Fiction Group 2



Wycombe Abbey Primary School Hong Kong, Yuen, Aimee – 8

It was a dark and stormy night. A sparkling, golden crown stood still in the perilous, tight treasure room. Then one day, it was stolen.

A detective was called to find out who stole the precious treasure. There were three suspects. A normal school teacher, a chef and a talking cat. They were all in the treasure room when the treasure was stolen.

The detective questioned the chef first. "I was only here because my talking cat ran away here." said the chef.

Then the detective questioned the talking cat. "Is this true?" he asked the cat. "Yes, it is. But it was for a good reason. Let me explain. The chef was cooking pizza when he spilled tomato sauce on me! I was wet and sticky, so I came here to stay for the night." The small cat answered.

"It is true. It was an accident." After the chef apologized for what he did, the cat cleaned up and the detective questioned the other suspects.

"So, what brings you here?" The detective said.

"Well, I was just marking math homework when the paper flew out the window and landed here." The teacher replied innocently.

The detective thought for a while. A while later, he figured out who it was.

It was the school teacher because, if he was innocent, he would have had the paper with him and had shown the detective the paper if he had it.

The teacher was sent to prison, and weeks later, the detective was on the news, not because he solved the mystery, because he was the one who stole the treasure! He was secretly a spy and worked for a company that stole treasures and valuable items. The spy was forced to hand over the crown and was arrested.

The whole city was warned about what happened and the spy never stole again. Later that day, the teacher escaped from prison and went back to marking homework in his bedroom every night. And for the chef and talking cat, they stayed in the restaurant all day and cooked a big pizza for everyone, except for the spy, of course.

A Talking Corpse

Ying Wa Primary School, Lai, Ching Hang – 11

Wandering around in a flea market, I caught sight of a miniature of dog-head guillotine in a stall selling second-hand products. Out of curiosity, I pushed the lever of the guillotine, and it instantly began glistering, as if thousands of light bulbs were simultaneously emitting a dazzling light. Suddenly, a powerful force sucked me into the dog head of the guillotine.

The next moment I opened my eyes, I gasped in shock at the sight of my own reflection in a mirror. "My face is black with a crescent shaped mark on my forehead! I look so alike Judge Pao!" I murmured in utter amazement. In no time, I figured out I was strolling in a market in Kaifeng, the capital of Song Dynasty, accompanied by my retinues.

The narrow, twisting alleys were lined with tea houses, butcher stalls, temples and so on. Amidst the bustling flow of people, cries of hawkers and galloping of horses pulling wagons filled my ears. "What a vibrant city!" I muttered under my breath as I scanned around in a sea of unfamiliar faces.

"Oh no! Someone has been killed!" Out of the blue, a shrill shriek echoed throughout the hustling and bustling of the market. Snaking through the swarming crowd to that direction, I caught a glimpse of a corpse lying at the west gate of the market. The victim was dressed in rags as if he was a beggar, and there was a large hole in his head with dried blood.

"Hmm? I didn't see this corpse when I passed by here this morning!" one of the onlookers doubted, scratching his head.

"Me too!" another shouted in chorus. "It should be dead for somewhile as the blood has dried up already!"

"Everyone, please be quiet. Judge Pao is here. Please make way for him to investigate," one of my retinues exclaimed. The crowd immediately gave way, and I approached the corpse, knelt down and examined it.

"Does anyone here admit that you have killed him?" I asked. Everyone wore an innocent look, gossiping with each other.

"If no one here killed this man, let this corpse tell me who the murderer is," I suggested.

Having listened my weird idea, every man and his dog gasped and took a step back, attentively watching how I would interrogate the corpse.

"Corpse, who killed you? Tell me the truth!" I bawled into the corpse's ears, and then put my ears close to its mouth, as if it was whispering to me! All the onlookers held their breath, gazing eagerly at the corpse for its answer.

After a while, I announced soberly, "Everyone, the corpse has already told me the truth. I know who the murderer is now." All onlookers hung their mouths wide open, and their eyes bulged out of their sockets.

During that moment of dead silence, I questioned the soldier guarding the market gates, "Who has brought straw into the market just now?"

"Judge Pao, Mr. Pao Yue was the only one who brought straw into the market today," answered the soldier earnestly.

In next to no time, I ordered my retinues, "Immediately arrest Pao Yue! We can't let the malicious murderer get away with this insane crime!"

A while later, Pao Yue was escorted into the court.

"Judge Pao, I'm innocent! Please release me! RELEASE ME!" Pao Yue denied his murder as he struggled frantically.

"Upon interrogating the corpse, I actually examined it closely and found some straw shreds in its hair and nostrils. I believe you had killed him somewhere, put him on your cart, covered him with straw and dumped him at the west gate of the market. Do you admit the murder?" I hollered with steam pouring out of my ears like a kettle. Realising that I have all the evidence proving he was the murderer, Pao Yue reluctantly confessed.

"Murder is a serious crime. You are sentenced to death," I ruled solemnly.

"Judge Pao, I am the cousin of your prestigious uncle! You should show mercy to your relatives!" begged Pao Yue, kowtowing desperately. "If you free me at once, I promise to give you one thousand gold ingots. Please don't kill me!"

"Definitely not! Before the Law of Song Dynasty, everyone in this country is equal. Corruption by no means overrides justice. Retinues, execute Pao Yue on the dog-head guillotine!" I ordered sternly as I pounded my fist on the table.

Sobbing miserably, Pao Yue bowed his head low. His body trembled uncontrollably like jelly as he was sent to the guillotine.

"I hope this can bring justice to the poor victim," I thought to myself and heaved a sigh of relief.

As soon as the blade of the dog-head guillotine was pushed down, gleaning rays of light glowed from the dog-head, and I suddenly found myself in the flea market, clutching the miniature guillotine. "What a fantastic and thrilling experience of being an impartial Judge Pao to dispense justice and clean up the land in the Song Dynasty!" I pondered as sheer satisfaction rushed over me.

In Good Hands

Ying Wa Primary School, Lee, Sing Yu - 11

Think of all the people in your life that love to have money and power, the people who want everything at their fingertips, the people who want to be gods.

Now go to them and tell them they are making a bad decision in wanting to be a god.

Sure, the whole everything-you-could-ever-want thing is nice, but it gets boring. The duties are pretty horrible and the higher-ups are really strict. People who try shirking their duties, which I don't blame them for, go into the higher-ups' office and never come out the same way. Rumors fly, but I keep my head down and do my job.

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This time, I was sent to monitor Pao Zheng. Again. I swear the higher-ups have some kind of vendetta against him, but I wasn't there to ask questions. I sighed as I let my mind wander free, turning my mental slate blank. The surrounding hustle faded and the colors around me coagulated into a shimmering iridescent sphere, a warping marble before my sealed eyes. Then, I focused hard on the vivid ruby-red walls, on them a painting of the sea and words of justice; the majestic marble lions outside, so lifelike they seemed ready to pounce at a moment's notice; even the three sacred guillotines, each imposing in their own rights. With a blow of air, the colorful orb scattered, filling my once-blank vision with bright palettes, taking up the empty canvas, spiriting me to somewhere new.

As the all-too-familiar scene popped up around me, I smiled.

I was getting better at this.

I quickly morphed into my guard attire before looking at my objectives. "Same old, same old..." I muttered to myself, smirking as I ran off to my business. However, not long after, I heard something that made me stop in my tracks. I quickly hid behind a wall to eavesdrop on a heated argument.

Guard 1 argued, "I think Pao Zheng will get him out of it. He's his elder sister-in-law's only son. You know what Pao Zheng's elder sister-in-law helped him through? She raised him like a son! There's no way he wouldn't repay the favor!"

Guard 2 scoffed, "There's no way Pao Zheng would let him go free that easily! He's known to be unrelenting in the pursuit of justice! He's a symbol of justice, how could he let family stand in the way of a case?"

Guard 1 replied, "Come on, not even someone as strict as Judge Pao would execute their nephew, right?"

Well, this was certainly news.

Against my rational, rule-following mind screaming at me to report this, I decided to keep quiet and see where things went from here. I had a report to write on Pao Zheng after this and to say I was running out of material would be an understatement. So, I left the two of them to their bickering and waited for the summons to the courtroom. Sure enough, it came along before too much hassle, and before long I was standing in the imperial courtroom. As the incense wafted through the stuffy room, the criminal was dragged in by two beefy soldiers, a look of blank solemnity on their faces. "We have delivered the criminal to court," they uttered in a deep, booming voice that resonated in the room. They then turned around and marched out of the courtroom in synchronization, taking up their posts alongside the chiseled marble lions. Finally, Pao Zheng stepped into the courtroom, thickening the tension in the small lodgings. His already-white hair and goatee wafted lazily as a small breeze came rustling into the petite building. He was wearing his signature jet-black futou hat, as well as an impressive crimson robe, adorned with grandiose dragons flying, unaware they were frozen in time. His unwavering eyes paired with his stern, wrinkled face gave away a menacing, intimidating aura as he stood behind his table, facing the man at fault — his nephew. Then, all of a sudden, he spoke, and his voice was so loud it seemed a thousand more were echoing along with it. "Pao Mian, you have been accused of bribery and malfeasance. Do you have anything to say?" he thundered at the young man. Until now, I had never seen his face, but seeing as now was a good time, I stole a glance at him. He harbored some resemblance to his uncle, namely the hair, face and eyes, but his expression was of remorse and determination. Ultimately, determination won and he raised his head, saying to Pao Zheng, "I have nothing" — his voice broke — "Uncle."

I quickly reverted my attention back to Pao Zheng. His eyes softened as he stepped forward, and his voice dropped to a whisper. "I am sorry that I cannot save you, Nephew, but I cannot fulfill both concepts of loyalty and filial piety. It is my duty to execute you. I am sorry." Upon saying this, he took a shaky step back and took a deep breath. With a steady voice, he ordered," Take the criminal to the dogheaded guillotine!"

As Pao Mian's neck was pressed to the guillotine, I had my eyes on Pao Zheng. Now was his last chance to cancel the order, to lift the gleaming blade aloft, to save his nephew.

But the action never came.

As Pao Mian's head was cut clean off, Pao Zheng only watched with tearful eyes. Through the blood, I stood in shock, reeling from the fact that this man killed his beloved nephew for the sake of justice. After that, everything was a blur up until the point where I scattered the ball of colors once more and returned to my regular duties. To this day, I have never decided if it was a good thing that Pao Zheng killed his nephew, but if a nation has a man so dedicated to justice he kills his family if they commit crimes...

I finished my report with a flourish:

"That nation is in good hands."

The Man from the Future

Ying Wa Primary School, Suen, Man Him - 11

Behind the clouds, the sun showed up, and as the winds blew, it snowed. Pure white snowflakes flattened in the morning breeze, glittering, shining, reflecting the bright sunlight into the judge's eyes. He put down his file stood up and pushed the door open. Silently, he stepped on the snow and embraced the surroundings. A piece of snowflake landed on his opened palm, under the warm sunbeam, it sparkled, and it glowed as if there was a word on it: justice. After all, it has prevailed, he thought, as he recently solved the case of the civet cat and the prince by forcing Guo Huai, the eunuch to confess.

He was Pao Qing-Tian, known as Justice Pao in the Song Dynasty. When Judge Pao first saw this case, he was interested. Therefore, he called Zhan Chao, the chief detective and Gong Sun Ce, the adviser, to investigate.

After a while, his two reliable assistants came back with worries written on their faces. Zhan Chao said, "This case involves royal family members, also the Emperor. Going ahead is very risky. The Queen of the former King may even try to kill you if you attempt to sentence her."

Gong Sun Ce added, "The suspect is a very powerful eunuch, and he is as sly as a fox. He denies all the accusations. It is not easy to force him to tell the truth."

Judge Pao listened carefully to what they said, touched his beard gently and grinned. "I see, anyway, get him to me!" Judge Pao confidently ordered.

"No problem. I will get Guo right away." Zhan Chao replied.

Then, Judge Pao thought of what future tools or technology could be used to solve the case.

In reality, he was a man from the future and time travelled back to different eras, like the Tang Dynasty and Song Dynasty, during snowing times, to fight crime and safeguard justice. He was good at using technology from the future to investigate cases, put criminals on trial and bring justice to people. For instance, he designed some hand-cuffs-looking lie testing machines. Whoever told a lie and tried to hide something, Judge Pao would let him wear the handcuffs and start to ask him or her questions. As the handcuffs were very powerful, Judge Pao knew exactly whether what the suspect said was true or not.

Then Judge Pao read about the case carefully. It was about the Queen and Guo trying to exchange a civet cat with the real prince, who was the emperor at that moment. Judge Pao made his estimation and got a plan to deal with the filthy eunuch.

Not a long time later, Guo Huai came. Firstly Judge Pao signalled the servants to yell his invented slogan "WEI WU –". Its special sound, rhythm, and tune were based on the advanced acoustic principle that made it highly hypnotizing. Most of the people would do whatever Judge Pao asked them to do after listening to the slogan. However, to Judge Pao's surprise, the cunning eunuch was too strong to be hypnotized, and Guo insisted he was innocent.

Then, he ordered Guo to wear the "handcuffs". Thereafter, he started to question Guo. He was highly confident about making the eunuch tell the truth because the handcuffs are very powerful, only one in a million couldn't be detected. Little did he know, Guo was the one who kept telling his fake story. It made Judge Pao and his assistants very upset. In a few seconds, they even had the query that Guo Huai was invincible. Under these circumstances, all Judge Pao could do was suspended the trial for a week. That week, Judge Pao was racing with time. They did much research on the past and weaknesses of Guo, exchanged ideas, and figured out various ways to tackle the problem.

Finally, Judge Pao decided to use the eunuch's superstitions ghost and hell, therefore, he took a Virtual Reality (VR) set and designed the scenery of hell to make Guo confess.

That night, he and his assistants crept to Guo's house and put the VR set on Guo secretly while he was sleeping. After that, he woke Guo up. Once the eunuch opened his eyes, he saw ghosts, Yan-Luo Wang, the King of hell. Guo thought he was in hell, which made him very terrified, his body trembling with fear.

At that moment, Judge Pao pretended to be the King of hell and questioned Guo," Tell me everything about you and the Queen exchanging the prince, or else, I will send you to hell."

Guo was horrified and he begged Yan-Lao Wang for mercy, told the whole truth without any hesitation and admitted the crime. The case was brought to the book eventually.

That morning Judge Pao felt very relieved as he stepped out of Guo's house. It snowed and Judge Pao embraced the environment when he leisurely walked in the garden, thinking, Justice has prevailed, after so much effort, from him and his assistants.

This was Judge Pao, the brilliant detective, as well as the rectitude judge, and the man from time ahead. It snowed, again. It was time for the great time traveller to go to bring justice to a society, whenever and wherever he was needed...

The Mystery of Monster

YK Pao Primary School, Chen, Evelyn – 10

One time, in the Song Dynasty, lived a young man named Judge Pow. He was an intelligent warrior who fought for the Emperor Taizu. He was one of the 9 officers of the king and he was the general of the swordsmen, as Pow has the most experience in combat.

One normal day for Pow, he woke up and got ready for work and training. He started to meditate since it helped him focus. But suddenly, Judge Pow couldn't concentrate, and he opened his brown eyes as sweat poured down his worried face.

The officer next to him rushed and asked, " what happened? "

"I saw the awful vision that happened when I was 3 years old," Said Judge Pow. Judge Pow continued speaking, "When I was 3, my father was murdered by a assassin who worked for another dynasty. It's probably the closest dynasty and I'll find him someday."

TWO YEARS LATER DURING THE MISSION TO DETECT THE ASSASSIN

While Judge Pow was traveling with his crew, he was trying to find and eliminate the filthy assassin for the crime he committed. Suddenly, an arrow swished passed one of the eyes – almost unbelievably he was one millimeter of getting struck on the head. Judge Pow told his crew to stay back because they were not as strong and tough as Judge Pow. He shot an arrow at the direction of the assassin's spot however luckily the arrow scared him, and he shouted out loud. Now they knew the absolute direction of the murderer. While the hoard of people tried sneaking around the giant rock, they didn't notice that the mysterious assassin escaped. Judge Pow saw the track and went by himself ...

READ THEN SECOND BOOK TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO

JUDGE POW!!!!!!

Bun bunnn bun !!!!!!!

Woodland Adventure

YK Pao Primary School, Darley, Evan – 9

One month ago, something rather odd happened, it was even published in the Daily Prophet. But some people say it was not true. For example, a dad at the dinner table told, "Just a fairy tale son, it's not real! Get your mind out of it!" But I must tell you that the people who say this is a fairytale are all wrong!

Here is what happened. There was a boy called Judge Pao. Previously he saved 35 children from a big explosion at Fair-live school! And for a gift, the children gave Judge Pao a handmade boy doll. Even if Judge Pao was 14 years old, he still enjoyed playing with it. He even named the doll Max. Judge Pao has coffee brown hair and a pair of grey eyes. His nose is sensitive and can smell lots of things from far away. His mouth has a smile that never fades away and he wares a yellow shirt that is like a warm sunset!

One day, Judge Pao was woken by a tremendous crash! He quickly got dressed and opened the door... what he saw was a wreck of his favourite treehouse Lego! He was furious! Guess what, Judge Pao's dad was standing behind the treehouse looking shocked at his actions! Judge Pao stomped into his room and locked the door. He was so angry that he didn't come out for breakfast! In this period, Judge Pao had a strange feeling that someone or something was watching him! He turned back expecting a thief to jump out from under the table and point a gun at him. Finally, Judge Pao found that nothing was unordinary. Wait, Max was on the bed and now he is on the desk! Max suddenly opened his mouth and said, "Do you want to come with me to Woodland? It is my greatest honour!" And Judge Pao said something like, "Ye..." and suddenly there was a flash of light and after a second of darkness, Judge Pao was thrown headfirst into a bush. He struggled out of it finding it was raining. There was a wooden wall and a giant door. Max was holding a key which seemed like it could open the door.

As Judge Pao predicted, the door opened. In the darkness Judge Pao saw a blinding streak of light and he stepped into the giant wooden door. They were standing on a tall hill and Max was in front of him. There was a rocky path leading under the hill with lots of trees next to it. So they went down the path. It was hard going down the hill. The path was made from wood and was very loose. Finally, they reached a peaceful pit with strange grass all over it. It was all made of wooden shreds! Judge Pao at first was confused, then he looked at the strange grass closely and finally realised why the grass was coffee brown like his hair. Max said, "This is the famous wood grassland where all the grass is made out of wood shreds!" They laid back and Watched the wooden birds flying in the sky. It was almost noon when they realised time had already crept by!

They followed the grassland to a big forest. Judge Pao was looking at the view and forgot about the doll. When he turned back to ask where they were heading to, Max was gone! At the same time he walked to a lake. He thought he was lost and sat down. That lake has logs floating on the surface and they were like a tribe of long arrows. Suddenly, there was a loud honk and a big ship floated towards him with Max on it! Judge Pao climbed on the ship and the ship continued its track. Judge Pao asked, "What Lake is this?" Max replied, "This is Wood log lake! It has lots of logs floating on the surface of the lake." They kept sailing and as they got nearer and nearer to the end of the lake, Judge Pao heard a small sound of a flute! Judge Pao continued to listen closely as the sound of the flute got bigger and bigger! Judge Pao noticed when the wind was stronger, the sound of the flute got louder! When the wind was small, the sound of the flute got softer. So Judge Pao thought it was another trick of Woodland. And it was!

When they docked on the riverbank, they saw a forest that had strange branches! So, Judge Pao went to the forest with Max nearby just in case he ran away to do something! Finally, they arrived at the forest and found out that the branches were wooden flutes! So, Judge Pao picked a beautiful flute with permission from Max and continued his walk. Soon, they arrived at a tall mountain full of flute trees! They climbed up a sloped, rock path and reached the top of the mountain! What Judge Pao saw was beautiful! There was a beautiful village full of fantastic, peaceful cottages! There were lots of places. Judge Pao was so excited that he ran down the sloped path and nearly fell 10 times. Finally arriving at the gates of the village with Max panting at his back, they saw a crowd near a tall church. Judge Pao squeezed through the crowd of people with Max in his hand, he found the most beautiful church he had ever seen! The tall ceiling raised into the white, fluffy clouds! Judge Pao asked, "Can we go in this amazing church?" Max said proudly, "This is where I wanted to bring you! It is called the church of library and holds lots of things that are very fancy which you can even buy." Judge Pao was overwhelmed when he opened the door of the church! There were fancy crystals, army shirts, flutes, furniture and beautiful cottage paintings! So, Max tossed out a small box full of shiny wooden coins! Judge Pao took the box and bought a woodland painting

set! Then Max went into a small room in the corner and did a wink that indicted that Judge Pao could come in. So, they went in that room which to Judge Pao was very spooky! There was only one dimly lit light and a small door just wide enough for Judge Pao and Max to squeeze in. Max said in a strange, deep voice, "Please go in this door." Judge Pao carrying Max, went into the door. There was a blinding bolt of light and Judge Pao woke from his dream! It was just a marvellous dream. He opened the door to his bedroom finding out that his dad was adding the last piece of the rebuilt treehouse Lego! This is the best vacation ever! Sadly, Max never spoke or did something strange ever again!

YK Pao Primary School, Du, Cosmo – 10

You probably never heard of Vincenzo Perugia, but I know all about him. He was a famous art thief that stole the famous painting Mona Lisa from the Louvre Museum In Paris on August 1911. Vincenzo did a such smooth job that nobody noticed It vanished for 2 days.

Nobody could catch this thief, not even a hundred police, not even a 360 degrees camera stuffed in the museum, not even fifty security guards with a laser gun and a Ak47 with infinity bullets, not even super man!

Nobody but judge Pao.

Judge Pao is a detective but also a "Hero", he solved a lot of robbery mystery that that wasn't solved for hundreds of years, everything seemed easy for him, but when he heard the news of the stolen painting, he finally found an enemy who is sly and got some skills.

He traveled through time, to the time when the painting was stolen. He collected all the clues to make a solution that makes sense. (Such as footprints, finger prints). And finally, Pao knew the correct location of Vincenzo's apartment and caught him red-handed looking and admiring the painting.

Even though they caught the thief, the thief could still escape.

Three years later, Vincenzo became a mad scientist, who wants to take over the world and kill pao. Judge pao knew it will happen and used technology from the future year 114514. And the battle began.

The two men faced each other, glaring. Suddenly, the sky began to rumble, and a flash of lightning blast to the ground, and the two men began to charge at each other.

First, Vincenzo threw an explosive-kunai at judge pao, but he dodges it easily with the speed of light. Then, pao jumps in the air and threw some smoke bombs at Vincenzo, consequentially, he could not see anything and as a result, he was blast to death by to missiles.

Judge pao is an unstoppable hero.

Judge Pao and the Miscreant of Tao City

YK Pao Primary School, Gao, Nathan – 11

There was once an old man who was traveling to Tao city to do business when he found that the city gates had already closed.

He stared helplessly at the closed walls, thinking that he could only sleep on the grass beneath the city walls and wait until morning. But then he saw a glow emanating from a house down in the streets surrounding the city. He rushed to the house and knocked. After a few seconds, a chubby man opened the door. He asked the merchant what he wanted, the merchant replied, "Sorry to disturb you sir, but I just wanted to ask whether you could let me stay at your house tonight." The chubby man agreed happily, and the merchant thanked him for his hospitality. Completely unaware that he was going into a house of a bandit and that he would never come out again.

'Dong Dong' The bell on Judge Pao's workplace door ran. Judge Pao called to hold court, and a weeping family came to the court. They knelt before Judge Pao and thanked him for holding the court. The fellow guards that lined the court started muttering about the family, so Judge Pao banged the piece of wood on his desk and the people in the court room became instantly silent. Judge saw that the husband had not come with his family, maybe something had happened to him, so the mother and son were coming to call for justice. Judge Pao addressed the mother of the two children," What has happened to cause you and your family to be in such distress?"

The mother said while stiffening her sobs," My husband was a merchant who came to this city to do business. Bu ~ But when he arrived at the city, we never heard from him again, he said he would come back after a few days, but he has not gone back home for two months and that is why I have come here to report it." Judge Pao was saddened by the events that happened to the women's family, he promised that he would help the women find what happened to even though they were not from Tao city. The family thanked Judge Tao and went out crying the whole way.

Immediately, he talked to his fellow judges about how they could help the woman find her husband or find his killer. This will be difficult as Judge Pao needed to ask a lot of people about the people who go in and out of the city, but he knew that he must take the job for his and the city's reputation.

Judge Pao decided that he should ask the wife to make a portrait of the husband and ask the guard of the city if he had seen this person. The guard looked at the person carefully for a while and then decided that he hadn't seen this person before. Judge Pao shared this information with the wife, and they concluded that the husband was either killed or mobbed in the countryside surrounding the city.

Now Judge Pao had his sights clear that he needed to get to the countryside and find the bandit who caught the merchant, also he must do it very quietly and swiftly, or the bandits might run away. After some thought, Judge Pao decided to let his employees try to find some evidence that might give them some idea of who might have taken the money from the merchant. The workers went to the village to gather news about the countryside, and a villager told the workers that there was a man who had been a beggar a few months ago but had now become very rich. Judge Pao suspected that the villain was likely the man.

The next morning, Judge Pao and his guards went to the houses where the villain lived. They stormed in and took him to the courtroom. This was done while the whole village was put under custody.

When Judge Pao started to interrogate the villain, he firstly brought up the riches found in his house. He asked the villain how he got so many riches when he was only a beggar and did not have a job. The villain explained that he had saved all these riches all his life. The villain looked at Judge Pao in a threatening way, but Judge Pao kept his gaze on him and did not look away. "So, if I check the money count that a merchant said went missing, it would be the same amount as the amount of riches here. The villain's look of surprise could not have betrayed more of the truth. After Judge Pao checked the documents, he raged at the villain, wringed his hands as he shouted, "You have attacked an innocent merchant and made our city's reputation become terrible. Guards seize him and sentence him for treason and murder." The villain cried," No please, Judge forgive me." As he got carried away.

Judge Pao walked out of the courtroom and was welcomed by a loud round of applause by the people and a tearful family thanking him for his just action and quick wittedness. As he walked on into the sunset, he knew that there will be more crimes for him to solve, but for now he just wanted to take a break.

YK Pao Primary School, Gu, Ivy – 10

Once, there was a boy in China called Pao. The young boy had plump, rosy cheeks and big, brown eyes. He loved playing the game pretend. If you went in his room, you would see dozens of wooden airplanes, and wooden men. Pao loved whooshing the airplanes through air and knock down bad guys. He would act like a crowd and shout, "Hooray for Pao! Once again, he caught the chief of China!"

Time quickly flew by, and Pao was already 15 years old. This young man loved reading books about detectives. He dreamt about it. He read about it. He learned about it. One day, on a busy street filled with shouting of hawkers, he saw a poster. It read:

Competition: All the young "detectives" of China's opportunity to become a famous hero! We will put cases to solve all over China, let's see who solved the most until February 9th. Write a report for every crime.

China's Detective is about to be discovered. Sign up at the governor's office at the city and remember to come on the due date.

It was January 7th, about one month from the due date. However, a question hit his mind. What am I attending the competition for? It's a good chance to chase my dream, but what will I get if I win? A chance to be famous? Maybe I'll start looking for crimes and think of it later. Soon, he found one. Three men were arguing about something.

"I told you, it wasn't me." A fat man said angrily.

- "Look at your weight, anyone would think it's you." another thin man stood beside. Another man stood in between, eyeing suspiciously at the two.
- "Fellows, let's not argue. I will help you. Tell me what happened." Pao stepped up and suggested confidently.
- The others looked at him and exchanged looks. The man in between explained, "I'm a baker at the bakery. Someone ate a cake I made. There were only two people left at the bakery. They both said they didn't eat it."
- "Hmm," thought Pao aloud, "Did you find anything?"
- "I found a feather. Probably the thief left it behind accidently." The man replied.
- "Who likes birds?" asked Pao.
- "Um, my brother likes birds, and he has them at home. I see them when I visit him." the fat man answered first.
- "And did you?" Pao asked.
- "I didn't, but I did five days ago." the fat man said.
- "Ah ha!" The thin man shouted, "You visited him, so you have a feather stuck on your body."

- "Not so fast." Pao said. "Looking at this feather's color, it's still very bright. It isn't fading and looks like new. Five days would be too long." Then, he looked sternly at the thin man. "Did you go anywhere near birds recently?"
- "Well, you know, I went to the flower and bird market yesterday afternoon. However, I didn't get in touch with an emerald-colored bird." the thin man answered nervously.
- "Well, one last thing. Did any bird cages knock down or did you bump into someone with a bird?" Pao asked.
- "Well, when I was paying, the fat man at the counter accidently knocked down a green bird. I was not paying attention, so I only heard the noise and saw the bird cage on the floor." the thin man replied.
- "Okay, I know, it's you!" Pao pointed to the thin man.
- "Huh? How can it be?" the thin man was frustrated.
- "You went to the market yesterday's afternoon, right? A green bird cage was knocked down. You were standing right by the counter. You weren't paying attention, so didn't realize a feather sticking on your coat. I noticed a print on your coat that matches the feather, probably it was the feather. When you ate that cake, you must have left it by accident." Pao pointed out.
- "Alright, your right. I ate the cake." the thin man admitted immediately.
- "Congratulations! We made up this case for the detective competition. You solved it, and here is the sheet for the report." The man in between smiled and spoke.
- Wow! Way to go! Pao thought to himself. He thanked the men and went home to record all the things that happened today. As he walked, each step was lighter and confidence rushed through his veins, all over his body. He felt so happy that the sky seemed brighter, the air seemed fresher and whole city seemed to be smiling upon him.
- One month later, Kiri entered his big brother's room. Pao had entered this detective thingy and spent all his attention on it. Today was the day that "the peas come out of the pod", as his brother always joked.
- "What are you doing so early, bro?" Kiri asked with sleepy eyes.
- "I'm counting the cases I solved." Pao replied enthusiastically.

After a while, Pao grabbed his coat, wore a pair of shiny leather shoes and went. He was holding a file with papers and documents about himself.

- "Good luck on the competition!" Kiri shouted shouted at him.
- "Thanks Kiri, I love you!" And with that, Pao stepped outside.

- They said my name? The next second Pao was surrounded by Journalists and cameras. He was lifted by someone. "Dad!" Pao shouted out.
- "Congratulations! Sweetheart." "Pao, I knew you could do it!" Kiri looked up with big eyes.
- Sun shone, and Pao thought about his feelings. He was confused of the purpose. Now he knew. He had a purpose to enter, he was chasing the dream of his life.

Many years later, Pao settled in Hong Kong. One of his descendants (Pao Yue Kong) created the school I attend! Now you know how I knew this story?

Judge Pao and the Disappearing Dead

YK Pao Primary School, Hu, Kevin – 10

On a freezing dark night, in the overgrown forest, the pale moonlight shone on a clearing with a large steep hole, a dark figure appeared, looking around cautiously and dumped a stain covered bag into the hole, leaving quietly.

In the morning, Mark's wife, Molly woke up and found that Mark was gone, she yelled worriedly "M–M–Mark? Mark! Where are you?" The only thing that responded is SILENCE, "Maaaaaaaaaaaarrrrrrrrrkkkkk! Don't play jokes on me!"

"Stop yelling! What are you thinking, nuts?" Her neighbor shouted, annoyed.

"Mark is missing! How can't I be crazy!" Molly snapped.

"Then go tell Judge Pao." The paper boy outside said confidently.

Feeling helpless, Molly went to the Yamen and reported to Judge Pao "My husband Mark is MISSING, please find him!"

"I will find him." Murmured Judge Pao. Molly smiled, she knew Judge Pao is trustworthy, Judge Pao turned to his helper and commanded "Prepare five experts to search the alley of the missing person called Mark, but first, let Molly speak with the sketcher and sketch Mark." A sketcher motioned Molly to follow him to a room covered with papers, the aroma of ink filled the air.

Molly closed her eyes.

"Well, Mark has a thin face, white skin and freckles with red hair, green eyes and skinny eyebrows." Molly answered. The sketcher started drawing while Molly was saying, when the sketcher was done, he handed the paper to Judge Pao.

Judge Pao seemed surprised "Isn't this the man I saw last night? He was looking for something in an alley and disappeared!"

"Can you help me find him?" Asked Molly worriedly.

"What did he say to you when he left?" Judge Pao asked calmly.

"He said that he was going to a friend's house to talk about work." Molly answered.

"Then what job does Mark have?" Judge Pao asked, confused.

"He never told me, he only says it is important." Molly mumbled slowly.

"Looks like Mark has a secret and dangerous job and-oh, the experts are here," Judge Pao handed them the sketch, "This is the person that you need to find, good luck!" Molly strolled home.

A few minutes later, Molly's eyes are drooping, Molly walked to the bed. The more Molly walked, the more she got tired, until she stumbled into bed. Knock! Knock!

"Ms. Molly please open the door! We have information of Mark!" cried an expert.

Molly zoomed out of bed and went to open the door, and asked worriedly, "Is Mark ok? What happened to him? Tell me!"

The expert at the front said "whoa, you have to chill, we found a paper in the alley, it says:

I see green with black and red,

Keep on the side or you'll be dead.

If the hell comes you will run and cry,

Living is useless.

Lurk the forest,

End the darkness of black.

Doom!

Make way and you will see a SURPRISE!"

Molly asked "what does this mean?"

"We are still investigating." The first expert said. Molly closed the door and went back to sleep.

When Molly woke up, Molly thought about the paper that the experts found.

"Lurking the forest! I should tell the experts to search the woods!" She should excitedly and rushed to Yamen "The paper that the experts found in the alley has a line which says: Lurk the forest. That means the person wants us to search the forest!"

"Experts, you have an important job to do, let Molly explain it." Judge Pao commanded.

After Molly clearly explained what to do, the experts started preparing to enter the forest. They walked into the forest and searched for a long time which leaded them to a clearing with a hole. An expert, threw a stone in hole and started counting slowly "one, two, three, four, five....." Plunk! The stone reached the bottom.

"This hole is deep, we have to be careful." Another expert said. The expert tied himself to one end of, the rope, the other experts pulled the other end, they carefully lowered the expert into the hole. Slowly, the expert, reached the ground, when he saw what's down there, he screamed in horror. The experts outside the hole heard the scream and started pulling up him as fast as they could, they pulled and pulled until a shivering hand grasped onto the edge and helped the shocked expert out of the gigantic hole.

"T-T-There was M-Mark's body!" The expert cried, gasping for air, his heart pounding.

"Let's tell Judge Pao and hide it from Molly, if Molly knows about that Mark is dead, she will be upset." One of the experts said.

"I disagree, we need to be honest, so others trust us." An expert with glasses protested confidently. Everybody didn't know which decision to make, so they went back to the Yamen and let Judge Pao to make the decision.

"Your right glasses, we have to be honest." Judge Pao said, "Tell Molly to come to Yamen."

"But Ju-" One expert cried.

"No butts, Molly needs to know the truth," Judge Pao cutted, his expression not changing.

A few minutes later, Molly arrived, looking worried, "what happened? Did you find mark?" Molly blurted out, sweating.

"Mark is DEAD, I am very sorry." Judge Pao said sadly. Molly's heart stopped pumping, her blood veins froze, she was heartbroken, her beloved Mark was gone. Then she fainted, "get some cold water!" An expert cried. A helper came with a pail of water and poured onto Molly, and Molly came to.

"Please, find the killer who killed Mark, please." Molly murmured weakly.

"I will." Judge Pao promised.

"Judge Pao, should we go for every suspect and search?" the expert with glasses asked.

"Yes." Judge Pao answered, satisfied.

A few hours later, the suspects came hand tied.

"What do you want us here? I have to go to buy carrots!" Sally complained loudly.

"Last night Mark died, know him?" Judge Pao mocked calmly.

"Who is Mark, I don't know him, let me go!" Katie screeched angrily.

"Then why are you at the forest last night?" asked Judge Pao.

"I wanted to camp there!" Katie explained.

"You can go Katie." Judge Pao announced, "Now sally, why are you at the woods last night?"

"I am picking mushrooms at the woods!" Sally shouted, losing patience.

"What is related to you and Mark?" Judge Pao asked.

"We are neighbors!" Sally cried.

"If you are neighbors, that means you know a lot about Mark, right?" said Judge Pao.

"N-N-No." Sally mumbled shakily.

"Then why are you saying it shakily, last night you were at the alley then went to the forest," Judge Pao boomed and slammed the judge's gavel, "Guilty! In jail because of killing people and hiding the body!"

"Nooooooooo, have mercy, please." Sally screamed.

Molly smiled, she was glad.

Judge Pao

YK Pao Primary School, Huang, Ethan -

Pao was chained up, blood tickling down his face. He was beaten nonstop for a week now, after his parents died because of poverty. His cruel aunt and uncle promised to take 'care' of him. Pao was forced to do all the chores every day, and when he made a mistake, they beat him. Such as today when he was washing the dishes after lunch, he accidentally let a plate slide out of his hand. His uncle rushed into the kitchen at the dreaded sound, and saw Pao frozen in his tracks, fear visible in his eyes. His uncle roared and knocked him out with a punch.

Pao found himself waking up in the stables, the air reeking of horse dung. Every part of his body ached, some stinging like someone was poking him with a needle, and some was throbbing in a dull pain.

His uncle chose that moment to come in, carrying a whip, spiked with broken glass. He whispered "You broke the second most expensive plate in the house, boy. You will pay." His voice full of venom.

CRACK! And a yelp of pain. CRACK! CRACKCRACK! The whip was stained red, and the tip dripped with dark red liquid. Pao blacked out temporarily from the pain, but his uncle slapped him the moment he passed out. His uncle continued with the beating for a week nonstop after finally letting him down, making Pao look like he rolled into a pool of blades.

Pao had enough of this. He needs to excavate an escape plan before he gets beaten to death, and he very much wanted to stay alive, despite the torturous years he spent here.

The next day, Pao made sure he ate all the food that his uncle gave him, which is not a lot, but he needs all the energy he can get. He is already familiar with the house's doorways and windows, so he began to plan on his escape. He needs the darkness of night to help him escape successfully, as he can't run far before his uncle or aunt catches him in their chariot. He needs to scout the environment around to escape, since he needs more rocky and uneven landscapes to escape the chariot and the horses. In his 6 years of 'service/enslavement' in that wretched house, he has never been allowed outside once. He needed to get as much of the knowledge around as he can get, because his fate depended on it. If he escaped, he is going to be free. If he failed, then he is most likely going to be killed.

Once midnight came, he slid a pin out of his sleeve and picked at the lock restraining his wrists and ankles as quietly as possible to not wake up anyone. He winced as one of the floorboards creaked but thank gods his aunt and uncle did not wake up. He sneaked out of the house without a single sound and into the night. 'Free at last!' Pao thought. He did not dare to make any sound although he was already far away from the house. He stumbled, his rush of adrenaline fading, making him feel the pain of so many cuts and gashes on his body. Pao promised himself he would get revenge, but first he must heal.

Years after Pao escaped from the hellish 'home' of his uncle, he has grown into a man, serving justice on those who escaped punishment. As they say, justice might be late, but it will never be absent......

YK Pao Primary School, Huang, Thomas – 11

"Pao Qing Tian" is the most famous judge in the world, and I am one of his descendants...Just a joke, but I still believe everyone would know that Judge Pao is a fair, momentous West Song Dynasty judge. So are you curious about the ancestor of Judge Pao, and also how he came to China from one place on this huge Earth? In ancient China BC, there is the name Pao in China, and it goes down and down and finally came to use in our ages. Nowadays, we still use names like Pao Gong, Pao Jing...But for Pao Qing Tian, this Pao means the rights and just of himself, and it manages to show off Judge Pao's fair personality, so let's start our journey to 220 AD, about the 3 country dynasty of China, and that is the start of ancestors of Judge Pao.

It starts in 221 AD when Cao Cao was invading China with Liu Bei and Sun Quan. And in Europe, West Rome is one of the most civilized civilizations there, and this is where the Pao family began.

Dr Pao Sheng Tian (Chinese name) from Country Shu in China, he is once a student in a school, he is one of the leader presidents of the student leader group in their school. So, once he is a child, Sheng Tian had gotten a leadership and fair mind, and willing to serve any people who needed help. So his teenage life is helping others and doing whatever he can do, but in 242 AD, when he is 21 years old. His father's business was bankrupt and loads of people are coming to our house for money. For not giving out any money, he and Sheng Tian ran out of their house and called a carriage to the dock. They arrived there, bought some tickets, and went on the boat going to someplace they don't know.

The boat goes down to India and goes north after 5 months of boat riding. Sheng Tian and his parents arrived in the west of Ancient Rome, they arrived at a dock and went down. One of the guards of the dock shouted using English which father knows well as a businessman, "Hey! Who are you all!" Sheng Tian's father replied back, "We are people from China! In the east of the world!" After Sheng Tian and his dad explained to them using English, the people on the boat could then go into Ancient Rome.

While Sheng Tian's father is having a business, he had been communicating with people out of China like people in Rome. So we knew a rich businessman called James Walker in Ancient Rome, and he is Sheng Tian's father's best friend in Rome. He is trading with him before of wines at Ancient Rome. Sheng Tian and his parents walked into the market in Rome, they seemed a bit awkward there. They walked for hours and hours, and at night, they finally reached James' home. They stayed there for a long time, about 250 years, James and Sheng Tian died and Sheng Tian's daughter Pao Ping He also died, and her son is Pao Kan Tian. And for that, Kan Tian and James' grandson Michael Walker went on their journey to China (502 AD).

The first part of the journey is very tough, Kan Tian and Michael can't find any boats and sail ships at the dock that send them here, so the only way they can get back to Kan Tian's homeland is to walk on land, and firstly, they needed to go across cold Russia at the north. It is a tough route, they have encountered blizzards, barbarians and many different things. After they had gone more southern, the weather became warmer and become comfortable. This is also good for Kan Tian to go back to China more quickly. In the following months, it is very normal for Kan Tian, and they just went on their pace to China. But one day, when they are walking, Michael suddenly fell onto the ground and spat blood out of his mouth, not knowing why. When Kan Tian touched his body, he finally found out that he had a very high fever, Michael lay on the ground, and he carried him quickly to a village hospital nearby, the doctors said that Michael is okay, but needed to stay rested for a month. That month, Kan Tian met a beautiful girl, and they quickly fell in love and had their marriage. She is called Mary and they brought her on their way back to China too. Mary will be the mother of Pao Qing Tian further. They are already at the border of the Wei kingdom of China after 3 years of walking. They made themselves back in China and lived happily forever.

Part 1 Adventure of Judge Pao

YK Pao Primary School, Hui, Jared – 8

One time, in the Song Dynasty, lived a young man named Judge Pow. He was an intelligent warrior who fought for the Emperor Taizu. He was one of the 9 officers of the king and he was the general of the swordsmen, as Pow has the most experience in combat.

One normal day for Pow, he woke up and got ready for work and training. He started to meditate since it helped him focus. But suddenly, Judge Pow couldn't concentrate, and he opened his brown eyes as sweat poured down his worried face.

The officer next to him rushed and asked, " what happened? "

"I saw the awful vision that happened when I was 3 years old," Said Judge Pow. Judge Pow continued speaking, "When I was 3, my father was murdered by a assassin who worked for another dynasty. It's probably the closest dynasty and I'll find him someday."

TWO YEARS LATER DURING THE MISSION TO DETECT THE ASSASSIN

While Judge Pow was traveling with his crew, he was trying to find and eliminate the filthy assassin for the crime he committed. Suddenly, an arrow swished passed one of the eyes – almost unbelievably he was one millimeter of getting struck on the head. Judge Pow told his crew to stay back because they were not as strong and tough as Judge Pow. He shot an arrow at the direction of the assassin's spot however luckily the arrow scared him, and he shouted out loud. Now they knew the absolute direction of the murderer. While the hoard of people tried sneaking around the giant rock, they didn't notice that the mysterious assassin escaped. Judge Pow saw the track and went by himself ...

READ THEN SECOND BOOK TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO

JUDGE POW!!!!!!

Bun bunnn bun !!!!!!!

The Prince or the Leopard Cat?

YK Pao Primary School, Jiang, Edward – 10

In China's Song dynasty, there was an emperor called Songzhenzong. When he was 50 years old, he still didn't have son to inherit his position. He had two young concubines surnamed Li and Liu.

One day, both concubines were pregnant. The emperor was overjoyed and sent them a handkerchief with his handwriting on it 'Dedicated to Li' and 'Dedicated to Liu' respectively. Then he told the two concubines, 'Whoever gives birth to a baby boy first will become empress!'

Li was a kind-hearted person, and welcomed by everyone in the imperial palace. Liu was greedy and deadly. Anyone who she disliked never got a good end, so she was feared.

As soon as Liu went back to her palace, she told her slyest servant Guohuai, 'I must be the empress and the empress dowager in the future." Liu ordered, "Guohuai, you must not let Li give birth to a boy before I do."

"Yes, my Highness. However, if Li has a girl, then she will be spared." Guohuai made up her mind to kill Li's baby if he is a boy. Liu was pleased to hear Guohuai's plan. Ten days later, Li was going to deliver her baby.

A servant ran inside and told the emperor that Li has given birth to a bay-boy. Liu was sitting beside the emperor and snatched the words before the emperor, 'You'd better stay here. My emperor, since the path to Li's palace is cold. I can go visit Li!' The emperor was pleased to hear this.

Liu set off with an evil look in the corner of her eyes, which no one detected. Guohuai took off after her, and started operating the plan.

Guohuai secretly gave a block of gold to the doctor, who took out Li's baby and gave to Guohuai. Liu wrapped a dead leopard cat in swaddling clothes and head to the emperor palace. As soon as the emperor saw a horrible cat body as the 'baby', he was shocked and crumpled to the ground. This was something very unlucky for the nation by giving birth to a 'demon'. Soon Li was not allowed to come out and confined to a room. On the other hand, Guohuai carefully put the baby in an old basket and covered it with clothes. He told a servant surnamed Zhu to throw into a lake.

After a few days, Liu gave birth to a boy., and she became the new empress as her wished. Everyone in the imperial palace was delighted. Songzhenzong decided to hold the prince ceremony. Prince Zhaodefang also came to wish luck to the baby, and asked the emperor, 'Can my newborn baby play with the prince? They will live together!' The emperor delighted.

His son, called Zhaozhen, was actually Li's baby, because servant Zhu did not want to kill the baby, so she sent the baby to prince Zhaodefang instead.

Ten years went past. One day, Liu's son died unluckily of disease, so Zhaozhen was adopted by Liu and became the new prince. One day, Zhaozhen was walking on a small path with Zhu following. He saw a cute dog running away, and he followed the dog to an old house with steel bars for windows. An eerie cry sounded from inside the house. Zhaozhen walked towards the barred window, 'Who is in this poor house? Why are you crying?' A croaky voice sounded from inside, 'I am the royal concubine Li! I got into this mess for, for nothing!' Zhaozhen felt sorry for Li. Finally, it was time for Zhaozhen to go. He promised Li to bring more food to her next time.

From that day on, visiting Li became a daily thing to do. One day, Liu saw Zhaozhen stuffing food into his pockets, she asked, 'What are you doing?' 'I'm giving food to the poor royal concubine Li! ', answered Zhaozhen. The empress was fearful to hear this. She told Zhaozhen that she will arrange Zhu to send food to Li.

Soon after the prince walked away, Liu told Guohuai immediately to kill Zhu and burn Li to death. Zhu died by a heavy stick hit that day.

Her body was then wrapped in fabric, and servant Zhaozhong took her body outside the city to bury. An idea flashed across his mind, he decided to rescue Li. He took Zhu's body to Li's house and switched clothes with Li to manage Li to escape from the window. He told Li that she should ask for help from Minister Bao to undo the injustice herself.

