraken had blue glowing eyes and had the power to control water. The Kraken was about to splash huge tsunamis at them. But, they managed to block them! They all started fighting the Kraken. The helicopter and the plane started firing missiles and lasers but the Kraken. Dodged them.

“Careful guys. This Kraken is very tricky. They waited for the Kraken to come up but it was nowhere to be seen. But with a rumbling noise, the Kraken popped out and shot boiling water at everyone. Suddenly from nowhere came the seven Natural Titans! The Chinese Dragon almost got shot. But the Phoenix shot fire at the Kraken. “Oh jeez, that’s gonna hurt.” said Thomas. The Kraken dived underwater and heated water in it’s giant stomach. It sprayed water again and it destroyed most of the mountain tops. The Emerald Dragon shot shards at it. And stabbed him in the eye! The Kraken was half blind. The Kraken then shot boiling water again and it hit everyone!

All their fighting effort was wasted. But they had a plan. They’ve all decided to use all their powers against the Kraken! “Everyone use your power together!” said Bingwen. “3, 2, 1, GO!” shouted Changchang. Everyone shot their powers at the Kraken. The Kraken tried defending itself but the powers burned its heart. The Kraken sank to the bottom of the ocean. Four weeks, later everything was back to normal. The Magic Mountains were back to their original shape. “I’m really gonna miss those guys” said Bingwen. “Yeah,” Thomas said. At Mount Cerberus, the Titans flew through the skies. Flying faster than the speed of sound.

The Magical Chinese Unicorn – Qilin

Once upon a time in China, in a poor village up in the mountains there lived a boy named Hea Chan who was very good with his bow and arrow. He learned to become a hunter to feed his family, because his parents were very poor farmers and there was never enough food for them to eat. They were a big family of seven. One day, Hea Chan went to the forest to hunt some deer. He heard someone talking about the Chinese unicorn dragon called Qilin that lived in the Magic Mountains.

“Hey, have you seen that great scary creature roaming the forest at night? I’ve heard it is ten times as big as a bear and it likes to eat people!”

“Ugh, no way! But if we hunt it down, we could sell its meat for a lot of money, right?”

Hea Chan had heard about the Qilin from legends and bedtime stories. It was a very big creature that likes to eat people. If he could hunt down this Qilin and kill it, his family would never go hungry again! So Hea Chan went to find a map of the Magic Mountains so that he wouldn’t get lost.

In the morning, Hea Chan packed his stuff and went off to find the Qilin. He didn’t tell his parents where he was going as he didn’t want them to worry.

Hea Chan kept walking and walking, and finally he was half way up the Magic Mountains. He was very tired and hungry. Then when he put his hand into his bag to look for the map again, he could not find it. He must have dropped it! Now he was lost. What was he going to do? He kept walking and walking until he saw two men sitting next to a tree with some goats. Hea Chan asked the men, “Do you know the way to the forest of the Magic Mountains? I am lost.” The men asked him, “Why Are you going there? It is a dangerous place, filled with scary creatures.”

“Because I need to hunt down the Qilin.” “

“Why do you want to hunt the Qilin dragon?”

“Because I heard that the Qilin is a horrible dragon that eats people. I don’t want him to eat me or any of my family, so I want to kill it first.” Then Hea Chan kept walking, and he walked for hours. And finally he saw the forest up ahead!

Hea Chan kept walking. Suddenly there was a growl behind him, and he froze. He turned around and saw a horrible big brown bear staring at him. Hea Chan screamed.

High up in the mountains, the Qilin heard the scream. It flew straight towards the forest, and the Qilin found Hea Chan running away from the bear, who wanted to eat him for lunch. The Qilin cried, “Run faster!” Hea Chan heard the voice but didn’t know where it came from. Suddenly, he saw it: a white creature that looked half-lion and half-dragon. The Qilin!

To his horror, the Qilin flew towards him, and he was sure that it was going to kill him and eat him for lunch. But instead, the Qilin opened up its mouth and let out a frightening growl, and the bear stopped and fell down, terrified. Then, Hea Chan jumped down a hill and ran like the wind, thinking that he did not want to die. After a few moments, he could hear the Qilin behind him, and Hea Chan screamed and started to cry, for he was sure he was going to die. Hea Chan tripped and fell over some rocks, and he closed his eyes, expecting the Qilin to attack him.

To his surprise, the Qilin just stood in front of him, and stared quietly. Had he enough to eat? Hea Chan got down on his knees and bowed.

“You are my hero! You saved me! Please, help me and my family! We are starving, and if you can help us, I promise to stay by your side for as long as I live!”

Qilin had never had a human friend before. He liked the idea, so from that day on, Hea Chan stayed by the Qilin as a companion, and Hea Chan’s family never went hungry again because the Qilin made sure they always had enough to eat. Hea Chan learned a lesson – the Qilin was not an evil creature. The ones that were evil were the humans who wanted to kill the Qilin for money. So Hea Chan and the Qilin lived happily ever after.