Another ten years passed, Zhaozhen ascended and Liu became the empress dowager. The new emperor made a wise decision by appointing BaoZheng as the chief judge.

One day, Judge Pao returned to the capital. There were many people rushed to the street and cheered as Pao had brought Liu's brothers to justice who had committed lots of crimes in the country.

At that moment, an old woman in the middle of the road. She cried with grief, 'Pao! I am the concubine Li, and I am grievously wronged! Please save me!' Pao looked at the old granny astonishment. 'Concubine Li? Weren't you burnt to death years ago?'.

'Yes, I am! Someone intended to burn me 10 years ago, but I was saved by a kind person', cried Li. Prince Zhaodefang muttered something in Judge Pao's ear, which Judge Pao listened intently with large eyes.

Pao asked the old women get on the carriage. They entered the palace and met with the emperor. The emperor was shocked and couldn't believe that the woman in front of him was his mother! Prince Zhaodefang spoke up, 'My Highness, my servant Chenlin and Zhaozhong will tell you the true things that occurred 20 years ago.'

Both witnesses were summoned to the palace. Their statement corresponded with Li and Zhaodefang. Li also tooked a handkerchief that Zhenzong gave to her with his writing on it.

The truth had been revealed. The emperor walked towards his mother with tears in his eyes, and hugged his mother. Everyone at the scene was moved to tears.

The emperor ordered Judge Pao immediately to arrest empress dowager Liu and GuoHuai. Liu was aware that she wouldn't be escape. She killed herself in her chamber. Guokuai was killed by an arrow.

The emperor was finally reunited with his mother. Those people who had offered their help to Li were all rewarded.

Even the story has passed many years, but it is still among the people. It speaks of that good men will receive reward while evil heart men will receive punishment sooner or later.

Tales of Judge Pao

YK Pao Primary School, Lee, Kylie – 9

Judge Pao stepped into a dark pit, shivering. Suddenly, warm air blew onto his face. As he opened his eyes, he was astonished by the surroundings. Everything seemed futuristic to him. Students walked by with rectangular-shaped plates that had moving people and drawings in them. The plates even made noise! When he turned his head to look outside, he could see snowflakes landing on the ground elegantly. But it felt warm. He shut his eyes and opened them. Students were still walking by. He tried to run outside to go back to where he was before, but he crashed into the invisible wall. That is when he realized that he was unable to go out, stopped by the invisible wall.

Judge Pao stopped a young person who was walking by and asked, "Where is this place?" The student replied, "This is Y K Pao school, sir. Who are you?" Judge Pao introduced himself: "What a funny coincidence! Your school has the same name as me. I am Judge Pao." All students stared at Judge Pao in shock. There was a pleasant silence. Then, there was a loud, welcoming cheer! Some could not believe their eyes; others were jumping up and down in excitement!

The people in the hall were curious about Judge Pao. They bombarded him with questions. However, as he was answering the questions, he sensed that something was not right. He turned his head and saw a fifth grader teasing a first grader non-stop. Judge Pao stared at the fifth grader in disbelief. He came over to the fifth grader and said, "May I have a conversation with you, young man?". "I guess so...", the fifth grader mumbled. Judge Pao took the fifth grader aside.

"You mustn't bully others. If you have ever been bullied before, you should know how it feels. It makes you feel sad or angry." The fifth grader pictured all the moments when he was bullied during first grade. Now, he felt guilty for what he had done. Judge Pao said: "You made somebody feel bad through your words. It is impossible to take back words you have already spoken. It would be like breaking a bag of feathers and trying to pick them all up." When Judge Pao finished his sentence, the fifth grader was turned into a first grader.

When the fifth grader appeared at the hall where everybody was, everyone laughed at him. "Do you know what it feels like to be a first grader?", someone asked. The fifth grader slightly nodded. "You will turn back into a fifth grader in just one week. However, if you bully others, verbally or physically such as hitting, pushing, or stepping others, and deny it or say it was an accident, the one-week counting will start again. Good luck!" And poof! Judge Pao vanished into the air. From that day on, no one dared to bully others at YK Pao school.

Judge Pao

YK Pao Primary School, Liu, Dora – 8

In a warm sunny day Judge Pao came to a new place he walked and walked until he hears a loud cry. He saw a skinny old man crying loudly. Judge Pao asked "Why are you crying gentleman?" The man said " I am crying because someone was dead in my house and not only one it was two!" "Why?" Judge Pao boomed out. "First my girl was in love with a young man and when they surf together on the beach and the man make her not to balance well and then... you know it she falls." "And your wife?" "She heard that my daughter dies she hang herself to dead." The old poor man was still crying and even more harder. He said "I will find the boy" and so he search the shole world and find the boy to pay the money.

The New Tale of Judge Pao

YK Pao Primary School, Lyu, Abby – 9

Judge Pao planned to walk to the bustling city he was going to. It was quite a long way to go. It was annoyingly hot in a desert like road. Luckily, he saw a old, small cabin in the distance. He went inside it and rested for a while. It was cozy but dirty. Unfortunately, he was spotted by two nosy villagers living nearby. They thought they had to go to the emperor to complain. But Judge Pao was clever. He knew someone would notice. As he came out, he placed a single shiny coin on the front step. The two villagers knew that Judge Pao was being fair, so they didn't do anything.

Judge Pao continued to travel, and soon enough, he arrived at the city. It wasn't as beautiful and rich as he imagined. The streets weren't made of gold, they were just regular dirt roads. No fancy buildings and horse wagons. As he jostled through a noisy market, he noticed that someone was looking unpleasant. An egg seller told him his raw eggs were stolen. He asked Pao to catch the thief and get back his eggs but didn't want one cracked egg. Judge Pao looked around curiously. It seemed only farmers came to a faraway market like here. So, it should have been a sneaky farmer stealing the eggs. He attracted their attention by chatting loudly. After the hubbub quieted, Pao told the farmers to get out their eggs, for the farmers only sell boiled eggs. He noticed that one farmer's pockets were bulging. He kept close watch on him. Suddenly, Pao had an idea. He got it from the children playing. He remembered a game.

Next, he told them to spin the eggs like tops and use their fingers to stop them. Pao knew that the raw eggs wouldn't stop, while the boiled one would stop. He inspected all the eggs and saw that the farmer with bulging pockets had raw eggs.

So, the thief revealed the rest of the eggs and returned them to the egg seller. When the people of the city heard the news of what happened, they all agreed Judge Pao was indeed wise and observant. Many people started telling Judge Pao's interesting stories. Soon, he was world famous. Everyone asked him to be their judge and help them.

Afterwards, people respected Judge Pao and his name and history lived on for generations and is still famous today. This is the new tale of Judge Pao.

YK Pao Primary School, Mao, Matt – 10

Judge Pao however, was the fairest judge in China. He enforced the law impartially. I think you all know many fascinating stories of him, but I am going to tell you another story of Judge Pao.

Once upon a time, there was a tyrant emperor called Emperor Joel Wang WC JR. He asked for money every year. Anyone who did not pay that amount of money will be seriously punished. People were poor and China was in a terrible condition.

One morning, Judge Pao found out that some money, which was expected to give to the emperor, disappeared in his cabin. "Oh yes", he thought, "I forgot to lock the cabin". He knew that the person who stole the money must be in working in his court, because only those workers knew his exact address. He was so kindhearted that he didn't want to find out the thief, because he knew the person who did that must need money more than he did. He even opened the cabin and left a note in the cabin writing "to really help those in need".

The next day, he approached to the cabin to see if someone had stolen the money again. The person did it again! There were only 25 silver coins left. Judge Pao didn't care, as he was kindhearted. He opened the cabin again and continued to allow that person to steal it.

The third day, he found out the money was stolen for the third time. He only had 20 silver coins left.

In the 4th day, no one had stolen the money, but Judge Pao could only afford to eat 5 spoons of rice every meal. He paid 10 silver coins to Emperor Joel Wang WC JR. Great news arrived at 5 in the evening. The evil emperor died because he was bitten by a Mamba snake (a deadly poison snake) in a warehouse when inspecting his treasury. He was so lucky that he got 10 silver coins by judging. Moreover, nobody stole Pao's money ever since.

Nineteen years later, Pao had a fatal disease. Only a few doctors knew how to cure him. He asked many hospitals but in vain. Sleeping in his cold bed, he heard someone knocking the door. Judge Pao slowly stood up and opened the door. It was David the doctor. David cured his illness. However, David suddenly bowed to Judge Pao.

"Why are you bowing to me? And why do you know my exact address?" Pao asked curiously

"Thank you for helping me 19 years ago! I used to work in your court. I stole your money, and you continued allowing me to steal. I did that because I used up all my money to buy medicines for my mom. And I had no more money to pay to the greedy emperor. As a result, I was almost in prison. Desperately, I stole your money and it saved my entire family. After the Emperor died, I studied hard and became a famous doctor." cried David

Doctor David sobbed and continued, "I became a doctor because of your help. I learned from you and I helped lots of others. You changed my life! You are the greatest person I have ever met!"

"It is okay. And a great thought to be a doctor. You saved my life. Thank you so much for curing my illness. I feel much better. You are now my best friend."

THE END.

YK Pao Primary School, Peng, Caspian – 10

"You've got mail, Mr. Pao!" called the mailman.

Judge Pao was asleep when he heard the call. "Right, wait for me!" he replied. The mailman left silently. Judge Pao got up from his bed and walked slowly towards the mail post. He saw the envelope immediately and opened it. "Dear Mr. Pao, strange things have happened in our house. Please come and help us! We will tell you what it is when you get here!", the letter says.

"Hnmm..... I'll go!" Judge Pao took out his newest invention, a magic travel bottle that takes him anywhere he wants to go. He said the address to the bottle and in no time, he arrived at a white little house. A couple greeted them and Judge Pao asked what exactly happened. The woman told a strange and horrifying tale of creaking sound and voices at night and terrible dreams of being taken away by a ghost. "And these are not dreams, they were so real!" the woman said. "Honey, they are dreams. There's no ghost in the world and you are still here", said the husband. Judge Pao frowned and said nothing. He took out his magnifying glass and started to look around the house. Pretty soon, he found that a piece of broken wood on the floor. "Ah, the creaking sound is because of this!" Judge Pao exclaimed. "Now you can sleep soundly tonight!" he said, "but do call me if other strange things happen and here is my phone number". The couple thanked Judge Pao as he left.

"Good night, honey! Finally, you won't have bad dreams tonight." The men said to the women as the couple got ready to bed that night. "Bang!" the couple were woken up by a huge sound. Their bedroom windows were blown open by a gust of wind. It was completely dark outside with no moonlit. The family dog was barking hysterically. "It must be the ghost! I told you it was not a dream", the woman screamed and shivered. They hid in the bathroom and waited until sunrise to call Judge Pao.

"Alright, I will stop by.", Judge Pao said. When he arrived, he looked around the house carefully again but nothing seems out of place. "Please don't go," begged the woman "I will not be able to sleep until you find out what happened." Judge Pao stayed until sunset but still nothing happened. "I've got to go, perhaps staying in a hotel for few nights will calm you down", Judge Pao said to the couple.

But as soon as he got up, his body froze. His magnifying glass was gone, and he was sure it was on the floor a second ago! But he said lightly to the couple "Well, it is late. How about I stay the night to keep you accompanied and you can pack up in the morning to stay in a hotel for a few days as we continue to investigate." "That would be wonderful." Said the woman.

But that night, Judge Pao heard the voices! "This is our first house, we will have it!" exclaimed a cold voice "Is this what you only want? Our master asked us to rule the world!" said another one. "Ah, people are so dumb, they don't even know there are ghosts in the world! That would make it easier. And.....Hold on! I didn't close the door!" "You are so stupid! Now they will know....." "Shhhhh" And then, a bang, a door was closed. Then, everything went quiet.

In the morning, the family packed and left, but the family dog didn't want to go. Judge Pao promised to feed the dog when he returns at night. After a peaceful day, he came back to the house. But, as soon as he went in, he smelled blood. Judge Pao traced the smell to a room and saw the family dog was dead! "Now, it's your turn...", a voice appeared suddenly.

One secret many people don't know about Judge Pao was that he was an inventor. He invented many strange by useful tools. Judge Pao quickly pulled out something look like a phone and pointed it to the air. "Reveal yourself!". With a flash of light, a man with rugged cloth appeared. "Got you!" Judge Pao held a gun in front of a ghost's heart.

Judge Pao questioned the ghost, who said it was their master who wants to control the world. "Only the block of power will kill the master," said the ghost with rugged cloth. "The block of power?" Judge Pao

asked. "Yes. It was hidden in the castle's prison. I can turn you into ghosts and take you there. You also must promise not to kill me. I don't really want to kill any human. I just want to live peacefully as a ghost."

Soon the rugged man turned both of them into ghosts. Judge Pao then took out the magic travel bottle and said "kingdom of ghost!". In a second, they arrived. The ghost led Judge Pao to the prison, which was guarded by two huge ghosts. Now, it's time to use another peculiar invention by Judge Pao. He took out a little bottle and opened it to release smoke that is greenish grey. The two huge ghosts fell on the floor. "Follow me!" the ghost led Judge Pao into a small chamber and the block of power was right there, burning. "It's very hot and I don't know how to hold it." "No worries!" said Judge Pao as he took out a small blue bill and throw it at the block of power. The thing went icy, and Judge Pao grabbed it quickly. He then took out the magic travel bottle and in no time, he was back in the house. Judge Pao was excited, now he knew he would only have to wait for the master of ghosts to come and fight them.

YK Pao Primary School, Ruan, Ze Xiang Russell – 10

"What an amazing painting!" Jack shouted. Even though this is his fourth time seeing the painting of judge Pao in the museum, he still thinks the painting is spectacular.

Judge Pao was a judge who lived in China's Northern Song dynasty. He was respected by all of the people from the Song dynasty to now because he is upright and selfless.

"I wish I could meet judge Pao for once," Jack muttered. He has always wanted to meet judge Pao.

"Hello, Jack." A voice said suddenly. Josh was been daunted by the mysterious voice. Then, a man wearing an ancient Chinese costume appear in my front. He has a dark face that is as black as a coal. He also has a crescent moon on his head. "I'm judge Pao. God give me the power to go to the future and also the power of mind reading."

The judge said affectionately. "Let's go back to the past. Maybe you can see me settle a lawsuit." After he finished his sentence, he uses his hands to draw a golden, shining door in the air and then walk inside. I look around to make sure no one sees what I'm doing. Then, I entered the door.

Pao's study.

After an hour of talking with Pao, a guard ran into the study flustering. "Sir, there is a homicide case that happened a few minutes ago and the murder has been found!"

"Where did it happen?"

"At the emperor's palace ."

"What!" screamed Pao. "Quick Jack, let's go to settle the lawsuit!"

The palace

Judge Pao sits in the court, looking at the murderer with a serious expression. The murderer is wearing royal clothes, and the purple-gold crown on his head is glittering.

"What is the murderer's identity?" asked judge Pao. "The crown prince" said the guards. "Then I will use the Dragon head chopper to kill him."

The usage of the three-mouth copper cutting-edge tool is exploited for three types of people. The dragon head can be used to cut the bloodlines of the emperor, the relatives of the country lords and the descendants of the phoenix; The tiger's head can cut off corrupt officials and evil officials; A dog's head can cut off local tyrants, evil gentry and despots.

"Pao, you can't kill me, I'm the king of the future. If you kill me, it means you are killing the king of the future," the prince sneers at Pao, "and the king, who is my father wouldn't allow you to do that." "Zhao Shu, you are sure one of the princes, and you are the emperor of the future Song, but you corrupt splendour, wealth, and honour. According to the law, you should be judged. "How dare you do that!"

"The emperor arrives!" The emperor arrives! Now, Jack gives up the idea of judging the prince. No one can contrary to the emperor's idea.

"Pao, what the hell are you doing?" The emperor asks Pao.

"I am handling a case." Pao answer.

"But why did I hear that you are killing my son?"

"How dare you say my son is a murderer, do you have any evidence?" The king look at Pao. His eyes are ablaze with anger.

Pao reaches into one wooden box and takes out a sword from it. "My majesty, this is the sword that the murderer use." The sword is about 60cm long, it shines like a silver snake in the light. Only the crown prince has this kind of sword."

The emperor look at the golden floor in helplessness. "Can you don't let him be killed?" The emperor asks Pao.

"My emperor, the rules of the court are the same for everyone. Maybe you can help your son, but who can help the poor, helpless, civilians? If the rules are unfair to civilians, who would want to live in Song?

It was time to say goodbye to judge Pao.

"Jack, where have you been? It's time to go home!" cried dad's voice behind my back.

I turn around. All of the characters have been gone. In my front is just the familiar painting.

"I just finished my journey with judge Pao," he said with a smile.

YK Pao Primary School, Shen, Lucas – 10

It's a dark night, there's no moon. Everyone in the city is asleep, except....."Knock,Knock!", "Knock, Knock!" Ally Street #226's door was knocked. "Who is it?" a man with a black cloak walked out of a room and opened the door, yes, he is Judge Pao. A man in with long beard walked in , "Mark!" Judge Pao called out.

"Ha ha, Judge Pao! It's a long time we haven't met, isn't it!" the men called Mark laughed as they hugged each other. "Good these days?" Mark asked.

"Not really well!" Judge Pao shook his head, "The level of crimes are increasing every day, I don't even have time to rest, it's just cases and cases. Today I finally got a break!"

"Ha, then you better rest, Judge Pao, but today, I brought something fun for you!"

"Not a stinky frog again?"

"No no, that's just the past, I brought you –" Mark came closer to Judge Pao, "a time machine!"Mark went out the door, and dragged in a rectangular machine. "I got this when I solved a case two days ago, but I thought that you will need this more than I will, so I came!"

"I don't really understand what you're saying, what does a time machine have to do with my job?" Judge Pao asked.

"Well, " Mark shrug his shoulders, "the case yesterday, you didn't find any clues did you? But maybe time can help you!"

"Oh, thanks Mark, I have to try it now! Thank you!"

"Easy, easy, okay I have to go now, bye!" Mark stepped out the house.

The robbing case they were talking about was yesterday, a robber robbed a lot of money in a famous bank and did not leave any clues such as footprints. Judge Pao sorted out lots of cases but really had no ideas for this case.

Judge Pao observed the machine carefully, "This doesn't look hard to control." Judge Pao murmured to himself. He studied the thing for a minute, then took a deep breath. "Well, time to try it!" He pressed a key on the machine and a little door opened, Judge Pao climbed inside the machine. He looked at the surroundings, there's a clock like knob beside him. He slowly turned the knob clockwise until the pointer points to the words"1 day ago". Finally, Judge Pao closed the little door and pressed a red key which says: "Travel Now".within a second, Judge Pao disappeared with the time machine.

Within a flash, Judge Pao felt dizzy and closed his eyes. After a while, Judge Pao opened his eyes and climbed out of the machine, weirdly, he landed on a rooftop, beside him were shops and restaurants, anda bank. "Looks like the machine knows where I want to go!" Judge Pao smiled. He's sure that he landed in Docky street 138, where the rob happened, but in yesterday.

"Now I just have to wait till the rob happens and see who did it, and also find some evidence." Judge Pao looked at his watch, magically, the time on the watch also changed, it's 4 PM now. The rob happened on 5PM, which means he still had to wait for 1 hour. "What should I do in this hour? Ah ha!" Judge Pao jumped from the roof to the ground, and walked to the bank.

The bank guards saw Judge Pao, "Hey, Judge Pao, what brings you here?" a guard asked.

"Listen," Judge Pao called out seriously, "you guys may not believe this, but I came from the future, yes, the future, and"

"You're joking!" the guards laughed.

"I'm not!" Judge Pao roared, "Not only I come from the future, but I know your bank will be robbed about a hour later."

"He's lying!" a voice shouted from behind. Judge Pao looked back, it's a police man! "Ha ha, I was just patrolling and heard this joke! No one can travel in time, , even if you are Judge Pao!" the police man continued.

"It's fine if you don't believe me, then just wait for one hour and you will all see."

"Well, I'm just gonna stay in the bank and see if the money flies then!" the police's speech made the guards laugh again. The police walked in the bank, "What's the password of this cupboard? I'm just going to hold money in hand and see if it's stolen!"

"Ha ha !" a guard sat down, "Nothing to worry about, it's 3289327419!"

"You shouldn't tell anyone this!" Judge Pao suddenly froze. Because he saw a crew smile appeared in the polices face.

"He's right, you shouldn't tell me, but you did, and the rob will happen now!" the police already opened the cupboard, he grabbed a bunch of jewels and ran out the bank.

"Catch him!" Judge Pao shouted, but the guards were too surprised that they froze!

Judge Pao had to chase the thief himself, he chased and chased, at a building's corner he saw two polices, "catch the thief, quick!"

The two polices got up quickly, not long, they captured the thief. But the thief was not scared, "I knew you would catch me, as long as Judge Pao have been trapped, I'm satisfied!"

"What, trapped?" Judge Pao was confused.

"Yes, my partner's trick worked! He left the machine to Mark on purpose, and he knew you would travel back. But think, you captured me now, the history changed. You captured me, the case is solved, so in regular time, Mark doesn't need to give you the machine to help you, actually, the machine won't even appear, so you won't be able to go back to regular time and will be trapped in this time!"

"So you think it's a good plan? I already thought of that really early, all I have to do, is free you to the bank, and let you do the rob again, and the history will recover! But now I knew you appearance, I would catch you easily!" Judge Pao smiled.

"What, No!"

And that's what happened at last, Judge Pao caught the thief in regular time and kept the time machine in home.

YK Pao Primary School, Shi, Nicole – 10

Once upon a time, there was a person called Judge Bao he goes inside a forest , He find a house inside the forest , he was curious . So he goes inside it . He only saw one person sleeping on the bed . He doesn't think so much so he go to bed. While he was sleeping at home , he have a nightmare: He dreamed there is a person wearing all black go inside his house , the person looks like want to try to find something . It makes the house looks very cruddy. After that the person wearing black goes inside a room . It was quite weird that there was a female going inside his house after that. She looks like was also trying to find something too . But it seems that she find it , but why Is it just a book ? Was the person wearing black also finding that book ? Nobody Knows , Judge pao feels scared so he stop sleeping. But when he was waken , he did not find anything been sneak , he feels a bit strange but he thinks maybe the thing was over it would not happen anymore .

On the next day when he was about to go to bed , he feel there was a person touching him but when he turn his head , he doesn't saw anything . This time his dream was great but in the real life there was something scary happening . He remembered he didn't charge for the phone but when he was waken he saw the phone was been charged ! What a scary thing !

The third day he saw a person under his bed . Such a scary thing ! He run quickly in the forest . But suddenly he waken , was it only a dream ? Maybe or maybe not . He still feel scary he doesn't want to stay in the black forest but he also doesn't want to go back to the scary house which was his house . He feels scared of the house right now he want to have a good dream. Because he can not just stay in the forest so he still goes home . He was scared and he look under the bed , nobody there ! It was more weird ! This time he did not have a dream in night time .But he was still very scared about the nightmare for a few days before . He have no idea and he change a house . But he still have different bad dreams, but he was waken again , he feel a little strange right now is he still inside a dream or is it in the real life ? He saw that he was now in the old house , the house he made different bad nightmare . He has no idea . He don't know why he would sleep while he was sleeping it was strange and weird .

On the fourth day he got good news which is his family would come back , he wouldn't be a lonely person anymore. His family maybe can be he some more anchor. He feels happy . And he do not feel scared anymore. But without knowing why , his family start to have nightmare's too . What happen to his family ? Or what make them have nightmare. All The people in the family decided to change a house forever not coming to this house again . They go inside the new house they all like the new house . They like the new house , it was pretty and the strange thing was nobody was having nightmare in the new house . Does the old house has danger or was it just because of the people of the family ? The family decided to go the old house . But after he sell it , the person who buy it always have nightmare . The family was a bit doubt . He think maybe the house have some problem so they decide to sell it again and again so that they could know id=f it was the houses problem or is it the problem of the family . But the family got bad news which is all the person who buys the house , made different nightmare everyday . The whole family think it would be the problem of the house . They decide not to sell the house again , just leave the house over there because they think maybe there was somebody inside the house and if there was nobody there the person in the house can not stay there . There was nothing to eat , nothing to drink , nobody can stay in a place which has nothing to eat or drink .

When the family sell the house again , the person who buys it wouldn't have nightmare . Which was a great news for the family. Nobody would have nightmare there because of the house , but who was In there the time they live and how does he has water to drink and foods to eat ? Nobody knows anything about the person , nobody know where he was in the house , nobody know what he eat and drink , but it was ok because anyway the danger wouldn't happen anymore and nobody would be harm over there . The whole family was happy .

Every person makes great dreams at night time nobody has nightmare, what a great thing ! The police find a person without breathing under the sofa beside the television this person eat foods while people sleeping. Every person who lived there before think it was very scary. Nobody have looked under the Sofa for such a long time ! People was shaken it was so amazing !

YK Pao Primary School, Wang, Yoyo - 10

It all started on a winter evening, when Judge Pao came home from a a long day of work, desperately hungry and barely able to stand from exhaustion. He stumbled into his pantry, clawing his way through the boxes of cereal and brownie mix he had got for Christmas many years ago. He never used brownie mix or any kind of cake mix. That was because he was a terrible baker, who couldn't even use a stand mixer without splattering the whole kitchen with egg yolk and flour.

Finally finding his favorite ice cream, he grabbed a box and crawled into bed. Later finding himself waking up in the middle of a sodden bed, with an ice cream cone and several strawberries that appeared to have fallen off his ice cream as it melted. Apparently, he had fallen asleep before he could take a bite of the ice cream. Judge Pao cursed as he stumbled out of his bed looking for some spare sheets. Right now you must be wondering why a full grown man is stubborn as a baby.

This is why: When Judge Pao was a school boy he was very popular, everyone adored him. He was an amazing football player and had rather charming looks, he never lost to anyone. But one day, he had a football match, but he had twisted his ankle the day before. Still, he was determined to play. Unfortunately, he had trouble keeping up with his teammates on his twisted ankle and therefore lost. Judge Pao was devastated, he had never lost a competition in his life! He doubted if he could do anything right. From then on he became the ungrateful soul he now was.

Now, back to the present, Judge Pao couldn't find any sheets, he had never learned to change them anyway. Thinking he could just ask his next door neighbor to help him, he brought some pillows to the living room couch and slept there, using a winter coat as a blanket.

The next day was an unlucky day for Judge Pao, even more unlucky than usual! He woke up late and hurriedly chomped down some bread, then dashed out of the door. Even though Judge Pao was running as fast as he can it was still barely faster than a sloth(He had lost his gift for running many years ago). He arrived at his office at 9 o'clock(30 minutes late), consequently he wasn't able to finish his work. He had to stay late to finish it. By the time he got home, he felt like he could sleep for a a thousand years. He dragged his feet up to his bed not and even bothering to take a shower, fell asleep as soon as his head hit the pillow.

His dream was no more pleasant than that day, He dreamt his worst fear, his dream recalled the horrible football match. He heard his friends laughing at him in the distance. He felt the burning rage that had constantly been inside him.

Suddenly, the vision disappeared, he was now standing between two enormous hedges covered with thorns. He looked around, the hedges seem to go on forever. "This must be a maze." he mumbled to himself. He was very curious, he wanted to know why he was here. He started to explore the mystical maze, then began to strode down the pathway, much faster than usual.

Judge Pao was feeling a exquisite feeling, he had never felt like that in his memory. It was an special feeling, it wasn't sadness or depression it was something else... Happiness! Judge Pao has long since forgotten how it felt like to be happy. His life had been dark and bitter for as long as he could remember.

On the way he noticed lovely things. Judge Pao spotted a rainbow shining through the fog, he had never seen such a gorgeous rainbow in his life. There were flowers and trees along the passages. He breathed the wintry breeze and the smelled the fragrant scent of roses.

After a long walk, Judge Pao arrive in the middle of the maze. He cautiously peered around. He was standing in the center of a deserted field covered with grass that seemed to have been growing for a long time.

"Judge Pao," a startling voice whispered from nowhere. "You have finally arrived."

"Who's there?" Judge Pao asked with a trembling voice.

The voice and spoke again "It's me, the teenage Judge Pao."

A figure rose up from the ground, It was the younger Judge Pao! Judge Pao was stunned, "But...but how could you be here?" he stammered.

"This maze is called The Past Maze," the younger Judge Pao replied. "It shows you your past." "Don't worry," he assured Judge Pao, seeing the worried look on his face. "This isn't a deadly maze."

"But it's deadly for me; I'm the unluckiest person in the world!" Judge Pao exclaimed.

"You are not the unluckiest person in the world." The younger Judge Pao declared.

"What do you mean?" Asked Judge Pao.

"Luck can't get you very far." younger Judge Pao informed him. "Didn't you realize that you weren't unlucky at all when you headed through the maze? You didn't even trip." The younger Judge Pao told him.

"So what?" Judge Pao shrugged.

"You weren't unlucky because you were happy,"exclaimed the younger Judge Pao. "You were confident and for once you saw the good aspects of life."

The word "happiness" echoed in his brain as Judge Pao woke up with a start. Today he was cheerful, he wasn't clumsy anymore.

Now Judge Pao finally understood. Happiness changes everything.

After that encounter with his former self, Judge Pao's life changed dramatically. He lived a normal life and had just the same amount of luck as anyone could have.

Happiness is everyone's companion.

The Story of Judge Pao

YK Pao Primary School, Zhang, Alma – 10

Whoosh. Whoosh. The sound of the rain falling heavily on the window crashed into the famous judge, judge Pao's ears. That didn't sound happy, nor is judge Pao.

Judge Pao's emotion fits exactly with the weather, as if he controls it. There, the sky didn't have much light, and judge Pao didn't have much happiness at all. He sat on a chair, looking up at the gloomy sky, with his face in his hands, frowning slightly. All this could only mean one thing. Judge Pao is thinking.

It is such an incredible thing to see judge Pao think, because he is soooooo smart, a problem is an easypeasy-lemon-squeezy thing for him. But now, just now, Judge Pao is having a problem he cannot solve easily. At this moment, you might have a question bump into your head instantly, which is "what is the problem? How and when did the problem appear?" The answer for these questions needs a time controller to see the past. It all began at yesterday afternoon:

It is a bright and sunny day. Judge Pao sat in a comfortable chair outside in his tea garden, having afternoon tea. Just like I said, the weather matches with judge Pao's feelings. The day is peaceful and shiny, and judge Pao looked all calm and relaxed. He drank his delicious tea lightly, with the golden sun giving warmth and peace all around. Beautiful roses and lilies danced in their flowerbeds, their soft dress flowing gracefully... But the happy time didn't last long.

"Judge Pao, sir!!! Judge Pao!!! Sir, I need to tell you something! A voice rang suddenly, a voice full of emergency. Judge Pao stood up, and walked quickly, searching for the voice. A man appeared, gasping for breath, still shouting for Judge Pao, "judge Pao, sir!!! Oh, thank goodness!" The man sat on the soft grass in tiredness. He looked a real mess: there are wooden pieces and grass on his shirt, bruises and injures on his skin, his hair is ruffled and messy and his shoes have holes in it, he sure has come a long, tough way. Judge Pao walked over to help him get up, moved the wooden pieces and grass of his shirt, softened the pain on these bruises, smoothed his hair and fetched a pair of new shoes, telling him to wear those. He gestured him to take deep, slow breaths (because the man is too nervous to talk and respond,) and, finally, the man calmed down.

"Now," Judge pao asked calmly, "you can answer. What are you trying to say?"

"Judge Pao, sir, very sorry to interrupt you in your afternoon tea, but I have a very important mission to report. Super important!!!" The man exclaimed in fast speed, his chest still rising and falling greatly. "I have a killing mission to report!"

Hearing this news, judge pao's calm face turned into a business-like face. He grabbed his notebook and fished out a pen out of his pocket. "Please continue," he said.

"M....My wife is killed!!!"

"Who did it?"

"No idea. But my wife is killed by someone!!!"

"Please describe the scene."

"I, I was going to work," the man stuttered. "So, I left my wife to take care of the children, to make food and do chores and all that. When it is time to go home, I started walking as normal. But when I nearly got home, a loud, high-pitched scream filled the air, and I became seriously worried because the scream did seem to come from my house. I quickened my footsteps and ran home. I can see ripped curtains and a scratched table. I followed some blood drops on the floor and was leaded into our bedroom. I found a blood-stained glove, and pieces of broken glass. I looked up and saw that the window was broken and there is a half-opened dresser. I opened it and found a long box. Curiously, I opened it too. Inside it is..." he shuddered. "The scariest thing I've ever seen in whole my life. I saw my wife's...You know what." He stopped at there, unable to speak anymore.

"I see," judge Pao muttered. He finished taking notes and frowned. "Well, I will soon tell you who did it and solve the problem, Mr...."

"Leaver," the man finished it for him. "I am so thankful, Mr. Pao. Super thankful. Well, it's nice meeting you, Mr. Pao, but I better leave, I have my kids in my house to take care of."

"Bye, Mr. Leaver, it's nice meeting you too," judge Pao answered. "I'll tell you the answer the quickest I can do."

Well, I hope this past scenario haven't made your head spin, because now we're going to go back to NOW.

Judge Pao sat thinking for a long time, flipping through the notes he wrote, with the wind blowing harshly and the rain still falling from the grey clouds. Finally, he planned up. Without wasting any more time, he immediately hurried outside into the scary weather, and headed towards Mr. Leaver's home.

Running and splashing in the mud and water puddles, judge Pao felt cold. He didn't grab a fur coat and a umbrella because he thought that he must get to Mr. Leaver's quickly. But he didn't turn his heels to go back and grab those things, because he didn't care much now. His target is going to Mr. Leaver's as quick as he can, tell him the plan and explain what he must do, and head back in fast speed so he could do the plan.

"Mr., Mr. Leaver," judge Pao panted, as he ran near Mr. Leaver's house. "I finished planning, so I'll tell you, as my promise."

"Oh!!! Mr. Pao!!! Sir!!! Do come in! Oh my god, you look cold! Come in! Our house have floor heating." Mr. Leaver hurried forwards, and welcomed judge Pao in.

Afterwards, judge Pao told him his plan. Judge Pao are ready to face the danger...

YK Pao Primary School, Zhang, Cecilia – 10

The shadow descended down the ancient stairs. Boom! The door was blasted to pieces by Judge Pao's pistol. The entrance was tenebrous and when the judge and his men entered slowly, spreading out, aiming with their guns carefully. The judge waved his hand to his men casually and they relaxed. Then– an uncanny silence. "Who's there? I warn you. We are armed." As his men started to aim at the direction the judge was looking at, he interrupted them, sauntered a few steps forward, and spoke again, his voice caustic and equanimous simultaneously. "If I were you, I'd come out now. Wherever you're hiding, you'll probably regret this now." Instead, no reply. "Last chance– three, two, one." The judge's sharp eyes narrowed.

Judge Pao's temper rose. He put his hand under the blanket and declared that the owner of this house had been sleeping just a few minutes ago and then kicked away the bed. His men kicked the bookshelves. Judge Pao espied a secret passageway, which was full of copious dusty cobwebs. He motioned for his men to come with him. He pulled a flashlight out of his belt and was very hypervigilant as he slowly crawled through the passageway. He saw a dying man writhing in agony on the ground, which was spattered with his maroon blood. "Speak!" the judge commanded. "I s-s-shouldn't have hooked up with..... with t-them. I should've did it sooner..... All t-that blood on my hands......F-forgive me for what I have done, p-p-please, have mercy!" he whispered, his voice cracked. Then he breathed his final breath and died. The judge rolled the man onto his stomach. He stared, unsurprised, at the body laid out onto the floor, at the dark stain spreading out beneath him, and most of all, at the long, curved dagger driven deep into his back. "Well. Death is fugitive; even when you're watching for it, the actual instant somehow slips between your fingers.....a Mughal dagger. From India. The sixteenth century. The curved handle's inlaid with gold and ivory. The grip's made of black cord, wound around the metal. And decorative pieces on the pommel and at the end of the hand guard. White stones, opals, I think?" Judge Pao mused. With one instantaneous swipe, he pulled the dagger out of the man's back. Cochineal and rufescent blood squirted from it, making a pool of blood.

He commanded, "Search him." He wiped the blood from the dagger and studied it closely. "I wonder who killed him. Nobody could even touch this exquisite, priceless treasure. It was from a museum or an antique store." "We found money, weapons, a pen and diary, and a passport." One man reported. "Wait. Are you wearing gloves?" He asked, tense. At their nods, he breathed a sigh of relief. "We can't touch anything now. Put it into a bag and we'll identify them. Collect the body. Gather the stuff. HURRY!" They got to work at once.

They arrived back at their station. Judge Pao had an immediate meeting with the emperor, telling him about the case and the items he had found cynical. They studied them. The money was the dead man's, who was American and named Travis Clements. The diary was brand new. The passport read: Birthday: 27-11-2004. Zodiac sign: Sagittarius. Birthplace: Los Angeles. The emperor suggested that he return to the abandoned house with more men just in case, and he listened. He loaded up his truck and headed to the small village again. The passageway was untouched, but the window in the attic was open with a dangling bedsheet. Bloodstains covered the windowsill. "The murderer has escaped!" Judge Pao fumed. They collected the evidence and then left the house, and they double bolted its doors and windows, sealed up the passageway, and left a sign in front of the door with a warning. Just as they were leaving, the eerie, queer house, the judge decided to return. "I have an anomalous feeling that we've missed something." Judge Pao announced. He searched the house again. Behind a painting, they found an ancient key with a note written in cursive: "4,7,1.- Rose". "I have an idea. Leave some people here, and we'll move on to the other houses in this atypical little village. You three, follow me, the rest stay or we'll get in Brobdingnagian trouble with this many people. And search for people named Rose. It could be a code name, or it could be abridged, like Rosaline, etcetera. Good luck." They hurried away. In one house, Judge Pao found a lock on one of the doors, so they fitted the key inside. It was an adequate miracle that it worked. Inside, it was spruced up, and very neat and tidy. The owner must have been a guy that worshipped books. In the room, every wall was full of books and there

were lengthy shelves all full of books with different colors: lavender, rose, azure, sapphire, indigo, turquoise, emerald, aqua, amber, gold, brown, scarlet, ruby, carmine, vermeil, black, silver, white.....of all sizes. That room didn't have any convenient information. Later, they found an electrical lock system. They inserted the password on the note: 4,7,1. It worked, and inside was a person who didn't notice them. He was sleeping. He woke with a start. "What are you doing?" He asked. "Don't be afraid. You'll only stay in prison if you admit your crimes. We can't do anything to you now, but the more time you waste, the less valuable your price will be. Think about it." Judge Pao told the man. The man looked up, troubled. "You have something hidden in your words." "For you to find." Minutes passed. He confessed. Judge Pao received a medal for solving this case within one day. It set a record. The villain was sent to prison. One day, Judge Pao was drinking tea with the emperor, and he told him, "It's quite nice to have a peaceful afternoon tea and not investigate cases."

YK Pao Primary School, Zhou, Jia Tong Emily - 10

Night settled on the city called Hefei as it fell asleep. Mr. Tao, the butcher was hurriedly running across the street with a huge burlap bag in his arm. The moon light shone on him as he ran into the woods.

A dozen soldiers are running behind him, each with a torch in their hand. They followed into the woods where Mr. Tao ran into. After the soldiers, a young boy called Hui snickered behind a tree. He slowly crept towards the house of the richest man in the village, Mr. Zhang. There had been a dozen soldiers at the door, but they had all gone after Mr. Tao, so the door was clear by now. Although there was a huge, golden lock at the door, it wasn't a big deal. Hui had always known how to pick lock in the rightest way. He had been stealing things and picking locks ever since his parents went to war and haven't come back and he had to take care of his young siblings. He had once stolen a flute, a ring, a chunk of cheese and an old man's golden tooth. Of course, all of these were sold out and turned into a cow that provides milk for the family.

Today, in Hefei, everyone had heard of the famous government official, Judge Pao. Everyone there was proud of him and admired him. They even set up some statues in memory of his influential goodness, wishing his spirit of wisdom and justice can spread and sustain for long. Everyone admired him a few hundred years ago, including Hui.....when he was even younger. At that time, he was a little boy who wasn't often noticed. That was why he wasn't caught when he crept into Judge Pao's room and peeked at him as he worked. At that time, he swore that when he grew up, he will become a man like Judge Pao, helping others around. However, his dream vanished since his parents left.

This time, he would rob an old treasure, from ten thousand years ago. If he sold that out in the black markets, then he and his siblings will never be poor again. He slowly pushed a piece of twig between the lock. Maybe the Empire would want him to work in the palace. The lock fell to the ground with a "Clang" and the door opened. He quickly checked that no one was heard the sound before he walked inside.

Suddenly, a few guarded men sprang out from inside, pointing at him with their spears. The Judge Pao walked out from the shadow and glared at him. Hui suddenly realized that it was all Judge Pao's trap. It was his idea to hide in Mr. Zhang's house and get him!

The next a day was Hui's trial. Judge Pao glared down at him and spoke. "Hui," he said, "I had heard that you are a poor young man. However, that is no reason you should go and steal other people's properties. You are a young man with a long future before you. But you just stole things and abandoned your future." As he spoke, Hui felt huge pressure hanging in his voice, but as he thought about it, it did make sense. A lot of sense. He was poor, but other people are poor too. The people he had robbed are once poor too, but they worked hard and became rich. He shouldn't take away other's hard work, but he should work hard himself. He has no reasons to wreck their life, even if his life was wrecked. If he worked hard, he could have a bright future. Now, he must die for his actions.

Judge Pao seemed to see his regret, for he said, "I wish there were other ways to take your crime but there weren't, eh?"

"No, sir." said Hui.

"Then I regret say that you must die."

"Wait! Mr. Tao is part of the plan as well! Why is he not dead?"

"There, young man, Mr. Tao is dead. The stones in his bag slowed him down as he ran. His head was taken down yesterday, as he was caught before you. I am sorry to say that although you are caught after him, you must die too."

He turned to executioner and signed before he said to them, "Kill him."

The sword was high in the sky before it fell, and the thin blade felt cold on his neck for a second. Hui saw his life flashed in front of him. And then, he remembered.....

That day ten years ago, when he crept into Judge Pao's room, when he saw Judge Pao work, and when he swore. He then saw that ten years later, he would steal and rob. At last, he saw a grave with the

name "Hui" on the stone. It was different from any other stone. There were no flowers on the stones. Instead, people had threw all sort of rotten food on it and there was a pungent odor coming from the cold stone. No one will respect him when he died. He was looking at his life when he heard Judge Pao shout, "Run!" He couldn't see anything as he did so.

When he finally opened his eyes, he was back on his bed. Is it just a dream? He looked down. The letter he was going to give to Mr. Tao to ask him to help attract the guards was in his hand. He stared at it for a moment, then he threw it into the fireplace. Fire danced around the letter, and he watched as Mr. Tao's named melted and the letter slowly turned into ash. He won't steal the treasure anymore, and he won't have Mr. Tao die for him.

From that day on, Hui became the most helpful young man in the village.

Creative Writing Fiction Group 2



Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Cheng, Tsz Kiu – 11

Once upon a time, there was a man called Judge Pao. He was a Chinese justice fighter, a Judge. He always orders soldiers to execute people who committed serious crime by chopping their heads off.

One day, Judge Pao found out his two vases and more important his sword awarded by the king were gone. Someone must had stolen them. Therefore, he ordered Zhan Zhao, the head of the soldiers to find the thieves and bring them to him. After a few hours, Zhan Zhao caught one of the thieves but the other one escaped. Pao interrogated the thief. Because the thief was afraid of being executed by chopping his head off, he finally admitted to Pao that they actually came from the future by a time machine. They stole simple, non-expensive things. However, when they brought back to the future, it would worth a lot of money because people would treat them as ancient artifacts. Pao was very angry and decided to chase the other thief. And most important to take back the king-awarded sword. The thief begged Pao not to execute him by providing where and how to use the time machine. He also promised that he would go with him to find the other thief, return the stolen items and also would admit his crime in the future. Pao did not promise him but said he will make judgement later.

Pao went to the future with Zhan Zhao and the thief using the time machine. They were amazed by everything in the modern world. However, they are not used to the modern life. They did not know how and where to find the thief. No matter how smart Pao was and how good Zhan Zhao's "Kung Fu", they could not use their normal way to find the thief nor the stolen items. Finally, they decided to seek for the police and judge in the modern world to help. Pao told them when had happened. The head of police immediately drafted pictures of how they descripted the thief characteristics and the stolen items. They did some searching of data in the computer. And then, they sent all the information to different police stations and ordered them to search for the thief and the stolen items. After half day, with the high technology, they found the other thief and the stolen items in an auction house. Pao recognized the auction items were all his lost items. With this evidence, police went and caught the other thief. Pao decided to give both thieves to the modern judge to decide the punishment because they were from the future.

The judge brought the thieves to the Court. Pao was very interested and the judge invited him to join. Pao was very surprised that the judge finally sentenced the thieves to be in prison for 2 years and to do service work for another 1 years instead of chopping the thieves' heads off. The judge explained to Pao that they had different levels of punishment according to the seriousness of the crime but they basically never sentence a criminal to death. The reason was that everyone should be a chance to reform. They had had most of the cases that people would reform and back to be a good citizen after years in prison. And in prison, they provided a lot of different programs to educate the criminal to learn how to turn back to a good man. Pao and Zhan Zhao were also invited by the police officers to visit a prison, too.

Pao and Zhan Zhao travelled back to the past and destroyed the time machine to avoid any future thief who might come again. And another thing Pao did was put the punishment equipment such as the chopping head station into the warehouse. Zhan Zhao was surprised and asked Pao the reason why he removed the punishment equipment. Pao said "I was so amazed by what I saw and experienced in this trip to the future. But the most important thing I leant this time is that we should allow a chance for people to reform themselves."

Save The Happy

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Chiu, Chin Wing - 11

In Song Dynasty, there was a holy place nearby Kaifeng called Happy Village. People who lived here used to be carefree. Unfortunately, one day "Lost Virus" had been spread throughout the village. The infected villagers appeared to be depressed, feeling lost. Indeed, it was curable by taking enough pistachio, so-called "Happy Nuts". However, A greedy businessman noticed the opportunity to earn more money raised the price of "Happy Nuts", so that he could make more money.

One morning, the businessman went back to his store. Once he stepped into the store, he was staggered by the scene in front of him. "Where are my "Happy Nuts "? Who took my Nuts? " cried the businessman. He was so furious and panicked that he went to find the village leader for help, bring along some gold beans. Unexpectedly, the leader was happy to help. He even invited his friend Judge Pao, the best investigator in the world, to help solve the case.

When Judge Pao heard the news, he worried about the people suffering from the disease. He asked his assistants, Zhan Zhao and Gongsun Ce, to accompany him to Happy Village. Villagers told Judge Pao that the "Happy Nuts" were too expensive and that they couldn't afford to buy them. Judge Pao told the villagers to calm down and said, "We're here to help you. Please make way for us to pass through. Thank you!" The villagers believed in Judge Pao and all stood back.

At noon, when they arrived at the store, the leader and the businessman had already set the table. There was feast enough for 20 people. Judge Pao did not have lunch with them, but only asked a few questions about the case. They both couldn't wait to groan, "The terrible thief stole my valuable cure. Judge Pao, can you imagine how much I lost?" While they were grumbling, Gongsun Ce spotted something and yelled, "Here we are! A cloth scrap on the hooks of the wall! I believe it's not yours, right?" he turned to the businessman. "Of course! it is cheap cloth?" Judge Pao looked at the cloth scrap for a while and decided to take it back to the government office.

Judge Pao sat in front of the desk and studied the cloth scrap carefully. When he smelt it, the special seasoning odour gave him a critical clue. The smell was similar to that nearby the crowd they were in today morning. And there was only one noodle stall on that street. To prove what he thought, Judge Pao told Zhan Zhao to get some water. Then he put the piece of cloth into the water, and some oil floated up. Judge Pao induced the seasoning's pungent odour and the oil should be from the oil noodles stall. Zhan Zhao went to the noodle store and waited there until late at night. Finally, he saw someone leaving the store with a bag of "Happy Nuts." Zhan Zhao followed the person and saw that he was giving the "Happy Nuts" to poor people in a different part of the village. Zhan Zhao went back to the government office and told Judge Pao and Gongsun Ce what he had seen. Judge Pao said, "Well done. Now my assumption has been proven. The thief is Mr Chan of noodle store.

"COURT-----" Mr Chan, the businessman and the village leader stood in front of Judge Pao. "Mr Chan, we found evidence that you are the person who stole the "Happy Nuts. Are you guilty?" Mr Chan numbed for a few seconds, "I just want to help the poor. The sneaky merchandiser raised the price to 10 times the original price. We should step in other's shoes and try to understand and help." Judge Pao maintained his poker face and said, "I repeat, are you guilty?" Mr Chan lowered his head and said, "Yes, I am. "My mum kicked the bucket because we couldn't afford enough "Happy Nuts" for her. It should not happen to my mum or anyone else. "

Judge Pao thought for a moment and then said, "I understand why you did what you did. You wanted to help the people who were sick. But you should have found another way to help them instead of stealing. However, I can see that your intentions were good." Judge Pao said," Do you have anything else to say?" Mr Chan answered, "Well, in fact, except the businessman increased the price of 'Happy Nuts', the village leader has been bribed, he received the money from the businessman and helped him to make sure that the businessman was the only one who sold 'Happy Nuts' in this village. The village leader whispered to Judge Pao, "Well, he is telling the truth. But Pao, consider of our friendship, let me go." Judge Pao said, "You are wrong. If I don't punish you, is it fair to the people who got in trouble because of you? And you too, businessman" The village leader and the businessman were speechless, Judge Pao said, "The truth of the case came to light. Guard, lock these two well." Judge Pao states, "Mr Chan, I will not punish you for what you have done. Instead, I will talk to the greedy businessman and make sure that he lowers the "Happy Nuts" price so everyone in the village can afford to buy them.

The villagers were pleased to hear this and thanked Judge Pao for his wise decision. From then on, everyone in the village could buy the "Happy Nuts" and the "Lost Virus" was no longer a problem. The village returned to being known as Happy Village once again.

It's essential to think about how our actions will affect others and to always try to find the right solution, instead of resorting to stealing or taking advantage of others. And that's how the village of Happy was saved.

The Crescent Moon

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Ding, Xi Xi – 12

Judge Pao (JP) is a famous person who investigates murders. Judge Pao felt tired from working too much so he went to Taiwan. At the same time, four Hong Kong university students (Sharlotte, Din, Eddy and Shanice) had won a trip to Taiwan in a music competition. The friends were staying at an expensive 5 star hotel and Judge Pao's room was next door. The room was huge and had four bedrooms so that they each had their own bed to sleep in.

They felt joyful and excited to be at an amazing hotel, but there was a problem between them. Everyone argued and felt angry with Sharlotte. The next morning, they all discovered that Sharlotte was dead! They called the police but they refused to help because they were from Hong Kong. After that, Din and Eddy remembered that they saw Judge Pao in the restaurant a few days ago. They quickly found Judge Pao and asked him for help.

Judge Pao went to their room to look at the body and the crime scene. There was a candy on the floor and Sharlotte had foam around her mouth. The door and the window were not broken. Sharlotte's necklace was missing. Judge Pao interviewed the friends and asked about the argument they had last night. They all said they had not been inside Sharlotte's room. Judge Pao didn't believe it. Shanice said that she could not be the murderer because she went to sleep at 7:00p.m. She thinks that Din could be the murderer because Din went to Sharlotte's room. Eddy said that he was playing with Din last night until 11:30p.m., so he couldn't be the murderer. Din said he was playing with Eddy but he heard Sharlotte's door open and close at midnight and he thinks that maybe Shanice murdered Sharlotte.

Everyone looked at Shanice! Shanice was nervous and sweating. Judge Pao discovered someone is lying but he wants to find more clues. Judge Pao talked to a hotel worker. The worker said a girl took the insect poison from her cleaning cart. The next day, Judge Pao gathered all the friends together in the hotel room. He said he knows who the murderer is! It is someone in this room right now. The murderer is Shanice! I know she is murderer because the CCTV captured her going into Sharlotte's room for 15 minutes.

Shanice shouted, "Yes! I murdered her! I made a pink candy with the insect poison. I hated Sharlotte because Eddy liked Sharlotte and he gave her a pretty necklace. I love Eddy so much! It's not fair for me so I wanted to kill her. And then Eddy could love me!" Everyone felt very disappointed by Shanice. Eddy said, "You can't kill someone for this reason. If you like me, you should say it to me. Not just kill everybody of I love!"

Shanice didn't feel sorry about what she did. Judge Pao said the police are coming right now and you will to go to jail for 40 years. You need to take responsibility for your actions. Shanice said "I'm happy I did it! And I would kill her again. But you will never catch me because I have a prefect escape plan. She looked at Eddy and said, "Please come with me now! I have a boat ready to take us to Japan. We can get married and live there forever!"

Eddy shouted, "Go away! I don't like you. Take responsibility for your actions, please." Suddenly, the police came and caught Shanice easily. Shanice cried, "Judge Pao, I will kill you! I hate you!" Judge Pao said, "That was my most dangerous case but she will be in jail for 40years! I hope you see what happens when you start telling lies. The lies get bigger and bigger and sometimes it can end in murder."

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Kee, Wai Oi – 10

It was a stormy morning. Howling in the frosty air, the gusting wind gave the deep, dark forest an eerie atmosphere and the famous official Chen was wandering in this exact forest at that time. All of a sudden, a voice growled, "Pay me the debt you owe!" "Who are you?" retorted the furious Chen and he punched the person in front of him. The stranger growled, "None of your business!" *Thud!* After that, everything went black.....

The exact afternoon.....

"Sir, Sir Bao! Official Chen is missing!" said a messenger with a terrified voice, "Rumors have it that he has been killed......His wife is worried stiff."

The civil judge nodded solemnly as he knew that this would be a somber and dismal case indeed.

Bao Zheng, also known as Judge Bao or Justice Bao, was born on the fifth of March, year 999, in Luzhou, Northern Song Dynasty. He possesses a face as black as the night sky, often wears a judge's zhanjiao futou hat and a crescent moon birthmark on his forehead can be seen. Known all over the world, Judge Bao assists the weak to solve complicated cases.

It was noon and our Judge Bao was still collecting data to solve this tricky case. However, he couldn't find anything relevant to the case. While he was thinking, his helper, Gongsun Ce suggested an idea. Judge Bao listened and agreed. "It's the most we can do," he said.

After a while, his servants brought the few suspects to the court according to Gongsun Ce's command. First to come up was the brother of Chen. Judge Bao inspected the young man from head to toe, then cross-examined him. "You can go now," he told the man when he was finished. Next to be crossexamined was Chen's friends Chu and Zhou. Bao studied them and asked Chu if he had gone outside this whole week. Chu replied, "No. I had.....something to do." "That is a lie! Look at your shoes! They are covered with mud. You had to go out on a rainy day to adhere so much mud. And your face! It is bruised. It cannot be your family who made such a huge bruise. It must be a strong man who hit you. And it can only be someone you knew who made it, so that means you saw Chen this morning." yelled Judge Bao. "Yes, I killed Chen accidentally. But it was because he attacked me first so I killed him." Chu lowered his head. Then Judge Bao bellowed, "Chu is the culprit! Seize him and bring him on the dog-head guillotine for he is the murderer!" "Yes sir!" saluted the soldiers.

"3.....2.....1.....Chop-" "Wait! No!" yelled a voice. The soldiers halted straight away. "What is the matter?" barked Judge Bao. "Stop! Please give him a chance to repent!!" cried Chu's wife. Judge Bao grimaced. "What is the matter, may I ask?" "My husband only wanted to call up Chen's debt! Chen cuffed him in the face and Chu dropped backwards. In his anger, he picked a stone and threw it at a bush, but it missed and hit Chen in the face. In the end, Chen died from blood loss. But I must confess, my husband was the killer though he did not want to kill Chen," said Chu's wife helplessly.

There was silence.

Then, suddenly, Judge Bao announced, "Onwards with the death sentence!" Everyone fixed their eyes on the dog-head guillotine.

But, to everyone's surprise, Chu's little daughter spoke up bravely with her voice trembling, "Judge, Sir, I have a proposal for you. I know that you are fair and honorable, however, I must say, there is a better and more even-handed way to handle every case, that is, which my stepbrother from America told me. Did you know some other countries do not have death sentences? Their highest punishment is only no more than sentencing murderers to life imprisonment."

Judge Bao frowned seriously and seemed to be thinking about something. After a while, he responded, "Little girl, I know what you say is educated. Yet so, our ancestors always convey with this proverb: an eye for an eye, a life for a life. Also, the death sentence can have a deterrent effect on homicide and protect more people from being killed."

"Revenge is unacceptable! We, Chinese, respect the lives of people!" shouted the girl sternly.

When Judge Bao heard this, he felt extremely ashamed as he now knew he was being contradictory. As other citizens cannot kill, he himself should too be a good example to the community. Besides, now that he think of it, maybe sometimes he might prove the verdict to be incorrect, less say ten years later. As a result, he decided to throw over the death sentence and sentenced Chu to life imprisonment. Chu's family was moved to tears and bowed to Judge Bao to show deep gratitude.

The complicated case was over at last. Still, Judge Bao had a question that lingered in his mind: What is justice after all?

New Tales of Judge Pao - The Two Murdered Girls

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Leung, Wing Sum Agnes - 11

Pao Zheng is a legend and cultural symbol of justice in Chinese society. He listened to the people's grievances and defended peasants and commoners against corruption or injustice. He established his fame of uprightness and justice with actions such as sentencing his own uncle, impeaching the Emperor's in-law and punishing powerful families. With no doubt, Pao was an astute judge. Moreover, Pao was born with the mysterious gift to connect with the afterlife which provided him with extraordinary capacity to scrutinise the most controversial homicide cases. More importantly, Pao was accompanied by his skilled bodyguard Chen Zhao and personal secretary Gongsun Ce, as well as four enforcers named Wang Chao, Ma Han, Zhang Long, and Zhao Hu, that they formed an invincible team to fight against the culprits.

In 1057, Pao Zheng was first posted to Kaifeng as the prefect and soon had an encounter with the afterlife.

On a warm spring morning, Pao was perusing case files with the company of Gongsun. Pao's attention was interrupted by the unceasing rapping sound of rat-tat from the drum placed outside the Yamen front door. Pao knew that there must be something happening and he quickly attended to the inquisitors, Mr Yao MeiIin and Mrs Yao Lihua, the owners of the famous wine tavern. The couple burst into tears and cried when they saw Judge Pao. They muttered that the bodies of their two young daughters were found at the shores of West Lake.

Pao rushed to the crime scene with his team. They spotted Meifeng, whose body was lying beside a bush by the shore with a long slash from her left neck to her right chest; and Liqiu was found stabbed in the heart. Their bodies weltered in their own blood. The murder was brutal and left no clues behind at all.

Judge Pao interrogated each and every servant of the tavern owners, but they all knew nothing. The parents didn't have any vice affiliations that might attract brutal revenge against their children.

Pao also questioned the maids. They believed that the girls were graceful children who always practised the Four Arts at home.

Now, Pao knew that the two girls were last seen by the tea house assistant and two customers the day before their bodies were found. They said that a man, who had a long scar on his face and a large burn mark on his left cheek acted suspicious and followed the girls.

While Pao assigned Zhan Hu to find the scarface, he and Mr Gongsun were perplexed by the information of the case, including how the girls were being transported to the crime scene and the motive of the murder. Mr Gongsun only left Judge Pao when it was already midnight and the full moon had raised up high in the sky.

Judge Pao was still in his contemplation of the case details when a man in a long white coat suddenly appeared at the doorstep of Pao's office. The man had deep, empty and hollow eyes and his long straight hair covered more than half of his pale face.

Judge Pao reprimanded in solemn voice, "Who are you? What are you doing here?"

The white coat stuttered, "Your Majesty, Judge Pao!My name is Kong Zemin.... And I'm the son of my late father. I passed away last summer because of my illness and my father was executed for his crimes last winter. Also, I don't have any vice intention but tried to reveal to Your Majesty the truth about the two girls who died by the lake."

"Tell the truth in front of me then and you need not be scared!" said Judge Pao. "Yes, Your Majesty. My father was an accomplice to a corruption case and was sentenced to death penalty by Your Majesty."

"My Father had jeopardised the lives of many innocents in order to make himself rich and powerful. His sin had passed onto me, so I had suffered from an incurable disease since birth and died painfully when I was only 20 years old. I cannot even have a reincarnation and my spirit was trapped on earth," the white coat said bitterly.

"My spirit loitered in my home and I overheard my mother, Kong Qiaolian and my paternal aunt, Kong Xiuying. They were angry with you and Yao's family as Mr Yao had testified about my father's crimes. My mother and aunt wanted Yao to pay so they killed Yao's daughters and misled you by a figment of the scarface so that you will also be rebuked for your inability to solve the case!" the white coat continued.

"My mother had paid the tea house assistant and the customers to tell lies," the white coat added, "In fact, my aunt smuggled the girls to the lake side and they slaughtered them!"

Suddenly, Judge Pao was awakened by the cock crow and the white coat disappeared.

Pao could not differentiate if he really saw the white coat or if it was just a dream. Nonetheless, he immediately asked Zhan Hu and Mr Gongsun to investigate Kong Zemin's mother and aunt. Judge Pao also ordered searches of their abode. Two draggers with dried blood were found in a drawer.

Eventually, the two wicked women confessed their sins during Pao's interrogation and was beheaded by the guillotine with a dog head.

The people were amazed by Judge Pao's competence to solve the mysterious homicide case so efficiently and competently, but they did not know that Pao had a special encounter with the afterlife.

Pao had other connections with the afterlife and resolved many more mysterious cases thereafter. He endeavoured in bringing justice and replenishment to powerless people who were mistreated or exploited. Most people believed that it was his noble character and abilities that convinced the spirits of the deceased to respect him and help him.

Alliance Primary School Kowloon Tong, Wong, Tsz Kiu – 12

Once upon a time, there was a man called Judge Pao. He was a Chinese justice fighter, a Judge. He always orders soldiers to execute people who committed serious crime by chopping their heads off.

One day, Judge Pao found out his two vases and more important his sword awarded by the king were gone. Someone must had stolen them. Therefore, he ordered Zhan Zhao, the head of the soldiers to find the thieves and bring them to him. After a few hours, Zhan Zhao caught one of the thieves but the other one escaped. Pao interrogated the thief. Because the thief was afraid of being executed by chopping his head off, he finally admitted to Pao that they actually came from the future by a time machine. They stole simple, non-expensive things. However, when they brought back to the future, it would worth a lot of money because people would treat them as ancient artifacts. Pao was very angry and decided to chase the other thief. And most important to take back the king-awarded sword. The thief begged Pao not to execute him by providing where and how to use the time machine. He also promised that he would go with him to find the other thief, return the stolen items and also would admit his crime in the future. Pao did not promise him but said he will make judgement later.

Pao went to the future with Zhan Zhao and the thief using the time machine. They were amazed by everything in the modern world. However, they are not used to the modern life. They did not know how and where to find the thief. No matter how smart Pao was and how good Zhan Zhao's "Kung Fu", they could not use their normal way to find the thief nor the stolen items. Finally, they decided to seek for the police and judge in the modern world to help. Pao told them when had happened. The head of police immediately drafted pictures of how they descripted the thief characteristics and the stolen items. They did some searching of data in the computer. And then, they sent all the information to different police stations and ordered them to search for the thief and the stolen items. After half day, with the high technology, they found the other thief and the stolen items in an auction house. Pao recognized the auction items were all his lost items. With this evidence, police went and caught the other thief. Pao decided to give both thieves to the modern judge to decide the punishment because they were from the future.

The judge brought the thieves to the Court. Pao was very interested and the judge invited him to join. Pao was very surprised that the judge finally sentenced the thieves to be in prison for 2 years and to do service work for another 1 years instead of chopping the thieves' heads off. The judge explained to Pao that they had different levels of punishment according to the seriousness of the crime but they basically never sentence a criminal to death. The reason was that everyone should be a chance to reform. They had had most of the cases that people would reform and back to be a good citizen after years in prison. And in prison, they provided a lot of different programs to educate the criminal to learn how to turn back to a good man. Pao and Zhan Zhao were also invited by the police officers to visit a prison, too.

Pao and Zhan Zhao travelled back to the past and destroyed the time machine to avoid any future thief who might come again. And another thing Pao did was put the punishment equipment such as the chopping head station into the warehouse. Zhan Zhao was surprised and asked Pao the reason why he removed the punishment equipment. Pao said "I was so amazed by what I saw and experienced in this trip to the future. But the most important thing I leant this time is that we should allow a chance for people to reform themselves."

The Case of the Deadly Necklace

Alliance Primary School Sheung Shui, Guo, Zihan Candice – 12

Judge Pao (JP) is famous for handing cases correctly. He travelled to Hong Kong because he had a holiday and was staying in a hotel. A group of friends named Amy, Judy, Tom, Sam and Jane also stayed at the same hotel. This hotel was on a small island and there were no other buildings.

The friends were having a nice holiday until suddenly they had a big fight. Everyone was angry at Jane. The next morning, Judy found her best friend, Jane, was dead in her room. She told Amy, Sam, and Tom. They wanted to called the police but a recent storm destroyed all phone service on the island. No one else on the island could help, so they asked Judge Pao to help them.

Judge Pao saw that the room was very messy when he went into Jane's room. All her things were on the floor and Jane's necklace had disappeared. It was a very expensive necklace. There was a knife with blood on it and the window was broken. Jane looked very shocked and scared. He asked them some simple questions, 'Does anyone hate Jane? Was Jane rich or poor? Who went into her room last night?' Then JP went into Jane's room with some tools to find more evidence and clues.

Half an hour later, JP found everyone and asked, 'Did Jane do anything that you didn't like?' Amy said, "I didn't like her because she is stupid but I didn't want to kill her." Judy replied, "Jane was my best friend, I didn't kill her!" Tom said, "She stole my pen and said it was a joke." Sam shouted, "She said I was stupid because of my poor exam results."

The next day, JP said that he knows who is the murderer. "I think the murderer liked the necklace. Therefore, I guess the murderer might be a girl." Everyone looked at Amy and Judy. JP continued, "The murderer is poor and greedy too because the necklace is expensive." Then JP looked at Judy, she looked very nervous. "I know that you are the poorest person here because I called the bank. Also, I noticed a small flower petal on your shirt. It was the same type of flower I saw in Jane's room.

"I'm sorry!" cried Judy "Jane was kind and always helped me but she was stupid and I was clever. She was rich and I am poor!" Everyone was staring at Judy angrily. "Her new necklace was beautiful and expensive and she said it was the cheapest she had in her room. Therefore, I tried to steal is but she saw me and was going to call the police! I hit her on the head with a flower vase but I didn't think that could kill her!" Judy said sadly.

In the end, Judy was regretful and agreed to wait for the police. When the police came, they couldn't find her. Everyone was angry and looked for her for a few hours. However, everyone was shocked when they found her because she was dead. The murderer was still standing next to the body. It was Jane's mum! She came to the island for business and heard her daughter had died. She was very angry so she killed Judy. In the end, the mother was sent to jail for ten years. JP said something very interesting to the friends, "Next time be careful where you go on holiday! This island is too dangerous!"

The Case of The Drama Killings

Alliance Primary School Sheung Shui, Ho, Tsz Yau Raina – 12

Judge Pao (JP) was a famous detective in China. He solved many cases. One day, he finished solving a case and he was exhausted. His doctor told him that he should have a rest so Judge Pao decided to go on a trip to Australia. At the same time, there was a group of people that were also going to Australia from Hong Kong. They were Amy, Betty, Tom and Ada. They were going to Australia because they joined a drama competition. They had no idea that a horrific murder was going to take place.....

Three days later, the drama competition had started. Judge Pao bought a ticket and was watching the show. Amy broke a prop and her partners looked furious. Suddenly, the stage curtains closed and the audience was confused. Something terrible had happened! Tom, Betty and Ada were in a panic. Ada called the police but they said they were solving another case so they couldn't come yet. Ada saw Judge Pao in the audience and asked him to help so that they could find out the murderer quickly. Judge Pao went onto the stage and found Amy dead on the floor. There were some words written in lipstick on the floor. It said "Life for life!"

Judge Pao studied the crime scene and found there was no blood on the floor. He went backstage and pointed at a coffee cup on the table. He asked, "Whose cup is it?" Ada answered, "It's Amy's." Judge Pao saw some white powder in the cup so he sent the cup to the crime lab. He interviewed Tom. Tom said, "Amy always breaks the props. It is very annoying to repair the props all the time." Then, he interviewed Betty. She said, "Amy is too proud of herself and once she didn't memorize the script and we lost a competition." Judge Pao noticed that Betty was nervous and sweated a lot. At last, he interviewed Ada, Amy's best friend. She said, "Although she always makes trouble, she helps me with my acting skills. I am very upset that she's dead."

Judge Pao thought Tom and Betty are the most suspicious because they really disliked Amy. Judge Pao was confused, why was there no blood? How could she be killed during the show? Suddenly, Judge Pao's phone rang, it was the crime lab. Judge Pao knew who killed Amy. He called the police to come since they have already finished solving their other case.

Judge Pao gathered everyone at the theatre. He said, "I know who is the murderer! Ada cannot be the murderer because she's Amy's best friend and I believe she is honest. Tom dislikes Amy but this didn't cause him to kill her." Then he said, "Betty is the murderer because the crime lab found Betty's fingerprints on the cup and there was some poison in it! Also, I found a lipstick in your bag that is the same colour as the killer's writing."

Betty confessed, "Yes, I did it because her mom killed my sister by accident." Judge Pao said, "Although she killed your sister, their children have no responsibility to bear the deeds done by their ancestors." The people felt shocked. Betty started laughing and said, "You will never catch me!" She grabbed a stage rope and used it like a swing across the theatre to the exit door. She laughed again and opened the door to find 2 police officers ready to grab her.

Judge Pao laughed and said, "I asked the police to wait there already! You will be sent to jail for 20 years." Her old friends felt disappointed. Judge Pao said, "I am going home now but I hope you have all learned a life lesson; think clearly before doing anything violent." It was such an interesting case but Judge Pao still didn't get a chance to relax.

The Case of the Paintbrush Killer

Alliance Primary School Sheung Shui, Lau, Tsz Wan Pandora – 12

Judge Pao (JP) is a famous detective because he always helps to find lost people, stop stalkers, do surveillance and find out secrets. He is always so busy but in his free time he likes drawing and chess. One day, he attended an art exhibition for a famous artist named May Chan.

Her brother, sister, mother, father and her art students; Tom, Peter, John and Jenny also joined the exhibition to view May's new paintings. May's art student, Tom, carelessly soiled May's new painting. Everyone was angry but Tom said, "It's not a big problem. I can paint over it again!" Everyone noticed that he didn't say sorry. Later, May found Tom's body in the utility room. Everyone was so shocked.

Someone noticed that Judge Pao was in the audience so they asked him to help because the police said they couldn't come until tomorrow. Then, Judge Pao talked to May's family. They said, "We felt angry but we didn't kill him. We went out for lunch." Judge Pao also questioned Peter and John. Peter said, "I wanted to hit Tom but John stopped me. Then, we went outside to calm down." Next Judge Pao questioned Jenny. She said, "I was angry but I care about Tom so I gave him some cake and a cup of coffee."

Next, Judge Pao looked at the crime scene. He saw a thick paint brush on the floor and one end was sharp. It looked like there was some red paint on the end of it. He sent it to the crime lab and learned it was blood! He thought that the brush must be the murder weapon. Judge Pao thought Jenny and May were the most suspicious because they were the two people to see Tom last. All of the others had alibis.

Later, JP noticed that painting was drawn by a left hand person. When he looked at Tom's body he saw paint only on Tom's left hand. When Judge Pao talked to everyone else he offered them all a drink and they all used their right hands to take the drink. He also called the Art Gallery and asked about May's Art.

Judge Pao gathered everyone together to tell them all of his findings. He knew May lied and that the painting was done by Tom. May must be the murderer because she is the only one who has the motivation to kill Tom. The art gallery told me that soon you won't be famous anymore. Everyone was surprised and looked at May. Her hands were shaking and she looked so nervous. May said, "I haven't had any good paintings for almost 2 years. I was afraid of not being a famous artist. I saw Tom made a good painting so I forced him to give that painting to me and keep the secret. However, Tom soiled that painting carelessly and he said he could paint it again. Therefore, I killed him to keep the secret. I am sorry about that."

Everyone was shocked and unable to accept this reality. Judge Pao said "Tom had no intention of revealing the secret. He respected you! You should not have killed him!" May felt regret and cried, "If I could choose again, I would not kill my student!" In the end, Judge Pao called the police to take May to prison, but before the police came May had escaped. Before JP went home, he told everyone something they will never forget "Killing will make you regretful of all of your life!" Everyone thought carefully about him.

The Case of The Candy Killer

Alliance Primary School Sheung Shui, Law, Tzi Ki Kiki – 12

Judge Pao (JP) is a famous person who investigates murders. Judge Pao felt tired from working too much so he went to Taiwan. At the same time, four Hong Kong university students (Sharlotte, Din, Eddy and Shanice) had won a trip to Taiwan in a music competition. The friends were staying at an expensive 5 star hotel and Judge Pao's room was next door. The room was huge and had four bedrooms so that they each had their own bed to sleep in.

They felt joyful and excited to be at an amazing hotel, but there was a problem between them. Everyone argued and felt angry with Sharlotte. The next morning, they all discovered that Sharlotte was dead! They called the police but they refused to help because they were from Hong Kong. After that, Din and Eddy remembered that they saw Judge Pao in the restaurant a few days ago. They quickly found Judge Pao and asked him for help.

Judge Pao went to their room to look at the body and the crime scene. There was a candy on the floor and Sharlotte had foam around her mouth. The door and the window were not broken. Sharlotte's necklace was missing. Judge Pao interviewed the friends and asked about the argument they had last night. They all said they had not been inside Sharlotte's room. Judge Pao didn't believe it. Shanice said that she could not be the murderer because she went to sleep at 7:00p.m. She thinks that Din could be the murderer because Din went to Sharlotte's room. Eddy said that he was playing with Din last night until 11:30p.m., so he couldn't be the murderer. Din said he was playing with Eddy but he heard Sharlotte's door open and close at midnight and he thinks that maybe Shanice murdered Sharlotte.

Everyone looked at Shanice! Shanice was nervous and sweating. Judge Pao discovered someone is lying but he wants to find more clues. Judge Pao talked to a hotel worker. The worker said a girl took the insect poison from her cleaning cart. The next day, Judge Pao gathered all the friends together in the hotel room. He said he knows who the murderer is! It is someone in this room right now. The murderer is Shanice! I know she is murderer because the CCTV captured her going into Sharlotte's room for 15 minutes.

Shanice shouted, "Yes! I murdered her! I made a pink candy with the insect poison. I hated Sharlotte because Eddy liked Sharlotte and he gave her a pretty necklace. I love Eddy so much! It's not fair for me so I wanted to kill her. And then Eddy could love me!" Everyone felt very disappointed by Shanice. Eddy said, "You can't kill someone for this reason. If you like me, you should say it to me. Not just kill everybody of I love!"

Shanice didn't feel sorry about what she did. Judge Pao said the police are coming right now and you will to go to jail for 40 years. You need to take responsibility for your actions. Shanice said "I'm happy I did it! And I would kill her again. But you will never catch me because I have a prefect escape plan. She looked at Eddy and said, "Please come with me now! I have a boat ready to take us to Japan. We can get married and live there forever!"

Eddy shouted, "Go away! I don't like you. Take responsibility for your actions, please." Suddenly, the police came and caught Shanice easily. Shanice cried, "Judge Pao, I will kill you! I hate you!" Judge Pao said, "That was my most dangerous case but she will be in jail for 40years! I hope you see what happens when you start telling lies. The lies get bigger and bigger and sometimes it can end in murder."

The Revenge Case

Alliance Primary School Sheung Shui, Chen, Hong Pok Oscar – 12

Judge Pao (JP) is a famous judge because he is fair and not afraid of powerful people. Many people ask him to solve crimes. One day, Judge Pao and his assistant went to the capital to watch the New Year's events. The people in the capital talked a lot about a famous criminal. They said, "There is a man named Max who is very annoying. He often does terrible things but no judge can catch him because he is very rich!"

During the events, Max came and made trouble again. The next morning, Max was murdered. His servant found him and asked the police to investigate but the police said that they wanted money. So the servant found JP. JP and his group started investigating.

First, he looked at the crime scene. He found some broken weapons. 'It seems that someone had fought here.' he said. He sent the weapons to the crime lab for scientists to study. Next he interviewed the servant, chef and the security guard. The servant said, "When I went to try to wake him up, I found he was already dead. The chef said, "I was cooking breakfast when the servant found him dead!" The security guard said, "I was guarding outside the door when it happened." JP thinks the servant and the security are the most suspicious but wanted more evidence to be found.

Later, the results of the crime lab study came out. He looked at the results and knew who was the murderer. The next day, he called the police to take the security guard to the courtroom. In the courtroom, he said, "One of your fingerprints was on a broken weapon, so you are murderer!" The security guard replied, "Yes! I killed him! He killed my parents ten years ago! I worked as his security guard to find an opportunity to kill him! But, if you want to catch me, that is impossible! Then the security guard broke the courtroom window and jumped out. He fell to the ground floor but his friend was waiting with a big soft pillow. He looked up at JP and said, "I will kill you when you least expect it! Be careful!"

The security guard disappeared into the city but JP wasn't worried because he had security guards at his house. Before he went home he told the police to be fair and not to take money anymore. One year later, JP came home and found Max sitting on his sofa with a gun! ... to be continued...

CCC Wanchai Church Kei To Primary School, Lee, Kin Wai – 11

It was a stormy morning. Howling in the frosty air, the gusting wind gave the deep, dark forest an eerie atmosphere and the famous official Chen was wandering in this exact forest at that time. All of a sudden, a voice growled, "Pay me the debt you owe!" "Who are you?" retorted the furious Chen and he punched the person in front of him. The stranger growled, "None of your business!" *Thud!* After that, everything went black.....

The exact afternoon.....

"Sir, Sir Bao! Official Chen is missing!" said a messenger with a terrified voice, "Rumors have it that he has been killed......His wife is worried stiff."

The civil judge nodded solemnly as he knew that this would be a somber and dismal case indeed.

Bao Zheng, also known as Judge Bao or Justice Bao, was born on the fifth of March, year 999, in Luzhou, Northern Song Dynasty. He possesses a face as black as the night sky, often wears a judge's zhanjiao futou hat and a crescent moon birthmark on his forehead can be seen. Known all over the world, Judge Bao assists the weak to solve complicated cases.

It was noon and our Judge Bao was still collecting data to solve this tricky case. However, he couldn't find anything relevant to the case. While he was thinking, his helper, Gongsun Ce suggested an idea. Judge Bao listened and agreed. "It's the most we can do," he said.

After a while, his servants brought the few suspects to the court according to Gongsun Ce's command. First to come up was the brother of Chen. Judge Bao inspected the young man from head to toe, then cross-examined him. "You can go now," he told the man when he was finished. Next to be crossexamined was Chen's friends Chu and Zhou. Bao studied them and asked Chu if he had gone outside this whole week. Chu replied, "No. I had.....something to do." "That is a lie! Look at your shoes! They are covered with mud. You had to go out on a rainy day to adhere so much mud. And your face! It is bruised. It cannot be your family who made such a huge bruise. It must be a strong man who hit you. And it can only be someone you knew who made it, so that means you saw Chen this morning." yelled Judge Bao. "Yes, I killed Chen accidentally. But it was because he attacked me first so I killed him." Chu lowered his head. Then Judge Bao bellowed, "Chu is the culprit! Seize him and bring him on the dog-head guillotine for he is the murderer!" "Yes sir!" saluted the soldiers.

"3.....2.....1.....Chop-" "Wait! No!" yelled a voice. The soldiers halted straight away. "What is the matter?" barked Judge Bao. "Stop! Please give him a chance to repent!!" cried Chu's wife. Judge Bao grimaced. "What is the matter, may I ask?" "My husband only wanted to call up Chen's debt! Chen cuffed him in the face and Chu dropped backwards. In his anger, he picked a stone and threw it at a bush, but it missed and hit Chen in the face. In the end, Chen died from blood loss. But I must confess, my husband was the killer though he did not want to kill Chen," said Chu's wife helplessly.

There was silence.

Then, suddenly, Judge Bao announced, "Onwards with the death sentence!" Everyone fixed their eyes on the dog-head guillotine.

But, to everyone's surprise, Chu's little daughter spoke up bravely with her voice trembling, "Judge, Sir, I have a proposal for you. I know that you are fair and honorable, however, I must say, there is a better and more even-handed way to handle every case, that is, which my stepbrother from America told me. Did you know some other countries do not have death sentences? Their highest punishment is only no more than sentencing murderers to life imprisonment."

Judge Bao frowned seriously and seemed to be thinking about something. After a while, he responded, "Little girl, I know what you say is educated. Yet so, our ancestors always convey with this proverb: an eye for an eye, a life for a life. Also, the death sentence can have a deterrent effect on homicide and protect more people from being killed."

"Revenge is unacceptable! We, Chinese, respect the lives of people!" shouted the girl sternly.

When Judge Bao heard this, he felt extremely ashamed as he now knew he was being contradictory. As other citizens cannot kill, he himself should too be a good example to the community. Besides, now that he think of it, maybe sometimes he might prove the verdict to be incorrect, less say ten years later. As a result, he decided to throw over the death sentence and sentenced Chu to life imprisonment. Chu's family was moved to tears and bowed to Judge Bao to show deep gratitude.

The complicated case was over at last. Still, Judge Bao had a question that lingered in his mind: What is justice after all?

CCC Wanchai Church Kei To Primary School, Wong, Ngai Chi – 10

Judge Pao was famous in Kaifeng as being a fair judge promoting legal justice. He was not afraid of power and would not allow unjustly imprisonment as well as bad guys getting away with punishments.

One day, a lady broke into the court while Judge Pao was dealing with a court case. Her act was considered committing a crime as in accordance with the law, nobody was allowed to enter the court without permission. The lady screamed and was caught up in hysteria. She yelled in the court,' My husband Ah Fook was innocent! He should not be sentenced to death! He was framed by the son of a chief judge called Ah Keung!'

Judge Pao commanded the lady to leave the court as her act was disrupting the operation of the court violating the regulation of the court. She should be punished. Considering there might have some grievance behind, the lady was forgiven and was asked to wait outside. Judge Pao would privately talk to her.

Judge Pao met the lady in a meeting room and requested her to explain in details about the incident she raised. The lady said, "Ah Fook had been working for a chief judge for ten years. The chief judge was called Ah Kwok. Ah Fook never made a single mistake and was loyal during his ten—year service. One day, he heard a loud bang coming out from Ah Keung's room. When Ah Fook ran to his room, he saw a bloody man lying on the floor hand while Ah Keung was sitting on a chair armed with a knife full of blood! Ah Fook was frightened and did not dare to make any noise, he ran back home and told me what he had seen. We discussed and decided to report the incident to the officials. Just as we left home, the offices came here and caught Ah Fook. Ah Fook was accused of murdering Ah Keung's friend —— Ah Leung. Judge Pao, Ah Fook is innocent! He could not be the murderer! He faints when he sees blood. Moreover, he is significantly weaker than Ah Leung who is a butcher." She cried throughout the conversation.

One annoying problem Judge Pao faced was that chief Judge Kwok was the senior of Judge Pao while the main suspect of the case seemed to be Ah Keung... Judge Pao went to see chief Judge Kwok and shared what the lady told him. Judge Pao wanted to see how chief Judge Kwok responded to the lady's statement.

To Judge Pao's surprise, senior Judge Kwok told Judge Pao to keep his hand off from the case and told him," This case should have been concluded. No doubt Ah Fook is the murderer of the case. This case is NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! There is no advantage for you to continue dealing with the case." He seemed to be threatening Judge Pao.

Judge Pao felt very uneasy about the conversation with senior Judge Kwok in his mind, the sole consideration is to ensure justice must be seen to be done. The threatening from chief Judge Kwok and his power is not at all any of his concern.

Judge Pao met up with the lady again to gather further details relating the case. He also interviewed all the servants and neighbors of Kwok's family. Furthermore, he called up few of Ah Leung's best friends for discussions. He also picked up the clothes and other objects attached to Ah Leung's body. Judge Pao tried to get a more comprehensive picture and background for the case.

With all the facts at hand, Judge Pao scrutinized every single detail and discovered the following: Ah Leung never knew Ah Fook. There was no motivation for Ah Fook to kill Ah Leung. A servant saw Ah Fook working in the garden when the loud bang was heard. Ah Keung's hair and blood was found sticking on Ah Leung's body. However, none from Ah Fook could be found. Judge Pao brought all the findings to the chief judge and requested for a retrial. Chief Judge Kwok was displeased and said, "I did ask you to stop dealing with this case, but you obviously disobey me. I warn you as the second time that you should give up processing this case, or else YOU WILL BE FIRED!" Chief Judge Kwok was apparently protecting his son --- Ah Keung.

It turned on to be a huge challenge to Judge Pao. If he continued to work on the case, he might get fired and never able to fight for justice, for the people. However, if he gave up the case, compromising the interest of Ah Fook's fairness, how can he face his family and the masses? He was struggling...

In the end, Judge Pao decided to go to the emperor directly and presented to him the entire case, together with the threatening message from chief Judge Kwok. Judge Pao politely asked the emperor," How do you want to rule the country, justice or power? If you choose power, I would rather resign."

The emperor thought for a while and said, "Judge Pao, you can arrange for retrial for the case. You are now the sole judge of the case. Please ensure justice is properly done. Chief Judge Kwok will not be involved in this case by now."

After the retrial, Ah Keung was proved guilty and was sentenced to death. Chief Judge Kwok was demoted to a normal judge because he undermined the rule of law. Ah Fook was immediately released.

This was the other incident demonstrating how Judge Pao maintained justice, fairness for the society. These are no doubt the important values every citizen has been looking for. That was also the reason why Judge Pao was well respected and loved by all people.

CCC Wanchai Church Kei To Primary School, Yip, Wai Lam – 10

'Where is my phone?' Sam cried out loud. The whole class was startled and everybody was looking at him. Turning to gaze at Sam with a puzzled face, Mr Leung stopped writing the equation on the blackboard. 'What's going on? You know you can't shout in class, don't you?'Mr Leung raised his voice, putting the textbook on the desk.

'My phone was in my drawer but now it's gone! My mum will kill me!' Ignoring the teacher's question, Sam became more anxious. At this moment, all pupils fixed their eyes at Skyson, looking for a clue or maybe some help.

In Primary 6, pupils were allowed to bring phones to school. Everyone brought theirs too,Sam got a new phone, he was showing it off during recess. The boys were jealous and girls were envious, but Sam had already lost it when he brought the phone on the first day.

In 6A, Skyson happened to be the smartest pupil. He was curious, brave and sometimes a bit rude, but he was a quick—witted boy who could always solve problems for everyone and found out secrets that would make people's jaws drop. Just because his surname was Pao, the class nicknamed him Judge Pao.

'Let's give Skyson a few minutes!' said Mr Leung. Even our teachers thought that Skyson could explain and find Sam's missing phone.Skyson got up and left his seat, walking around in the classroom. He frowned, looked here and there, then bent down to check different corners. When he stopped and shot a glance at a classmate, he or she would avoid his eyes.When he walked past Mary, the class monitress, he stopped and pointed his finger at her. 'You'd better give Sam back his phone!' Skyson suggested calmly. There was an immediate uproar in the class. 'What? Mary? No way!''You must be kidding me! Mary is our monitress!','Maybe she really did it! Well, it's Skyson!'

'Could be Vincent, he sits next to him!' said someone softly. 'Yeah, Vincent asked about his phone earlier, didn't he?'replied another.'Skyson, you must have observed something, please tell us,' asked Mr Leung, who looked very antsy.

Here comes Judge Pao's judgment...

In the last recess, when everyone was busy doing their homework or playing, Sam bragged about his phone loudly.'It is the newest model of iPhone 14 pro Max – my birthday present from Mum!' Sam was showing his phone in front of the gathered crowd around him. Well, it was not the first time, Sam was cocky and boasted about everything: his toys, his shoes, his overseas trips, his extra-curricular activities, you name it. But his last smartphone did catch everyone's attention. 'Can I have a look? It's so cool!' Vincent requested with a jealous face. 'Just don't drop it., Oh no, it's very expensive, you'd better not touch it! Hahahaha!' Sam muffled as he gobbled his fried chicken bought from the tuck shop at school.

The recess ended quickly and everyone had to go to the music room afterwards. During the music lesson, Ms Chan taught the class how to sing the new song. It was unusual that many pupils asked to go to the toilet. When Alice and Jack went out, Vincent and Mary asked too. 'Right, what's wrong with you guys today? Everyone is going to the toilet!'Ms Chan seemed annoyed. The lesson ended with an unfinished song, and the class was told to practice singing this week. Music was followed by Maths lesson, so everyone returned to the classroom.

Just then, Mr Leung came into the classroom and called, 'Skyson, please come over!' Skyson ran towards Mr Leung. Mr Leung looked at him and whispered, 'But it doesn't mean Mary stole the phone, Skyson,.' 'Everyone, look!' Skyson pointed his finger at Mary's hand and her dress. There was an oily patch on her uniform.' This is evidence!' Skyson turned around and continued.' Sam was eating his chicken and he swiped his phone with his oily fingers. I have checked Vincent's, Alice's, Jack's and Mary's hands. Vincent's, Alice's and Jack's were wet and clean and I couldn't see any dirt. Of course, these days under Covid, people would wash their hands thoroughly after going to the toilets. But Mary didn't! The reason why you went there was to hide the phone!' Mary looked pale as Skyson carried on . 'There were four students leaving the music room and you are one of them. I remembered you were there in the recess and you looked envious too!' Why did you do that?' Skyson challenged Mary.

'Oh yeah, you think that I stole Sam's phone?' Mary roared. 'Mary stole it!' Someone screamed with a cranky voice. Mr Leung asked a female teacher to search the girls' toilet, and found that the phone was in one of the compartments.

He walked to the classroom, took a deep breath, 'I believe that Skyson had already got the answer.....'

The whole class said, 'It's Mary!'Skyson crossed his arms. Mary was speechless. 'Mary, you are the monitor, how can you behave badly in class? I am disappointed. ,From now on, your monitress duty will be suspended,' announced Mr Leung. Mary pouted and walked away from the classroom.

Mary returned the phone to Sam finally. She never stole or behaved badly again.

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Chang, Lok Tung - 11

On a sunny morning, I sat under a tree and read a book about a case settled by Pao Qingtian—Blood Shirt Called Street. Just when I saw that the third butcher suddenly pulled out a dagger and chopped Chen Qiongniang's left hand seriously!, my book actually emitted a light and I sucked it in!

'Where am I?'I asked. I behind the tree. 'Oh, no! I sucked in the story!' I was scared. Then I saw that Chen Qiongniang was killed by someone! Then I remembered that I could go to Judge Pao. The original Chen Qiongniang husband was also reporting when I arrived.

Judge Pao asked, 'where are you from? And what are you doing here?' 'I know the ins and outs of this case.' I said. 'Are you a confident kid from there? I won't believe you?' he said. 'Was his wife hurt?' I said, 'Yes, but how do you know?' Judge Pao asked. 'It is because I know the ins and outs of this case, so can you trust me?' I asked. 'Alright, I trust you only once. However, can you give me some hints and ideas?' Judge Pao said. 'Of course!' I said confidently.

'I saw that there were three men who killed his wife. They were butchers. And you can ask one people to dress the blood coat and said this morning, when he was passing through the woods outside the city, he saw three butcher—like people being intercepted by robbers, one of them was killed, and the other two escaped...' I told Judge Pao what I saw. 'Well, I try it.' Judge Pao said. 'But, why do we need to do this?' he asked. 'It is because when one butcher's wife knows, she will find you, another you'll know in a while.' I said. Then, Judge Pao sent a man who called Zhang Shan, went straight to the busiest street in the city, and shouted loudly on purpose, 'Terrible!' When I was passing through a small forest outside the city this morning, I saw three people who looked like butchers being intercepted by robbers, and one of them was killed and the other two escaped...' In an instant, the common people became a sensation, helping to promote it everywhere, and everyone was talking about it. Zhang Shan changed to another place and continued to yell, then he learned from the mouths of the people that a man named Zhang Man.

Zhang Man's wife hurried out after hearing the discussion, and asked Zhang Shan, 'My husband went out to buy pigs with two friends this morning. Could it be that something happened to them? Then the woman described her husband's appearance and characteristics. Hearing what the woman said, Huang Sheng was overjoyed, and pretended to be calm and said, 'It may not be your husband, so don't be panic. I'll go to your house and wait for a while. If your husband doesn't come back this afternoon, I'll take you to the court to see Mr. Pao .' Quietly made a record...

According to what Zhang Man's wife said, Zhang Shan found the homes of the other two butchers. After investigation, they found that they were indeed not at home, and they had gone out this morning and did not return... At this point, the three suspects had a specific target, and the Yamen immediately dispatched. People quietly set up an ambush. In order to wait for Zhang Man to come home, they caught him immediately, so they ambush in the grass behind Zhang Man's house.

Just afternoon, a drunk man walked in, and the woman rushed out to greet him, saying, 'Fortunately, it wasn't you who was killed, it almost scared me to death!' Before the woman could finish speaking, Huang Sheng pulled out the rope by surprise, and directly pulled out the rope. The dazed Butcher Zhang was tied up and taken to Kaifeng Mansion.

Master Pao saw that the butcher had indeed been arrested, so he ordered people to search his body carefully, and sure enough, several pieces of gold and silver jewelry were found. Master Pao slapped the gavel heavily, and shouted, 'Hurry up and recruit your accomplices, so you won't suffer from flesh and blood!'

The stolen goods were found in court, but Butcher Zhang couldn't argue with him. In order not to suffer, he had to confess his accomplices Butcher Wu and Butcher Liu. Master Pao immediately ordered Huang Sheng to arrest Wu and Liu. When the two arrived at the lobby, they saw Butcher Zhang already kneeling at the bottom of the hall, and were so shocked that their heads were covered with cold sweat. They knew that the incident of robbing property and hurting people had already happened, so they had to confess truthfully.

In the end, Judge Pao said 'Butcher Zhang slashed people with a knife. Although Jingniang's wife was not injured, he was vicious by nature. Blocking the road and robbing them is sentenced to exile for thousands of miles.

After the case was over, Bao Qingtian thanked me in a warm voice, said, 'If I couldn't have your clues and opinions, I might not have been able to think of a solution. I really shouldn't have questioned you in the first place. I hope you can forgive me.' I said in a blunt voice, 'You're welcome! The most important thing is to help you settle this case.'

Just when I was about to say goodbye to him, suddenly, the speed light shot in front of my face, helping me inhale it all at once! Suddenly I felt a shock, like falling from a high place, and I returned to the rooftop of my house, 'Is everything just a dream? But there is no reason. If it was a dream, why I would feel the impact? But I haven't finished the book yet? Then why do I know the following plot?' I thought I was talking to myself.

Although it was an unsolved mystery, this journey has taught me a lot. I have learned how selfless Judge Pao was, and it also allowed me to use my imagination to solve this mystery. It was a valuable lesson! However, I hope it won't happen again! Not only did it freak me out, my mother didn't see me and thought I was out to play!

One day with Mr Pao

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Fung, Yat Nam - 9

One day, I read a story about Judge Pao in the school library. I thought that he was a hero of China! He was a symbol of justice. He was a person with integrity, courtesy and a good heart. On the way home, I was thinking what Judge Pao would look like if he was a modern person. When I arrived home, my mum said, 'Cassie, a visitor is here.' I saw a man with dark brown face sitting upright on a chair. He said, 'Hi, I am Pao Zheng.' What a surprise! 'Why are you here, Mr Pao?' I said, lifting my eyebrows. 'Oh, I am very busy but today I can take a rest so I come to Hong Kong. Can you take me to some good places?' 'Yes, of course!' I exclaimed in delight.

I asked Mr Pao if he was hungry. He nodded, so I suggested to have our lunch first before starting the tour. 'Let's go to McDonald's,' I said. While we were heading to McDonald's, Mr. Pao kept looking up and seemed a lot of questions in his mind. He finally asked, 'Cassie, why do you all these high buildings in Hong Kong? Do modern people live in such high buildings? How do you go up to the floor you live?' 'In Hong Kong, most people live in high-rises like these and we take an elevator to go to the floor we want to go,' I answered. 'Elevator?' Mr. Pao looked confused. Mr Pao was anazed with the building technology mentioned. Soon we arrived at a nearby McDonald. I ordered a burger and a fizzy drink for Mr. Pao. When the food was served before him, he looked a little bit nervous and was not sure how to start with. So, I unwrapped the wrapping for him and asked him to try the burger. 'Wow! It's yummy! I have never eaten such delicious food in my life.'

After finishing lunch, I found that something was missing. 'Oh no! My Marvel pen is gone. It is a birthday gift from my dad!' I immediately took Mr. Pao to my school and looked for it. I told Mr. Pao that there was a cat sticker on the pen. When I was looking for the pen, I saw Candy, my classmate. I thought she took my pen as she loved it very much. 'Candy, it must be you. Where is my pen? Give it back to me!' I cried. But Candy was puzzled and shook her head. Mr. Pao said, 'Calm down, Cassie. Do you have any evidence to accuse your friend of stealing your pen? I will help you to find it.' We walked around the school to find the pen. Cindy, Candy's sister, walked pass us and looked at me with fear as if she had done something bad. Mr. Pao spotted that Cindy shoved her hands deep into the pockets of her pants to hide something inside. So, Mr. Pao asked if she had a pen that he could borrow. Cindy's heart was racing fast. She took out a pen from her pocket nervously. It was the Marvel pen with a cat sticker. 'That's my pen. I put cat stickers on all my stationery,' I cried. Cindy blushed and explained that she found the pen in the library. She just wanted to show it to her sister who liked Marvel very much. Mr. Pao said, 'Girl, if you find anything that does not belong to you, you should give it to the teacher instead of keeping it yourself.' Cindy returned the pen to me and apologized. I was so grateful that Mr. Pao found the pen for me. His investigatory power was well–proved. No wonder people like him very much.

We continued our tour. We went to a theme park. When Mr. Pao saw the castle, he said, 'That's different from ours. Did the King of Hong Kong live there?' I giggled and said, 'That's not a real castle and no one live there. Besides, there is no King in Hong Kong.' Mr. Pao experienced other attractions and games in the park. I bought him a Mickey Mouse shaped doughnut. He ate it with so much joy and said, 'It's the most delicious dessert I have ever tasted in my life!' At night, we sat down in front of the castle and watched the spectacular firework night show together. He was so thrilled with all the light and sound technologies. 'It's fantastic!' Mr. Pao exclaimed.

As the theme park was about to close, we followed the crowds moving slowly towards the exit gate. I wished the park would never be closed so we could spend more time there. At the exit gate, Mr. Pao turned round and said to me 'Cassie, thank you for spending such wonderful time with me today. The food, the people and the attractions are truly eye-opening. I will never forget this tour. Now I have to say goodbye to you. I need to get back to where I belong to and continue my duties.' We said goodbye to each other one more time and then Mr. Pao disappeared in the crowds.

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Pang, Lok Ching - 10

Pao Zheng was a Chinese Judge. Since he is a justice fighter and always heard the grievances of the people, people are honored him as a symbol of justice and called him Bao Qing Tian. One day, when Judge Pao Zheng opened his home door early in the morning. An old woman suddenly appeared in front of him. She bowed to the ground and said, 'Judge Pao Zheng, please help me! My son disappeared last night. I was very worried.' Bai Zheng was shocked. He realized that there was a big case waiting for him to investigate immediately. Bao Zheng asked, 'what is your name? What happened last night?' 'My name is Granny Chen and I am a farmer. My son left home and went to the market in the morning. I was waiting for him back for dinner last night but he didn't come back overnight. I tried to find him everywhere in the market but I couldn't find him yesterday. What should I do now?' replied Granny Chen. 'Pao Zheng asked, 'did you call the police last night? 'Yes, I called them last night but they said they could not find my son.' Judge Pao Zheng said, 'I will help you right now. I think you should go back home to take a rest because you did not sleep last night. Please wait for my notification. My two police officers, Wang Chow and Man Han will contact you if we can find your son. We will bring him home to see you.'

On the next day, Judge Pao Zheng and his officers searched the whole internet to find the whereabouts of Granny Chen's son. They went to Granny Chen's house and asked him, 'May we enter your house to investigate the missing person case? I want to look for things related to this case.' 'Of course! Please help me to find my son!' cried Granny Chen. Surprisingly, Judge Pao Zheng and his officers found a bag of drugs in Granny Chen's son's drawers. Granny Chen was very scared and shocked. His face turned white. She said, 'Oh my god! Why is there a bag of drugs at my home?' Pai Zheng tried to comfort her and said,' don't worry and I don't know why too. We will help you to find out the reasons behind. You should stay calm now.'

On the fourth day, Pao Zheng searched the computer again and finally confirmed the location of Granny Chen's son. He was in a small hut in a village in New Territories. However, when Pao Zheng and his officers got there, they couldn't find Granny Chen's son in the hut. Suddenly, Pao Zheng heard a person shouting for help behind a tree in the forest near the hut. He followed the source of the sound and found Granny Chen's son.

Finally, Granny Chen's son clarified everything. He said he had never done anything about the bag. One of his friends asked him to keep this bag in his house one week ago and promised to take it back later. He did not know there were drugs inside the bag. Then two strange men kidnapped him on his way to the market and asked him where this bag was. They tied him behind the tree here and told him that they were going to escort him to take the bag from my home tonight. Granny Chen's son then thanked Pao Zheng because he saved his life.

In the end, Wang Chow and Man Han helped arrest the criminals in jail and destroyed all the drugs. Once again, Pao Zheng with his calmness and intelligence fought crimes and made great contributions to the society.

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Wang, Qianyue - 10

Denny was a very athletic and energetic child. He liked going on field trips, but he felt strangely uncomfortable this time. He was going on a tour of Judge Pao's museum with his class. He felt very bored as he looked at the sheepskin scribes hanging on the wall and the weird hats Pao used to wear.

Denny was very unimpressed by what Judge Pao did. "Everyone knows what a judge does. Why make such a fuss anyways?" He muttered under his breath. Denny snorted and walked away with his class. Little did he know, a drawing of Judge Pao stared at him, following him as he walked off.

As the day went on, Denny got steadily tireder and tireder. He yawned several times, and excused himself to the toilet. He washed his hands and he suddenly felt nausea creep in. He wanted to vomit, but he couldn't find the toilet stalls. His vision was blurring...

"Silence, court!" Denny woke up to hear a majestic voice shout. He was in court! He was not only surprised by the why he was here, but the courtroom was also made of wood! It was as if he was on a traditional Chinese movie set! As he steadied from his shock, he quickly hid himself behind a mountain of books and pots in case someone had noticed him.

He looked up at the owner of the voice. He was a tall man with a slightly scrunched up, angry looking face. He had a silky beard and mustache, fitting perfectly with his odd hat and his clothes. They looked like gowns and reached the floor. He sat behind a tall, fine wooden desk. He looked very menacing and Denny, after looking at his drawings so many times, knew exactly who he was -- Judge Pao!

"We are here to review the case of the Kaifeng flooding." Judge Pat's voice boomed. Denny was almost scared out of his skin, but he didn't utter a sound.

"It has occurred to me," Judge Pao stated, his finger pointing towards a man, "That the reason for the flooding was because you, you built gardens and pavilions, blocking up the river, therefore causing the giant flood, killing crops, drowning cattle and destroying infrastructure."

The man wasn't terrified like Denny was. He snorted, and said arrogantly, "I have enough money to do it, so what concern do you have? You don't have a field, you don't have any cattle. It's none of your business!" He declared. He was very bossy and jewels and rare stones were literally falling off of him on all sides! He had a belt-full of stacked golden coins, each glimmering like the stars. He was obviously very rich, and in fact, Denny thought that Judge Pao was the one in trouble after shouting at the man.

Fortunately, Judge Pao was undeterred, and started to interrogate the rich man even fiercer. "What you have done," he said, his face scrunching up,"is, to be exact, illegal. You will be thrown into prison and you will stay there for the rest of your life! Your money will be donated to the charity, and as for the houses you have built, if they are not sold to honest people who don't break laws everywhere, they will be burnt and the ashes will be thrown into the water!" Judge Pao said it at such a pace that Denny couldn't hear clearly, but Denny knew Judge Pao wasn't happy.

"Ha! You think it's illegal? Check out these papers! They're about how I did a very famous, good deed for all of the men and women in the land, and it stats, promptly, that I have the right to build onto the river. Take that!" The man said gleefully. Denny was getting very worried about Judge Pao, but Judge Pao asked to see the papers which he was talking about.

"I will not give over my paper! You will copy my paper and make thousands of counterfeits so you can make illegal buildings!" The man said. It was a very decent excuse, but at that point, Judge Pao wasn't in the state of listening to him. He snatched the papers. "Hey! No stealing! My brother's at least ten ranks higher then you are. Do you want to get fired? Probably not!" The man threatened, an evil gleam in his eyes. He winked at Judge Pao, and smiled. "You'll get a very kind amount of... 'help'. There's no need to go further than that, is it?" The man said in a whisper, looking more and more crooked by the second. He was definitely a bad person, and Denny supposed it was counted as bribery. "I will not! All of houses will be removed!" Judge Pao said sternly. "Over my dead body! If you do that, nothing good will happen to you! Don't you dare! I'll tell my brother!" the man screamed into Pao's face. "Seize him!" Suddenly, Denny's vision blurred again... "Class, assemble!" Denny hearsd the shrill voice of his teacher! How odd, he thought. He was now utterly sorry he hadn't respected Judge Pao a bit more when they were on tour. Now they were leaving!

Denny enjoyed his experience to Judge Pao's time, but being back home sometimes isn't a bad thing. Judge Pao was a very good judge, but his days were more than exciting for Denny. As Denny walked onto his bus, something caught his eye: it was an portrait of Judge Pao. But the odd thing was, it was winking at him!

P.S. some sources say "Judge Bao" but I used Pao. You can correct it if you think it's wrong.

P.P.S. I couldn't think of a really good ending maybe you could givve me some ideas after you have it. I hope you like it!

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Wu, Xueer - 10

Pao Zheng is a popular and famous Chinese judge. Since he always helps people to fight the crimes, he becomes a symbol of justice. All people call him ' Pao Qing Tian'. One day, Judge Pao saw a tall man who was holding a knife yelling loudly to a couple, 'Give me your money and the lady next to you!' 'No. I can give you all my money but not my wife!' cried the farmer who is wearing a dirty straw hat. The tall man was furious and used his knife to cut the farman's hands. The farmer then shaked his fist at the tall man. 'Stop! You two should not fight and hurt each other. Please b,' said Judge Pao. Judge Pao ordered his assistants, Wang Chow and Ma Han to take the tall man and the couple to the court.

In the court, Judge Pao asked, 'what happened? Why do you fight with each other? What is the matter?' The farmer bowed to Judge Pao and replied, "Dear Judge Pao, my name is Ah Wong. I am a farmer in a village. She is my wife, Mei Yi. We meet this tall man when we are on our way home. He uses a knife to threaten me and force me to him all my money as well as my beautiful wife.' Judge Pao looked at the man and asked, 'what you are doing? Are you a robber? Do you know you did a crime which is an offence against the law? Please explain!' The man's face turned white and still kept silent. He suddenly took out a whistle from one of his pockets and blew it loudly. Surprisingly, a lady appeared in the court and wanted to help the tall man. "Don't punish him. He only wants to have his own kids,' said the lady in a sweet voice. The lady was very beautiful. Her hair was as dark as the night sky and her eyes were as shiny as stars. No one knew who she was. The lady wanted Judy Pao to release the man but Judge Pao kept going investigate the background of the tall man and decided to punish him as he offended the law by offense of extortion and intended harm.

The tall man ignored the judgement of Judge Pao and still kept blowing his whistle. Then, more and more pretty ladies came to the court to help the man but Judge Pao insisted on his verdict. He sent the man to jail for two years and free the couple home happily.

Judge Pao and The Talking Bowl

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Yiu, Ho I – 10

A long time ago, there lived a mighty judge named Pao Ching Tian. He was famous for his fairness, no matter if it were his closest of family or friends, any person in the wrong would be rightfully punished. One day, an old man called Ming came into court with a bowl to meet the well-known Judge.

"Who's the person you'd like to report?" Judge Pao asked sceptically since Ming was alone. Ming replied helplessly, "this annoying bowl! For some reason there is a soul in it and it's been haunting me for days, threatening me to bring it to see you." Pao then let the bowl talk to see what was going on, but the court remained silent for a few minutes. He didn't want to be mean to the old man, so he suggested Ming to get some rest as he might've just been seeing things.

Ming left the court in despair and complained to the bowl for not speaking up. As he furiously shouted at it for wasting his time, some villagers started small talking, wondering why he would do something so weird. Ming felt embarrassed and ran home, trying to go about his daily life without getting affected by the bowl. "Please help me! Help me fight for justice, I beg you!" A sound suddenly came out of nowhere. Ming was angrier than ever, "why didn't you speak up earlier? You have made everyone around me think I am crazy and now you're asking me to bring you to court again? What a ridiculous bowl you are!"

The next day, Ming and the bowl returned to Judge Pao once again. This time, the bowl started to speak. The soul inside the bowl said he used to sell rice on the streets, one day a powerful civil official came to his store and stole his rice! He tried reporting the official, but it was no use. In fact, the official even hired someone to curse his afterlife to be stuck in a bowl! That's why he would like Judge Pao to find that official and punish him. "I roughly remember that official's was Zhang Chen, please find him quickly!" The bowl begged.

After hearing what had happened to the poor bowl, Judge Pao ordered some of his men to find Zhang Chen. A month had passed, wanted posters were put up around the streets, many people were asked, yet nobody knew who or where Zhang Chen was. Many documents were searched, so they concluded that either Zhang Chen didn't exist, or the bowl wasn't telling the truth. Pao asked the bowl a few more questions, it seemed like it was telling the truth, so he turned the case away and left it at that.

Around a century after the incident, there were a number of traces of Zhang Chen scattered in magazines and newspapers. Including in an old documentary about dolphins, in a picture of an English style train and in a description about boats in a newspaper. Some theories state the man in an old Chinese outfit could be a time traveller from the future or simply a coincidence that a person was just wearing such an outfit. But whether any of these theories are correct or pure nonsense, is still up for debate...

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Yookhong, Wassana - 11

Everything in this world is mostly unfair. I say this because nothing can be balanced. For example, the rich survive while the poor are left to die, beautiful things are cared while the ugly are cursed, we can find evil or God anywhere whether in a casino or church, nothing in society is fair as long as the power is within a purse. Money can buy many things food, house, cars, watches, freedom and even one's life. It can be used to bail a criminal and blame an innocent. The right or wrong, money always win. It's true that money can be powerful, it can many things but not a man's value. He is an ordinary man but the greatest hero he doesn't have webs, he doesn't fly nor turn green and smash criminals like other heroes, what makes him great is his principle and his morals. He goes by many names, Judge Pao, Pao Zheng, Bao Gong etc. But for the sake of this fiction writing, I'll name him Agent Pao a member of the Avengers. Money to him is just a piece of paper and beauty is just nothing but an image. Agent Pao sees this world differently.

Agent Pao has an ability to see the good or bad with the small moon on his head. The small moon helped Agent Pao in many cases. Agent Pao first started as a detective. Since nobody knew him, his business was not very successful. Until a faithful day, Agent Pao was buying groceries when he came across a crime scene. He asked one of the policemen what happened which as he responds with "This man was found dead last night by his wife. We suspect that he was killed by a phantom. I know it's hard to believe but there have been cases like these in the past centuries. The victim was choked to death and so were the past case." Pao was laughing out loud as he heard that "the victim was killed by a phantom." "I'm sorry I couldn't hold myself, "killed by a phantom" ridiculous! Please tell me more info about this man." He laughed. The policemen all burst out laughing and said "And why should I tell you? We've been trying to solve this case since yesterday, how on earth can you solve it?". Agent Pao looked at all the policemen and said, "Bold of you to assume that I, a great detective can't solve this, just give me info about this man and I'll crack this case in no time!" Pao said confidently. "Alright then, this man is a billionaire, and his name is Mr. Elon Musk and as I told you before he was found dead last night by his wife, Mrs. Musk. We have four suspects. One his butler, Mr. Donaldson, two his chef, Mr. Fischbach, three his daughter, Exa Musk and finally we have his wife Mrs. Musk her full name is Riley Musk." Said the chef police. "Can I see them please?" the chief nodded his head and brought all four of them. Pao asked each one of them a few questions "Where were you all at the time of the murder?" "I was in the lobby when I heard Mrs. Musk screamed. I rushed there and found a lifeless dead body of Mr. Musk and I also discover a broken vase." said the butler. "I was at the kitchen when everything happened. I was mostly just looking at some yummy dishes to cook in my cookbook." Said the chef. "I was at a party with my friends last evening. I wouldn't have gone there if I had known that it will be the last time I'd see my father again." Exa said while sobbing. "I was the bedroom sleeping when I felt thirsty, so I went downstairs to the living room and when I saw my husband dead on the I screamed and broke the vase." Said Mrs. Musk as she was holding back her tears. "Mr. butler may I ask why were you in the library?" asked Pao. "I was in there to find a book that was called "Parry Hotter" since I heard that Mr. Musk had a collection of them." The butler answered. Pao then ask, "Would you happen to have an alibi?" "Yes, I do. When I was in the library the maid also there!" Pao asked, "Is that true miss...?" "Marry. My name is Marry and yes, I was there with Mr. Donaldson." "Well chef do you also have an alibi?" asked Pao. The chef shook his head. "How about you Mrs. Musk?" "No " she replied. Pao realized that he couldn't crack this case, so he decided to use his ability. "Everyone, please stay still" yelled Pao. After a moment of silence, Pao then confidently said

"The murder of Mr. Musk is Miss Marry and Mr. Donaldson! Miss Marry you are the accomplishment of Mr. Donaldson! Mr. Donaldson you convinced Miss Marry to do those awful and dreadful things to Mr. Musk. It is unforgivable! You garb Mr. Musk by the neck while covering his mouth and told Miss Marry to stab him with a knife. Miss Marry couldn't bring herself to kill a man so she decided to run off to the library. Mr. Donaldson saw this and decided to kill Mr. Musk and then chasing after Miss Marry so Mr. Donaldson, was my deduction correct?" Miss was overwhelmed with Agent Pao's deduction and fainted right on spot. The policemen were stunned and flabbergasted. Mr. Donaldson was dumbfounded. "How on earth did you know that? I thought my plan was splendid! How on earth could you have known I was the one who murdered Mr. Musk? Yelled the butler. "As I said before Mr. Donaldson, I'm this town's greatest detective. I'm one of the best of the best!" Pao responds.

In the end, Miss Marry and Mr. Donaldson were found guilty and was sent 15 years in jail. And the day was saved Agent Pao with his wonderful deduction.

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Zhu, Tung Fei – 11

I was walking in the fog of the countryside, and as I walked, under the cover of the fog, I couldn't even see the road ahead, let alone view the scenery. As I walked deeper and deeper, I suddenly noticed a large area, which was very dark. Except darkness, I couldn't see anything at all! As I was walking into the dark, I could hear my own footstep with great echo. After walking in, I realized that it was a huge cave! I walked into the cave cautiously, and a monster flashed by. I was terrified! After catching up, the monster yelled! My ears were almost deafened!

When I recovered, I was shocked that I was in the ancient times thousands of years ago! My clothes seemed out of place with the environment. I thought to myself, 'Is it the time travel mentioned on TV series? Am I dreaming? What happened on me? But anyway, amazing!' I was wandering in the streets and alleys, observing this brand0-new world, and at the same time looking for our protagonist—Judge Pao.

Judge Pao, China's Sherlock Holmes, (999–1062), courtesy name Xiren, was born in Hefei, Luzhow, and was born in Northern Song Dynasty. Dr San, to Shizhong, the captain of Shangqing Che, the founding marquis of Donghai County, 1800 households in Shiyi, 400 households in Shishi, and purple and gold fish bags. Gifted to the Minister of the Ministry named 'Xiaosu', Judge Pao was famous for his incorruptibility and justice in the world, and was called 'Bao Qingtian' by later generations. He was regarded as a god, which was worshiped by most Chinese. He is also known as 'the God of China's Judiciary'. Taoism teaches that he is the reincarnation of Wenquxing. After his death, he becomes the king of Yama, the fifth hall of hell.

Judge Pao was fair and impartial. He judged the cases efficiently, that was why he became famous. When I was walking around there, I met Judge Pao working on a case. Once when I just travelled there, I saw Judge Pao, who sat in a sedan chair, was patrolling with his entourages. A child who sat on a bluestone slab was crying. When Judge Pao saw the child, he got off the sedan chair and asked him, 'Son, what is the matter with you?' The child answered, 'I sell fried cakes. This morning, I earned two hundred dollars and put my money in a basket. After looking at the slate back to the county government, my money has been gone! And I wanted to examine the blue slate!' Many people came to watch it one after another after they knew about it.

Judge Pao then took the child to the beginning of the trail of Qingshiban, I saw him shouting at Qingshiban, 'You stole the child's money. If you don't return it honestly, you will be tortured!'

When people there heard it, they all wanted to laugh, but they didn't dare to laugh. I saw two Yamen servants picked up the board broke. At that time, people couldn't help laughing. Not only did Judge Pao laugh, but he slapped the gavel and said, 'You are so unruly, how dare you laugh at will in the lobby? Yamen servants close the gate, and don't allow anyone to leave or go anywhere!' The people quickly knelt down and begged for mercy.

Judge Pao said, 'It's alright to forgive, but you can let you out only if you pay a lot of money.' Judge Pao asked someone to carry a large water tank, asked the people put their money in, and stood by to observe. Several people threw their money into the big water tank. The water tank was gone, and everything was fine. When it was released from the Yamen, a man threw money into the water tank, and Judge Pao noticed a few oily flowers floating on the water.

Judge Pao said to the man, 'You are the thief! You have stolen the child's money! Hurry up and arrest him!' Then the man was taken aback and trembled with fight. Judge Pao also called the Yamen servants to search. Sure enough, one hundred and ninety—nine coins were found from the man. Including the penny he had stolen, the total was two hundred pennies.

Judge Pao returned two hundred dollars to the child. He asked the Yamen servants to beat up the thief who had stolen the money and drove him out of the gate of the county Yamen.

People who came to watch understood why Qingshiban was tortured at the beginning, and they admired Judge Pao for his shrewdness. He treated everyone and everything equally. People all admired Judge Pao from their whole heart. This kind of spirit is worth to learn.

Judge Pao is people's hero!

Farm Road Government Primary School, Au, Kai Lam Caleb – 11

On Sunday it was Mr. Wong's birthday. He was a rich man and he invited a lot of friends to his birthday party. When the party began, Mr. Wong showed them his shiny, golden ring. He put the golden ring on a box and let his friends look at it. Nearby, a boy was patting a cat.

Mr. Wong said, "Don't pat the cat. It will bite you!" The boy stopped patting the cat and everyone went to the garden.

After the party, Mr. Wong found out that his golden ring was gone! He thought Mr. Lam stole it because Mr. Lam was a bit poor and he admired Mr. Wong because he was so rich.

Mr. Wong went to Mr. Lam's house and asked him angrily, "Did you steal my golden ring at the party?"

"Of course I didn't!" replied Mr. Lam.

Mr. Wong and Mr. Lam argued for a long time. Even some other people came to see what was happening. Mr. Lam and Mr. Wong did not help each other and they wanted to find Judge Pao to find out who stole Mr. Wong's golden ring.

When they found Judge Pao, Mr. Wong said, "Judge Pao, Mr. Lam stole my golden ring!"

"Of course it was not me! Judge Pao, don't you listen to him! I didn't steal his golden ring!" said Mr. Lam.

"If it wasn't you, then who was it?" Mr. Wong asked angrily.

"Quiet!" Judge Pao shouted loudly. He asked Mr. Wong, "How do you know that Mr. Lam stole your golden ring?"

Mr. Wong answered, "It is because he is poor and he admires me very much. I think he must have stolen my golden ring!"

"But it really wasn't me!" said Mr. Lam.

Judge Pao went to Mr. Wong's house to help him look for the golden ring. When Judge Pao went into Mr. Wong's house, he sneezed loudly. He asked, "Why did I sneeze suddenly? Do you have a pet in your home?"

"Yes, I have a cat," replied Mr. Wong.

Judge Pao said, "I need to do an experiment and try to find out who stole your golden ring." Judge Pao put a coin on the table and he said, "If the coin is not here tomorrow, that means someone is stealing the things in your house."

The next day, the coin had really disappeared! But nobody saw who stole it or how. Mr. Wong was very confused. He didn't know who stole the coin, so he went to find Judge Pao again.

"Judge Pao! The coin really disappeared, but we didn't see who stole it!"

"Maybe we need to do one more experiment to find the thief," said Judge Pao.

This time, Judge Pao used a string to tie the coin. "If someone steals the coin, we can find the coin by following the string," said Judge Pao.

The next day, the coin had disappeared. They found the string and the coin, but they found string was broken. They couldn't find the thief again. Mr. Wong was so sad and frustrated. He needed to find Judge Pao again.

This time, they got a new idea. This time, they painted the coin with golden paint, so when the thief stole the coin, the golden paint would stain his or her hand so they would know who stole the coin.

The next day, they found some small circles on the floor. They followed the circles to the garden and they found that the thief was the cat in Mr. Wong's house! Mr. Wong was very surprised. He never thought that the cat would steal his golden ring and the coins. He said sorry to Mr. Lam for believing that he stole his golden ring. Mr. Wong was very happy, and Judge Pao had solved a mystery again.

Farm Road Government Primary School, Chan, Nam Hei Jayden – 9

In the Song Dynasty of China, there was a place called Kaifeng. It was a beautiful city. There was a group of people who always maintained the justice of the city. Under the group, there were five policemen who had strong physical capabilities and learnt very powerful martial arts. Their names were Wong Chao, Ma Han, Cheung Lung, Chiu Hu, and the police leader, Zhan Zhao. There weren't any thieves or enemies that could escape from their hands. At the top of this group, there was one man who was a judge and was leading the policemen. The name of this man was Pao Zheng and he was known as Judge Pao.

One day in Kaifeng, a lot of things became wrong. A villager came to the office of Judge Pao and hit the big drum which was outside the office to call out the policemen. Wong Chao and Ma Han came out from the office and said, "Good morning. What is wrong? How can we help you?"

The villager started crying and said, "My lovely dog is missing. I don't know where it is. Can you help me to find it?"

Wong Chao and Ma Han thought this was just a small problem and not an urgent case, so they did not take any action at that moment. They comforted the villager to stop crying and told her the dog would be found as soon as possible.

Three days later, Wong Chao and Ma Han still could not find the missing dog when another sad villager came to the office and hit the big drum again. Cheung Lung and Chiu Hu came out this time and they said to the villager, "Good afternoon! Why do you look so sad? How can we help you?

"Sir, please help me!" said the villager. "My cat disappeared and I don't know where it is. But there is some blood on my house outside." The villager cried and knelt down.

Cheung Lung and Chiu Hu felt there was something wrong. They went to join Wong Chao and Ma Han and told them everything they knew. The four policemen thought these mysterious missing dog and cat cases were not simple cases that could be solved by themselves, so they went back to the office where there were a lot of villagers lining up outside. After a few minutes, the four policemen knew that all the problems and cases were the same. All the dogs and cats had disappeared from Kaifeng.

The four policemen went back to the office and told this big and mysterious case to the police leader, Zhan Zhao. The leader sensed that this case must be someone who was living in Kaifeng that stole the dogs and cats. He went to find Judge Pao and told him all the details of the case immediately.

After Judge Pao knew what the case was about, he agreed with the idea of Zhan Zhao. He sent out Wong Chao, Man Han, Cheung Lung and Chiu Hu to ask the villagers if Kaifeng had any special or weird things happen recently. Judge Pao and Zhan Zhao went to visit all the houses that were related to the case. The heroes of Kaifeng started to look for all the clues hidden in the city and villages.

The four policeman team was asking the villagers about the things that happened recently. After a while, they came to an ugly and dirty street. It was full of rubbish and there were some beggars. The beggars were thin and weak. They seemed to not have enough food to eat. When the four policemen walked in to the street, the beggars stood up and walked to them slowly. The beggars started asking the policemen for money and food. Cheung Lung and Chin Hu went to a tuck shop and bought some snacks for them. Wong Chao and Ma Han were asking the beggars for hints.

Suddenly, an old beggar came to Wong Chao and said, "Mr. Wong. I have something I need to tell you. My friend is a beggar and he also disappeared for a few days, but I saw him yesterday and he looked stronger and healthier than before. I thought that was weird because beggars should not look like this. We are always hungry."

Then, the four policemen started to look for that weird beggar in Kaifeng. At the same time, Judge Pao and Zhan Zhao were checking around the houses to find hints. They found out there were the same hints in all the house. Blood drops on the floors! Judge Pao sensed the criminal was not stealing the cats and dogs. The criminal was killing the animals in Kaifeng. Judge Pao and Zhan Zhao were so angry and said, "We will find you and punish you!"

Judge Pao assembled the four policemen and they shared their hints. Judge Pao used his extreme intelligence to calculate the route the criminal would try to escape. A few minutes later, Judge Pao sent Zhan Zhao and the four policemen to catch the criminal. They found many drops of blood on the ground. Then, Zhan Zhao's super ears heard a little sound. As they walked, the noise got bigger and bigger until they heard a crying child. They ran to the house where the crying was coming from and saw a man wearing beggar's clothes. He had long, dirty hair. It was the criminal! He was holding a knife and trying to murder the child. Zhan Zhao kicked the knife out of his hand.

The criminal was sent to Judge Pao's office. Judge Pao asked, "Why did you try to kill and eat that crying child?"

"I was hungry. I was just hungry. I ate everything in my path," he smiled creepily.

In the end, the criminal was executed and Kaifeng was safe again.

Farm Road Government Primary School, Choi, Cheuk Chi Serene – 11

During the Song Dynasty, there was hidden village called Liyue. There citizens there lived happily, until one day, screams and crying could be heard coming from an inn. A woman named Yun Jin was performing, singing and dancing on the stage for an audience. She put her daughter on a chair next to her, when suddenly a cloud of smoke burst throughout the entire scene and the place was in chaos. Only faint laughter could be heard. When the black smoke dissipated, she realized that her daughter had disappeared without a trace.

Yun Jin anxiously reported the matter to Bao Zheng, and he came to Linyue for the first time. Fortunately, his assistant, Yanfei, was a local there. When both of them came to the scene of the crime, they saw a note that read:

I am prosperous! You will never find me this time! Ha! Ha! Ha!

Signed, Rex Lapis

Bao Zheng shook his head and sighed. "Who is this Rex Lapis? It doesn't sound like a local name at all!"

Yinfei quickly explained, "Rex Lapis is a famous thief in LinYue. Unfortunately, no one has seen his face before."

Judge Bao walked up to a young poet and asked, "Do you know what happened?" The poet, Xingqiu said, "I was busy reading the latest novel at the time. Suddenly, Yun Jin stopped singing. I thought it was the end of the performance and ignored it. When I heard cries and coughing sounds from the audience, I realized it was a tragedy."

Disappointed, Bao Zheng came to a middle aged man named Zhongli who was looking for something. Bao Zhong heard from his assistant that Zhongli had a wonderful and incredible memory. But just when everyone thought he must remember what happened, he refused to answer Bao Zheng's questions.

"Oh, Zhongli, please! Your excellent memory could give us a massive boost! Please help us, I'm begging you!" begged Yinfei.

Bao Zheng was getting suspricious of Zhongli. He mumbled to himself, "Why would he refuse to help with our investigation? That's suspicious." He searched and searched in the room looking for more clues while Yinfei kept asking questions of Zhongli.

Bao Zheng thought, "All right. I should discover how the smoke started in the first place." He thought and thought for a long time. Just then, a chef called Xiangling came out from the kitchen, coughing a bit. Bao Zheng noticed her hair and apron were a bit burnt.

"Excuse me, ma'am, why is your apron burnt?" asked Bao Zheng.

"Oh, I taught my apprentice to cook earlier and it turned into chaos. It started to smoke and I started to cough so much," replied the chef.

Bao Zhen thought, "Maybe that's how the smoke started."

After that, they decided to take a small break. Just then, Bao Zheng saw Xiangling whispering to Zhongli loudly.

"Hey, our plan was a success, right? You stole the baby? I'm such a genius to invite my idiotic apprentice to fill the room with smoke," she whispered.

Zhongli nodded in agreement and Bao Zheng thought, "I knew it! Zhongli was the mastermind behind this. But why would he steal the baby?" Bao Zheng couldn't figure it out. He knew he had to investigate more.

Around midnight, the sky was pitch black. There was not even a single star in the sky. Hope was not growing for Bao Zheng. Almost everyone had returned home to sleep. Bao Zheng wandered through the streets when he saw two people at the end of an alleyway. Out of curiosity, Bao Zheng peeked into the alleyway. Those two people were none other than Yun Jin and Zhongli. Bao Zheng leaned a little closer to see and hear what they were doing. Zhongli held Yun Jin by the neck and said, "You killed my child, and now I have your precious little baby. How do you feel?"

Yun Jin managed to free herself and screamed, "You're horrible, Rex Lapis!"

Zhongli replied with a calm tone, "You made like this, darling."

Bao Zheng Quickly left the scene before they noticed him. Questions popped into his mind. "Darling? Do they have a secret relationship?" he thought. "So, Zhongli is Rex Lapis after all!" He kept thinking. "What did he mean by, 'You killed my child'?" Bao Zheng quickly ran to Yanfei's house and told her what he had witnessed. They both decided to deal with them in court the next day.

The next day, they arrived in court. Bao Zheng ordered his guards to bring in a confused Xiangling. Bao Zheng spoke first. "Did you take part in Zhongli, Rex Lapis's plan to kidnap a baby?"

Xiangling panicked and realized there was no way she could get out of this. "Fine! As long as I get to free myself from these rusty chains." Then, she began her story. "I don't know much, but Zhongli offered me some money if I started a fire in the kitchen and made some smoke. That's a pretty good deal, if you ask me."

Bao Zheng said, "So, you admit you contributed?" Xiangling nodded in guilt.

"Bring in the convict!" shouted Bao Zheng.

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Soon, Zhongli was brought in along with a baby. Yun Jin held the baby and was crying tears of

Bao Zheng asked, "Now, would you mind telling us why you stole the baby? You can't refuse now. Xiangling told me about the fire."

Zhongli sighed and said, "It all started when Yun Jin and I were a loving couple. We started a family and had two children. One day I found out she was abusive to one of our children, causing his death. Ever since I divorced her, every time I see her, I think of the horrible memory."

Bao Zheng thought for a while and decided that all three of them were going to jail. Yanfei took care of the baby for now and Xiangling's apprentice took care of the restaurant.

Farm Road Government Primary School, Fong, Hei Man Lillian – 11

One thousand years ago, there were two women living in Kaifeng, the capital of ancient China's song Dynasty. Mrs. Wong was the wife of a farmer, and Mrs. Chan was the wife of an owner of a restaurant. In the same year, both of them gave birth to their baby girls. They were very happy.

One day, Mrs. Wong finished her work with her husband on the farm. When they went back home, they could not find their baby girl. They were frightened. They went out of their home and ran to the main street of the city shouting. "Who has seen our one-year-old baby girl?" Mrs. Wong cried loudly, but no one on the street could answer her.

The next day, Mr. and Mrs. Wong went to the city center to find their baby. When they passed by the front door of Mr. Chan's restaurant, they heard the crying of a baby. Mrs. Wong shouted, "She's my baby!" They went into the restaurant immediately. They saw that Mrs. Chan was holding a baby.

"She's my baby!" cried Mrs. Wong angrily. "Give her back to me! Why did you kidnap her and bring her to your restaurant?" Then, she ran to Mrs. Chan to try to get back the baby.

Mrs. Chan said, "No! She is my baby! Don't try to hurt her!" Mr. Chan pushed Mrs. Wong hard and she fell down on the floor. Poor Mrs. Wong cried, "Give me back my baby, please!"

Frightened Mrs. Chan also cried loudly, "No! She is my baby, not yours!" Mr. Wong and Mr. Chan fought with each other.

An old lady was in the restaurant. She stopped eating and lifted up Mrs. Wong. She shouted, "Stop fighting, please! I have something to say."

Everyone looked at her, including Mr. Wong, Mr. Chan and Mrs. Chan, except for the baby girl who was crying very loudly now. The old lady turned to Mrs. Wong and asked, "What are the special characteristics of the appearance of the baby girl?"

"She has big eyes, a small nose and a small mouth," said Mrs. Wong.

The old lady looked at the baby and she saw exactly what Mrs. Wong had just mentioned. "Oh! She is actually Mrs. Wong's baby," said the old lady.

"No! Every single baby looks the same! This cannot prove that I am not her mother!" screamed Mrs. Chan.

The old lady was puzzled and could not say anything. The baby also screamed and cried more loudly.

At that moment, Zhan Zhao, the Imperial Guard of the Kaifeng Government, was leading a group of policemen past the front door of the restaurant and went in to see what was happening. Mrs. Wong and Mrs. Chan, who were both crying, told him the story.

Zhan Zhao said at once, "Both of you have to come to the police station with me. And you..." he said pointing at the old lady, "Please carry the baby girl for us."

They arrived at the police station and saw Judge Pao. Zhan Zhao briefly reported the case to Judge Pao who then asked the other people a few questions. Everyone reported to him one by one. Judge Pao asked a policeman to bring the baby to him. The baby was now sleeping quietly.

"Would this old lady please stay with us in the police station? We have a room for guests. Please help us to take care of the baby girl for a month. We will judge the case a month later," said Judge Pao. The old lady carried the baby and followed a policeman into the guest room and the other people returned home worriedly. A month later, all the people went to the police station to see Judge Pao again. Judge Pao arrived and sat down. He looked at Mrs. Wong and Mrs. Chan and asked, "What is the baby's favourite food?"

At that time, most of the baby's in China liked pumpkin congee, and it was one of the most popular dishes of Mr. Chan's restaurant. Mrs. Chan should immediately, "Pumpkin congee!"

But Mrs. Wong knew that her baby hated pumpkin congee very much and liked eating fish congee instead. She replied confidently without thinking, "Fish congee! She hates pumpkin congee."

Hence, Judge Pao asked a policeman to go to the market to buy pumpkin congee and fish congee. He noticed that Mrs. Chan looked worried.

About an hour later, the policeman returned to the police station with two bowls of congee. One was made with pumpkin, one with fish. Judge Pao came out from his office and ordered another policeman to ask the old lady to bring the baby out.

The old lady came out of the guest room with the baby girl. "Have you fed the baby this morning?" asked Judge Pao.

"No. Zhan Zhao told me not to feed her. He said that was your order," replied the old lady.

"Then please help me feed the baby with the congee on the table," said Judge Pao. "Feed her the pumpkin congee first."

The old lady fed the baby the pumpkin congee, but the baby wouldn't eat it even though she was quite hungry. Then, the old lady fed her the fish congee. This time, the baby ate all the fish congee!

"Now, you may know who the baby's mother is," said Judge Pao. "In the past month, the old lady told me that the baby had picky eating habits. Therefore, I thought of this idea to find her real mother."

"Forgive me, please!" cried Mrs. Chan. "I did this because my baby died a month before."

"But that's no excuse for you to do such a bad thing," said Judge Pao. "And you..." he continued, looking at Mrs. Wong, "You should teach your child not to be so picky with food anymore."

"Thank you, Judge Pao!" yelled Mrs. Wong and she hugged her baby with her husband and went home. Mrs. Chan was sent to jail by the policemen.

Farm Road Government Primary School, Ho, Tsun Hin Nathan – 10

When we mention fighting crimes, we always think of Sherlock Holmes in Western countries. But do you know that there was a famous man called Judge Pao in ancient China? According to many books and movies with the main character Judge Pao, his figure was that of a fat and black man with a mark on his forehead. He always helped people to fight crimes and treated all the people in a fair way.

This story started one thousand years ago. A merchant was a trader who bought and sold silk fabric in different villages, One day, the merchant was walking with his horse in the forest carrying two bags of silk fabric before he arrived in another village for trading. Suddenly he was careless to step on some rocks and fell down on the ground. His legs were hurt, so he decided to take a rest in the forest. Then, he tied his horse to a tree with a rope and put all his silk fabric on a big log next to the tree. He sat down on the log for a rest and after a while, he fell asleep until the next morning.

When the merchant woke up, he was shocked because all his silk fabric and his horse were gone. He felt very sad and worried because he needed medicine for his sick mother. While he was thinking of a solution, Judge Pao passed by him. When the merchant saw Judge Pao, he quickly knelt down in front of the sedan chair and begged him to catch the thief. Judge Pao ordered his guards to stop moving the sedan chair and asked the merchant what had happened. Then, the merchant told Jude Pao the whole story.

After listening to the story of the merchant, Judge Pao told him, "I'll help you find the thief who stole your silk fabric and your horse, but first you need to point out the log on which you put your silk fabric yesterday."

The merchant didn't know why Judge Pao wanted to find the log, but not the silk fabric. Judge Pao ordered the guards to take the log back to his law court. All of his guards and the merchant felt very curious about his order. However, no one dared to ask Judge Pao and all of them followed his orders strictly.

Before starting to question the log, there were a lot of villager standing in front of the court to see how Judge Pao asked the log questions. A moment later, Judge Pao came out and sat down on the Judge's chair.

"I'm not going to question people today. Bring the log over here for questioning!" Judge Pao said firmly.

The guards quickly brought the log and put it in front of Judge Pao. The judge asked the log loudly, "Log, tell me who stole the fabric?" All the villagers were very confused and didn't know why Judge Pao asked the log questions. They started to discuss softly with each other because they all knew that the log would not be able to speak.

A few minutes later, Judge Pao asked the log again. "Log, I'll ask you one more time. Tell me, who was the thief who stole the silk fabric?" Of course, the log didn't answer the question. The villagers became more curious and started to laugh loudly. Judge Pao got very angry when he heard the villagers laughing.

Judge Pao punished all the villagers in the law court by ordering them to take out the goods they sold if they were sellers. No one dared to reject Judge Pao's order and they started to line up in a straight line. The judge ordered the guards to take out a big, flat plate and put it on the desk which was in front of the villagers to let them put the goods they sold on it.

After all the villagers put their stuff on the big, flat plate, Judge Pao ordered the villagers to take back their stuff, except for the villager who put silk fabric on the plate. When all the villagers had taken back their stuff and left, Judge Pao call the merchant to come in front of him. "Is that your fabric?" Judge Pao asked the merchant while pointing at the fabric.

"Yes, it's mine!" said the merchant.

"How can you prove that the silk fabric is yours?" Judge Pao asked.

"I know its length, texture and mark," replied the merchant. Then he started saying the fabric's length, texture and mark.

After listening to the merchant, Judge Pao ordered the guards to check the silk fabric to see if the merchant was right.

One of the guards said, "The merchant was right, sir."

Judge Pao said, "Catch the villager who put this silk fabric on the plate earlier."

Several minutes later, the guards caught the villager and brought him back to the court.

"Do you have any more partners, thief?" Judge Pao asked loudly. The thief didn't want to get punished, so he told the judge where his partners were. Judge Pao ordered the guards to catch the thief's partners.

In the end, all the thieves were sent to jail and returned the two bags of silk fabric to the merchant.

"Thank you so much for your great help! I can have money to buy medicine for my sick mother!" said the merchant with tears of joy.

"My pleasure," replied Judge Pao.

Farm Road Government Primary School, Li, Shun Hay Zwena – 10

During the Song Dynasty, when Pao Zheng was magistrate of Kaifeng, there was a thing that happened in Sum Ku's house. A few years before, Sum Ku had borrowed some money from Wong Wai. Wong had waited a long time already, but Sum Ku still hadn't returned the money to Wong Wai, so Wong Wai was very angry and killed Sum Ku's family members. When Sum Ku realized this thing, he decided one day he must do something to get revenge against Wong Wai.

One night, Sum Ku finally made his dream come true. On that night, Sum Ku burgled Wong Wai's house to steal his poetry and killed him. The next day, a villager saw Wong Wai was on the floor in a pool of blood. She was really shocked and scared. She ran to tell Judge Pao. Now, Judge Pao needed to solve the case.

Judge Pao went to Wong Wai's house to search for clues. He spent a few months to search and search and had lot of data to find out why it happened.

One day, he found some hidden poetry written by Wong Wai. This poetry was talking about how Wong Wai hated Sum Ku and all the things between them. He spent a week reading the poetry and found lot of sentences describing Sum Ku as a bad man who did lots of bad things.

Judge Pao wanted to know more clues, so he ordered his guards to ask the neighbours about Sum Ku and Wong Wai. Lots of people said Sum Ku always walked by Wong Wai's house doing something strange. Judge Pao decided to take Sum Ku to court and question him about why he needed to kill Wong Wai, but Sum Ku kept on denying that he did it.

Judge Pao thought of an idea. In the night, one of the guards dressed in Wong Wai's clothes and pretended to be Wong Wai's ghost. Sum Ku was very frightened because he was scared that Wong Wai's ghost had come for revenge, so he kneeled down and begged Wong Wai to forgive him.

He said, "I did not want to kill you, or I would give all my belongings to you." He told the truth and gave the reason why he had killed Wong Wai.

Judge Pao finally knew the truth and turned on the light. The guard removed his costume.

"Now you can't deny anymore," said Judge Pao smiling.

At last, Sum Ku was in jail. Everyone was happy. The case of Wong Wai was solved just because Judge Pao was a clever person with a never-give-up spirit.

Farm Road Government Primary School, Lo, Tsz Shan Sophie – 9

In the summer of the year 1044, it always rained. On a dark and stormy night, the thunder was very loud, and the Emperor was sleeping on his bed. He was very tired after a busy day.

The next morning, the Emperor woke up and said, "Good morning, everyone! How are you today?"

"We're fine, thank you!" everyone answered.

When the Emperor wen into his study after eating his breakfast, he found that the Royal Seal was missing. He had just placed it on his desk last night, but now he couldn't find it anywhere. He looked carefully under his desk, on the bookshelves and even in the toilet. He was worried.

"Oh no! Where is the Royal Seal?" he shouted angrily. "Who took the Royal Seal?"

But nobody had any idea where it was. The Emperor didn't know what to do, so he instructed his guards to tell Judge Pao to investigate who stole the Royal Seal.

The Emperor's guards told Judge Pao's secretary that there was an emergency case. The Emperor wanted Judge Pao to find out who stole the Royal Seal, so the Judge's secretary woke him up and told him what happened. The judge hurriedly rode his horse to the palace.

Judge Pao started to look for some clues in the Emperor's room. He searched on a desk, under the books, on the bed and many more places. But he couldn't find any clues.

Suddenly, Judge Pao saw some strange fur on the Emperor's desk. He didn't know what kind of animal that fur belonged to, so he brought some of the fur back home. He instructed his secretaries to bring him some animals. He told them to bring him dogs, cats and hamsters for him to find out which the fur belonged to. He compared the fur one by one, but he still didn't know what kind of animal had that kind of fur. Then, Judge Pao told some hunters to catch mice, rabbits and lions. But he still didn't know what kind of animal had that type of fur.

When Judge Pao didn't know what to do, an idea suddenly popped into his mind. "I think I need to invite an animal expert to help me," he said to himself. So, Judge Pao invited an animal expert to help him find out what kind of animal had that kind of fur. The animal expert looked at the fur and started thinking.

"It must be a monkey's fur because it is brown and is very soft," said the animal expert absolutely.

Then, Judge Pao thought that he had to find all the trainers that trained monkeys in the city. "This is a hard mission!" said Judge Pao. "How am I supposed to find all the trainers that train monkey in this city?"

So, he found some Imperial guards to help him. It took them a few days to find the answer, but at last he found that there were about fifty trainers who trained monkeys in the city. There were so many monkeys in the city. Some were pets, some were in the zoo, and some were in the circus. Judge Pao was very surprised because he never thought there would be so many monkey trainers in the city.

Judge Pao borrowed some police dogs from the police station to smell out which was the suspect's monkey. He gave the fur to the dogs to smell. The police dogs smelled the first monkey but they all shook their heads. When they smelled the eleventh monkey, some dogs nodded but some shook their heads. Judge Pao thought they should keep smelling. At the forty-seventh monkey, all the dogs nodded their heads and started barking. "Woof! Woof!" they barked. The suspect was shocked, then ran away with his monkey as fast as lightning. "Catch them!" should Judge Pao.

Judge Pao's Imperial guards and police dogs quickly ran to catch them, but the suspect and his monkey ran so fast that they escaped. Judge Pao ordered the police dogs to track down the suspect and his monkey. After a few days, the police dogs finally found the suspect and his monkey in their home.

"Run!" shouted the suspect. But it was already too late. The Imperial guards had already caught them.

"Help! Please let me go!" said the suspect.

"No! Because you are the one who stole the Royal Seal, right?" answered Judge Pao.

"Yes, but I will never tell you where the Royal Seal is," replied the suspect. Judge Pao didn't answer. He told the Imperial guards to put the suspect and his monkey in jail.

The next morning, Judge Pao went looking for the Royal Seal in the suspect's house. Eventually, he saw a secret door in the suspect's room. However, when he tried to open the door, he found that it was locked. Judge Pao checked if the suspect or the monkey had the key. He saw a special necklace on the monkey's neck and on the necklace was a key. He wanted to get the necklace, but the monkey was scared and it escaped through a small window.

Fortunately, it had dropped the necklace on the floor. Judge Pao took the key and went to open the door. He saw many stairs leading to the basement, so he walked down to search for the missing Royal Seal. He saw a lot of treasure, gold, coins, gems and pearls. And on a table, there was the Royal Seal.

Judge Pao ran back to the palace with the Royal Seal. "This is your Royal Seal," he told the Emperor. "The thief told his monkey to climb on a rope and steal the Royal Seal. They are arrested now," said Judge Pao.

"Thank you!" said the Emperor happily, and Judge Pao returned the Royal Seal to him.

Farm Road Government Primary School, Wong, Cheuk Kiu Miya – 10

It was a wonderful day until Judge Pao saw two criminals escaping, so he had no choice but to chase them and recapture them.

"Hey! Get over here!" Judge Pao shouted. "Why did you escape?" Judge Pao asked the criminals.

"I wanted to go back home. I miss my family," said the criminal. But Judge Pao thought it was weird because he remembered the criminal had no family. So, he sent the criminal back to jail for thirty years.

The second criminal said he was innocent, but Judge Pao didn't believe him since he knew that criminal murdered ten men and women. That criminal was sent back to prison also.

The next day, Judge Pao was walking down the street. He found a woman on the ground, unconscious. He asked the people who had seen her, but all of them said they didn't do it. So, Judge Pao had to look for more evidence. He found a scarf and a mitten. Then, he saw a man who was missing a mitten, so he brought him to court.

At the court, Judge Pao told the man that he did a lot of serious crimes already, so he would be in jail for fifty years in total. The man was really in shock. He yelled at Judge Pao loudly, so Judge Pao had no choice but to send him back to the cell. Then, Judge Pao decided to go to bed and get a good night's sleep. He slept happily and didn't think about what would happen tomorrow.

The next day, a lot of thieves came to steal stuff. Judge Pao was in shock, so he decided to run to the thieves and defeat them. He defeated them one by one, all ten of them. The citizens were happy to have their stuff back. They said thank you to Judge Pao.

The next night, a lot of citizens were missing, so Judge Pao wandered around. Judge Pao saw the citizens were being taken away by thieves. Judge Pao managed to jump on their boat where he untied the citizens and escaped. The thieves' boss wasn't happy at all and commanded the thieves to get stronger and defeat Judge Pao once and for all.

The thieves arrived quickly. They were looking for Judge Pao. The citizens used a chair to crack their necks because Judge Pao was too sick to fight. The citizens gave him warm soup to make Judge Pao feel better. They did everything to make Judge Pao better, but sadly they ran out of food. They just had to wait until Judge Pao got better.

The thieves' boss yelled at them for not doing better. He told the thieves to work harder and stronger at the same time, just to defeat Judge Pao. They trained a lot, so they felt strong and they decided to go back to the place. However, the citizens were ready to fight the thieves, and in a few hours, they did it. Judge Pao was impressed.

"Bravo!" he said. "Here are the gems I got from the thieves." They took all the gems and shared them happily.

In the morning a lady screamed loudly, "Oh, my Gosh!" The other citizens came and found out Judge Pao was missing. The citizens were scared. They ran to every street until they saw a man holding a staff. It was Judge Pao dealing with the criminals again. The citizens were happy to see Judge Pao was still there. They were happy and hugged him.

Judge Pao said, "I know you guys miss me, but I have to do missions, all right?" After that, the citizens knew why Judge Pao was missing a lot.

The criminals were mad and wanted to escape, but it never worked. They decided to give up and wait until their sentences were over.

Judge Pao continued to deal with the criminals in court, asking questions and gathering evidence. He asked, "Why did you do it? The victim was innocent."

"I did it for money, of course! Who doesn't like money?" the criminal said.

"Enough with the excuses! If you ever do a bad thing again, you will be executed!" Judge Pao shouted loudly.

The criminal was in shock. He felt scared and remained silent.

Farm Road Government Primary School, Wong, Wai Chi Wisdom – 10

In the 10th century, there was a judge in Kaifeng. His name was Judge Pao, and one day when Judge Pao was eating his lunch, a rich man rushed into the court.

He yelled, "Judge Pao! Bai Wu stole my gold and silver!"

Bai Wu said, "Nope! I haven't."

"I saw you steal them!" cried the rich man.

Judge Pao shouted, "Silence! I will know the truth!"

When Judge Pao finished his lunch, he slowly sat down in his comfortable seat. He asked, "What proof do you have to charge him?"

"No, I have no proof, but I saw him steal my gold and silver!" replied the rich man.

Bai Wu laughed, "Ha! Then I will charge you for defamation of me!"

"You are a foolish man!" said the rich man.

"If you want to finish our deal, then you should have recognized my strength!" laughed Bai Wu. "Bye-bye!"

When Judge Pao wanted to stop him, Bai Wu had already jumped out the window and escaped.

"Oh no! What will we do now?" asked the rich man.

Judge Pao looked at the window and saw a gold foil bookmark. There was also a letter which read: Solve the clue and you will find my home. – From Bai Wu.

Suddenly, Judge Pao said, "I know where Bai Wu is hiding!"

"Where?" asked the rich man.

"Let me call some policemen to catch Bai Wu first," said Judge Pao. Five minutes later, two policemen named Chiu Fu and Wong Chu came. They were deciding what to do.

The rich man asked Judge Pao impatiently, "Judge Pao! When will we catch the thief?"

Judge Pao answered, "Don't be too impatient! We will catch Bai Wu tomorrow."

"Why?" asked the rich man.

"Because we need to let Bai Wu think we don't know where he is. Then he will put down his guard. If we attack at that time, it will be easier to finish him!"

"Oh, that's right!" said the rich man.

"Go home first. When we catch the thief, we will return your gold and silver to you," said Judge Pao. After that, Judge Pao called Chiu Fu and Wong Chu to come to the court. He told them the clues.

When everything was ready, Chiu Fu and Wong Chu went to a house with gold windows. "Open the door, Bai Wu!" shouted Chiu Fu. "You are surrounded! Surrender is your best choice!"

There wasn't any sound in the house. Chiu Fu was impulsive, He wanted to break through the door and catch Bai Wu. Wong Chu pulled him quickly back calmly and said, "We will have some trouble. Bai Wu will notice we are here and will have put some traps in the house, especially the door. Let's attack from other ways."

Then they decided to dig a tunnel under the house and to go through the roof. Chiu Fu quickly dug a tunnel while Wong Chu hit the roof. When they got into the house, they saw it was messy. But where was Bai Wu? Suddenly, they heard a sound. Then, Bai Wu came out! Chiu Fu and Wong Chu immediately prepared to have a war!

Bai Wu attacked first, He used a knife and threw it at Chiu Fu, who jumped up and caught it. Then, he threw it back at Bai Wu while Wong Chu shot an arrow at him. Bai Wu caught his knife and used it to block the arrow. Then, Bai Wu pressed a button and a hidden small hole sprayed some smoke! When the smoke was gone, Bai Wu had already escaped.

"He is gone! How hateful he is!" said Chiu Fu. "We need to...Look out!" He pushed Wong Chu out of the way and quickly laid down. There was an arrow stuck in the wall! Bai Wu had shot an arrow form another house. The duo were shook by this trick.

They shot arrows back and ran to the house. Then, they attacked Bai Wu at the same time. Bai Wu dodged Chiu Fu and made him fall down, and used his strength to hit Wong Chu, who fell down. Bai Wu tried to kill him, when suddenly, two more policemen named Ma Han and Cheung Long came in. The two policemen kicked Bai Wu immediately. Bai Wu fell down and was subdued. Chiu Fu and Wong got up slowly. They saw Bai Wu had had lost his will to resist and they relaxed a lot.

Next, Judge Pao appeared. "I know you will have hidden the gold and silver under the books because you gave us a bookmark," said Judge Pao. "And I knew you would have been guarding your house that day, so I ordered my policemen to find another day to catch you."

Then, the rich man came. He asked, "Where is my gold and silver?"

"Here they are," said Chiu Fu, and gave the money to the rich man.

"You, Bai Wu..." Judge Pao had started to say, but Bai Wu had killed himself. Everybody stared at Bai Wu.

"Everyone! Now, we need to go back to the court and continue our work!" said Judge Pao.

Judge Pao

Fukien Secondary School Affiliated School, Li, Kaitlyn – 10

Judge Pao, an extraordinary judge, is known for his passion to fight crime and clean up the land.

One summer morning, he woke up to hear a commotion outside his apartment. "What is going on?" Judge Pao asked, one little child explained "The Queen's crown has been stolen and she's ordered her guards to search every house until one of her guards found the crown. The guards have been storming our houses day and night, some of us can't even get some sleep! The town is complaining and many of them want to leave the town. But the Queen won't let anyone leave so she locked the gates. Now no one can go out." Judge Pao was furious at how the Queen treated her own citizens this way. How could she do this?

The next day, Judge Pao went to give the Queen a little visit. A second before he knocked on the door, the Queen opened the door looking like a fire-raging monster, her hair was messy, her glasses were lopsided and the Queen had no makeup on. "What do you want now? Is everybody trying to ruin my morning routine?" yelled the Queen. "I am very sorry to disrupt your routine, your Majesty. But there have been a few remarks about your ways to find your crown." Judge Pao said. The Queen opened her mouth to speak but before she could say anything, Judge Pao explained the situation "You have been telling your guards to look in everyone's houses. But did you think that they may not like it? You should consider others' feelings before doing something because they may not like it and you may hurt them." "Oh, I never considered that. Well, I was going to your house anyway, I was wondering if you could help me find my crown?" "Of course! I'd be more than happy to help, but please just let people out and give them their freedom, or they will revolt against you!"

Surely, the Queen immediately ordered her servants to release the people from their "prison". Judge Pao was asked to sit down, as a servant pulled him a seat, he started asking questions like "Where were you when you lost your crown?" "Who was with you?" "What were you doing?" It seemed like the Queen was having a meeting with the other Queens. Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, Queen Letizia of Spain, Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, Queen Silvia of Sweden and Queen Mathilde of Belgium. The Queen continued on how she was talking when she felt wind behind her ear, and suddenly, her crown was gone! The Queen had asked all the other Queens if they had seen it and all the other staff in the room, but no one had seen anyone steal her crown.

"Were *all* your servants there?" Judge Pao asked, clearly curious as to how the crown was so suddenly whisked off the Queen's head so quickly. "No, I remember that Mody wasn't there, his friends said that he'd gone to the toilet." *Hmm, who is this guy called Mody? Does he have any interest in riches and gold?* Judge Pao thought. He had his first suspect and he jotted this note down in his notebook. "#1 Suspect: Mody"

The next day, Judge Pao went to the castle again and asked Mody a few questions. "Good morning, I am Judge Pao, if it is okay with you I would like to ask some questions," Judge Pao said. "Um, am I being taken to juvie?" Mody asked, worried. "No, don't worry, just some questions, where were you when the Queen's crown was stolen?" "Are you accusing me for the crown theft?" Mody asked, "I was in the toilet, cleaning the bathtub!" "Were there any witnesses?" Judge Pao asked, "Yes, my partner Jenny was helping me." Mody answered. Jenny suddenly burst inside the room "Mody! The Queen needs you to cook the food! Huh? Mody, why is Judge Pao here?" Judge Pao said "I am asking Mody a few questions, Jenny, was Mody cleaning the bathtub during the Queen meeting?" "Yes!" Jenny exclaimed *So Mody has an alibi, then he can't be the thief*! Just then, Queen Margrethe II demanded "WHERE IS MY FOOD????" Mody left and Judge Pao went to question Queen Margrethe II.

Queen Margrethe II was startled to see Judge Pao, when Judge Pao mentioned the crown, Queen Margrethe II said "Ah, yes, Queen Victoria's crown is beautiful! With diamonds and emeralds around it and a ruby to top it off, it must be expensive! I don't even have a crown myself! A shame she lost it..." "Um, her crown was stolen not lost..."Judge Pao said *Hmm, Queen Margrethe seems interested in the crown, but she has a whole kingdom! I don't think she would need to steal a crown.* Judge Pao thought.

But Judge Pao still wanted to investigate Queen Margrethe II, so he went to the Queen's room and saw a secret room! What was inside the room? Did the Queen know about this room? Inside the room were a few missing paintings, some stolen royal coats, and a missing sceptre. All of these things were stolen and missing! But the thing that shocked Judge Pao the most was the Queen's crown! Shimmering in the dense, dark room full of stolen, valuable things was the crown! Judge Pao couldn't believe Queen Margrethe II would do that! Suddenly, Queen Margrethe II walked into the room with another painting! She was stealing! "You've been caught red-handed, Queen Margrethe II! How could you steal?" "Ugh! Not Judge Pao! Who gave you permission to search my room? Anyway, I'm not even Queen Margrethe! I'm Vertit Glockenspiel! The most famous thief in the world!" She said, just then , two guards put cuffs behind Vertit's back and arrested her!

"Case solved by Judge Pao!" Judge Pao said. The Queen thanked Judge Pao and all the stolen things were given back to the Queen.

Fukien Secondary School Affiliated School, Wan, Chi Tao Adrian – 11

The occasional breeze blows over Fuzhou. The moist and grimy clouds fill the sky. Magistrate Pao had come over for an inspection of the Army and the recent flood damages. As the boat docks on the harbour, he stepped out into the port. There were many waiting for him. Everyone was delighted to see the famed detective take foot in their hometown.

Magistrate Pao walks travels the streets, many houses had seen better days. Even though the city was dangerously close to a river, it was prone to floods. But it was rare to see the damage this serious.

After a while, he entered the local military garrison's base. A voice called out to him. "Welcome Magistrate Pao, it is an honour for you to come on such a day," said General Fu. "General Fu, I have received orders from the Imperial Capital to inspect the troops and to oversee their efforts to aid the people" Magistrate Bao said. "Yes, come this way "Answered General Fu.

Magistrate Pao glances at the sub-garrison commanders. But one of them stood out. He had a golden lining and a much richer clothing colour. Magistrate Bao could not stop himself from gaining suspicion. But didn't think much of it. General Fu then directed him to the recently destroyed dam. But the dam was newly built, it was the first time that a massive structure such as this would collapse with it being flushed away by a single flood. He wanted to ask about the abnormalities. But it was time to go.

Magistrate Pao walked back into the streets. He told his right—hand man, "Since we are going to hand in a long report, it would be wise stay for the night." Magistrate Bao sat on the judgement chair in the court. He signalled for the criminal to come. "Zhou Yi, you have been accused of thievery and assault" Magistrate Bao continued "Do you plead guilty?" Zhou Yi answered "Yes, your excellency. But it is because the army has not given me my salary for over half a year. I needed a way to have money to live and to provide for my family" Magistrate Bao answered "I will ask them myself. Put him back in the cell for future summoning!"

Magistrate Pao went back to the base. He asked General Fu "General Fu, please lead me to the sub-garrison leader the thief was in" When the sub-garrison leader came out, it was the same one with the Jexpensive clothes. He asked him "A Soldier claimed that you were not giving out the salaries for over 6 months." The leader replied "Nonsense, we have always given them their salaries. We even have the account book." Magistrate Bao took a quick look, and ordered "Guards, arrest this man!" Magistrate Bao continued "This account book recorded his salary from June, but Zhou Yi already was under arrest since April!" He soon left. General Fu looked at Magistrate Bao and walked away into the sunset. One of the sub-garrison leaders said "Magistrate Bao is already on his way to uncover our schemes. It might be a good decision to solve the problem before it grows. "No, it would rise more suspicion about us."

Magistrate Pao returns to the court. The sub-garrison leader was right in front of him. He begged" Magistrate Pao, please spare me. Keep me alive and I will provide key information." Magistrate Pao answered," Hm, well then tell me, where are the records for the purchases by the garrison?" The subgarrison leader said" It is in the central bank, but the manager is on General Fu's side. He can't be compliant." Very well then, guards, send him to the cell!" Magistrate Pao told his right-hand man" Tell the manager to come to the BaoJia headquarters, then make him stay for some time. This will create mistrust between them and we can manage to get the records."

The next day. His affiliates inform General Fu about the news. "What!" He shouted "It is impossible, the leader must have ratted him out.?" His affiliate said "Magistrate Pao already is closing the gates of the city, you would be caught soon" Of course not!" General Fu said, "All my is wealth right here in Fuzhou, Try to go near the Baojia building" The affiliated answered, "Yes sir."

The bank manager had been staying in the Baojia headquarters for a few hours,. He asked Magistrate Pao's right-hand man" And when can I leave?" He answered," You can leave anytime now." The bank manager breathed a sigh of relief and hurriedly left. Outside, the affiliate asked him" What happened inside?" The bank manager answered" What do you mean? Nothing happened, stop asking. "

In the central bank, Magistrate Pao was already waiting for him. He asked the bank manager" Please give me the records of the purchases by the garrison recently." The bank manager answered," Sorry, Magistrate Pao, but the records are not kept in here." Magistrate Pao said" Look, if you do not comply, I will have to determine you a part of the enemy. This has nothing to do with you, hand over the records and be spared." Not wanting to be arrested along with General Fu, he reluctantly handed over the papers. When Magistrate Pao returned to his residence, he opened the transaction book. And he was in great shock. He saw that General Fu had used the army fees to buy many luxuries like horses and wine. It was now evident. But Magistrate Pao did not need to catch General Fu. He slowly walked into the Court. He said" I had enough, you were such a nuisance to my plans. Now it is time to end you for once and for all." He brought out his sword and threw it at Magistrate Pao, but he missed. Guards pinned him down as Magistrate Pao reads out his sentence." General Fu, you have been accused of corruption and misuse of army funds. I sentence you to the death sentence, bring in the guillotine!" An iron instrument containing a large metal piece. General Fu tries to fight out of it. But the guards were too strong. And with one swift slash. He was dead.

Modern Judge Pao

Fukien Secondary School Affiliated School, Wong, Hoi Ling Alix - 10

On Monday, it was a lovely morning, with lively feelings everywhere, from birds chirping, to fish splashing around, to the wind blowing freely. While Detective Pao was sleeping in his broken, shaggy office with peeled wallpapers and a dim light. Suddenly, "Ring! Ring! Ring!" the bright red phone that was on the wooden table in the corner of Detective Pao's office rang, and he sleepily went to pick it up from his broken black chair.

"Hello? Is this the famous detective Pao's office? I might have called the wrong number, if it's a fake from the newspaper." asked the stranger. "No, I am Detective Pao. How can I help you?" Pao replied. "My diamond ring was stolen last night from the staff room near the Eiffel Tower. I want you to help me find the thief!" the stranger exclaimed panickily. Hearing that, Pao, who was still in China, immediately changed into his professional shirt and booked a flight to fly to Paris. "I'll meet you at the Eiffel tower tomorrow evening," Pao told the stranger, then he hung up. He was so excited that he could finally do something interesting that he jumped around the office. While that, he scared his little sidekick Armstrong the mouse and even knocked down the crescent moon decoration passed down from his family that had the words "Justice will always be served". He immediately hurried and caught it, then carefully hung it back on the wall. He then packed things up hurriedly, straightened up his shirt, took up Armstrong to pat him on the back for a successful mission, and took the cheapest airport bus he could find to the airport. After arriving in Paris, he started to go outside and explore. When twilight came, only then did he go back to his cheap motel room to sleep.

The next evening, Pao woke up late and had to sprint over to meet up with the stranger and help him. The stranger was named Alan, and his diamond wedding ring was stolen in the staff room last night near the Eiffel tower. While he said that, Pao could only see that he was crossing his fingers, meaning he wanted and was nervous if he could get his ring back. Plus, Alan was well dressed, which meant that he was rich, which meant Pao could donate more to his favourite animal home. Alan said that he was careless and took if off to admire it, but then forgot to put it back when Jeremy the guard called him up. He said that finding the ring would save him from getting scolded by his wife, so he pleaded Pao to help. Pao was happy that it was an easy case so he could easily earn some money. He then asked for suspects Alan may have seen or found, and Alan told him it might have been Jeremy, who was jealous of his pleasant life, a customer named Bob that had passed by the staff room late at night from the restaurant, and the cleaning lady, Sophie cleaning near the staff room. Alan said that he knew Jeremy and Sophie were poor from the bank account numbers they gave him for work, but, according to rumours in the restaurant, Bob was very rich but still greedy. Pao said that he understood and went to round up the suspects. He talked to each of them for a while to know more, then he told them that it was for their own safety and put them in the suspension room and went to investigate. No one dared to move too as Pao told them they would be in trouble if they went away.

Pao climbed up the stairs to the top. While doing that, little Armstrong, found little food bits and went to eat them. He had also reached just about to the staff room when he found the floor quite wet, and parts of the Eiffel tower was wet too, and near them were some footprints of boots. Later, Armstrong again went to another direction and found a dirty napkin with the tower's logo on it. These were all the clues Pao could find.

Pao said it must not have been Sophie, because the wet floor didn't look like it was from the mops, but from the huge rain last night as it smelled like rainwater, and not like detergent with water. Alan also said that Jeremy needed to wear leather shoes for work, and the footprints didn't match the prints from the shoes. But Bob had just come from the restaurant, which could explain the little food bits that were on the stairs, and the napkin could already tell them that the suspect came from the tower's restaurant. Pao immediately ran to the suspension room, while releasing Sophie and Jeremy, he grabbed Bob and asked for the diamond ring. Bob unwillingly took the ring out of his pocket and gave it back to Alan. Bob cried, "I'm so sorry! I was too greedy when I saw the diamond ring, so I just stole it! Please forgive me!" Alan decided to let him go, but he would have to help wash dishes at the restaurant for five weeks as a punishment, but it was still better than going to the jail. Pao was happy that he had helped solve another case again and even earned some more money to donate to some animal homes, so he happily went back to his office on a free flight booked by Alan. After arriving at his office, Pao fed Armstrong with walnuts to show gratitude. Just then, the red phone rang again, and Pao hurried to pick it up again.

Judge Pao and the Queen's Lost Ring

Fukien Secondary School Affiliated School, Wong, Hoi Yee Zoe - 10

It was a lovely morning. The sun was very bright and birds were singing everywhere. Judge Pao was sitting on a broken chair and reading a torn newspaper about his last case while grinning from ear to ear about his success. He was in his office located on the edge of a small city in China. Suddenly, the dusty red phone in the corner of the room rang and a very frantic voice screamed, "Help! My name is Queen Peach and my husband's name is King Adam. We live in the White House. Last night, my diamond ring got stolen. It was the ring that King Adam gave me on my thirtieth birthday. Can you come and investigate tomorrow?" "Yes!" replied Judge Pao. No one had called him for weeks and he was very excited as it would be his first time working with kings and queens. He immediately hung up and started preparing for the investigation. He got his shoes from the unstable shelf. He was so happy that the crescent moon on his forehead was shining brightly in the morning and he almost knocked down a humongous, messy bookshelf. He immediately went on a ferry as it was the fastest way to go to the White House.

Judge Pao arrived the pier early in the morning. He spent half an hour in a changing room to make himself professional before heading to the White House. He then rented a bike and made his way to the White House. He was very confident in solving the case.

Queen Peach and King Adam had just woken up when they saw Pao. They briefed Pao of the situation over a cup of tea and then introduced him to their workers and neighbours. On the way, Judge Pao found a few clues and rounded up some suspects. He suspected Mr. Tiger, who was an expert in Taekwondo and his dojo was just besides the White House. He named his dojo Taekwondo Dragons and had a green dragon as his logo. He also suspected Timothy Wolfson. He was an American Billionaire who lived across the White House and had always wanted to get his hands on the diamond ring. As mentioned by the queen, he always wanted to touch the ring when he came for tea. Although he was very rich, he never wanted to spend any of his money on bodyguards as he thought he could fight with his boxing skills. The last suspect was the guard, Jeremy. He was on duty the night before and he was always complaining about being poor. Moreover, he recently lost a big gamble and was always moaning about how he needed money desperately.

Judge Pao saw some books were missing on the bookshelf and there were holes in the wall. He saw footprints beside the bookshelf that were leading to a room in the White House. He then kicked open the door with his biggest force. Right after that, Judge Pao heard somebody was screaming and he rushed into the room. It turned out that the king and queen were scared stiff and with books in their hands. Pao's face turned red and his birthmark on the forehead looked like a chilli. He apologized and immediately dashed out of the room in a hurry, hoping that the king and queen were not scared.

He went to the guards' room and interviewed the guards. All the guards were knocked out the night before and Jeremy was in a coma and still in the hospital, Jeremy was then ruled out from the list of suspects. He looked at the guards, all of them were 6 feet tall. He took a deep breath and he thought, 'One guy took out 5 guards at the same time.'

A guard told him that it was a strong big figure and punched holes in the wall with ease. Another guard added that the figure was wearing a belt.

All the evidence pointed to Mr. Tiger, who was a Taekwondo master and could easily punch holes in the wall and knock out the guards. Queen Peach and King Adam went to Mr. Tiger's house and confronted him. When Mr. Tiger saw Pao's fierce face with very angry eyes that looked at him and was giving him anxiety. He was scared and immediately admitted his mistake. Pao would have called the police if Mr. Tiger was not begging so hard that the queen and the king had made an offer that if Mr. Tiger was willing to become their servant, they would tell the police not to send him to jail. Mr. Tiger accepted and he was being a hard—working and entertaining servant. The White House was spotless and full of laughter since that day.

Judge Pao was delighted as he had solved another case. Queen Peach offered Judge Pao a piece of gold, but he refused to accept something so valuable as he was not looking for money. After eating lunch and enjoying a few cups of tea, they said their goodbyes.

Back at his office, he continued to study about investigations and solve them in his tiny office. He still solved many cases in the court and received many compliments as his fame continues to spread, but he still did not care about that and had all his focus on solving cases as that was what he liked to do. More and more people knew him for his selfless and strict personality while solving cases. He had a very good life and enjoyed it a lot. The moon-shaped birthmark became the thing that many people used to recognize him.

Good Hope Primary School cum Kindergarten (Primary Section), Chan, Kin Hang Drishti – 10

Judge Pao was resting in his chair, reading a book about peace and war. A few moments later, he checked the time on his phone, got up, put on his coat, and went towards the barn.

He arrived at a barn made out of gold, silver and bronze. Inside the barn was a gorgeous horse. Judge Pao fed her and smiled warmly. He then left.

He was ready to set back on his book, but he moment he picked up his book, a girl ran in, weeping. Judge Pao stood up, concerned, and asked, "What do you need, little girl?"

The girl told Judge Pao her pet snake was missing, and Judge Pao asked her for details about the snake. The little girl said, "Her name servant, who arrived almost instantly. "Drive us to the forest where the snake was lost". The servant saluted and promised to help Judge Pao to find the snake and arrest the thief. is Slithery, she's a corn snake. She is just a year old, and she is close to humans. Slithery loves to drink blood and play with her spider friends, but she hates bugs. This morning, I let her wander in the forest as usual. She always come back after ten minutes or so, but today I waited and waited, and she never came back to me!

Judge Pao thought for a while and said, "Little girl, your snake did not run away. Someone kidnapped it!" He called for his loyal, trustworthy

The servant hurriedly drove them to the forest where the snake went missing. Judge Pao ordered him to gather everyone who lives in the forest. Half an hour later, the servant found three local residents. Judge Pao questioned them one by one. He asked the first person, "What is your occupation, sir?" "I am a farmer, mister."

Then he asked the second person the same question, and the person answered, "I am a housewife, and my job is turn chicken into soup, food and feather dusters."

The third person said, "I have no jobs, I only mooch around in the house and milk the cows."

Judge Pao examined their clothes, then he brushed his beard. The little girl leaned in and whispered, "I think the housewife is the one who took my snake."

The servant agreed. Judge Pao raised his eyebrows and said, "She does look suspicious, but I don't think she took your snake. But I will inspect her house just to make sure..."

Judge Pao, his servant, and the little girl went into the woman's house and saw a duck bathing. To their left a dead duck was lying in a pool of blood. The little girl gasped and shot the woman a suspicious look. But Judge Pao just said, "Woman, you can continue with your pleasant cooking, there is nothing suspicious in your house." The woman smiled and opened the door for them to leave.

Judge Pao then went to the farmer's house alone for inspection, trusting his servant to take care of the little girl. He entered the house and couldn't quite believe his eyes. Piles of clothing were scattered on the floor. And there were bugs everywhere.

Judge Pao said in disgust, "I recommend investing in a proper pest spray."

"I grew up in a farm. Not scared of bugs." He shook his head and replied.

Before Judge Pao could question the last person, cries could be heard. Judge Pao rushed to investigate.

Standing before him was the little girl. She had found her snake, but the snake was on the floor, dead. Beside the snake was a stone drenched in its blood. Turned out the snake was not only kidnapped, but also killed. The girl wept loudly, but Judge Pao had no comfort to offer. Instead he thought, "After investigating the farmer and the wife's houses, it can be concluded that they're both innocent. I haven't questioned the person who is mooching around and milking cows yet, but he does have milk stains on his clothes, so he isn't guilty either. So the only suspect is..."

Judge Pao looked around for his servant, but his servant was nowhere to be seen. He phoned him hurriedly and yelled, "Come here immediately!" into his phone. The servant showed up almost instantly. Judge Pao quickly slid handcuffs onto the servant's wrists, and said, "You are under arrest."

"What ...? What is happening?" The servant stuttered.

But Judge Pao said, "Cut the pretense, liar. If you truly are innocent, you won't be here – since I have never told you where to come to. You know where the snake died, because you killed the snake here!"

The servant's shocked face broke into an evil grin, as he whispered, "You caught me."

"Tell me," Judge Pao asked, "Why kill a snake? Ophidiophobia?"

"I had a cat" the servant choked out. "Very cute and lovely. He was my friend. My best friend. One day, he went out to play in the garden, only to be bit and killed by a venomous snake. Snakes are terrible creatures, I am doing everyone a favor by killing every snake that crawls before me!"

"A full grown adult who couldn't get over with the death of his cat" Judge Pao sighed, and called for the police.

"Mark my words!" The servant cried to the girl as he was being dragged away, "Snakes are horrible! You should thank me for ending its life!"

The girl now wept more loudly than ever. "I'm sorry for your loss." Judge Pao said to the girl as he patted her on the shoulder, and returned to his office. His book was waiting for him.

The Road Not Taken

Good Hope Primary School cum Kindergarten (Primary Section), Chan, Tsz Huen Evelyn – 12

Rumors of Judge Pao curl around the streets of China. Some say they are myths and madness, legends and lies.

Ming was one of them.

A dim flicker of light meets Ming's eyes, arousing him from dreamless slumber. He wakes up in a daze, sullen eyes disoriented in a haze of color. Someone is calling, a curious sound that pulsates through his head...

Terror grips his chest, his head reeling for the thirst for sight. Finally, the mesh of images clear up miraculously. He breathes unsteadily before the shadows shroud his sight with impenetrable blackness, and the peculiar light burns out.

The distant voice rings again, louder. Ming's heart leaps with a yearning hope for a savior.

"Erase those dire hopes, child. Truthfully, I never thought I'd see one of my own here in the gateways to Hell."

Ming steps back, legs buckling from inescapable fear. Again, the fury of sudden flames ignites the barren floor in a circle, burning through the soles of his worn shoes. Pain sears through his bones and anguished cries strangle his throat. He looks up, the light of the fire ricocheting off the present surfaces. The stone walls are broken down, dusted with ash and soot, and traces of burnt–out fire are obvious to be acknowledged. Everywhere he looks is devoid of color, until he sets eyes on his true peril. A looming, tall figure sits on a throne of blood and bones.

It can't be, he thinks frantically, could the legends of his lineage be true?

"Are you...you...what they say?" he stammers, perspiration stringing beads on his forehead, tormented by the sweltering heat, "Judge Pao?"

"Indeed I am," the figure – Judge Pao, replies, breaking into peals of almost derisive laughter, "this is my duty after my long career of dueling crime."

He rises from his throne, and Ming gasps. The timely tales the elders spin, they were right. They always have been.

Time seems to slow, and a barrier of stillness sets between them.

"You're here, Ming, "Judge Pao chuckles ruefully, piercing the silence, "because you didn't believe, didn't make the most out of your legacy. You could've done great things, yet you are cast aside. Now the roads lead you here."

The flames diminish, and Ming pants, eyes burning through the swathes of darkness.

"Wait...what?"

"I know it all, Ming, especially since you carry my blood," Judge Pao explains with a sigh. "I'm rather displeased with how you chose your path in life. Running away to create your own villainized identity, to steal and..."

He trails off, obviously not wanting to visualize that picture.

"You were young, innocent, and had no idea what you were stringing yourself along...but you chose to abandon your family's crime-corruption duties, which strove for the good of the world. Then, in the cruelest stroke of fate...your life ended in terms of the most twisted of ways. You sacrificed yourself to crimes."

Remnants of the past remain scattered in Ming's river of thought, and he desperately tries to remember. Until realization hits him like a tidal wave.

Ming died.

He remembers the scars from wicked swords that slashed his skin like paper until he took his last breath. They stung from the memory as he traced his fingers along those open, fresh wounds. His demise was at his own hands. He remembers his family's pain, and the look on his mother's face, forever embedded in his memory. He can only imagine how much she mourned him, despite it all. He lost her trust the night he left.

How the sky has cursed him to realize that only now, in the aftermath of everything he had ever set his mind on, just minutes before death lulls him to the other side.

And Ming remembers it all. He doesn't know what to say.

Judge Pao draws a breath, and it feels like the room is falling with an essence of somnolence as he stands warily from his throne. "Ming," Judge Pao says quietly, obsidian eyes gazing at him, "you ended up where fallen kingdoms now reside. Tyranny, bloodshed, and defeat. They all wanted glory, but glory is fleeting when the price of it all is hatred.

"Most people are like that, heedless to the power of their desires. So drunk on power and pain, they forget that no true hero can fabricate their legacy unless they truly earned it themselves."

Ming doesn't sneer at the remarks like he used to. He is not unfazed or unperturbed, like when he listens to endless warnings and cautions. Quite the opposite, he understands.

"It's too late," he whispers begrudgingly, "I was vindictive, angry, bitter. It seems my story has come to an end after all, and time has finally allowed the end to its shame. I won't cause any more suffering, to anyone else."

"Time, the most complex device in all of eternity. You can't turn over its hourglass, yet it is always waiting for you, forevermore," Judge Pao remarks, "your story isn't over yet. You can go on the road not taken. The first step is to heal yourself."

Ming turns away, tears glistening in his eyes. The expectations, the neglect, the claims of him knowing nothing in the cusp of his youth. He muses over the recollections, for a moment. *What could've been? What could he have done right?*

"Now, Ming," Judge Pao says faintly, "I grant you something that the universe rarely allows me to do. The ability for you to cross back into reality, your one final chance."

Somehow his voice is dissipating, no longer clear enough for Ming to fully comprehend. "Fight the good fight" is what Ming hears last. They reverberate incessantly, once again.

Judge Pao and the lessons he taught still ring true to many if not all. Many say they are tried and true, sound and sensible.

Ming will always believe in his wise words, no matter what.

Good Hope Primary School cum Kindergarten (Primary Section), Cheung, Charlotte – 11

After Judge Pao died with honour and respect, his grandchildren took over his job for helping to continue the world-class legal system.

There was his grandchildren, one of them was called Pao Lung–Keung, was always below the standards of his brothers. He was always bullied, as he could not do anything about it. His brothers were even ashamed of him. He never succeeded in doing a hard move in karate, never excelled in studies, always so clumsy and never smart enough to solve a simple case. He himself also agreed with this devastating truth.

One day, when he was learning karate, he had failed again and didn't win any approval from his teacher nor his relatives. He felt unworthy to be a member of the Pao family and of the proud legacy.

He fell asleep in shame and in sadness, and drifted into sleep uneasily.

In his dream, Judge Pao, his grandpa visited him.

'Grandpa, is that really you? I'm sorry I have let you down! I have ruined the whole family's reputation, just because of my clumsiness! I'm so sorry!'

Grandpa Pao shook his head and smiled warmly.

' My dear grandson, you have done well. You have made me proud in a lot of ways.' whispered Judge Pao.

'But how,' Lung-Keung asked, 'When have I ever make you proud except disappoint you with all my failures!' He continued crying and tears fell down his face.

'You don't understand, my dear grandson?' Lung-Keung shook his head, sobbing 'You don't see it in yourself? You are one of my most well-mannered grandson! You are always humble, always respectful and always cheerful, always encouraging people to go on!' Judge Pao smiled broadly at his grandson ' My other grandsons make me feel disappointed, as they only boast and not optimistic at all! Not even like you! You have a pleasant personality and I think no one can deny it. You have loads of friends that comfort you, loads of people standing by your side, cheering you on! Your bullies are mean and miserable, don't you notice? Only having themselves as friends, and a lot of them don't even trust each other! But you, my trustworthy grandson,' Judge Pao this time patted his dear grandson's head. ' People always trust you with secrets and trust you with anything! You stand with your chin up high, and moreover, you still have time to improve, don't worry too much. I believe in you. Now go back to reality.'

'NO, grandpa wait! Don't go!'

But he was back, in his cozy little bed. He is determined, so determined to change and make his grandpa even prouder.

Lung-Keung tried his best in everything, and eventually he improved. He became the most loved, respected, honoured, smartest one of the Pao family. His grandpa looked at him in heaven, proud of him, and grinned.

Pao Lung-Keung has succeeded.

Good Hope Primary School cum Kindergarten (Primary Section), Chow, Hysun Valerie – 11

Presentation speech by Sir Charles Reiss, Chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, Oslo, 10th December 2047:

"At this very moment in Stockholm, Nobel Prizes are being presented to year 2047's Nobel laureates in Physics.

I have the immense pleasure this year of recognizing Mr. Pao Gao-ji, a Hong Kong physicist, won this renowned prize for 'groundbreaking invention of a time machine'. His invention was developed based on Albert Einstein's theory of special relativity proposes that time is an illusion that move relatively to an observer."

Pao accepted the prize with gratitude, "This honor doesn't just belong to me. As the 40th generation of the famous Judge Pao, I was fascinated by the idea of how my great grandfather40 summoned the court one thousand years ago. Enlightened by the theory of relativity, I believe time travel is not only theoretically but also practically possible after my intensive studies and experiments conducted on the curvature of spacetime. I successfully returned to the year of 1046 and secretly brought Judge Pao to Hong Kong in 2046."

On 5th January 2046, Judge Pao didn't know who the person "Gao–ji" was as he dressed so strange. However, Pao still decided to follow him. After repeated persuasion on time traveling and out of curiosity, Judge Pao finally agreed to follow Gao–ji, his descendant from future to the year 2046.

Judge is famous for his impartiality, probity and high moral standard. He was naturally curious on how the future would handle disputes. Gao-ji explained to him about the legal system, different law enforcement agencies and anti-corruption measures in Hong Kong. Judge Pao was delighted on the advancement and keen to see how they worked. Gao-ji then brought this respectable guest to attend District Court trials to feel the "success of modernization".

The case was about a teenager who claimed his parents for \$100,000 as compensation for his loss of happiness and rest time due to intensive tuition classes, homework and studies since the age of three. The parents were remorseful as the relationship with the son was broken due to punitive parenting. The Court Judge concluded that the parents should compensate his son for losing the freedom to choose what he wanted to learn and the right to rest, being the maximum claim of \$100,000 less the cost of the tuition class and school fees. As a bystander, Judge Pao was in rage. "This young man should be brought to jail for not respecting and honoring his parents! He should be thankful for what his parents have done for him." Gao-ji tried to explain to Judge Pao, "Nowadays, some parents, labelled as 'tiger parents', micromanage their children's lives to ensure that they meet their high expectations. There is no room for them to negotiate because their parents limited the children's choice of studies, activities, friends or even career." Judge Pao rebutted, "the idea of 'tiger parents' echoed with the Confucian philosophy which promotes hierarchical family structures, loyalty education and academic achievements. The Court's judgement is contrary to our traditional values!" Gao-ji predicted his reaction and explained, "Yet, modern society emphasize human rights. While respecting the good intention, parents may need to strike a balance between their expectation and the children's abilities, preferences and their right to choose. Therefore, the Judge fined the parents the sum as a 'punishment for their good intention but wrong decision'. That said, the sum to raise this child is far more than the amount of the fine, which means that the Judge also honored the parents' contributions in planning, time and money, despite in a wrong way."

Judge Pao was shocked about this new idea of parenting. He was looking forward to the next trial.

Another case was about a homosexual man who was fired by his ex-employer because he is gay. This man sued his ex-employer discrimination based on sexual orientation. His ex-employer was sorry for his wrongdoings because he was once bullied by a gay classmate and wanted to take a revenge on this man as a scapegoat. Judge Pao was again astounded, "homosexual activity is not allowed. No one should explicitly

tell others about their homosexual behavior as it is a taboo!" The Court concluded that this man could seek compensation on early termination under labor laws, yet there is no law in the private sector on discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The Court encouraged this employer to hire this man again, or write an open apology statement. Gao-ji told Judge Pao, "though there has been a long debate on legal protection against discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation, there is no comprehensive protection against discrimination."

Despite he could not accept same-sex relationships, Judge Pao was startled by the persistent and perseverant of the minorities in fighting for their rights.

The final case of the day was about a woman on wheelchair who requested the government to remove a 100 years old tree because it hindered her way to the MTR station. Her wheelchair could not walk smoothly as the tree occupied much space on the pavement. While Gao–ji was busy explaining the sophisticated transport systems in Hong Kong and the development of transport inventions in the world, the Court concluded that the government should provide the woman a practical alternate way to the MTR station without the need to trim or remove the old tree. Once again, Judge Pao was stunned that the handicapped would stand out to fight for their rights. Nevertheless, he agreed with the Court that there should be some better ways of accessing to her place rather than solely cutting down the tree. Although the tree blocked her way, it also provided fresh air and a shadow under the sun for others.

This future adventure was thought provoking to Judge Pao, as he never thought of mitigating factors when considering his judgement and the need for prisoners' rehabilitation. He worked hard to reform and he fame as a first-class Judge with attributes on impartiality, awareness of minorities and community engagement was eventually well-known to the world.

The Mystery of the Missing Sheep

Good Hope Primary School cum Kindergarten (Primary Section), Lam, Shing Chi Angie – 10

Once upon a time, there was a farmer called Javis. He lived in a small cottage with his wife Kate. They were living in a small village with another six neighbors around. Javis had twelve sheep in his barn. He sold wool, milk and mutton to gain money for his daily life.

One Sunday morning, his wife shouted loudly outside the barn and woke him up. "Oh dear, there is one sheep is missing! I remember that there are twelve sheep in the barn last night." Farmer Javis rubbed his eyes and started to count. "One, two.....eleven, gosh, you're right, where is it?" They searched all day long and still, cannot find the sheep.

Two weeks later, on Sunday morning. Farmer Javis was woken by her wife again. "Oh dear, one more missing sheep. How come?" cried Kate. They looked at each other and screamed out together "THIEF!" So they decided to found Judge Pao, the famous Judge in town next to their village, to help them.

So farmer Javis went to visit Judge Pao the next morning. When he entered the court, Judge Pao was sitting there already. His face was black and there was a logo of a moon on this forehead. He looked so dignified. "Why did you come here?" asked Judge Pao loudly. "I lost two sheep every two weeks and I don't know what happened. Is there a thief or is it eaten by animals? I want to know because I could not lose the sheep anymore. Our life is depending on the sheep."

"I see..... Did you lock up the barn every night?" asked Judge Pao. "Yes, Judge Pao. My wife counts the sheep before locking them up every night." replied Farmer Javis. "Hmm..... If you have locked the barn every night. I can surely say that the sheep was not eaten by the animal." Judge Pao replied seriously. "Anyway, I think I should go to your barn for investigation. "

The next day, Judge Pao went there with investigator Mr. Gin and six soldiers. When they arrived, Kate greeted them and gave them a tour of the farm that she and her husband owned. Judge Pao walked to the door of the barn and took a look at the lock carefully. "This is a hard, silver lock and it was never broken by anyone. How can the sheep run away by themselves?" said Judge Pao.

"Judge Pao! Come here and take a look at this!" shouted investigator Gin. Everyone ran to the back of the barn quickly. "I find that there is a wooden plank is loosen and can be taken away easily. I will show you." replied Mr. Gin.

He took away the wooden plank from the wall. It was a small hole and of course, it cannot be passed through by an adult. "Good job, investigator Gin! This is the first clue that we got." said Judge Pao.

"Javis, is there any similarities of the two missing sheep being stolen? "asked Judge Pao. "Oh yes! It both happened on Saturday night." replied farmer Javis. Judge Pao thought for a second and said, "This is the second clue and I thought of a brilliant solution!"

"First of all, you have to paint some red paint on the hooves of all the sheep in the barn before locking them this saturday night. Secondly, all of us will stay in your cottage. Turn off all the lights and pretend that you and your wife are sleeping. On Sunday morning, we will all go to search the missing sheep in your village. If someone have a sheep with its hooves painted in red, he or she is the thief!" Judge Pao explained carefully. "You are a genius, Judge Pao!"exclaimed farmer Javis. On Saturday night, Farmer Javis and his wife followed Judge Pao's instructions. Judge Pao and everyone stayed in the cottage and waited for the entire night. They were too anxious that they barely slept!

In the early morning on Sunday, everyone woke up at once. A sheep was missing again, so they started to search for the sheep. They searched the neighbors one by one, until the sixth neighbor. Inspector Gin knocked on the door and a child opened it. It was a boy that was around ten years old and he was very slim. When he saw that many people outside his house, his face looked pale and nervous. "Our neighbor farmer Javis lost a sheep. We are helping him to find it. We have to search your house now." said Inspector Gin. The boy wanted to slam the door shut but he was stopped by Gin. The boy stood back and started to cry. Everyone went inside his house and found that there was a sheep in the kitchen. Kate checked the hooves immediately and said "All the hooves were red. This is our sheep. You are the thief!" Judge Pao said, "Calm down! Let's find out the reason why he steal your sheep."

"What's your name?" Judge Pao asked the boy kindly. "My name is Chadwick." replied the boy. "Can you tell me why are you stealing the sheep from farmer Javis?" asked Judge Pao. Chadwick glanced at Judge Pao and said, "My parents died during an accident last month. I lived with my grandma. My grandma was disable and I needed to take care of her. We didn't have money to support our daily needs. I have no way to find food for her. So I decided to steal the sheep and make food for her."

"Poor boy." said Judge Pao. Everyone felt sorry about that. "Chadwick, If you don't mind, you can work for me. Then you can earn money for your family. "asked farmer Javis. Chadwick nodded his head and agreed. Everyone cheered.

Finally, farmer Javis and his wife thanked Judge Pao over and over again. They made a big feast to thank Judge Pao and everyone. Chadwick and his grandma were invited as well!

Good Hope Primary School cum Kindergarten (Primary Section), Lam, Sze Lok Charlotte – 11

"Breaking news! The famous painting 'Mona Lisa' in the Louvre, Paris, France, was stolen overnight! The Elysée announces a 25 million Euro reward to anyone who can recover the precious painting..." This was broadcasted through media all over the world.

Judge Pao, the honourable and cultural symbol of justice in China, was listening to the radio, shaking his head with disagreement. "People aren't that dumb as I thought. It must be a brilliant person knowing how much this priceless artwork worth!" He muttered while he was updating his status on a social media. In the meantime, an email notification popped up coincidently.

Dear Judge Pao,

Our renowned painting was looted by someone. We found no clues at all. In our desperation and pressure from everyone, we need your help for the investigation. As you are the best detective in the history, and with your traits in observation and attention to details, may we kindly invite you to come over and help, please? We could not thank you enough.

Yours sincerely, The Elysée

Without a second thought, Pao set off right away. He rushed to the airport and got on a private jet which was sent from the Elysée.

Judge Pao arrived at the Louvre the next day. With his diligence in working on a new case, he started with lots of research near the museum and kicked off the investigation with full confidence. First, he asked the manager if he could check the security cameras of the room that kept the painting. From the playback, there was only one person appearing since the museum was close on the night before and he looked extremely suspicious. His name was Ricky, the overnight security guard who was in charge of the 'Mona Lisa' painting. The other dubious things as seen from the playback that he looked around furtively at the camera on one hand, and he tried to escape from the moving camera to the other end of the display hall on the other hand. With this piece of critical evidence, everyone supported that Ricky to be the culprit.

While everyone was finger-pointing at Ricky, Pao disagreed. "No, it wasn't him." Pao said affirmatively without hesitation. People there were shocked and doubted in a subdued voice.

"Come on, everyone! Take a look at the tree right next to the painting. The gardener has been sick for months and no one takes care of the tree since then. However, the tree is still so healthy and nourished. Don't you guys feel wary of it?" Pao asked.

Everyone was puzzled. No one could relate the lost painting with the tree. "Well...um...it is me!" Ricky purred, whose face blushed with embarrassment, "I'm sorry, it's me who pee on the tree every day. I thought no one would notice it as I did it when the cameras turned to the other side," Ricky said in a voice quaking with fear. "I dare not going to washroom by myself in the evening as the hallway is always dark and chilly!"

If it's not Ricky, then who else could it be? There was no one else who assessed the display hall. There was no sign of break-in from outside. There were no other clues like footprints. This burglary could be a mystery forever! However, never underestimate Judge Pao, who was going to demystify the whole thing!

Pao took out a photo from his pocket and said, "I captured this from the playback." The photo showed a blurry human-liked shadow which you could see a man with short hair gleaningly.

Indeed, Pao had the preliminary finding in his mind. There's only one man who kept short hair here. The others either had dreadlocks or curly long hair. That man – was the MANAGER of the museum. He was being questioned by Pao in detail. Furthermore, he stuttered each second, stating his innocence. Pao found

out that the manager had been sleeping in the Louvre for quite some time as he was in debts due to addicted gambling.

To further attest his findings, Pao reviewed other videos playback carefully. He paused from time to time and captured some more photos. The process took so long and felt like forever. Everyone in the room was running out of patience.

"Listen! Please keep quiet!" Pao shouted and stared at the manager at the same time, "I know who the felon is!" The manager was shivering.

Pao showed everyone those photos he captured a while ago one by one and a convincing clue was found. The rubbish bin was moved!

"Show me your hands please," Pao demanded the manager. Pao nodded his head with a smile and said, "Security guard, please handcuff the manager!"

The shadow from the playback belonged to the manager and he got orange stain on his fingernails which was from the rubbish bin. The 'Mona Lisa' painting was hidden with a cloth draped around the rubbish bin and got moved out bit by bit. The manager was planning to sell the painting to pay back his heavy debts.

The cat was out of the bag now! The manager was arrested and the painting was returned. Sitting under the Eiffel Tower, Judge Pao was treated with France's beautiful red wine and mouth-watering foie gras. What a wonderful business trip!

Good Hope Primary School cum Kindergarten (Primary Section), Lo, Tsz Yan – 10

Pao was a very famous judge in China's Song Dynasty. Although Pao was a great official, he led a simple life. Apart from his intolerance of injustice and corruption, Pao was also well-known for his filial piety and his stern demeanor. He was an unselfish and straightforward judge. Wow, the hero really existed. Judge Pao had many exciting and legendary stories!!!

I share you one of his remarkable stories. After his son died of a sickness, he decided to return back to his own hometown. He found his uncle has occupied other villages' farmland. Judge Pao was very shocked about what his uncle has done. He managed to calm down shortly and instructed his bodyguard to arrest his uncle and determined strictly to interrogate his uncle. He consciously understood that he was doing a right thing without bias and stayed on his principal for being an official. This merit made me really appreciate for Judge Pao's personality.

Back to the scene after his uncle was arrested, he immediately made an order to the guards beating his own uncle by 40 rod punishment openly. Pao ordered him to return his land and property to the victims. Pao's heart was hurt and sorry for his uncle's bad act. Pao's behaviour and his way of performing righteousness spread quickly among his home town. All people in town appreciated Pao's decision and believed he was fair and would protect all people's properties and assets. At that time, their villages, towns, states and whole country were corrupted. They hoped that the all judges could follow Pao, being fair to everyone.

At this point, I guess you are keen to learn more Pao's stories.

One day, Pao was handling a case which a corpse of a kid was found in a quiet street. The mother of the child said she did not know anything since the child has been missing for a week. Pao was very fretful about this case, Pao was trying hard to figure out how to solve the case at the scene at midnight. By Pao's inborn senses, he finally knew how it happened. Then, Judge Pao immediately returned home.

However, Pao alerted someone was following him! He turned around and saw a man in all black holding a thick wooden stick and hitting towards his head. Unfortunately, Pao could not avoid being hurt, and was hit badly by that mysterious man and he fainted. When Pao woke up, he found himself in an alley. He walked around the unfamiliar place. He saw a horse surrounded by metal (a motor bike), everything was strange to him since he has travelled to the future. All of a sudden, there was a loud scream "Ahhhh!" Pao, as a judge, immediately rushed to the source of the scream, and saw a kid's corpse!!! So horrible. Some passers-by immediately call the police and ambulance, which Pao didn't know what was that at all. Pao was very worry, suddenly, he heard a voice again "Sir ? May you step aside?" Pao saw a cool but pretty girl asking her, when Pao looked at her clothing, he understood that the girl was someone who involved with the case, Pao thought, 'Maybe she is someone who solve the case.' However, before Pao stepped aside, an idea popped out of his head 'Why does this case looks like my case ? I must stay and see how the strange people solve it...' Pao immediately said that "Uhhhhhh... I am also a 'people' who solve this case, please let me help..." He knew that the policewoman must drove him away, but to his surprise, the not-too-clever policewoman let him stayed. She introduced herself, she is called Lily and gave a police uniform to Pao. After a while the forensics told them that the kid was being beaten all day long, there are scars on the poor kid's face, arms, legs, body (basically everywhere). He was a kid who was being beaten everyday. Pao and the police rushed to the children's home and found the mother was packing some luggages, she decided to escaped from the law, Pao saw some rattan on the floor, he immediately caught the woman. The woman tried to resist but Lily used the handcuffs to arrest her. Finally, the real murderer was arrested !!! Suddenly, Pao felt that his head was very painful, he then fainted again, when he woke up, he found himself in his bed, his servant told him that he suddenly fainted in the street and the doctor said that Pao was too tired. Pao didn't care about anything now, he immediately went to the slaughterhouse to check the child's wound and found that the wound on this child and the child in his dream was the same he was very

grateful that the god has given him tips to solve this case. He went to the mother's home and found she was trying to escape as well, he was thinking why everything was like the dream? However, before Pao could think of others, the idea that why he was here popped out in his head again, he was here to catch the criminal. Then, as everybody knew, the mother was being caught by guards and was trialed by Pao, she was very afraid and admitted that she has killed her OWN child at once, she finally told the truth... She accidentally killed her child after drinking alcohol. At last, she was sentenced to death by Pao.

After this remarkable Pao's stories, I think you would also agree my views and treasure Pao's envy. That is the important core value at all time, all places and all countries.

We can learn so much knowledge from Pao, like he won't be greedy for money, he was definitely a great example for us and everybody admires him for his unselfishness. He has inspired many people.

Good Hope Primary School cum Kindergarten (Primary Section), Ng, Tsz Yin Hermia – 11

Judge Pao, commonly known as Bao Gong, was a legendary figure. He was very passionate to defend peasants and commoners against corruption or injustice. He was one of the most famous and important people in history. He was my greatest hero in my childhood years, but as I grew up I realized why people said to never meet your heroes. I am Anna Ng, known as the Mamba Killer.

In school, I was always bullied for being a nerd and not having a mom as she passed away and my dad changed when my mom died, he didn't care about anything in my life. He'd always come back home drunk late at night. Growing up, the only thing I cared about or comforted me when I was down was reptiles, especially snakes. I had a lot of pets over the years. I'm also very fascinated by the stories about Judge Pao, I thought we were alike since I also wanted to fight against injustice. I'd always read books about reptiles or daydream about being Judge Pao at lunchtime. People always said I was crazy.

After studying college and getting my hard science degree, I opened my reptile shop which doesn't have any employees because I don't like cooperating with people. One day, I bumped into my bully in high school (Josh Zhang). He was with his wife.

'Oh hey, nerd.Ha ha!'Josh said funnily and went on.

I was irritated and started to have flashbacks of him bullying me. Tears started to form in the corner of my eyes. Then, I made the most regrettable decision in my life. I went straight to the store.

I arrived at the store, I went straight to the black mamba poison and ran back home. I stared at the container, didn't know if poisoning Josh was a good idea. I knew there would be consequences if I got caught, but I wanted him to suffer. I found out there was a party tonight and I knew Josh wouldn't miss it for the world. It was located at his friend's house.

I was at the party, it was packed. I stood in the corner of the room because I didn't want anyone to notice me. I noticed Josh and when he put down his drink, I slipped through the crowd and put a few drops of the poison in the glass, and went straight to the bathroom to escape through the window because it would be suspicious to leave in the middle of a party.

The following day, I heard the news that Josh had died, and the thing that baffled me was a few of his other friends were also dead, it seems they also drank the poison. I found out people started to call me the Mamba Killer. And the other thing was his wife had consulted Judge Pao to look into the case. Adrenaline started to flow through my veins. I felt thrilled that my hero was going to investigate my case. To minimize the chance of Judge Pao finding me, I booked a 4 a.m. flight to Hong Kong and closed my shop.

The flight was quite comfortable. When I arrived in Hong Kong, I booked a room in a hotel and applied for a waitress job so I can still make money. It doesn't have a high salary, but it was enough to live on.

The next day, I saw Judge Pao while I was buying some groceries. I quickly ran back to the hotel. It appears that he had figured out I was the killer and figured out where I was. I thought to myself as long as I lay low for a while, they won't find me.

For the last few weeks, I changed hotels frequently and went out only a few times to minimize the possibility of people seeing me, but whatever I do I always notice Judge Pao.

I was in the middle of packing my suitcase to go to another hotel when someone cried out 'Room service.'

'Just a minute,' I replied.

But the lady came into the room. I stood in the middle of the room paralyzed. It was Judge pao! I couldn't move. 'Put your hands up Anna Ng. You are under arrest for the murder of Josh Zheng and others!'

I put my hands up. I thought about escaping, but I knew it would be a disaster.

Judge Pao cuffed my hands and we flew back to Lijiang. On the flight, I was disappointed that I got caught, but I also couldn't believe I met my hero.

On my trial day, I was on my knees with handcuffs cuffed on my hands, guards were all around me, and Judge Pao was in front of me. I felt he was staring into my soul, it sent chills down my spine. 'WHY DID YOU KILL THIS MAN?' he cried out

I attempted to explain I was always bullied and that I wanted to fight against injustice and defend the weak just like him, but he kept saying I still shouldn't kill people. The anger inside me just kept bubbling more, but I couldn't do anything about it. In the end, I was sentenced to jail for 10 years.

You should never meet your heroes, that was what I learned. I was so excited to meet Judge Pao but in the end, he just gave me a lecture. A lot of people might not agree with me and will say Judge Pao was correct, but those people never experienced my pain, the times when I cried in my room for hours, the times when no one supported me. They never have trauma or emotional scars like I had. Why shouldn't the people who bullied me get punished too? This is my story, the Mamba Killer.

Good Hope Primary School cum Kindergarten (Primary Section), Shen, Skyla Autumn – 11

A maid walked through the hallway of a fancy palace, holding a jug of wine her master had requested. She was a few paces away from the room her master and his guests were in when she heard yells and crashing sounds from the room. Next, there was a terrible scream and then...silence. The maid found the loud noises and sudden silence very odd. She went into the room and gasped. It seemed that a fight had taken place there, as she saw the remains of a porcelain vase scattered everywhere and an upturned table. Her eyes fixated on the body on the floor with a fruit knife in its chest. She screamed and ran all the way to Judge Pao's court. The body belonged to her master – Chen Lin Wei.

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"Silence!" shouted Judge Pao. He was a serious man with a commanding presence. His tanned skin and moon shaped scar on his forehead made him look even more imposing. Despite his appearance, he was also brilliant at solving cases. "The first case," he said. Chen Lin Wei's three guests were taken to court to be questioned regarding his murder.

"Chen Zhi Wei?" called the clerk.

"Present," replied Chen Zhi Wei.

"Wu Liang?"

"Present."

"Li Da Shan?"

"Present."

"Good. Now, you three are suspected of murdering Chen Lin Wen," said Judge Bao, "but as we don't know who exactly –"

"He did it!" interrupted Wu Liang, pointing a finger at Li Da Shan.

"How dare you!" shrieked Li Da Shan, "Chen Zhi Wei did it!"

"Wu Liang murdered him, not me!" shouted Chen Zhi Wei.

"Silence!" thundered Judge Pao. The trio fell silent. "Clerk, bring in the accuser," said Judge Pao. The clerk brought the maid into the court. "You are Hui Shang Yi?" asked Judge Pao. The maid nodded.

"The maid of Chen Lin Wei?" She nodded again. "Did you see who murdered him?"

"Well, no," admitted Hui Shang Yi, "I didn't witness it, but..."

"You see?" interjected Wu Liang loudly, "you don't -"

"Guards! Take them to prison!" Judge Pao said irritably. The men were shepherded by four guards, jabbering and bickering. "Well, who do you think is likely to have murdered him?" asked Judge Pao with a furled brow.

"Well, Chen Zhi Wei is his brother, Li Da Shan is his best friend and Wu Liang is his student, so...none of them," replied Hui Shang Yi.

"Then bring me to Chen Lin Wei's palace," said the judge.

Fifteen minutes later, they arrived at their destination. The maid led him to the room where the body still laid. Judge Pao crouched next it and started to examine it slowly. He found a handkerchief near the body. He picked it up carefully and saw a distinctive dragon pattern sewn onto it. Judge Pao asked if it belonged to Chen Zhi Wei and the maid said that her master never carried any handkerchiefs with him. "The murderer must have accidentally dropped it," Judge Pao thought to himself. He continued inspecting the room and found a ring on the floor. "Aha!" he said triumphantly, "the murderer must be married." After asking the maid a few more questions, he took the items and went back to the court later in the afternoon to talk to the prisoners who were still arguing after all that time. Upon seeing the judge, they stopped abruptly.

"Well," said Wu Liang, "did you find out who the murderer is?"

"Oh yes," said the judge confidently, "I found evidence at the scene and I know who murdered Chen Lin Wei." The air was suddenly tense. Judge Pao continued, "If you step forward and admit to your crime, your punishment may be reduced." The three men stood silent and completely still. Judge Pao took a quick glance at their hands because the maid had told him that all three men were married. Unfortunately, all three men were wearing wedding rings, so looking for a missing ring wouldn't give Judge Pao his answer. He walked slowly around them to see who was the most nervous. Li Da Shan looked uncomfortable and Chen Zhi Wei's left eye kept twitching. But Wu Liang looked unnaturally relaxed. Judge Pao focused his gaze on him and Wu Liang, in return, cracked a slight smile and glanced back up at him. "You seem to be in good spirits Wu Liang," said Judge Pao.

"Of course I am. I know I shall soon be set free because I didn't do it," claimed Wu Liang. "Well, you do realize that your teacher has been killed don't you? I don't think you should be happy about that!" the judge reprimanded. Wu Liang took a moment and his eyes began to well up with tears. "Teacher!" he cried as he looked up to the heavens. Judge Pao took out the dragon patterned handkerchief he had picked up at the crime scene.

"Here...wipe your tears," the judge suggested as he handed him the handkerchief. Suddenly, Wu Liang's sobbing stopped and was replaced with a worried look.

"Where did you get this?" Wu Liang asked.

"Oh, during my investigation I also visited all of your homes to ask questions to your wives and your wife was kind enough to give it to me," explained Judge Pao. Of course, this explanation was far from the truth but Judge Pao felt he had to trust his instinct and take a chance.

"Ah yes, my wife is very kind. She knows these handkerchiefs are very special to me," said Wu Liang, while rubbing his thumb over the dragon in admiration, "you won't find this pattern anywhere else." Upon hearing this, Judge Pao looked intensely at Wu Liang.

"Wu Liang! You will be tried for the murder of Chen Lin Wei!" proclaimed the mighty Judge Pao. Everyone watching stayed stunned in silence, amazed at what they had just seen. Before they could gather their thoughts, Judge Bao's booming voice filled the court room once again, "Next case!"

HKCCCU Logos Academy, Leung, Chun Hei – 10

Zhang Hao ran through the streets crying, he kneeled on the ground and wailed, "Oh! Where has my imperial vase gone?" Soon, villagers were gathering around him murmuring. One said to his companion, "That must be the rich man in our village, Zhang Hao. How terrible for him to lose such a precious vase, I think it's that poor man in our village, Hang Zheng because he has no money." The other villagers raised their hands in agreement, "Let's make him confess!"

They destroyed everything in Hang Zheng's house, but they couldn't find the vase. "Maybe we could go to the new Judge in town, Justice Bao." suggested a villager.

Later at the court, the two men were facing Justice Bao, who's skin was very red. "Tell me your story!" He said in a gruff voice. "Of course, it's Hang Zheng, your honour. Look how poor he is! A man who's very poor always steals things from the rich! I received this vase from the emperor, of course he would seize this chance to make himself some money!" Justice Bao was silent for a moment, then turned his head to Hang Zheng. Hang Zheng's story was totally different, he told Justice Bao that the vase from the emperor was his until Zhang Hao stole it from him, he also added that he saw Zhang Hao a couple of times while he was working on his farm. "He must be very jealous" said Hang Zheng. "Their stories don't correspond," thought Justice Bao. "Maybe the witness can give me some clues."

The witness came in, he told Justice Bao that he's a farmer and worked for Zhang Hao, "Your honour, I have always worked on the farm, one night, while I was planting some crops, I saw a shadow moving through the door, but I ignored it, a few minutes later someone came through the doors and into the darkness. I saw a glimpse of the thief's shorts, it was full of patches, the sort only poor people would have, so it must be Hang Zheng!" He discreetly nodded to Zhang Hao, but Justice Bao saw it, then he bowed and left the court. "I guess you've proved that you're innocent, but we still don't have enough proof that Hang Zheng is guilty." He signaled the guards to lock Hang Zheng away, then ordered Zhang Hao to leave. As Zhang Hao stepped out of court, he laughed. But what he didn't know was that his plans were going to become a disaster

That night, Justice Bao ordered his guards to find out what kind of connection existed between the witness and Zhang Hao, as he had seen them nodding to each other. First was the leader, Zhan Zhao. Then came Zhang Long, Zhao Hu, Wang Chao and Ma Han.

They went to Zhang Hao's mansion first, as they peeked over the nearby roof tops, they saw Zhang Hao giving the farmer a bag of gold! "He must be bribing the farmer to be on his side in court!" whispered Wang Chao. After Zhang Hao left, they jumped down and tried to capture the farmer. "Guards!" shouted the farmer, four guards ran out. The five warriors pulled out their swords and started to fight the guards. A guard swiped his sword at Zhan Zhao, but he ducked it and cut off the guard's head with a clean swipe. Zhang Long dodged the attacks and did a back flip off a wall and landed behind the guard, then he stabbed him brutally. Meanwhile Ma Han, who was a big, burly man, hurled himself at a guard. The guard toppled down when Ma Han put a dagger in his head. While Wang Chao was trying to catch the farmer, Zhao Hu was struggling to defend himself, "Help! I'm cornered!" cried Zhao Hu.

The three warriors dashed towards the guard and brutally stabbed him in the back killing him instantaneously. Just then, Wang Chao walked in, carrying the farmer on his back. "Let's head back to Justice Bao and tell him everything." said Zhao Zhao.

The next day, Justice Bao ordered Zhang Hao and Hang Zheng to come to the court. "Gentlemen, we've found proof last night that Hang Zheng is not the thief." Zhang hao appeared shocked that his magnificent plan had failed, but he tried not to express it. On the other hand, Hang Zheng looked happy and relieved. Justice Bao than pointed his finger to Zhang Hao and said, "You are lying to me." "No, I am not, your highness. I'm an honest and trustworthy man." He tried not to express his anger. Just then, he realized something was off, where's the witness? Justice Bao snapped his fingers and Zhan Zhao brought out the farmer; he knew then that his plan had failed. "We know your devious plan; we infiltrated your mansion last night and we found out that you were bribing the witness..... Guards! Bring him to the tiger head guillotine!" said Justice Bao "No! I can explain!" cried Zhang Hao. Hang Zheng snickered at the sight of the evil man finally being exposed.

The guards dragged Zhang Hao down to a cellar, and there sat the tiger head guillotine. The guards forced the man onto the platform, to the right-hand side of his head was a huge blade ready to chop his head off. "Oh please, have mercy!" begged Zhang Hao. "No mercy for you, evil man. First, you stole the vase, then, you made that innocent man Hang Zheng take all the blame. Not only that, but you also bribed the witness to help you win the case, and now you're asking for mercy?" said Justice bao. And with that, the blade came down and 'chop'! "Nooooo!" cried Zhang Hao in pain as his head came off, followed by a pool of blood. The evil man was gone. Hang Zheng thanked Justice Bao for his intelligence and bravery, and he was never disturbed again.

HKCCCU Logos Academy, Ngai, Prisca Joy - 10

Judge Pao, the Chinese Sherlock Holmes, really existed! Below I will tell you a cool and mysterious legend about him.

As always, Judge Pao was walking beside the cliff and thought about the mystery: *One after another, the civilians' children kept going missing.* While he was deep in his thoughts, he heard something calling to him. He decided to see what it was. He walked forward, and there came a sight! In the cave, there was a blood-red-like stone. Pao picked up the stone. For a few seconds, he felt a mysterious feeling in his body expanding over his body, from his heart to his nerves and into his blood vessels. "This stone might have a powerful power. I think it might help me with the mystery!" Pao thought. And he was right.....

On the day of the full moon, when Pao was working on his documents in his house, the stone glimmered with red sparks. Pao took it to his garden and rested it under the moon. The stone shone bright red. Then, a dazzling tunnel appeared in front of Pao. He immediately got sucked in.

Suddenly, Pao saw an odd-looking man with a black mask over his face and body. He thought, with his heart running as fast as a leopard, "*What will he do?*"

Nevertheless, the tunnel transported Pao to another unfamiliar place—the 24th century.

There, he saw strange faces all around him. He looked down at his body: his clothes had changed! He was amazed with the high-tech attire. *"I should do research about this planet,"* thought Pao. He tried to ask someone where to find data, but no one even looked at him. Finally, a robot appeared in front of Pao and answered Pao's question. Pao decided to find the ruler of the Earth, Idris.

After WWIII, many people died because of a nuclear bomb. Only people who went under the Earth survived. Idris was one of the people. He was a young baby back then. After all the radiation disappeared, the people underground went back up to the surface and fought. They fought for 10 years, and Idris' army won. Later, Pao was in the palace where Idris lived. Idris was furious when he heard that the guy who met him was Pao. He instantly picked up his laser gun and shot at Pao. "Wait! Why are you so angry?" Pao shouted as he dodged the laser beams from the gun. "I can explain!" Pao continued.

Idris put back his gun, "Go ahead then." After explaining, Idris agreed to cooperate. Idris said, "I understand. After WWIII, women cannot give birth to babies. It is very strange! Can you investigate with us?" Pao promised immediately. After a full night's sleep, Pao woke up early in the morning. He saw Idris and greeted him. They were both ready.

Idris called his army to go search for the black masked guy while Pao was searching for security cameras and micro–listeners that could have captured the black masked guy's trail with the newly invented super'puter at his house in the 24th century.

When Pao wanted to give up, he heard something from the garden outside. He decided to go out and check it out. He walked past the tree in the garden, and, suddenly, the black masked guy jumped down and took out his little sword. Luckily, Pao experienced this before. He dodged the sword and attacked back at his throat. The black masked man fell to the floor immediately. Idris' soldiers went in front of Pao. "You are so fast!" Pao exclaimed.

"It's our duty to protect our master," said the ten soldiers.

Then, Idris arrived. They were discussing how to capture the kidnapper and the murderer. *Snap. Snap.* Idris snapped his fingers twice. He said, "The house is secured now." Pao was impressed by the high-tech around him.

"OK! I got it!" Pao said when they high fived.

The next day, Idris took out the invisible goggles and ropes. They both thought that the black masked guy would be on the tree he went on waiting for Pao. They waited all day long. Pao tried to shake the tree to get the man down. Hard work pays off. At last, the black masked man was trapped.

"Ha! Caught you now, you mischievous little guy!" said Idris. When he pulled down the mask of the mysterious guy, he was astonished! Pao got there right after. He was stunned, too! The black masked guy was one of Idris' soldiers!

After interrogating, they found out that Idris told his soldiers he was angry at Pao because he killed Idris' ancestor that led to fewer people on Earth. Hence, the soldier wanted to kill Pao and steal some babies to make Idris happy. "So, it's because of you!" said Pao.

"I never knew I would make someone kill you!" protested Idris.

Although Pao said he forgave Idris, he was still angry.

After a few weeks, the soldier got judged to go to prison for 50 years because he wanted to kill someone and steal babies. "Mission accomplished!" thought Pao. Pao told Idris it was time for him to go back to the Sung Dynasty, but Idris wanted Pao to stay till next year. Pao refused, but he promised to stay back for a month.

At last, it was time to say goodbye.

At the time of the full moon, Pao put the stone in his garden with people saying goodbye to him, including Idris. Idris gave Pao an AI ring, hoping Pao would remember the 24th century whenever Pao looked at it. Pao got sucked in the time tunnel and went back to the Sung Dynasty.

"It's the first time I felt so comfortable during the Sung Dynasty," thought Pao. Then, he jumped into his bed. He was too tired after a few months of catching the black-masked guy.

He slept soundly. He snored till the next day.....

HKCCCU Logos Academy, Sage, Elaine Lang-en - 10

As the pale light of a waxing moon sailing across the Hong Kong night sky shone down on her, the crescent moon-shaped birthmark on Judy Law's forehead suddenly began to tingle madly. Sometimes, she wished it wasn't there, and she wished that her classmates wouldn't make fun of her for it so much. Her vision blurred and she lost consciousness...

She awoke in a strange place, it was vast, white and endless. Before her, a translucent body appeared! It said, "Judy, blessings be upon you, dear child."

"Huh? Who are you?" she asked, confused. Then, she noticed a matching birthmark on the spirit's forehead! The spirit chuckled softly, "Why, I'm Judge Pao! You're my descendant. The first descendant to inherit my powers!"

"W-w-where am I? W-what powers? Why ---" Judy stammered.

"Hush, I'm sure you have a lot of questions," he interrupted. "When I was your age, I discovered I could talk to the dead. This place between worlds is where the living and dead commune. I decided to help people solve murder mysteries with my powers. But I was poisoned by one of the murderers. At long last, I have a descendant with my powers! Although your surname isn't Pao, being descended from my granddaughter," he continued, smiling affectionately, "your birthmark proves your lineage."

He added, "You can call me Grandpa Pao."

Judy was dumbfounded. It was a lot to take in.

Smiling kindly, he went on. "There is a serial killer at large — and the murderer is none other than a descendant of the man who killed me. Your destiny is to use your powers to avenge me and all his victims. You'll become a magnificent crime-fighter and judge, renowned for your good deeds and sought out by everyone in need! I'll train you to master your powers, and you will be acknowledged as Judge Judg!" Judge Pao exclaimed, his translucent eyes shining with pride.

"Well... that does seem pretty exciting, and it would feel wonderful to have people like me, and it would also feel great to help people, but... I'm not sure about saving all of China from an evil murderer and bringing him to justice! I'm only thirteen!" Judy cried, a little flustered.

"Don't worry, sweetheart," Judge Pao soothed her. "I believe in you. Remember, I too was a mere child when I first began this journey." Judy sighed but nodded gratefully. She was overjoyed to have somebody who not only loved her and cared about her, but also had all the time in the world for her, unlike her loving but worn out single mother. She hugged him, although her arms went right through him. Just then, her birthmark tingled softly, the surrounding whiteness grew blindingly bright, and she found herself back in bed.

Every night after that, under Judge Pao's supportive guidance, Judy would hone her powers and talk to spirits in the white void. She became a master at investigating and solving mysteries, using her powers to question the serial killer's victims. One night, Judge Pao appeared before her. "You are ready," he declared solemnly. Breathing deeply, Judy smiled at her loving 'grandpa'. It was time to bring an evil man to justice.

Using her hard-saved pocket money, Judy bought a train ticket to Shenzhen, the scene of the last murder. Judge Pao had taught Judy to press hard on her birthmark with two fingers, thinking of him, and he would materialize as a hologram only Judy could see and hear. She was relieved to have him with her.

When in bustling Shenzhen, by pressing two fingers to her birthmark, Judy could hear spirits whispering to her and guiding her towards the murderer's location. She spotted a suspicious figure. His jacket hood fell back, revealing his head briefly before he put it up again. A wig and sunglasses disguised his brooding face, but Judy could never miss the monster she had seen through the victims' dead eyes. You were born for this. She reassured herself. Taking a deep breath, she stealthily pursued after him, Judge Pao following. He entered an old building, went to a flat and picked up the lock, pushing the door open. Watching intently, Judy called the police and reported where she had found the serial killer and that someone was in peril.

"Well, well, look who we have here," he rasped menacingly. A pretty young woman turned around to look at him. Recognizing her ex-boyfriend, she frowned, demanding, "What do you want?" With a grimacing smile, the murderer drew a blade from his belt and advanced towards her. "To kill me?" the woman snorted, "Enjoy prison!" She spat at him. With a soft, harsh sneer, he lunged at her. Judy gasped, shouting "Stop!" just as he was about to plunge his knife into her chest.

The murderer whirled around, finding himself face to face with Judy's smartphone. She had been recording and live streaming to a police website. He snarled through gritted teeth. Judy was scared. What if the police didn't come in time? The murderer charged at Judy, knife in hand. Judge Pao instinctively stepped in front of her, protectively but in vain. Just then, several policemen rushed in, tackling the evil man to the ground. Judy and Judge Pao heaved sighs of relief. The police thanked Judy as they took the serial killer away in handcuffs.

Judy's heart was still racing as she rode the train back home. Judge Pao floated alongside her, nodding his head with pride, confident that his legacy was secure in the hands of Judge Judy. It was long past midnight when she finally arrived home. Her mother was still up waiting frantically for her, having seen Judy on the news. Judy told her everything. "I'm so proud of you!" gushed Judy's mother, embracing their newfound lineage. They hugged each other tightly, tears of love and joy welling from their eyes. For the first time in her life, Judge Judy felt like the luckiest girl in the world.

The Missing Trophy

HKCCCU Logos Academy, Wong, Chun Hei Andrew – 10

In the southwestern part of China, nestled between mountains, there is a remote village where most people are farmers. Many students in that region do not graduate as they have to quit school to work on the farm. Ming Woo School, however, rises above the prevailing adversity and excels in many things, especially sports.

Two years ago, on a Monday, Ming Woo School's ping-pong team returned from the Southern China Ping-Pong Tournament. Two students had trained so hard, resulting in them winning a shiny, golden trophy for the school. How precious it was! The principal, Mr. Li, decided to put it inside the iron gate at the school's entrance so everyone could bask in its magnificence.

Two weeks later, Ming Woo School held a badminton competition with the nearby arch-rival school, Wing Collegiate, which sent six teams. Wing Collegiate tried their very best to win, but the students at Ming Woo school proved faster, more agile and unstoppable. Afterwards, the losing teams waited around for their bus, got on, and left, feeling rather miserable.

The very next day, Mr. Li was shocked and confused. The shiny, golden trophy was gone! He quickly realized it must have been stolen.

Mr. Li was a principal who didn't want to take any chances. Since it was so important, he asked Judge Pao for help. Judge Pao was a popular local judge who investigated crimes of all kinds, bringing almost all his cases to a quick close. Villagers felt he worked miracles. When Judge Pao came to the school to have a look around, Mr. Li explained the importance of this trophy and what it represented to all the staff and students.

After carefully considering the case of the theft of a trophy at Ming Woo School, Judge Pao decided to do what he always does: interview all possible suspects.

Judge Pao first grilled the two students who had won the trophy at the Southern China Grand Ping–Pong Tournament: William Chau and Mason Yang. He politely asked them exactly what had happened.

William answered, "We went to Guangzhou for the competition and had 12 matches over three days. After winning the trophy, we returned to school and left it with the staff at the front office."

Judge Pao replied, "After school, what did you do? The secretary told me that someone about your height had gone into the school."

Mason said, "Perhaps it's the janitor, Mrs. Wang. She's about my height, I guess, and works mostly after 6pm. Anyway, both of us were out with our parents enjoying a celebratory dinner."

Judge Pao said, "The theft occurred in the evening, I'm sure. So I now understand it wasn't you two. Thanks, boys!" Judge Pao crossed off the students on his list of people who could have stolen the trophy.

After that, Judge Pao wondered about visiting the badminton players from Wing Collegiate. He headed over to Wing Collegiate to speak to the principal. Judge Pao said, "Please explain what your students did after the tournament at Ming Woo School."

The principal said. "Well, two of our teachers waited with them after the badminton tournament. The bus arrived soon, and they all left Ming Woo School around 6:00 pm."

Judge Pao trusted this principal and the two teachers. He still had to probe. He decided to question the two teachers. When they arrived, Judge Pao asked them, "Did you see a trophy?"

One of them, Ms. Wong, replied, "Yes, we saw it and talked about it, saying how shiny it was."

Judge Pao still thought the rival school was very suspicious, but when he asked, "When did you see it?" Ms. Wong replied, "When we were all on the bus!"

Judge Pao crossed off Wing Collegiate on his list of suspects and continued with his investigation.

Judge Pao decided to talk to a likely suspect, Ming Woo School's ping-pong coach, Mr. Yin. He asked, "What happened during the competition?"

The coach replied, "I pushed the two students hard throughout the three days of the tournament. Then, shockingly, they won the championship. There was a prize ceremony, they got the trophy, gave it to me, and I carefully carried it back to the school early the next morning."

Judge Pao asked, "Did you wish to keep the trophy at home?"

The coach answered truthfully, "I don't have any trophies at home. I would really want one, though! However, I just handed it to Mr. Li, the principal."

Judge Pao immediately went to Mr. Li's office and asked if Mr. Yin's story was true. "Oh yes, that's exactly what happened," Mr. Li said, nodding.

As Judge Pao started walking down the corridor, he spotted a blue-and-yellow door. Feeling curious, he walked up to it and slowly pushed the door. To his utter surprise, the shiny gold trophy was on one of the shelves! Feeling both joy and confusion, Judge Pao immediately went to the principal's office.

The principal told Judge Pao that that room was the cleaning supply pantry. He called in Mrs. Wang, the janitor, and Judge Pao asked her why she had the trophy. She answered that while she was polishing the trophy, she had spotted a tiny black mark under the right handle. Then, she went home to find a liquid cleaner but didn't have any. So she went to a local shop, but they had sold out. She would have had to wait for them to get more stock in two days.

Poor Mrs. Wang apologized and said that, although the trophy had a mark on it, she would put it back in its honorable place at the school gate. Mr. Li thanked Judge Pao for his effort. Judge Pao went home, feeling happy to have solved another crime that actually wasn't a crime.

To this day, Ming Woo School continues to win many more trophies. Mr. Li ordered a new, giant closed—in shelf at the school entrance to show off all the trophies and awards. It is securely locked.

The Legend Of Judge Pao

Kiangsu and Chekiang International School Primary Section, Kumar, Avika - 11

Do you know the legend of Judge Pao? Well, if not, then you have to read this. Long long ago in a sunny, spectacular area lived a family of four. They lived in a big bungalow in Harley CIty. Harley city was a place where there was a vibrant sky, magical people and charming creatures. Three were two parents that were court judges of the city and had two children, the little girl Jasmine and a teenage boy named Pao. He was a very sweet boy and the girl was kind and emotional. One day their parents had endless amount of work. So finally on the way home, they got into a luxury car. Although when they got into the car and drove haf a mile, they heard a thunderous crash, the next thing you know is that blood was dripping from their body.

When their children heard the news, Jasmine had a hard time and cried a lot, but she was alright. Apparently Pao was furious. He thought this was unfair and his personality was not the same anymore. He turned shrewd, cunning, cruel but most of all stubborn. He often pranked people, chated in games and tests and sadly bullied others as well sometimes. The people in the city often repeated the same sentence again and again. "I pity you". They felt sorry, Jasmine had to live such a life with a brother who shows no mercy or sympathy. It was a normal day, Pao had just come back from work)which was illegal ticket selling). Jasmine was already tucked in bed and she was in a deep sleep, all cozy and comfy. So Pao went to bed as well. Then he heard a tuneful sound of music.

Pao's curiosity was just rasing higher and higher. Then at that monet Pao realised it was coming from the forbidden woods. Pao remembered his parents told him never to go in there. He looked at the woods and was speechless, It was eerie, gloomy and paranormal. As he walked in he got chills up his spine and frostbite in his toes. Pao did not really know why but he felt as if he was being followed by someone. He spotted an old rusty and dusty cottage right in front of the pathway, Pao didn't really want to go in, but he knew he had to because something was fishy and Pao was suspicious. After he side–kicked, the iron fence opened. He opened the creaky door with fright.

Pao saw cob-webs, long corridors, shattered mirrors, rattling chair, mice, peeling paint and also melted candles. Pao thought for some reason, that there was a mystery waiting upstairs for him. He went up and found a spell ook, he opened it and saw his parents writing on there. He thought it possibly couldn't be. But it was, he had to go outside for a little bit of fresh air. Suddenly he saw a demon. The demon had devil ears, hypnotising eyes and a large mouth full of black of teeth. The spirit flew over Pao's head. Pao panicked and rushed inside. He held his knees together, got in a corner and shivered. The Pao remembered how his mother used to read bedtime stories about spooky world. Pao remembered this one time where on one of the pages had said that demons hide in plain sight, so you need holy water to get rid of them. So without fear Pao immediately bolted to the sacred garden because holy water the little pond there. But you will not believe who was there. Pao was in shock.

Pao saw Jasmine! He angrily scolded Jasmine. Pao was infuriated. He spotted a magical tropical forrest river. He took a look at his reflection and thought about his miserable self. His reflection was talking to him. He spoke to his reflection and said "Oh, what have I got myself into? On top of that what have I got my sister into?" His reflection spoke back to him. "Don't worry Pao the greatest, on the bright side you still you still have time to fix this. Not knowing that he is unstoppable, Pao and Jasmine were ready for war. Pao and Jasmine sprinted back to the house and Jasmine said "Sorry to strartle you", I am the one who was following you and on the way I found out I had powers." Pao said to Jasmine that Jasmine reminded Pao of their parents and Pao had tears of joy. Jasmine and Pao both went in because there was no time to waste. They opened the spell book and didn't have time to read the warning. They gathered all the ingredients for the potion and finally were ready to go out in the battle field. They poured the potion but that was not going away because Jasmine read the warning and said you have to sacrifice another person for that. Pao felt surrounded by a cold mist but without second though the sacificied himmself. From that day onwards, Jasmine went to the graveyard to thank her brother everyday.

The end.

Kiangsu and Chekiang International School Primary Section, Zhang, Kenneth – 9

A man around 50 years old started coughing frantically at a clinic. That clinic was full of patients and they all having the same symptons: fever, coughing, loss of taste, and shortness of breath.

"WHat is this disease?" yelled the doctor with some cold sweats sliding down from his forehead. Meanwhile, Judge Po was havin breakfast in his office. A guard broke in an shouted with fright, "There is an epidemic spreading throughout the country and now the Emperor orders you to investigate as there is a man wearing weird shirt and he is sneaky, his hair is short without bounding. Wwe believe he is related to the epidemic."

Immediately Judge Po went to investigate. On the street birds were mourning, singing sad songs as if they knew many people are going to die. Judge Po was flabbergasted to find out pungent smell from a glass tube. It was as cold as ice. He took it back to his office and summoned his secretary GongSun Ce who had brown eyes and long black hair.

"GongSun Ce, put this handerchief over your nose first. I think it is related to the epidemic," said Judge Pao.

Gongsun Ce examined the tube carefully and discovered a thread of blue hair in it/ "Good observation Gongsun Ce," praised Judge Pao. "It is rare to have a person with blue hair in ChangAn although there are foreigners. Zhan Zhao, search the suspects with blue hair."

Zhan Zhao ran into Judge Pao's office as fast as lightning. He had long dark hair, straight nose, and he was carrying a sword attached to his belt. He got the blue hair from Judge Pao and started looking for the suspect. Zhan Zhao was wandering the street when he saw a hut with a ball of blue fluffy stuff at the back step. He picked it up and it was a wig.

"IG open up!" shouted Zhan Zhao.

"What is 16?" a roboti voice came from inside.

"He doesn't know IG, that's Imperial Guard, everyone in Chang An knows it!" Gasped Zhan Zhao.

He kicked the door open and took out his keen blade knife. There was no one in he house. Suddenly, he saw somehting. He went closer and that was a bald head under the bed. He pointed at the bald man with his sword.

"Who are youand are you the one who spread the virus?" asked Zhan Zhao.

The head flew out and it didn't have a body parts. Zhan Zhao took a step back and the head zoomed toward the roof of the house. Kaboom! It exploded but a small black box came out and hit Zhan Zhao's head. On the box written three capitalised words – DO NOT OPEN. However, Zhan Zhao did not know English and opened it. There was an music box inside.

"Ha Ha Ha!" No one can find me as I am hiding in Mount song," a hissing voice coming out of the music box.

Zhan Zhan immediately dashed to Mount Song. Although Mount SOng was 1512m, he flew up to the top using Kung fun as if he was a helicopter. A dilapidated wooden hut near a cliff edge attracted Zhan Zhao's attention. Zhan Zhao checked the door and it was unlocked. He opened it quietly but heard some hissing sound.

"Snakes!" he thought.

Before he could close the door, a green anaconda which was as long as the Yellow RIver burst out and charged at him. He waved his sword and cut the anaconda into half. The other snake were stunned and slithered away.

"Oh dear! My lovely anaconda is dead" screamed a man who had a bald head, he was tall but skinny. I am Dr Dumb how dare you! I come from the 24st century."

"You'r under arrested. Come with me to see Judge Pao" he ordered.

At last Dr Dumb apologised and gave vaccines to Judge Pao.

Kowloon City Baptist Church Hay Nien Primary School, Poon, Sum Yuet - 11

In the middle of the night, Judge Pao couldn't sleep. He sat on his comfortable chair reading a detective story. As time went by, he was about to doze off until.....

Bang! Bang!

The sound of the door knocking woke Judge Pao. His book was dropped on the floor. Feeling surprised, he opened the door. There stood a young couple outside his home, looking desperate. Judge Pao was shocked, 'It's midnight already, why are you here?' 'We need your help!' the couple answered with an urge in their tone. 'Okay, please come in.' said Judge Pao.

Judge Pao led the couple to the living room where he offered them some tea. The man said, 'My name is Ming and this is my wife, Wing. Our neighbours, Stephen and Natasha, were killed and only their baby survived. Everyone thought they died because they were sick, but I don't think so, because they had been very healthy. They seldom got sick. And the strangest thing was that we saw them yesterday. They went shopping happily. I can't believe that they died in this afternoon.' 'So yesterday was the last time you saw them, right?' asked Judge Pao as he started jotting down some notes. 'Yes,' replied Wing. 'Can you think of anyone who could have hurt them?' asked Judge Pao. 'No, they are nice people, everyone liked to be with them. There's no way anyone would want to hurt them,' answered Wing.

To investigate what happened, Wing and Ming took Judge Pao to Stephen and Natasha's home. They told Judge Pao that the baby was sent to an orphanage after the sudden death of her parents. Judge Pao started to look around the house. Nothing really stood out, but the broken glass pieces caught his attention. He thought, 'Could there be a fight between the couple? When they are fighting, they dropped the glass bottle on the floor. But that's suspicious. How were they killed?' After he finished looking around the house, he told Ming and Wing, 'I will keep investigating this case.' 'Thank you so much! We know that you can bring justice to our deceased friends!' Judge Pao went back to his house, thinking of the case.

After few days, Judge Pao still couldn't figure out what had happened. Luckily, he had the power of travelling to the spiritual world where deceased people were. Therefore, he asked Ming and Wing to give him the family photo of Stephen. He then made use of his magic power to look for Stephen and Natasha's souls.

'Please help us, Judge Pao!' begged Stephen's spirit. 'Please tell me everything about what had happened,' said Judge Pao.

'Thank you so much for willing to help us! My name is Stephen and this is my wife, Natasha. Yesterday afternoon, my neighborhood, Dan and Elisa, came to our house. We had a dinner date. After a few hours when it was about time to eat, I went to the kitchen to get ready while my wife used the washroom. When I went back to the living room, I saw that Dan's hand was near my glass. I found it strange but I didn't think too much. Yet, now I think that Dan must have added some poison to our water as we died after we drink the water! Why do they need to kill us? We were good friends!' cried Stephen in disbelief. 'I felt dizzy after I drank the water, but I could still see and hear. I saw that they put the poison in the cupboard in our living room. After that, I blacked out too.' said Natasha. 'Thank you for your information,' said Judge Pao as he returned to the real world.

Next morning, Judge Pao went to Stephen and Natasha's house and he found the poison. He caught Dan and Elisa as their prints were on the plastic wrap. They admitted that they killed Stephen and Natasha. They said they killed them because Stephen and Natasha had a kid. Dan and Elisa wanted a kid so badly that they decided to kill them, hoping to take their kid under their wings. Judge Pao told them they couldn't kill people because they wanted a kid. They understood that they had done the wrong thing. They were sent to prison in the end.

Ming and Wing heard that Judge Pao had solved the case and brought about justice to their friends. 'We can't thank you enough,' exclaimed Ming. They decided to adopt the kid. Judge Pao gave them his blessings and then went back to his home to continue reading the unfinished detective story book.

Kowloon City Baptist Church Hay Nien Primary School, Wong, Yi Kwan - 12

One day, a woman who was in desperate need of help went to Kaifeng mansion to report a crime. The officials beat the floor with their rods while shouting 'Wei...Wu...'. Then, a dignified man came out of the door gravely. His skin was as black as ink. On his forehead, there was a white crescent. His mustache reached all the way to his neck. He was Judge Pao.

Judge Pao sat down and asked the woman to narrate her case. 'My name is He Nian'. In my village, there's a rich man named Chen Fu who always pesters me by constantly telling me to be his wife. I courteously refused, however, he forcefully locked me in his house with chains. It was a miracle that I eventually escaped. The first thing I did was to run here for help.' She said, while trying to hold back tears. 'He Nian, relax! Go home first. I'll help you fight for justice.' Judge Pao replied. He then ordered Zhang Long, one of his guards, to take Chen Fu back for interrogation tomorrow.

The following day, Zhang Long arrived at Chen Fu's house. When he entered the living room, he stood there stunned and speechless. Chen Fu was dead! His neck had obvious strangle marks and he's still holding an antique vase. There was a crack on it. Weapons were nowhere to be found.

Zhang Long rushed outside to question the villagers there. An lady claimed that she heard He Nian and Chen Fu argued last night and He Nian indignantly shouted, 'Back off, or I'll kill you!' Then, an obese man recalled, 'Last night, I saw County Magistrate Wang and Chen Fu quarreling in a restaurant.'

Zhang Long brought both He Nian and County Magistrate Wang back to Kaifeng mansion. Judge Pao interrogated He Nian, 'Last night, someone overheard you threatening to kill Chen Fu. Are you the murderer?' 'I admit I did say that but I swear I didn't murder him. It was nothing but a threat!' she cried agitatedly. At that moment, Judge Pao noticed the freshly scabbed wound on He Nian's hand, and asked her, 'When did you get that wound?' 'I got that when I was pulling Chen Fu.' She replied.

Then, Judge Pao asked County Magistrate Wang, 'Yesterday, somebody saw you and Chen Fu having a huge argument at a restaurant. Later on, he was murdered at home. Was this incident related to you?' 'No.' County Magistrate Wang simply replied. Judge Pao found that County Magistrate Wang's palm was bruised and there was also a wound on his forehead. 'When did you get these wounds?' Judge Pao asked. 'The previous day, I got drunk with Chen Fu and accidentally fell to the floor and hurt myself.' Wang replied.

Judge Pao thought for a while and said, 'I have a method to find out who the real murderer is. In the murder scene, there were some blood stains on the antique beside Chen Fu. The blood was obviously from the murderer since no wounds were found at the dead body. I'll drop each of your blood on this antique. If anyone's blood can dissolve with the blood stains, then whoever that is, is the murderer. Now, you two can go home first. Tomorrow, I'll send both of you to the scene of the crime for a blood test.'

Then, Judge Pao whispered something to his bodyguard's ear.

At midnight, a person in black snuck into Chen Fu's mansion. He was as sneaky as a black cat. As soon as that person found the vase, he instantaneously took out a wet towel from his pocket and started to wipe it. All of a sudden, the lights turned on. 'County Magistrate Wang, you're the murderer!' said Zhan Zhao vociferously while pinning him down. Later, he was taken to the Kaifeng mansion.

Judge Pao asked County Magistrate Wang, 'Why did you sneak into Chen Fu's house at midnight?' 'Yesterday, you said that there was an antique vase at Chen Fu's house. I am extremely fascinated with antique vases so I decided to go see for myself.' Wang replied.

Judge Pao furiously said, 'You wore black clothes and brought a wet cloth to break into a dead man's house, just for taking a look at the antique vase? Actually, I didn't mention what the antique is. How did you know it's a vase? Your aim was to wipe the blood off the vase, wasn't it? To be honest, the reason I deliberately told you there's blood on the antique is just to lure the culprit to show up. I bet the wound on your forehead was caused by Chen Fu hitting you with the vase during the fight while your palms were bruised when you strangled Chen Fu to death with a rope. I'm sure you're the murderer! Tell me, why did you kill him?'

County Magistrate Wang lowered his head, 'You're right. Chen Fu was killed by me. I met him at the restaurant and requested him to sell his antique vase to me but he refused. I had no choice but to steal it from his house at midnight. However, I was found and a fight broke out. In a panic, I took a rope to strangle his neck but I really didn't want to kill him. He's dead because he's too weak...'

'Execute him immediately.' Judge Pao screamed.

County Magistrate Wang shouted loudly, 'My official position is much higher than yours. You don't have the right to exercise punishment at me!'

'No matter how high your position is. Whoever breaks the law, I will deal with in impartiality! Come on! Take out the Tiger-head guillotine!' Judge Pao bellowed. Finally, County Magistrate Wang was executed.

Due to Judge Pao's extreme honesty and uprightness, he gained the honorific title, Justice Pao. Up to now, he is still honored as the cultural symbol of justice in Chinese society.

The Missing Mystery

Kowloon Rhenish School, Chu, Kai Tik Caylus – 10

It was a sunny day, the sunshine came through the window. Judge Bao woke up and said, "What a great day, today is my holiday! No need to go to work!" "Bang!" Suddenly, there was a sound came from the door. It was the helper of Judge Bao! "Bad news, the enormous emerald is gone!" should the helper. Judge Bao was sad because his holiday was gone.

Soon, Judge Bao went to the cave in Guangzhou where the emerald was missing. There were nothing in it. Judge Bao found a little piece of cloth at the entrance of the cave. Then, he knew what was happening and knew who stole the emerald. Judge Bao found some foot print, he followed them and walked out of the cave.

After walked for a few minutes, there was a tower in front of him. He walked inside slowly and looked around. He heard some strange sound that made him scared, he ran out of the cave quickly and called the police.

The thief came out of the tower, he was holding a sword. Judge Bao recognized him, it was Speedy, who was a crazy guy and wanted to have all the emerald in the world.

The police arrived, rushed to Speedy and tried to catch him. Speedy ran so fast that no one can catch him. Clever Judge Bao had an extraordinary plan. He threw a rock that he got it on the floor, threw it to the bottom of the wardrobe, the wardrobe fell down and hit Speedy. Speedy was knocked down by the wardrobe and unable to move.

Finally, Speedy was caught by the policemen and went to the jail.

A Role Model for Modern Day Students

Kowloon Rhenish School, So, Yee Lap Ethan – 9

I am sure you have heard of Bao Zheng, more commonly known as Judge Bao or Bao Qingtian (Bao of the Clear Sky). Although Bao Zheng was from the Northern Song Dynasty over a thousand years ago, his story has been widely adapted in novels, Chinese opera and television series. Although Bao Zheng has often been considered as a legendary detective and symbol of justice, I think it is his moral values and character that should serve as our role model today. As an old saying goes, "Better be a man of character than a man of means".

Bao Zheng was born into a scholarly family from Hefei, Luzhou in A.D. 999. At the age of 29, Bao passed the highest level of national exams and started his career as a government official (Jinshi). He was initially placed as a county magistrate but he deferred this and went home to take care of his elderly parents. Bao Zheng felt that it was more important to take care of his sick parents first. He took care of his parents for a decade until they both passed away. After that, Bao Zheng returned to the government to serve as a local official. He later went on to serve in a wide variety of functions in the provinces and in the capital. Most of his service was during the reign of the fourth Song emperor, Song Renzong. Bao Zheng was most famous for being the magistrate of the Song capital, Kaifeng. As he developed his career, he demonstrated qualities worthy of being a role model for modern day students.

Firstly, he was impartial and fair. He made reforms to the system and allowed people to make oral complaints and committed to solving cases through investigation. Traditionally a plaintiff had to make a claim in writing and submit it to the court officials. Often wealthy people would bribe the clerks to block or manipulate a case. With Bao Zheng's reform, written paperwork was not required and anyone including poor people with little education could also lodge a complaint in the court and be heard by the prefect of Kaifeng himself. It was a fairer system for citizens and improved public order at the time. In terms of investigation, rather than torturing suspects to force a confession, he committed to solving cases through thorough investigation. He relied on his wisdom, sharp observation skills and investigation abilities instead.

Secondly, he was fearless and incorruptible. He had the courage of his convictions that criminals, irrespective of their position, connections or status should be punished. Over the course of his career, he fiercely and fearlessly criticised a wide range of officials, leading them to be demoted or dismissed for bribery, corruption and lack of talent. The most famous example of which was the impeachment of Zhang Yaozuo, who was the uncle of the Emperor's favourite concubine. Due to his status and connections, Zhang was promoted quickly from local minor posts to high office in the government within a few years' time. However, Bao Zheng observed that Zhang Yaozuo. While not successful during the first attempt, Bao Zheng did not give up. During his years of service, he had over thirty officials demoted or dismissed for corruption or bribery.

Thirdly, he was upright, disciplined and was a person of integrity. Bao Zheng was once governor of the prefecture Duanzhou, a place famous for production of fine inkstones used for grinding ink for writing. These inkstones were presented to the government as tributes. Unlike his predecessors who took extra inkstones out of self-interest, Bao Zheng did not take any inkstones for himself. Instead he announced the amount of inkstones required as tax payments and only required the manufacturers to submit this amount. Bao Zheng completed his post in Duanzhou without an inkstone in his possession, proving his integrity.

These qualities demonstrated by Bao Zheng are important to us as students as we will one day become the foundation of our society. Just like we are learning many different subjects in school, we should also develop our moral values and character at the same time so we can become better persons when we grow up. If there are more people with good moral values in our society, then our society will become a better and more peaceful place to live. If we grow to become a fair person like Bao Zheng then our future society will be fairer for citizens no matter rich or poor and people can use their talents to serve the society. There will be fewer arguments between people or even countries. If we grow to become a person of integrity, then fewer people will need to face injustice in society. If we grow to become corrupt persons, then our future society will be corrupt. Everyone will be acting out of self-interest and treat each other badly. There will likely be more crime and cases of injustice just like the times before Bao Zheng's reforms. Who would want to live in such a corrupt world?

Therefore, as much as Bao Zheng is seen as a symbol of justice, I think we should focus on his moral values and character and consider him a role model for modern day students for a better future!

China Legal Giant: Judge Pao

Kowloon Rhenish School, Tan, Ho Lam – 11

About 1000 years ago, every stormy night, the wicked people hid in the dark desperately because they were afraid that their crimes would be revealed and seen through by Bao Gong and executed. Evil people are fearful of Bao Gong, why? And who is Bao Gong? Bao Gong is a famous judge in the Northern Song Dynasty. His original name was Bao Zheng. Legend has it that he is an impartial judge. He hates crimes, corruption and injustice. During the day, he would send out his four famous arresters to visit unannounced to see through crimes and arrest criminals. At night, he transforms into the king of Yama in the supernatural world, goes to the supernatural world to enforce the law, and dispatches ghost messengers with a bull's head and a horse face to take away the souls of the wicked.

He is impartial and selfless, with a face as iron as ink to intimidate courtiers, and a pale moon hanging on his forehead, so he has the title of "Bao Gong".Bao Gong possesses the Shangfang's sword bestowed by the emperor and has the right to "cut first and play later, " meaning he could rectify the law on the spot, without Emperor's order. Therefore, no matter the royal family, nobles, government officials, or even common people of ancient china, justice can be done, and it is true that "the prince breaks the law and commits the same crime as the common people".

He worked tirelessly and continuously brought justice to the people and won respect and appreciation of the imperial court and the people of the whole country.

We can read about Bao Guang's talent for solving crimes in books. But how to cultivate such an incorruptible character should start from his background. Let me share with you from a youngster's perspective: Bao Gong was born in a family with three brothers. He is the youngest son in the family. Bao Gong's mother had difficulty in labour and fell into a coma when she gave birth to him. At that time, his second brother and second sister—in—law were the only persons in the room. His second sister—in—law was vicious and didn't want the property of her husband's family to be divided among three people, so she lobbied her husband to throw Baogong in the forest. They lied to Baogong's mother that the baby was not alive when it was born and had to be thrown away. After Baogong's mother woke up, she was very sad when she heard about the death of her baby. Bao Gong's eldest brother loved his mother, so he went to the forest to look for Bao Gong's cadaver. He saw a tiger feeding Bao Gong with its milk so that Bao Gong could survive. Thus, he has been fostered in his elder brother's house until he was three years old before being returned to his mother's care.

Bao Gong's sister—in—law sent him to school. Bao Gong was very smart and talented, and his sister—in—law was very happy. The second sister—in—law, in contrast, was very scared because she was afraid that he would be retaliated against for framing him. So the second sister—in—law did everything possible to kill Bao Gong...

When Bao Gong was nine years old, he began to work as a shepherd boy herding sheep. Once it rained heavily, he led the sheep to hide in a ruined temple. Suddenly a woman entered the temple and asked to take her in. The kind-hearted Bao Gong took her in. The gentleman Bao Gong did not bully the girl, and the girl was grateful. It turned out that the girl was a monster, and she had been secretly protecting Bao Gong ever since. This let Bao Gong could escape from the second sister-in-law's frame.

When Baogong was 16 years old, he decided to take the exam in Beijing and enter the imperial court as an official. He and his attendant encountered bandits on the way and lost their funds and horses.

It happened that someone posted a notice in the market, imploring a capable person to heal a deranged woman and will be paid. In order to raise funds, Bao Gong had no choice but to bite the bullet and apply. Bao Gong observed the lady carefully, and it turned out that she was possessed by a ghost. Coincidentally, this female ghost was the monster that Baogong rescued back then. She promised Bao Gong not to pester the woman again. The woman's illness was cured by Bao Gong. Bao Gong was paid and had the funds to go to the examination venue. Bao Gong passed the examination and won a high official position in the imperial court.

The trials that Bao Gong experienced in his childhood trained him to be a humble person and willing to take on great responsibilities. This background trained Bao Gong to be brave, anti-corruptive and honest and pushed him to become a justice unselfishly. Eventually rendered he to be a famous judge in Chinese history.

Murder Mystery in the Mansion

Kowloon Rhenish School, To, Sum Yuet - 11

News had spread. The master of the Song Mansion was murdered last night, and the rumour was that one of his sons killed him.

It was the break of dawn, the sound of drums beating loudly at the front of the courthouse could already be heard. The person who beat the drums stepped inside and reported the case to Judge Pao.

'I've been working as a maid in the Song Mansion for years... I just cannot believe that one of his sons could've murdered Master Song. But nobody else was in the mansion that time. It couldn't be suicide either since he had planned to make his own will today, seeing that he'd die shortly from his sickness. He had discussed it with the family.'

Judge Pao had been listening carefully the last several minutes, then, rising from his seat, he said, 'Very well, let's head over to the mansion now.'

The maid led Judge Pao and Zhan Zhao to the mansion. They went to the primary bedroom – the crime scene – to investigate the death of Song.

In the middle of the bedroom was a wooden table. Song, the victim, was lying on the floor next to the table. On the table were a teapot, a goblet, and a pile of arsenic.

Judge Pao studied the pile of arsenic carefully. Then, looking into the goblet, he realised that there was some red powder – arsenic – left in the goblet and on its rim. Judge Pao showed this to the others.

'Do you know anyone who buys arsenic in this mansion?' he asked the maid. She nodded sadly and told Judge Pao that the youngest son, Jian had to take arsenic to cure this sickness he had from a young age.

'The evidence here points to Jian. Do you think he might've done it?' Zhan Zhao asked Judge Pao, who wasn't sure himself.

Afterwards, Judge Pao invited the three suspects – Yi, Wen, and Jian – to have a chat in the dining room, to inspect their behaviour. Then, he told them about the arsenic he found in the bedroom.

'I knew it! Jian was the one who killed Father!' Wen shouted, pointing at Jian. Yi nodded in agreement. 'Who else would be able to own arsenic themselves without suspicion?'

Jian looked aghast. 'I only take arsenic as a medicine to cure my illness! Besides, there isn't any remaining since last week and I've been meaning to buy it yesterday! And why would I even want to kill Father? How would that benefit me? Maybe you're the murderer, blaming it on me before anyone uncovers the truth!' he exclaimed. 'Don't forget, you were the one quarrelling with Father about borrowing money for gambling on the very same day!'

The two brothers continued arguing while Yi just stood there in the back watching them. His face was unreadable. It showed no anger or fear. Although he wasn't smiling at all, Judge Pao swore, for one second, he could see a gleam of happiness on his face. But then, nobody else saw that.

'- Look, if that's it, why don't you accuse Yi of murdering him to receive inheritance? We all know what Yi is. He might want to speed things up,' Wen was saying. Yi widened his eyes in terror as he heard him. That didn't go unnoticed. 'Being the eldest son, of course, what else do you think I mean?'

Zhan Zhao leaned in closer and whispered to Judge Pao, 'Who do you think is the murderer?'

'Oh, I'm not sure about that. For what we know now, it can be anyone.' Judge Pao looked at Zhan Zhao and asked, 'Can you go to the local pharmacy and investigate? See who had bought arsenic to poison Song.'

He nodded and hurried off, leaving everyone else in the room.

Two hours later, Zhan Zhao returned to the dining room, and he had bought an old woman with him. 'I've brought a guest.' Judge Pao noticed Yi turned and dropped the goblet he was holding once he saw her. The woman saw him too and she looked scared. Even the maid looked appalled.

'She bought arsenic two days ago, and the only person besides her who bought it since last week was Jian,' Zhan Zhao informed Judge Pao.

Judge Pao asked Yi and the maid if they know the old woman. A went speechless and looked everywhere but into the eyes of Judge Pao. 'I met you twenty years ago. The night you gave your son to Master Song,' the maid addressed the woman, and turned to Yi.

'Why were you buying arsenic?' Judge Pao asked the woman. He could see Yi shaking his head frantically. He had already given himself away.

The old woman took a deep breath and said softly, 'Yi is my son, but I didn't have the ability to raise him. We were separated after sending him away. Anyways, we keep in contact, and Yi consistently seeks for my help. Last week, he told me to secretly buy arsenic for him, but I never thought he would do this.'

Yi stared at his mother in disbelief. However, he looked calm – even murderous – instead of fearful. 'Of course, I have underestimated your skills, Judge Pao. Very well, if you want the truth, here it is.' He looked angry for a second and continued, 'Song adopted me, which means I am not his blood-related son, that I couldn't receive his inheritance. I must kill him so that nobody will find out the truth, and as the eldest, I will get to inherit all his property. By using arsenic, I can blame it on Jian.'

Before anyone else could move, Zhan Zhao grabbed Yi to prevent him from escaping, and took him to the courthouse.

Judge Pao solved another case, and this, along with all the other ones he had solved before, will be heard by everyone through all generations.

Judge Pao Outsmarts the Murderer

Kowloon Rhenish School, Tse, Man Chun – 11

Two men were riding a carriage to Kaifeng City. Suddenly, their horse stopped. They felt strange so they went down to see. When they went down, there was a noise. It was footsteps. They can hear that the footsteps were getting closer and closer.

In Judge Pai's court, Judge Pao and his subordinates were all in their position to judge the next case. Instead of adults, a child came in. 'What seems to be the problem?' asked Judge Pao. The child answered, 'Lord Pao, today when I was walking back home from the market, I saw two dead bodies lied on the ground. I think they got killed by someone with a knife when they were going to Kaifeng City to find you.' Judge Pao's advisor Mr. Gongsun said, 'This isn't an easy case. We need to go to the crime scene to look for details and clues.'

When they arrived at the crime scene, there was a lot of people gathering around. Judge Pao went up to see if there are any clues. After he examinated the two corpses, he gasped in terror. His bodyguard Zhan Zhao asked, 'Lord Pao, what seems to be the problem?' 'Over twenty cut wounds were found on the corpses and these two are the people who I invited to our court for a case of human trafficking. Despite they are not a good person, they have the right to life. The murderer needs to be punished by the justice of law!' cried Judge Pao. 'Well then, we need to start looking for more details and clues to find out who is behind all of this!' said Mr. Gongsun.

After a while, one of Judge Pao's bodyguard Ma Han found something. He shouted, 'Everybody come here, I found some footprints which might lead us to the murderer. We just needed to follow them. Judge Pao ordered everybody to follow the footprints.

The footprints lead to an old and abandoned warehouse. Everybody walked inside. There was spiderwebs everywhere. It was horrible inside. They all thought how could someone live or hide in such a place.

They started to search the place. The warehouse was huge. They need to spend a lot of time to search the whole place.

After a few hours, they still couldn't find a single person. When they all thought it was hopeless, Mr. Gongsun saw a deep line on the ground. They took all the things off it. It was a hidden door. They opened it and saw a ladder. They climbed down it slowly.

Inside was huge. There was a giant goat statue in the middle. Their eyes were all caught on the statue that they didn't notice two eyes were spotting them at the back in the darkness.

Then, the two eyes disappeared into the darkness. There were some words on the wall. It was written by ink – 'I have been baking bread for years and years. I am so angry..... I needed to......They need to pay the penalty......' Some words were blurred. 'I think the person who wrote this might be an old baker.' said Mr. Gongsun. 'We need to find him quickly.' said Judge Pao.

According to the track of carriage, Zhan Zhan led Judge Pao and the fellows to trace the murderer. Finally, they reached a cave. Judge Pao shouted, 'Anybody here?' An old man walked out slowly and said in a deep voice, 'What bread would you like, Judge Pao?' Judge Pao asked, 'No, I just want to know have you been to an old warehouse?' After Judge Pao asked, the man started to become nervous and his whole body was sweaty. 'Uh.....No.' the man said nervously.

Suddenly, he took one of his bread knive out and wanted to kill Judge Pao. Luckily, Zhan Zhao stopped him. They started to fight. Zhan Zhao defeated and seized him easily. The man was escorted to Judge Pao's court.

In the court, the man knelt on the ground and faced to Judge Pao. He disclosed his name was – Hao Shang. Judge Pao asked him, 'Any explanation at this moment?.' Then, Hao Shang began to tell his miserable story "Twenty years ago, I got married with a woman in Jing City. I worked as a baker and got rich. We had a child one day. My life was happy until the war started. That time, I was forty years old. One day, thousands soldiers charged into my village. My wife and son died in the war. After the war, I didn't want to bake but two men said, 'Nobody can take your job, you must do it for us!' I asked, 'Well then, Can you give me an assistant?' The two men replied, 'Sorry, all bakers died in the war.' Afterward, the two men forced me to do with a sword. If I did not obeyed their order, they will kill me. Few months later, I found that the men sold my bread to the enemy for earning money, so I was extreme angry and got very mad. Then I started to train and built a hideout to get my revenge plan."

After, Judge Pao heard Hao Shang's story. He was very touched but also angry. He said, 'Even your story is touching, you can't just got revenge and kill anybody. They should be punished by law, not by you! Since you killed the gangsters, you must be sentenced to death. Wang Zhao and Ma Han, take out the Dog Guillotin!'

Wang Zhao and Ma Han took out the Dog Guillotine. Zhang Long and Zhao Hu put Hao Shang's head under the chopper. At this time, Hao Shang closed his eyes and found his wife and child waving hands to him. Judge Pao threw out the execution sign and the Dog Guillotine shut down with a loud bang. The guards shouted, 'Wei Wu......'

The Justice Legend in China

Kowloon Rhenish School, Tse, Sheung Ching - 10

About 1000 years ago, every stormy night, the wicked people hid in the dark desperately because they were afraid that their crimes would be revealed and seen through by Bao Gong and executed. Evil people are fearful of Bao Gong, why? And who is Bao Gong? Bao Gong is a famous judge in the Northern Song Dynasty. His original name was Bao Zheng. Legend has it that he is an impartial judge. He hates crimes, corruption and injustice. During the day, he would send out his four famous arresters to visit unannounced to see through crimes and arrest criminals. At night, he transforms into the king of Yama in the supernatural world, goes to the supernatural world to enforce the law, and dispatches ghost messengers with a bull's head and a horse face to take away the souls of the wicked.

He is impartial and selfless, with a face as iron as ink to intimidate courtiers, and a pale moon hanging on his forehead, so he has the title of "Bao Gong".Bao Gong possesses the Shangfang's sword bestowed by the emperor and has the right to "cut first and play later, " meaning he could rectify the law on the spot, without Emperor's order. Therefore, no matter the royal family, nobles, government officials, or even common people of ancient china, justice can be done, and it is true that "the prince breaks the law and commits the same crime as the common people".

He worked tirelessly and continuously brought justice to the people and won respect and appreciation of the imperial court and the people of the whole country.

We can read about Bao Guang's talent for solving crimes in books. But how to cultivate such an incorruptible character should start from his background. Let me share with you from a youngster's perspective: Bao Gong was born in a family with three brothers. He is the youngest son in the family. Bao Gong's mother had difficulty in labour and fell into a coma when she gave birth to him. At that time, his second brother and second sister—in—law were the only persons in the room. His second sister—in—law was vicious and didn't want the property of her husband's family to be divided among three people, so she lobbied her husband to throw Baogong in the forest. They lied to Baogong's mother that the baby was not alive when it was born and had to be thrown away. After Baogong's mother woke up, she was very sad when she heard about the death of her baby. Bao Gong's eldest brother loved his mother, so he went to the forest to look for Bao Gong's cadaver. He saw a tiger feeding Bao Gong with its milk so that Bao Gong could survive. Thus, he has been fostered in his elder brother's house until he was three years old before being returned to his mother's care.

Bao Gong's sister—in—law sent him to school. Bao Gong was very smart and talented, and his sister—in—law was very happy. The second sister—in—law, in contrast, was very scared because she was afraid that he would be retaliated against for framing him. So the second sister—in—law did everything possible to kill Bao Gong...

When Bao Gong was nine years old, he began to work as a shepherd boy herding sheep. Once it rained heavily, he led the sheep to hide in a ruined temple. Suddenly a woman entered the temple and asked to take her in. The kind-hearted Bao Gong took her in. The gentleman Bao Gong did not bully the girl, and the girl was grateful. It turned out that the girl was a monster, and she had been secretly protecting Bao Gong ever since. This let Bao Gong could escape from the second sister-in-law's frame.

When Baogong was 16 years old, he decided to take the exam in Beijing and enter the imperial court as an official. He and his attendant encountered bandits on the way and lost their funds and horses.

It happened that someone posted a notice in the market, imploring a capable person to heal a deranged woman and will be paid. In order to raise funds, Bao Gong had no choice but to bite the bullet and apply. Bao Gong observed the lady carefully, and it turned out that she was possessed by a ghost. Coincidentally, this female ghost was the monster that Baogong rescued back then. She promised Bao Gong not to pester the woman again. The woman's illness was cured by Bao Gong. Bao Gong was paid and had the funds to go to the examination venue. Bao Gong passed the examination and won a high official position in the imperial court.

The trials that Bao Gong experienced in his childhood trained him to be a humble person and willing to take on great responsibilities. This background trained Bao Gong to be brave, anti-corruptive and honest and pushed him to become a justice unselfishly. Eventually rendered he to be a famous judge in Chinese history.

Make a Right Choice

Kowloon Rhenish School, Tse, Tak Hang – 10

Judge Pao was an uncompromising judge. However, Judge Pao was not uncompromising in the very beginning. In his first year of being a judge, something happened changed his whole life.

It was a sunny day, when Judge Pao was eating lunch at home, someone knocked the door. Judge Pao opened the door and found his cousin was breathing like a cow. 'What happened? Why are you looking so worried?' Judge Pao asked. His cousin answered, 'A thief stole lots of money and clothes from my house!' There has already been no thieves in this village for ten years. Judge Pao thought his cousin lost his things so he told his cousin to find the lost items carefully.

Judge Pao found that it was not the case. His relatives also lost their money and clothes too. Even Judge Pao's things were stolen by the thief too! Judge Pao was furious. He decided to start the investigation. He searched for clues in his relatives' houses. He was determined to catch the thief.

Suddenly, he thought that he could ask his uncle to help. Judge Pao's uncle was his teacher and his mentor when he was young. His uncle taught him how to be a righteous man. Judge Pao and his uncle were so intimate, like father and son.

Judge Pao went to visit his uncle. While he was asking his uncle about the case, he suddenly found that all of his relatives' houses had been burgled except his uncle's. He asked his uncle, 'Uncle, do you have any ways to prevent the thief so the thief cannot steal things from your home?' His uncle replied, 'No, I do not have any.' Then his uncle went to make tea for him. Judge Pao started to look around. All of a sudden, he found some of his cousin's clothes in the wardrobe. His uncle looked suspicious. Was he the thief?

After thinking thoroughly, Judge Pao asked, 'Uncle, I found a lot of clues that makes me suspect that you are the thief. You taught me to be a righteous man. Can you help me relieve my doubt?' His uncle confessed that he was the thief. Judge Pao's uncle said sorry to all of his relatives and returned the things he had stolen. Everybody forgave him. Judge Pao learned a lesson – everyone sins and no one is perfect.

Kowloon Rhenish School, Wang, Sze Hang - 11

The famous Judge Pao was on a trip to Hong Kong. He visited a lot of beautiful scenic spots and had a good time in Hong Kong.

He received a stranger's call while he was relaxing in Repulse Bay. The call was from Mr. Lee who was the richest person in Hong Kong. He told Judge Pao that someone stole a diamond ring in his bedroom last night. The diamond ring was given to him by his late mother so it was very meaningful to him. Mr. Lee suspected that one of his servants was the thief because all the gates and windows were locked properly last night. Mr. Lee was very sad that he hoped Judge Pao could help him to find out the thief.

Judge Pao hurried to Mr. Lee's house immediately. It was a three-storey building with a big garden. After greeting Judge Pao, Mr. Lee took him to his bedroom where the diamond ring was stolen.

Mr. Lee's bedroom was big with a magnificent seaview. When Judge Pao entered the bedroom, he saw someone had written something on the wall. Judge Pao could not see the words clearly until he raised his head on tiptoe. To his surprise, someone had written 'you deserve it' in red on the wall. Judge Pao looked around and thought for a while. Then, something on the floor caught his eyes. Judge Pao kneed down and picked up a short golden hair on the floor. He looked at it carefully and put it in a plastic bag. Suddenly, Judge Pao smelt a floral scent in the bedroom. It was fresh and pleasant. Judge Pao sniffed his nose and thought for a while. Afterwards, he asked all the servants to gather in Mr. Lee's bedroom.

Mr. Lee introduced all servants and their job duties one by one to Judge Pao. The servants looked nervous because they did not know what was going to happen. Unexpectedly, Judge Pao pointed at Peter, the servant who worked in the laundry room. 'You are the thief,' Judge Pao said firmly. Peter shook his head and exclaimed loudly that he did not steal anything.

Judge Pao explained, 'First, the thief who wrote the words on the wall is about 1.8m tall because I am 1.7m tall and I cannot see the words until I tiptoed and raised my head. Second, I found a gold short hair on the floor. The hair may come from the thief. Lastly, there is some floral scent in the bedroom. The scent is coming from the washing powder. Peter, you are 1.8m tall and your hair is short and gold. You are working in the laundry room. You are the thief?

With no choice, Peter admitted that he has stolen the diamond ring in Mr. Lee's bedroom. He wanted to sell it and get a lot of money. A moment later, the police arrived and took Peter to the police station. Mr. Lee thanked Judge Pao for helping him and Judge Pao was pleased that he could help Mr. Lee. After that, he continued his wonderful trip in Hong Kong.

My Hero – Judge Pao

Lung Kong World Federation School Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Chan, Olivia – 12

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think of the word "hero"? Perhaps someone that has superpowers? Like the ability to fly, climb walls or even move things with their minds? But do you know that not all people need superpowers to be heroes, for example, doctors, policemen or firemen. But my hero is Judge Pao. Judge Pao was a crusading figure with a passion to fight crime. Some people even said that he was one with justice, no matter how hard or time-consuming it has to solve the crimes he always got the job done. His life story is also very inspiring. In case you have never heard of his story, I'll tell you.

Years ago, Pao was just a little boy, he lived with his parents and his elder brother Andy. Pao and his family lived in a town where everyone was rich. However, Pao's father lost his job a few days ago so they became very poor, Pao and his family had to sell their house and were forced to live in a small hut because they couldn't afford the rent. Owing to their poverty, Pao and Andy often got bullied by the other rich kids. One day Pao and his mother went to the lake to catch some fish, there was usually very few people because all the rich people hated the smell of the lake and didn't want to get their clothes wet. All of a sudden, a boy jumped out from behind a tree. The boy was called Leo who was from the richest family in the town. Leo started to mock Pao's poverty. Pao's mother saw that and she got angry. She started to rebuke Leo for being rude. But Leo felt vexed and was in terrible rage. He grabbed a rock from the ground and threw it at Pao's mother. The rock hit her forehead. Pao's mother fell onto the ground, she was still alive but knocked unconscious.

Pao stood there in a great shock and his tears were pouring out of his eyes. When Leo realized what he did, he ran away. Pao ran back to his house and told his family what happened. They all ran to the lake but by the time they got there, it was too late. Pao's mother had died. Pao's father sued Leo and his family. But the judges and lawyers were very unfair, all they cared about was money but not about justice. Before the trial, Leo's family gave the judge a huge sum of money, so the judge ended the trial. Pao was full of sorrow. Therefore, he vowed that he wanted to be a judge and help the disadvantaged groups in the society. Pao studied hard to become a judge and he never gave up. A few years later, Pao achieved his main goal, he became a judge. He helped many people and because of his persistence of justice, judges and lawyers changed their minds and they all did things fairly.

I am going to tell you a story of Judge Pao. He was in court representing a man called Max. Max's sister Rosey got poisoned by her husband John. So Max sued John. The trail started and John told his story first, he said that Rosey had cancer and she died in her sleep. But Max didn't believe him. He said that for someone whose wife just died John didn't seem to be sad. Furthermore, Max knew Rosey didn't have cancer and John didn't tell the truth. The trial went on for four weeks and in the end John was found not guilty. Everyone thought that it was all over but Max still believed that John was lying and so did Pao. So Pao started to investigate, he wanted to know more so he went to Rosey's grave and dug her coffin up even though he knew it was illegal he did it anyway.

When Pao opened the coffin he was shocked, Rosey's body was still perfectly intact, it hadn't even rot. Pao cut some of Rosey's hair and then he put the cover on the coffin and buried it. When Pao got home he did some tests on Rosey's DNA and he found out that Rosey had been poisoned, the type of poison was from a flower called Death's Tears. Death's Tears can kill people but reserve their body so they don't rot and decompose. But Pao needed more evidence so he broke into John's house to find more evidence, John was out that time. Pao went into the bedroom and found a red glowing liquid in a bottle, he knew it was the poison so he took it. Pao showed all the evidence to the judge and even though it was illegal the judge didn't put him in jail. John admitted that he did indeed poison Rosey because he wanted her money. In the end John was sent to jail and the judge was so impressed that he said if he died, Pao would be the new judge.

Judge Pao's Dilemma

Lung Kong World Federation School Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Chan, Tsz Yau Soey – 10

In the year 2023, Judge Pao is reborn but he has the exact same memories as he did in his original life. He is still working as a judge. He finds himself bothered by the case that he has been working for 3 years.

Sean killed his wife Mia out of money, the problem is that Sean killed Mia at a dark alleyway at three in the morning and he used his knife to break the security camera, so there won't be any visible evidence for his crime. Mia's mom, Ana, saw that her daughter was killed, so she sued Sean.

Two weeks before the trial, Sean contacted his friend Tom, who is the best lawyer he knew. Meanwhile, Mia's mom, Ana, still hasn't found a good lawyer yet.

At the lawyer's office, Sean told the entire story to Tom. "This evil woman hasn't paid her own rent for 2 years! The rent is always paid by me, even if she had enough money, she would make up some absurd reason to avoid paying it! I am sick and tired of her antics, and it was time for her to pay for her sins. So please, help me win this case!" After hearing the story, Tom said, "Alright. I will try my best."

On the day before the trial, Ana had no choice but to call her best friend Steve to be her attorney. They have met a lot of times before.

On the day of the trial, Ana unfortunately overslept and was racing to the court to hopefully not be too late for the trial. But when she arrived there, the judge wasn't there yet, so she vented out a sigh of relief. What happened was that Pao ate too much the day before and he had to go to the clinic to see the doctor.

When Pao arrived to the court, he was shocked to see Steve there. As it turned out, Steve is Judge Pao's little brother. When the trial began, Pao told Steve to begin his case first. When Tom heard his case, he was exasperated. "This isn't the truth! You! Liar!" Even though Tom is in disbelief, he defended Sean to the best of his abilities.

When the trial ended, Sean was sentenced to 10 years in jail and needed to pay a fine of \$1,000,000. But out of the expected, just 5 hours after the case was closed, Tom decided to sue Sean for giving out fake information on his case! Judge Pao saw this and sighed. "Oh heavens! Another one on this killer? What is he doing here? Has he lost his mind?"

The second trial began. All evidence was against him. Sean's winning rate for this trial was zero. Tom began his case with the sole purpose of making Sean be ashamed of his crimes. When Sean started his case, he told his final entire story.

Mia was a bad person altogether and she had done many evil things that made Sean want to commit suicide, but he chose not to because he did not want to make Ana unhappy. In Sean's words, Mia looked more like a psychopath than a victim. He didn't want to slander Mia even more during the first case, so he decided to just stay on the "Rent Escaping" story. He did the killing, but it was for his own good. He didn't want to go insane and decided to just finished Mia off instead.

After hearing this in the court, Judge Pao had a dilemma. "Should I lessen his crimes, or should I keep it the same? I mean, he killed someone, but it was for his own good! Hmm... Let me think..."

After 10 minutes, Judge Pao slammed the hammer and announced, "The court finds the defendant guilty of perjury and murder of the first degree. The defendant shall be sentenced to 15 years in jail assess no fine."

Two years later, Judge Pao decided to visit Sean. In his visit, Pao told Sean, "Look, I am just a judge. I know your hard story but murder is murder. Two days after your parole, we meet at the cafe of this street, alright?" "Ok," replied Sean.

Two days after Sean's parole, he decided to meet Pao, as he promised. The two had a fun talk and they became best friends.

Judge Pao is still one of the impartial judges in town!

Judge Pao - the Superhero

Lung Kong World Federation School Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Chan, Yu Hin Vincent – 11

Once upon a time, there was a group of friends who thought that they were Superhero. They called themselves Judge Pao, Spiderman and Batman. No one knew why they named themselves after the characters of some popular movies, people always saw that group of 'Superheroes' gathered in the park beside the riverbank almost every day.

One fine afternoon, the group of Superheroes were talking and walking as usual. A little girl was playing on the slide with her brother. Laughter was heard from the children. Everybody could agree that they were having a good time. The group of Superheroes thought the same. 'Today will be a good fine day,' said Spiderman.

Suddenly, a tall thin man ran out of the bushes beside the children. He approached the little girl and grabbed her arm. Then some other men appeared. They tried to kidnapped the girl. The Superheroes saw what had happened and rushed to save the girl.

One by one, the Superheroes used their Superpower......

Batman called his bats to help but they were asleep during the day. Spiderman released his spider web to catch the bad guys but he missed.

What could Judge Pao do???

Judge Pao put his forefinger on his forehead. He touched the moon-shaped scar and a bunch of lightning was released and aimed at the gang of bad guys. All the kidnappers were shocked and fainted and dropped their knees on the ground. Batman and Spiderman ran to the little children. They were all very happy to have saved the girl.

Then the people knew why they called themselves 'Superheroes'.

When Judge Pao Met Detective Conan

Lung Kong World Federation School Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Chan, Zhang Katherine – 11

The day began again as usual and Judge Pao started taking on a new case. Today's case is very special and surprising. As always, Judge Pao was unbiased and decided to approach this case with kindness.

Two gang leaders from Japan were involved in this case. Dylan Johnson was murdered one night in a small town. The other leader, Aaron McCarthy, denied killing Dylan Johnson.

On the day of the trial, everything was going well but suddenly, a lad in glasses broke into the court. Just as Judge Pao was about to ask the security to escort him out, the defendant's lawyer said that he was the detective they hired. He was the well-known detective – Detective Conan. Conan said confidently, 'The murderer was not Aaron but the lady in red over there – Mr Johnson's secretary'. Everyone in the court was shocked. Conan added, 'If my logic is correct, this secretary killed Mr Johnson with a vase. What else can you say, Miss Secretary aka Ann Robinson?' Everyone held their breath, waiting for Ann to speak.

Soon, the secretary broke the silence and scoffed, 'You're famous for a reason, Conan. I'll admit that I'm the one who did it.' Judge Pao was truly amazed by Conan's talent in unfolding the truth. All of a sudden, Ann began to sob. From his years of experience, Judge Pao was able to sense that something has yet to be unveiled about this lady. So off he started, 'Ann, are you more than a secretary of Mr Johnson? What's your relationship with Mr Johnson?' Ann could not believe what she just heard and she was in a trance.

'Judge Pao, I really cannot hide anything in front of you. You're right. Mr Johnson is my d... dad!' Everyone in the court was all dumbfounded but soon Ann continued, 'I killed him because I hated him. Many years ago, he divorced my mum and abandoned us just because he had an affair. My mum was so sad that she died when I was nine. I was all alone and all those years I had been begging on the street. I was hungry and nearly died one winter. Luckily, I was saved by a kind beggar. Since then, I vowed that I will kill him one day.' After hearing this, everyone in court sympathised with Ann. She added, 'To make this day real, I had my name changed to hide my real identity. I applied for his secretary and not long I earned his trust.' Judge Pao interrupted, 'So how did you kill Mr Johnson?' Ann replied, 'As Conan said, I killed my dad with the vase. I lurked into his office and smashed his head with the vase. He screamed the second before I smashed him. After I smashed him, he collapsed and died.' Judge Pao criticized, 'However, the coroner already verified that Mr Johnson's death was not due to the pounding on his head, but the deep cut on his neck. In other words, you're not the murderer.'

After Judge Pao's analysis, Ann's face was distorted and she stuttered, 'Then... who... who killed him?' Conan snapped the chance to make a speech, 'He was killed when someone slit him with a vase fragment after you left the scene. That smart person even tried to pin the blame on Aaron as he knew well that Aaron and Dylan did not get along. He got Aaron to touch a fragment and later place it at the scene. One can tell that the size of the cut on Dylan's neck doesn't match the size of the vase fragment presented in the court because the actual one was already taken away by the murderer. I believe that the murderer is among the spectators as he must want to know so badly that whether Ann will be sentenced to death.' Everybody was shocked. They all turned to the spectators and suddenly, a man with a mask was trying to flee. However, Judge Pao's best bodyguard, Guard Zhan was swift enough to stop him and in his pocket, a bloodstained vase fragment was discovered. Ann witnessed all this and screeched, 'Why did you have to do it, George? You're my most beloved one as you've looked over my shoulder for years when I worked for my dad. I should've been the murderer and be sentenced. Why?' George responded sentimentally, 'Because I also hated him! He had been abusing me ever since I started worked for him. He made me work long hours and sulked at me by throwing things at me. I'm poor and uneducated. I know I can't find any jobs elsewhere. However, I have my family to take care of. So, that day when you left the scene, I saw that Mr Johnson was still crawling, trying to reach the phone. So I... J... gave him that critical blow!' Judge Pao concluded, 'Now everything is clear. George, you should not take away the lives of others. You will pay for what you have done. I declare Aaron McCarthy innocent. However, Miss Robinson or I should say

Miss Johnson, do you know that you were wrong?' Ann bawled, 'Yes. In fact, why I didn't kill him was because when I was hitting him, I could remember the kind father he was. I was really afraid but the vase already landed on his head. I was afraid so I ran away.' Judge Pao heard her explanation and said, 'I can tell that you also did not kill your father intentionally in the last minute. Although you can be exempt from your death sentence, you should serve twenty years.' At last, Ann was sentenced to prison to pay the price for her actions. Everyone in the court cheered. They cheered for Detective Conan and Judge Pao for settling a complicated case. From that day onward, Detective Conan and Judge Pao had been the best partners and tackled many more intractable cases.

A New Tale of Judge Pao

Lung Kong World Federation School Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Kokhar, Rubab Ayesha – 14

One day Judge Pao was planning on calling his friends to spend the night at the beach looking at the bioluminescent algae and inspecting this odd phenomenon. He first called Ivan and then Paul. They had met when they were young, one day while he was playing in the garden, and he fell down the well. He tried to call for help by using his weird looking hat to get some wi-fi, but his iPhone had died. He screamed for help, but nobody came. He was very scared because there was a creepy frog next to him, in the dark, just staring at him. Luckily Ivan and Paul saved him after hearing the noise coming from the well. That's how they became friends. After Judge Pao called his friends, they decided to meet that night at 1 a.m. The best time to watch the nocturnal light show!

Judge Pao got there early, so he waited. When Ivan and Paul came, they talked for a while waiting for the lights to appear but were interrupted when an alien came out of nowhere and took them away. After an hour or so of flying aimlessly in the alien's saucer, the alien lost interest and dropped them down somewhere they had never seen before, and they didn't know how to get back home on their own.

They were all very scared until someone found them. This young man told them his name was Larry Potter and that he was running away from a dark wizard who was chasing after him. Larry was planning to use his magic to bring Judge Pao and his friends back home, but when he tried to use the spell, he realized his wand had broken during his fight with the dark wizard. He had to get it fixed, but they were too far away from the repair shop, so they all had to walk there.

Unexpectedly the dark wizard came out of nowhere and started chasing them. While they were running, he tripped and broke his leg. He was sobbing unconsolably like a little baby. Larry could not care less and kept running along Judge Pao and his friends until they reached the shop.

Once in the shop, they were able to fix his wand easily. Larry took Judge Pao and his friends home. They were all very grateful for Larry's help. In the end, Judge Pao and his friends went back to the beach, but by then it was 6 a.m. already and they had missed the algae, so they decided to go back home. Everybody was delighted with the experience though, except for the dark wizard who had to rest in bed for two months for his broken leg to heal.

The Great Judge, Mr. Pao

Lung Kong World Federation School Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Kwong, Yu Yui Yannie – 9

The King sent Captain Tom to Lucky Beach with a treasure map, but when the crew returned with the treasure chest, it was empty! Who stole the treasure? It's up to the King to investigate suspicious persons, including: the mate; the cook; the sailor; a worker and Captain Tom.

The King assigned Mr. Pao to investigate the case of the lost treasure. Mr. Pao looked closely at where the treasure would have been, but the sand on the island was wet and squelchy. He thought for a while and believed that the sea had swept the treasure away.

All of a sudden, Mr. Pao jumped up to his feet as he had an idea. Years ago while on his travel to Lucky Beach, he saw a submarine. He decided to get the submarine and found the treasure. Mr. Pao brought a team of detectives to the sinking submarine and started to search inside. They opened the door of submarine with the special key he found inside. Mr. Pao was amazed as he looked through the porthole, he could see only thousands of different colourful seaweed dancing and a range of sea creatures rushing around him. He had no idea of where the treasure could be.

After some time, Mr. Pao saw a shark swimming towards him, he quickly put on his diving essentials and swam out to the sharks. He approached the sharks cautiously but soon realized it was very friendly when it saw him.

The shark gave Mr. Pao a big welcome and opened its mouth. 'You are looking for the treasure?' it asked. Guess what! Just when the shark finished asking the question, something strange slid from the teeth of the shark down to its throat. Mr Pao saw the sparkling treasure and darted like lightening down to the bottom to grab it. Mr. Pao got back the treasure at last.

The shark sympathetically explained that he didn't realize that it was the treasure and swallowed it accidentally. However, Mr. Pao didn't blame the shark but kissed the shark. Then the shark went away.

Mr. Pao got straight back into the submarine and popped up out of the sea. Immediately, he informed the King about the good news. Mr. Pao had just returned to Lucky Beach with a chest full of treasure. The King promised to reward Mr. Pao greatly for finding the treasure! Mr. Pao was promoted to the Chief Judge on the Island.

The King got the treasure and felt fantastic. He held a party for Mr. Pao, the cook; the sailor; a worker and Captain Tom who were not being suspicious anymore. Everybody danced and ate cakes. They all had a good time!

Modern Sherlock – Judge Pao

Lung Kong World Federation School Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Lam, Chung Yat – 10

Once upon a time, there was a hero called Judge Pao. He is as smart as Sherlock Holmes and he really existed.

One day, a citizen, Mr Wong came to Judge Pao's office. He wanted Judge Pao to help him. "Judge Pao, I need your help! My money has been stolen! "he said. "What? Someone stole your money?" Tony, the helper of Judge Pao said, "You don't need to be afraid. Judge Pao will help you." "Who called me?" Judge Pao asked. Mr Wong told the details to Judge Pao. At that time, Judge Pao has a fantastic idea to help Mr Wong.

The next day, Judge Pao and Tony put a lot of money in Mr Wong's house. "Don't worry, I will know who the thief is tonight." Judge Pao said, "You need to trust him because he is the most famous hero in China." Tony said to Mr Wong.

At that night, the thief came to Mr Wong's house because he wanted to steal the money. When the thief took the money, Judge Pao and Tony caught him. Also, the police arrived. They caught him to the police station. "I know you will take the money," Judge Pao said to the thief. "Thank you, Judge Pao." Mr Wong said.

This is the new tale of Judge Pao.

The Case of the Bank Robbery

Lung Kong World Federation School Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Leung, Ho Ching Hoson - 10

Pao Zheng was a Chinese politician in China's Song Dynasty. He was also known as Pao Qingtian. In 1029, Pao Qingtian was thirty years old. One day, he saw a strange object that had a lot of buttons so he went to check it. He accidentally touched something. Then he was teleported to somewhere at an unknown time and place.

Pao Qingtian saw a lot of high rise buildings. He went to the building and asked someone in Chinese, 'What is this place? What time is it?' A man answered in Chinese, 'It's 2022 and we're in Hong Kong. And who are you?' Pao Qingtian replied, 'I'm Pao Qingtian. You can call me Pao.'

'Ok, Mr. Pao. Why are you wearing weird clothes?' asked the man.

'Because I was a detective in 1029,' said Pao.

'Oh, you were a detective at that time. What cases do you look into?' the man said.

'Robberies and theft.' replied Pao.

'Can you help us? I'm a detective too. My name is Anson and I need someone to help,' said Anson.

'Ok. Tell me the details,' Pao said.

After telling Pao the details, Pao said, 'Ok. Take me to the bank.' When they arrived at the bank, Pao asked Anson to show him the CCTV footage.

'I see... he dropped a gem. We could use it to identify one of the thieves. And they went to westward. I think they are going to sail away in a week so we need to be fast,' said Pao.

'Where do we start then?' asked Anson.

'We will give the fingerprint to the police. Then we will go to nearby security cameras to see where the thieves went,' Pao replied.

The next day, they discussed the case in the police station continuously.

'Alright. I've got the report. The finger print of that person is identified as a male.' Pao said.

'Ouch!' Anson screamed.

'Are you okay?' Pao asked.

'I'm okay. I tripped over something,' said Anson.

'Did you tripped over this?' Pao asked.

'Yes, I tripped over this. Wait a minute, Is that an ID card, isn't it?' said Anson. 'Yes, this will be useful for catching the thieves, the ID name is Zeng Zuiwei. He is 36 years old from Hong Kong,' said Pao. 'Ok. So we know the identity of one of the thieves... Well, see you tomorrow.' said Pao.

After that, Pao and Anson met again.

'Ok, we got a bad news and a good news,' Pao said.

'Tell me the good news first,' Anson said.

'The good news is we got some suspects. The bad news is our spy heard the thieves talking. They said they will leave at a harbor in Sai Kung tomorrow so we need to act fast,' Pao said.

'Okay. I will go to interrogate them' Anson said.

After interrogating them, Anson was anxious. 'How is it?' Pao asked.

'I can't tell which one is lying?' he said.

'What did you asked them?' asked Pao.

'I asked all of them whether they have been to there at the time of the robbery. Three of them said that they saw the scene. Two of them said they didn't go there at that time,' answered Anson.

'Umm... I think the two people who emphasized they haven't been there are lying because I told the police to ask all the people who saw the robbery. The two men must be there,' Pao said.

'Then how can we catch the last thief?' Anosn asked.

'We will camp that harbour. When he comes, we'll catch the last thief and the case will be solved.' said Pao.

The next day, they sat comfortably in the police station.

'We've finally caught those thieves. Thank you so much for helping me solve this case. You'll be given a reward,' Anson said.

'I don't want anything. I'm just here to help,' Pao said.

Suddenly someone came in. 'Who are you?' Anson asked.

'I'm a time traveller. I'm here to pick up Pao Qingtian back to year 1029.' the stranger said.

'Bye, Mr. Pao. I'm so lucky to meet you,' Anson said.

'Bye. I'm looking forwards to seeing you again,' Pao said.

Finally, Pao Qingtian was sent back to the year 1029 by the time machine.

Judge Pao's sincere friend

Lung Kong World Federation School Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Mak, Cheuk Lam Keith – 11

Judge Pao was known for his honesty and uprightness. Some believed that he was sent from the God and had the ability to communicate with animals. Here is what the myth goes...

When Judge Pao was a little kid, he liked wandering in the garden and enjoyed the fresh air. One day, just when he was walking along the river bank, he heard a man crying for help. 'Help! Help! A Tiger! A Tiger!' Without any thought, Pao rushed to the forest.

Pao followed the direction of the sound and walked deep into the forest. Then he saw a young man running towards him. What made Pao sacred was that a big animal with stripes of yellow and black on its coat was chasing that young man. Pao shouted with his bass—baritoned voice, 'Stooooop!' Just like a spell was casted on that animal, it stopped right in front of Pao. It was a huge strong tiger. The tiger stared angrily at the young man who hid behind Pao. 'Go away, stay away from us,' said Pao softly to the tiger. The tiger took his stare off from the young man and looked Pao into his eyes. It blew a sigh and left.

It turned out that the young man was a cruel wicked prince. He was trying to drown one the tiger's cubs when their mother was away looking for food. The tiger came back and wanted to cast the prince away. The prince was so bad that he aimed his gun to the tiger. The tiger was not scared and roared at the prince. The prince was so frightened that he dropped the gun and ran.

Days after the incident, some guards charged into Pao's house and arrested him. 'Why?' asked Pao. 'Our prince's precious gun was missing after seeing you in the forest. You must be the greedy thief!' said the guards.

The guards brought Pao into the jail. Nobody could help him because all the people were afraid of the wicked prince. Pao did not fear because he knew he did not do anything wrong. He wanted to find out the truth. However, no one could help him get out of the jail.

Then came a scary uproar and chaos from the entrance. There were shouts and screams. Pao looked out of the chamber and saw a big familiar figure approaching him. 'The Tiger!' Pao thought. In the mouth of the tiger, there was something weird.....

The tiger stopped right in front of Pao's chamber. It opened its jaw and the weird thing in its mouth dropped onto the ground. 'The prince's gun!' should Pao. He grabbed the gun and looked at it. On its handle, a name was engraved. That was the name of the prince. 'Oh, dear tiger. You bring me the prince's gun. He must have lost it in the forest. Thank you. Thank you so much!'

Then the tiger broke the lock of the chamber and brought Pao to the king. Pao showed the gun to the king. They found out that the prince made up a story. He put the blame on Pao when he knew that he had lost his gun in the forest.

The king was angry because the prince told lies. He punished the prince and sent him to jail for three months. The king released Pao from jail and praised the tiger for saving Pao.

Pao was very happy. He had made a sincere friend. He walked with the tiger out of the palace and to the forest. He kissed his good friend and thanked for its help.

My First Encounter with Judge Pao

Lung Kong World Federation School Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Wong, Dominic Man Fan – 9

My best friend Emma and I went to see the latest movie at the cinema yesterday. By the time the film finished, it was already late at night. Emma waved me goodbye after she got on the bus. I walked alone on the dark street. Under the moonlight, a small beam of light in the grass caught my eye. I walked on the grass, looking for the illuminant. A diamond necklace glittered. At that moment, a wicked thought flashed through my mind. I gazed around, then picked it up swiftly. All of a sudden, the diamond shined with a blinding light. 'My eyes! My eyes hurt!' I yelled. A fit of dizziness came over me and dragged me into a vortex. A thrilling adventure began.

'Wake up, Huang! You always slack off!' a servant shouted and shook me roughly. I opened half of my eyes. 'Huang? Me? Where am I?' I was baffled. The servant cursed me while sweeping away the fallen leaves in the courtyard. 'Go to clean Master Yang's study room now. Don't skive off!' he ordered. I took the rag from the table, confusedly and resignedly.

After a hard day of work, the sky was getting dark. I was resting on the bench when suddenly I heard a scream from the house. 'The luminous pearl bestowed by the emperor is missing! There is only the bowl used for placing the pearl left.' Master Yang screamed in a panic. He gathered everyone in the main hall and asked, 'Who stole my pearl?' No one dared to talk. A long silence was broken at last by a shaky little voice. The servant who woke me up said, 'Master Yang, only Huang entered your room today.' All the servants concurred with what he said. Master Yang thumped the table angrily. He ordered the servants to catch me and send me to jail. 'I didn't do it! I'm innocent! Please believe me!' I cried in a tearful voice and kept struggling.

'Wei... Wu...' the guards in the courtroom were calling in a low, drawn-out voice while repeatedly knocking the heavy wooden rods on the ground. 'Bring the plaintiff, defendant, and the witness to court.' a black-faced judge with a crescent moon on his forehead read out. I stammered, 'Judge... Pao?' Then, we told him everything that had happened.

After hearing everyone's testimony, Judge Pao asked the guards to present the exhibit in court. He asked Master Yang, 'The emperor bestowed the luminous pearl on you, together with this bowl. Is that right?' Master Yang nodded. Judge Pao continued, 'I think you must have forgotten something. The bowl is a magical artifact. It can keep the pearl shiny and protect it from being stolen. If someone tries to steal the pearl, his eyes will turn green in the dark after touching the bowl.' After that, Judge Pao ordered the guard to blow out all the candles. Everyone on the court took turns touching the bowl. However, nothing happened. Judge Pao ordered the guard to light the candles and then glanced at everyone's hands. Suddenly, he pointed at a servant and scolded, 'You're the one who stole the pearl!' The guards arrested him immediately.

'Not me! I know nothing about this.' the arrested servant played innocent and cried. Judge Pao berated, 'Your hands are the evidence. There is no way you can deny it.' The servant took a look at his hands and the others. Everyone has dirty hands except him. 'I painted some ink on the bowl beforehand. Whoever touches the bowl will be stained. You were afraid to touch the bowl because of the guilty conscience of stealing the treasure.' Judge Pao explicated. The servant could not give any reasonable excuse and hung his head in shame. 'Now you are sentenced to 50–stroke canings and two years of imprisonment,' Judge Pao pronounced. When the rod hit the servant on his butt, he screamed in agony. The sharp cry of distress made me scared, and I fainted.

'Hey, kid! Are you okay?' the police woke me up and asked. I opened half of my eyes and spoke in a weak voice, 'Ye... s...', then showed him the diamond necklace, 'Someone has lost this.'

Bao Qingtian

Lung Kong World Federation School Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Yang, Ka Fan – 11 In the Song Dynasty, there was an officer named 'Bao Qingtian'. He was known by his impartiality, kindness and fearlessness.

One day, a man was taken to the Yamen because he stole money from a shop. Bao sent him into the prison. A few days later, the man started to think about escaping from the prison. Very soon, he met another prisoner who had the same thought and suggested uniting with other prisoners to escape. Consequently, they teamed up with other prisoners secretly and decided to call themselves as 'Prison Uprising'.

At one night, everything was ready. Prison Uprising caused a riot and escaped from the prison. The king and Bao were very angry. The king wanted to send soldiers to capture them. Bao, however, disagreed. 'I don't think it is a good idea to do that. We can send a scout first.' he said. A scout was then sent to Prison Uprising's base. After the scout was back, he told the king and Bao that Prison Uprising wanted to kill them. Bao suggested immediately, 'Let's ambush them when they attack!' The king thought for a while and then he agreed. 'When will they attack?' asked the king. 'Two days later.' Replied the scout.

On the day of the attack, the king had arranged a large number of soldiers hiding at the back of the castle to capture Prison Uprising. 'It is the Prison Uprising!' shouted the scout. The hidden soldiers popped out and ambushed them. In the end, all members of Prison Uprising at the castle were captured and sent to Yamen. Bao sent them back to prison.

'Uhhh, finally I can go home now!' Bao said. On his way home, he found a kid who lost his money. 'I was sleeping on the ground. Then after I wake up, I found that I lost my wallet,' said the kid. He said he earned the money by selling wheat. 'The thief is hateful!' thought Bao. Suddenly, he saw a person behaving strangely. Once the person noticed that Bao was looking at him, he ran off quickly. Bao chased him immediately. Eventually, Bao caught him and returned the money to the kid.

Bao was back to his home, but he found out his home was a mess. After a few seconds, he realized that his house was getting robbed by someone. While looking for things missing, he found a mysterious sign, which looked like a sun, on the wall behind the bookshelf. Through looking at other stealing cases, he also found the same sign. 'So, it should be the same person,' thought Bao. Then he ran a deeper investigation on the cases.

Soon, Bao managed to find out who did the robbing and stealing though to his surprise that the offender was a woman. Bao ambushed and arrested the woman quickly. He brought her to Yamen for trial. She then was sent to prison, and Bao got his things back. One day, Bao got another case which was about a man being murdered. Bao needed to do some research on who murdered the man. After some investigations, Bao found out who murdered the man and brought the murderer to Yamen and executed him.

The next day, Bao was walking on the street with two bodyguards. They were talking about the rest of the Prison Uprising members. Suddenly, they saw a man in a jacket which had a picture of a skeleton head. It was obviously the uniform of Prison Uprising. 'Speak of the devil!' said the bodyguards excitedly. They quickly captured the man and brought him for trial. The man did not say anything at first, but after knowing the consequences, he finally told Bao everything about Prison Uprising including its new secrete bases. Then Bao deployed thousands of soldiers to capture the rest of the Prison Uprising members. Lastly, they all got sent into prison.

Soon, natural disasters appeared. People were starved to death by flood. An officer did not want people to suffer like that. So he opened a shed which stored tons of rice inside to help the people. However, it was illegal to do so because the rice was reserved only for wars. So later, he got sent to Yamen. He explained the reason and even said he was fearless of execution if he could save people from death. Once Bao heard that, he acquitted the man without hesitation.

Bao Qingtian is an impartial, kind and fearless person. Therefore, his stories have been spreading among various places and people. His name shall be remembered for eternity.

Judge Pao and the Stolen Bronze Coins

Mui Wo School, Esmejarda Salonga, Nathan Saen – 10

It was a hot, sunny day in Bian, a small Chinese city long time ago. Mr Sum and his wife, Mrs Sum were going to sell their goods and pay their taxes at the local market. Mr Sum was not happy. Every year they had to pay a lot of money to the Emperor Renzong. They had to save hard all year. Their money was on a string. It was seven bronze coins with a hole inside. Mr Sum and Mrs Sum were not wealthy. They worked hard on their farm every day and sold crops and rice to earn two bronze coins a month.

That day, Mr and Mrs Sum sold their crops and were queueing up to pay the taxes to the Emperor's official sitting on the mat in the middle of the market. He was surrounded by soldiers looking grimly at the people gathering around. Suddenly, a man called Mr Kim, who was very rich, came up and stroke a conversation. 'Hi Mr and Mrs Sum. What a lovely day! How are you today? He gently came closer to Mr Sum and gave him a big hug. Mr Sum got stiff. He was never close to that neighbour. Why is he suddenly giving him hugs?

He felt a warm fat hand on his poor linen robe, just for a second but it was too quick to tell what was going on. Mr Kim left quickly. Mr Sum looked at his wife and felt his pocket. Their bronze coins were gone! He ran after his neighbour and shouted. 'Give me back my money!' Mr Kim stopped, looked back and said, 'No, I did not do it!' but Mr Sum knew that he stole the money.

So, Mr and Mrs Sum went to the Bian's court to tell the judge everything. Mr Sum said, 'I was standing patiently, waiting for my turn to pay the tax but suddenly my pocket was empty and my bronze coins were gone!

I had to save the money for the whole year by growing vegetables to get these seven bronze coins for my taxes. 'What am I going to do now?'

Judge Pao asked, 'Did anyone come near you that day?' "Yes! There was my neighbour, Mr Kim who gave me a hug.' said, Mr Sum.

Then, Mr Gongsun, Judge Pao's helper asked the soldiers to find Mr Kim. They went to Mr Kim's house and they looked everywhere but they could not find him nor the gold coins. So, Judge Pao asked more questions. 'Mr Sum, how did you know Mr Kim stole your bronze coins and how can you prove that?' Mr Sum said, 'When Mr Kim came up to us, I felt he touched my pocket and I saw him hiding a wooden thong under his sleeve.

The soldiers knew that Mr Kim is the one who stole from Mr Sum. Judge Pao and the soldiers rushed to the Bian River where Mr Kim was seen a while ago. They saw Mr Kim standing near the water but not the bronze coins. 'You have landed yourself in deep trouble! The soldiers will surely catch you. You have nowhere to run!' You better confess right now before things get out of hand!' Judge Pao said.

Mr Kim was alarmed. He dug out the coins from the sand and handed them to the soldiers. Judge Pao looked at him fiercely. He frowned his forehead with a crescent birth mark and ordered the soldiers to take him away. Theft was a serious, punishable crime.

Finally, Mr Kim had to go to jail for seven years. Judge Pao solved the case and Mr Sum and his family recovered their coins. They went to pay them again to the Emperor's official at the palace but lived happily ever after.

The Adventure

Mui Wo School, Leung, Lap Kwok Tom - 10

When Judge Bao was a kid, he was raised by his mom and dad. He lived in a small village. He had a sister who adopted him. He had a birthmark.

Many years later, Judge Bao was writing a letter to General Su. He went outside and saw some animals running away and small cracks on the ground. Some strange lights were also appearing on the ground.

The villagers were curious what made these cracks and the same light hovering. Then, Judge Bao saw this and told everybody it was an earthquake.

Then, suddenly a huge earthquake happened and the soldier, Me Zhen witnessed the earthquake and rang the huge bell.

While Judge Bao was running, he witnessed a crime and came to help. The other soldiers helped Judge Bao and after the crime all the villagers hid in a cave. Only five houses were destroyed and they would build the houses back soon.

Judge Bao went to the court. He and his two helpers solved the crime. The villagers were happy and there would be no more crime. The villagers rebuilt their houses and it took many materials to make their houses back.

They brought back the animals and covered the huge hole in the ground. The villagers and Judge Bao planted trees because some were broken or destroyed by the earthquake. Judge Bao and his helpers thanked Judge Bao for his help and then Judge Bao went back to his house and sent the letter to General Su.

The Stolen Money

Mui Wo School, Tierney, Daniel Michael – 10

One sunny day in Biana small city in old China, villagers were gathering at the market to pay their taxes. There were a lot of soldiers standing around a richly dressed man. The two women in long dresses were waving their big fans around the important Mr Lo, the tax collector.

After a few hours all the taxes were taken and the tax collector Lo, the soldiers and two servant women went to the tavern to have some dinner after a long, tiring day. The tax collector Lo, put the big bulky bag with bronze coins securely under his table. They ordered their food. "Hey good man, what do you have to eat today? We are very hungry.' should Mr Lo to the owner of the tavern.

Food on big wooden plates arrived soon and all of them started eating happily. But in the tavern that day, was also an evil family, the Kims. They were famous for the crimes but still not caught or punished by law.

The food was heavy and the day was hot. All the soldiers and the tax collector Mr Lo fell asleep resting their faces next to the empty plates and cups. The Kims waited for the right moment and quickly stole the money from under the table.

After a while, the tax collector and the soldiers woke up. Mr Lo felt the empty space under his table. They all panicked and ran around the tavern screaming and threatening the poor owner who knew nothing of the theft.

They calmed down and called two villagers, Tai and Wong to help. The villagers told them to go to Judge Pao, the best detective ever who lived nearby.

Poor tax collector followed the villagers to Judge Pao's office. Mr Lo dropped to his knees and begged the Judge, 'You are the only one who can get the tax money back before my head rolls down the stairs of the Emperor's Razhong palace. I am doomed!'

Judge Pao rubbed his long beard and thought for a while. Then, he called two of his smart helpers because he was a bit old and not so fast any more.

The next day the two helpers investigated the scene. After five hours, they reported back and Judge Pao who figured out, it must have been the Kim family. He thought of a clever plan to apprehend them if they try to exchange the money for something not so heavy like bronze coins.

The next day, two helpers went undercover as riders and headed to the biggest counting house in Bian. Other soldiers hid in the bushes waiting for the Kims to bring money to deposit it. When the Kims finally arrived at the counting house, the helpers of Judge Pao caught them red-handed. After a short trial, Judge Pao sent them to the worst prison in the district. Mr Lo recovered the tax money and took it to the Emperor's officials the next day. All the soldiers lost their job for not guarding the money properly and they learnt the lesson not to eat so much for dinner.

New Tales of Judge Pao

Po Leung Kuk Camões Tan Siu Lin Primary School, Chan, Yat Hin Harold - 11

Judge Pao was one of the most historical figures in ancient China. His fairness, integrity and tales of his clever yet effective schemes to trap and expose evildoers for their have spread far and wide. His line of descent relates directly with an influential family in Hong Kong, known for the patriarch Sir Pao Yue–Kong.

One day, Sir Y.K. Pao was admiring the relicts of Judge Pao, when he noticed a worn, delicately bound diary. Curious as to what a diary was doing among the ancient relicts of Judge Pao, he opened the diary and was amazed at what it contained. Inside was a detailed diary of all the cases that Judge Pao had received in the Northern Song Dynasty! Sir Y.K. Pao was astonished at the tidiness of the diary. He flipped through to a random page and found a strange case that Judge Pao had received in his late forties.

10 June 1046

I received an extremely strange case today. A man was crying in front of the court in the morning. I led him into the court and asked him why. In between sobs, he uttered out that his brother had stolen his business. "I am Cheung Hai. I am the owner of a small business. When I went to work today, nobody admitted to recognize me, not even the workers who've worked a decade with me! My brother was grinning devilishly at me from a balcony. I knew he had bribed all my workers! The store was the only thing I had left after my father died. He left the store to me instead of my elder brother, so he got jealous and the store is now his!" I was determined to help him, so I investigated the store and its "owner", but I couldn't find any evidence to prove that the wronged man owned the store. As I was leaving, the store owner cast a triumphant gaze at the man. Cheung Hai stared at the floor, looking defeated. Maybe he might have given up, but I will not, for the truth will out!

12 June 1046

Today, something extraordinary happened. I've been investigating for 2 days, and have found no evidence whatsoever to suggest that the store owner had taken the store away from Cheung Hai, or that Cheung Hai had previously been the owner of the store. I was about to give up, when I saw someone who looked exactly like me walking down the street. I had a feeling this mysterious person would help me in solving this case. I rushed after him and he noticed me. He greeted me warmly and said, "I've been expecting you, other me." I was very confused by his statement. What did he mean by "other me"? He noticed my confused look and explained why he looked like me. "I am you, but from a different universe. I travelled here with the help of the gods and immortals in my world, but I can only stay for a while longer. I am here to help you solve your case. In your world, you may have not solved the case of the stolen business yet, but in my world, that case has long been solved." I listened to his advice carefully. "You can make the fake store owner confess by tricking him into thinking that someone betrayed him. He only trusts himself." The other me cleared his throat. After he had finished, he said, "I have to return to my world now, or I will have to wait a long time before the window of opportunity comes again for me to successfully return to my universe. I wish you the best of luck in solving Cheung Hai's case!" A ray of light pierced the thick layer of clouds and shone on him, enveloping him in a golden light. When the blinding light vanished, he had vanished too. This has been the most extraordinary encounter I've ever made.

13 June 1046

I have devised a plan to trick the store owner into confessing. I will tell my aides to bring him to the court, then my aides will take him to the court prison after the hearing has been adjourned with the workers he bribed. When he tells his workers not to spill his secrets, I will order an aide to secretly listen to his treachery, and I will expose his misdeeds and finally help Cheung Hai regain his business! I will execute this plan tomorrow. I hope this works as well as I expected, though I am quite confident that other me's advice will help bring the store owner's wrongdoings into light.

14 June 1046

The plan worked perfectly! The store owner admitted to his misdeeds after I exposed him for stealing the store from his brother, and the workers admitted their bribery one by one after seeing the store owner confess. I sentenced him to return five hundred pieces of silver and the store back to Cheung Hai. Cheung Hai gave me 10 pieces of silver for helping him, but I refused them. After all, justice should be given to all equally, without receiving anything in return, no matter how poor or rich, how popular or hated!

Sir Y.K. Pao was impressed by his ancestor Judge Pao's honesty and integrity, and he had deepened his knowledge on his respected ancestor with the diary of the cases he received, but he had two questions that could never be answered. How did the "other" Judge Pao know that this world's Judge Pao needed help solving Cheung Hai's case at the exact time that Judge Pao was stuck? And how was this diary so miraculously preserved to keep all the contents intact? The answers to those questions will be forever lost in the mysteries of the past of ancient China and the legends of Judge Pao, the Chinese judge who we all know and respect, unless the "other" Judge Pao can time travel...

Judge Pao and Yu Ming

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Chan, Cheryl Cheuk Yee - 10

Yu Ming sat on her bed, reading a book about the legendary detective, Judge Pao. As she continued reading about Judge Pao solving the case of, "The Palace Traitor", she felt her eyes start to droop and the next thing she knew, all she saw was darkness.

When Yu Ming opened her eyes, she saw that she was in a Chinese village that had many beautiful buildings like the ones she had seen in the colourful illustrations of her Judge Pao books. Was she just dreaming or was this real? Still woozy, Yu Ming slowly got up and looked at the sky, to realize that the sun was already setting. Seeing a temple in the distance, Yu Ming stumbled towards the temple and immediately sat on the bench. She tried not to sleep, but she was too tired, so she dozed off to sleep again. After a while, she heard loud shouts from outside the temple.

"What kind of clothes are those? She looks like a weirdo!" teased a boy. Then a few more kids entered the room and cornered her.

"Give us all your money or I will---," one of the kids threatened.

"Or you will what?" She heard a male voice yell in Chinese. All of the kids turned and fled. Yu Ming saw three guards standing behind her.

"Kid, it's time to go home," one of the guards said. But Yu Ming told them that she had no home to go to, and the guards took pity on her and decided to take her to their master. The three guards led her out of the temple and brought her to another ancient building. This was bigger and had furniture, unlike the temple. And sitting on the couch was a man with skin as dark as coal, and a crescent moon on his forehead. Judge Pao!

"So, why is this girl here? Why did you bring her to me?" Judge Pao said finally to the guards.

"We found her in the Temple of Bixia Yuanjun. She was getting bullied by some older kids in the village. She had no home to return to, so we brought her to you," one of the guards explained. After the guard's explanation, Judge Pao began to ask Yu Ming

"My poor girl. How about you stay here for the night?" Judge Pao asked. Yu Ming had nowhere to go so she agreed.

Very soon, everyone left the room and Yu Ming followed a maid to a room. When they arrived, Yu Ming saw that the room had a lot of beautiful furniture, but she knew she did not belong here. She settled uncomfortably onto the bed and tried to sleep. After what seemed like an hour, Yu Ming still couldn't sleep. She thought that she did not belong here, so she packed her items and left. When she reached the gardens, she heard footsteps approaching.

"Oh, it's you again, little girl. Why are you here?" Judge Pao asked.

"I felt like I did not belong here so I am leaving." Yu Ming answered. Judge Pao responded with a laugh. "Well, but you currently have no place to stay, so I think this is your temporary home." Judge Pao said. "Alright." Yu Ming replied. Over the next few weeks, Yu Ming stayed with Judge Pao and learnt how to be a detective. However, one day, Judge Pao came to Yu Ming with a serious face.

"Yu Ming, China has received a threat. Liao has declared war on us. Song and the emperor have discovered a traitor in the palace and I was called to investigate. Please promise me that you will not follow me to the royal palace." Judge Pao said sternly. But Yu Ming begged and begged, and eventually, Judge Pao reluctantly agreed. The following day, Judge Pao was ready to leave for the palace.

"Now, Yu Ming, I am going to go to the emperor's throne room. Will you please help me interview a few palace workers first. Write them down in this bamboo scroll and show me their answers later".

Hours passed as Yu Ming stayed cooped up in a room to interview servants. She jotted down notes as the servants spoke. However, two maids attracted her attention the most, Chan Juan, the princess's maid and Dong Mei, the queen's chambermaid. She decided to question them again.

"I was very shocked when the princess told me about China's threat. My father is in the army and he told me about Liao. I tried to avoid thinking about them, but the topic was always brought up by the princess, as this was her the biggest threat her family had received in years! I tried to cheer the princess up; however, it just seemed so difficult." Chan Juan said. Yu Ming continued asking her a few questions and she seemed to answer them logically. Then, Yu Ming called for the queen's chambermaid.

"These last few days, the queen has been quite sick, and I had to take care of her majesty, so I haven't had any free time," Dong Mei simply said.

After the interview, Yu Ming immediately headed off to find Judge Pao. When Judge Pao read the notes, he confirmed that Dong Mei was suspicious.

"The queen is not sick, in fact, I believe she is currently very healthy. I just saw her five minutes ago!" After that, Judge Pao and Yu Ming explained everything to the Emperor and Dong Mei was arrested for betraying the country.

That night was a great night, Yu Ming had helped Judge Pao solve a case and was rewarded a lot of gold, but all Yu Ming wanted was to go home. The very next day, when she woke up, she found that she was back at home. And when she looked at the open book, she found that she was in the book. Was this a dream or was it real? Yu Ming did not know, but she knew that she wanted to stay in her home sweet home.

The Chinese Dragon

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Cheng, Sammy Sum Yu – 9

It was long ago when it happened. Something terrifying happened. It was so blood-chilling that everyone who saw it would scream at the top of their lungs, even from a thousand miles away. Thick white smoke covered the land. It hit the back of everybody's throats, which caused them to cough as if they were in a fire.

Then something emerged in the distance. It was humongous...terrifying...spine-chilling... It was a dragon!

And not just any dragon. It could breathe fire out of its mouth and could kill you instantly. It had such a long tail it could whip you into the sea and you would drown slowly. Whatever power it had, it was sure to be tremendous. So, no one ever dared to come near the dragon. Except for a courageous person who stood overall, born to be fearless...That was Judge Pao. That was the person who had done many virtuous deeds. He was tired and fed up with the stress and just couldn't stand it! But he heard that no person could destroy it. That just made him more determined than ever; therefore, he decided to defeat the dragon forever. But the obstacles made it almost impossible. Thus, Judge Pao needed a very delicate plan and a clever escape to beat the dragon. He darted around the room quickly, finding all the materials he needed. "Hmm... where is my axe? It must be somewhere...Here it is! Now my map... Where did I put it?" So, it went on. After a few minutes, he had all the materials he needed and was ready for the adventure. He stepped out the door and breathed in and out. He was finally beginning his quest.

As he suspected, the journey was immensely difficult. His first obstacle was a river filled with crocodiles. Their teeth were soaked with blood; it was menacing. But the intelligent Judge Pao knew the solution. He speedily snatched the sleeping potion he made and uncorked the bottle. He grinned as he watched the crocodiles stop rapidly moving around, their eyelids drooping, and then slept soundly. "Snore...Snore..." Judge Pao swiftly jumped into the river and stealthily swam across it. His next obstacle was more intimidating than the first. Guess what it was? It was an unidentified creature. He seriously did not know what it was - a lion + tiger + snake? For once, Judge Pao seemed to hesitate. It had all the venom and power inside its body, which made it extremely deadly. Besides, Judge Pao had used up all his sleeping potion with the first obstacle. Hence, he had to surreptitiously hide in a large bush and rummage through his bag to find the right thing to overpower the monster. "Or I can pass it without hurting it! But a lion + tiger + snake is incredibly incomprehensible though... I should write it on a piece of paper." While he was fumbling through his bag, the creature, with its excellent sense of smell, sniffed the air. Afterwards, he began trudging towards the grassy bush. Judge Pao realized it was not much later when the bloodcurdling monster found him. Drips of sweat ran down his brow. "Where is that book? Quick, it is coming closer!" Finally, he managed to get a hold of the book he was looking for. He frantically turned the pages as the monster came nearer...and nearer...and nearer... Suddenly, Judge Pao lit a torch and raised it, yelling, "Have a look at that!" and threw the torch as far as he could. The creature gave a howl of anguish and pain and ran away as fast as it could. That is because he learnt from the book that tigers were awfully frightened of fire and torches. He was still afraid that the horrid monster would come back, so he cautiously crept to the third obstacle. The third obstacle was more challenging than the second, and the fourth obstacle was more problematic than the third... At last, he reached the dragon's cave. By then, Judge Pao was fatigued and worn out bypassing all the obstacles. In fact, he had been wounded by the perilous creatures he had to face. So, he trudged to a soft grassy spot in a cave and went to sleep.

Judge Pao was woken up by the sound of snorting. He blinked and opened his eyes. To his horror, a ginormous dragon was standing right in front of him! He froze. The only thing he could do was gaze up and stare at the dragon as if he was hypnotized. The dragon stared back at him with golden, piercing eyes. Quickly Judge Pao came back to his senses and he slowly reached for his bag, but it was too far away from him. He didn't dare to make a sound. For the first time, he was stuck. He thought, "Anytime I will be eaten by a sinister dragon!" Fortunately, the dragon simply trotted away. Judge Pao narrowed his eyes while staring after the dragon. "Suspicious..." He prudently stood up and walked to the exit. However, he ended up going round and round until he got dizzy! He didn't take long to realize it was arduous to exit this cave... he was trapped! He slumped against a wall of the cave and sighed. Judge Pao just knew there had to be a way to open it. The problem was, how? He needed to use detective skills to find a way. All of a sudden, he knew the answer. His mind lit up. "Why don't I smash a hole out of the cave? I should have thought of that before!" He reached for his bag and sifted through it upside down. "There we go! Found the axe!" he grinned as he smashed a hole. Finally, he could take a breath of fresh air! Next, he clambered through the hole with his bag and dashed through the obstacles. The obstacles didn't seem to matter anymore. With his detective notebook, he could prove to the army that the dragon could be defeated. After he arrived at the village, he strolled to the army and gave them the notes. The next thing he knew, the army was going out to defeat the dragon and they succeeded! At last, the village could escape from the fear and they were happier than they'd ever been.

New Tales of Judge Pao

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Ching, Li Yau Eugene – 9

A long, long time ago, before there was Batman, before there was Sherlock Holmes, there lived a new governor in the city of Hefei, named Bao Zheng. He was fair and selfless. He would always think of a way to solve problems in society. On the other hand, there was another governor in the city of Beijing, named Wong. He was ruthless, greedy and he never showed fairness to anyone, even an innocent old man in the village.

One day, Bao Zheng received a message from another city. It was from a Beijing citizen. He read, "Your honor, please help us! Our governor Wong is increasing our taxes every day rapidly! The city is in a crisis! Will you please help us?" Bao Zheng said, "This is unbelievable! I must stop this!"

The next week, Bao Zheng finally thought of a brilliant idea to stop Wong. He would ask Wong out with an excuse of wanting to have some afternoon tea while they talked about the city. But instead, he took him to court. There waiting was the citizen from Beijing who sent the message, and other witnesses. Bao Zheng asked, "Do you confess you've been increasing taxes rapidly unreasonably?" Wong answered, "I was just increasing them a little when time passed by." Bao Zheng said, "Do you think I won't know what happened just because of the incident happening in another city? Witness, come here and say it to everyone!" Then, one of the witnesses came in front of the court and said, "Your honor, ever since last week, Wong has sent horses to inform us that the taxes were increased every morning. In the afternoon, soldiers would come and collect the taxes. If we couldn't pay, we were taken to prison." After that, the witness walked back to his seat. Then, Bao Zheng shouted, "Even though you are one of the governors, you must have a punishment! This unreasonable action is over the limits! I shall sentence you to jail for two years!" Wong said in despair, "But... it wasn't such a bad thing to do…" Then, Bao Zheng shouted, "Soldiers! Take him to prison! Everyone, you may leave. I declare this case closed."

A few days later, when Bao Zheng was patrolling the city, he heard a crying noise coming from an old cottage. He was curious why there was crying, so he knocked on the door. A few moments later, the door opened. When the woman saw Bao Zheng, she immediately knelt. "Bao Zheng, your honor, please, you must help me! My precious child has been kidnapped!" Bao Zheng said, comforting her, "It's okay, I promise I will find your child. Can you tell me who your son is?" The woman answered, "His name is Shaun." Bao Zheng said, "Can I investigate this area? Of course, the woman allowed him to investigate.

He walked around the area, then soon found footprints leading to another city. He asked, "Is there someone that hates Shaun or especially does bad things to him?" The woman said, "There's this market owner that always shouts at him because Shaun always messes up his sales. I guess Shaun can't help it, he's just a kid!" Bao Zheng quickly wrote this down in his notebook. Then he followed the footprints in the backyard and realized it was going nearer and nearer the Silk Road, a place where marketers used to travel! He said, "Young lady, tomorrow, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, meet me at the Public Court. By the way, do you know the addresses of these two people?" She answered, "The marketer's home is in the street near the Silk Road, in the house where there is a sign saying, "Baker's Choice". Bao Zheng said, "Then I'll be going to these two places to find the kidnapper." "Thank you," said the woman.

Then Bao Zheng followed the footprints to the Silk Road and found the house of the marketer. Then he knocked on the door and a woman answered. She asked, "Hello, your honor, what can I do for you?" Bao Zheng said, "May I know where your husband is right now?" She replied, "Oh, he's still in his stall working. If you want to find him, you can stay here and wait for him as I make a cup of tea for you." Finally, the marketer came home. Once he came home and saw Bao Zheng, he bowed down and said, "Your honor, to what pleasure do I owe you this visit?" Bao Zheng said, "I want to have a talk privately with you." "Are you interested in my sales? By the way, come here to talk, your honor." Bao Zheng said, "Do you know anything about a schoolboy named Shaun? He was kidnapped this morning and I heard rumors about how you were a witness." The marketer said, "Oh, he's always disturbing my sales and the kidnapper I saw wore a black hoodie, was tall and had long brownish hair. She must be a woman. She wore high heels and that's all I could see; she ran too fast!" Bao Zheng said, "Oh then it's nothing. Tomorrow at 3'o clock, meet me at the court. "Why do you want me to go to court? I didn't commit any crimes!" said the marketer.

Ignoring the marketer, he went to the palace. The next day, he said, in court, "You must have kidnapped the kid Shaun. I made up the rumors I told you to trick you into lying. By the way, a woman with high heels couldn't run so fast!" Witness, tell him what you and I saw. The mother walked out and said, "In the backyard there were footprints leading to your house." Bao Zheng said, "I declare this case closed and sentence you to jail for 5 years."

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Pao Saves Meow

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Chapter 1 – Sunshine and Rainbows

One sunny day, Judge Pao was, as usual, in an excellent mood. He walked in his rainbow garden with his guards wearing handsome uniforms. One of them was carrying a burdensome sword and the other carrying a massive bow. The garden was so marvellous that people from all over the world would come to admire it with their own eyes. Judge Pao enjoyed nothing more than tending to the flowers and pacing the grounds whenever he had a mystery case. There were cherry red roses with thorns as sharp as bee stingers, dahlias as orange as a sun setting, grass lawns as green as stunning emeralds, morning glory flowers as blue as the extensive ocean, violets as purple as the grapes from the vineyards, and lilies as white as a pair of wings from an angel. In the middle of the garden stood a magnificent Bauhinia.

Chapter 2 - The Case Begins

While Judge Pao was enjoying the tree's scent, a young man suddenly appeared out of nowhere, blocking his way. The guards tried to pull him away, but the young man would not budge. He stood there as steady as a sculpture. Judge Pao didn't get angry, instead he calmly asked, "Greetings! Are you alright?" The young man politely bowed to him, then gasped in disbelief, "Judge Pao! Is it really you? I've heard all about you. You are China's hero! How lucky I am to be able to find you! I am Felix and I fear you are my last hope."

"Yes, it is me," proudly replied Judge Pao. "I would be pleased to assist."

Felix sobbed, "It's been a horrible day. My cat is missing! Can you help me find him please? His name is Ginger and he is my best friend. I cannot stand the thought of losing him."

"Of course I will help." reassured Judge Pao. "First you must tell me four things."

"One, what does Ginger look like? Two, where did you last see Ginger? Three, has Ginger been acting differently recently? Four, does Ginger have any distinguishing marks or features?"

The questions made Felix sad as he thought about his feline friend. Over time he calmed down and answered the questions one-by-one. "Ginger is a magnificent ginger-coloured cat with white lines over his body. I last saw Ginger last night while snuggling with him in my bed. I have not noticed Ginger acting differently; he was just like his usual self. Ginger has very special eyes, his left eye is blue and his right eye is green." said Felix.

Judge Pao took precise notes. After several awkward moments of silence, Judge Pao said just one thing, "We must inspect your house so more clues could be found."

Chapter 3 – Scene of the Crime

They quickly arrived at Felix's house which was right around the corner. His guards searched the house for clues. Maybe the strength of the sword guard or keen eye of the archer would discover some clues. Unfortunately, there were no signs of struggle and nothing was out of place. Ginger's bowl was full of food and his cat-bed was tidy. Judge Pao turned around, "Guards, split up and ask the neighbours if they saw anything unusual or could tell us anything about this mystery."

About an hour later, the guards returned. One said, "No-one has noticed anything suspicious." "We went to every house, but no luck." the other added.

"My loyal guards have been unsuccessful. But while they were away, I inspected your house personally. I have found *two* pairs of cat paw prints," Judge Pao said.

"How is that possible? I only have one cat!" Felix said with amazement.

"I need time to think in my garden," Judge Pao thought to himself.

Chapter 4 – The case is up in the air

Judge Pao spent the rest of the day in his garden trying to figure out what had happened to Felix's cat. "Why were there two sets of cat paw prints if he had only one cat? If there were two cats, how did the other cat come into his house?" Judge Pao asked himself.

While sitting under his bauhinia tree thinking, he heard a Covid-19-like cough of a cat coming from the branches. There was Ginger, trapped high in the tree. Judge Pao brought him down with care and checked

him over. The cat's blue right eye and green left eye looked appreciatively while purring in his lap. Judge Pao had solved the case. He put the cat securely in a bag and confidently walked to Felix's house. Judge Pao handed Felix the bag, "What if the cat wasn't stolen? I found this cat, who I am pretty sure has COVID-19. Maybe he was taken by an animal guard to Penny's Bay for quarantine by mistake?" "But that's impossible! My cat isn't sick at all. Besides, he is here with me now in this bag," said Felix as he started opening the bag.

Chapter 5 – The cat is out of the bag

Ginger leapt out. Felix noticed immediately and said, "The colours of his eyes aren't correct. The left-eye is green and the right-eye is blue. This sick cat is nearly identical, but he isn't Ginger."

"That is correct!" said Judge Pao. "I have already called Penny's Bay. Ginger is in quarantine by mistake. Ginger must have offered this cat food which is why there were two sets of footprints"

They rushed to Penny's Bay to get Ginger back and let the sick cat recover with good care.

"Thank you so much! I don't know how I would have found my cat without your help! Is there anything I can do to help you as a favour? Just call me if you need any help. I'd be happy to come to you anytime!" said Felix thankfully.

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It was a flaming hot Summer day, and Judge Pao wiped his sweaty forehead with the back of his hand, his body boiling. Judge Pao was busy reading a thick Chinese novel, and didn't notice his servant, Qianfan, walking into his study. Qianfan bowed deeply to Judge Pao and said in a low serious voice,

"Judge Pao, there is a young depressed girl outside, pleading for a chance to meet you. May I let the poor girl in?"

Judge Pao curled his finger thoughtfully around his long silvery white beard, then said in a pensive tone, "Let her in."

Qianfan bowed respectfully to his master again before disappearing out of the heavy wooden doors. In less than a minute, Qianfan returned with a sobbing girl behind him.

"Come in, come in." Judge Pao said in a welcoming voice to the young girl, "Sit down, and have a cup of cool jasmine tea."

The young girl collapsed onto her seat and buried her hands into her face.

"Is there a problem, young one?" Judge Pao asked softly, placing a warm hand on the girl's shoulder.

The girl looked up at Judge Pao, with tears streaming down her face, "Oh Judge Pao! You've got to help me! Something terrible happened at home when Mama and Papa were out!"

"Of course, of course. But first, tell me your name." Judge Pao replied in a soothing voice.

"My name is Qiao Min. I have a pet panda that I adore. I love her very much, and I named her Bao Bao. It means 'treasure', because she is a treasure to me."

"She must have been very important to you." Judge Pao said, his voice calm. "But what's the thing that made you so sorrowful?"

"Last night, I bid Bao Bao goodnight before going to bed. I woke up later than usual today, and was just about to eat breakfast when I noticed that Bao Bao wasn't in her usual cosy place." Qiao Min paused, sneaking a glance at Judge Pao's reaction. But Judge Pao's face was unreadable, and he simply waved his hand for her to continue.

"I searched all over the house, but I couldn't find anyone except for a few tufts of her black and white fur lying on the doorstep. Bao Bao never went near the door, because she was afraid it might open suddenly. Someone must have stolen her! But who?"

Judge Pao twiddled with his beard, deep in thought. Then he said in a serious voice, "We do not have enough evidence to prove that it was indeed a crime. However, I will conduct an investigation and see if I can do anything for you." Standing up, Judge Pao gestured for Qiao Min to go back home.

"I will inform you soon. But for now, you'd better get home before your parents worry."

Qiao Min's face brightened slightly and she said gratefully, "Oh, thank you Judge Pao! Thank you!"

Over the next few days, Judge Pao investigated Qiao Min's house and discovered an old rotted key on the table beside the front door. It was far too large for the key hole of Qiao Min's house, but her address was clearly carved into the metal. Next, he saw the tufts of panda fur on the doorstep, just as Qiao Min had mentioned. He also saw that the keyhole of the front door was dripping icy cold water and some ice shards lay on the floor. A knowing smile crept onto Judge Pao's face and as he left the house, a light bulb sparked brightly in his head. On his way down the little cobblestone path leading to the house, he saw blotches of scarlet blood and a few scraps of panda flesh. He nodded knowingly and left.

When he returned to the palace, Judge Pao commanded his servant, "Qianfan! Where are you? I need you to bring Qiao Min here!"

"Yes, yes, Sir!" Qianfan's call sounded immediately, followed by the slam of the front door.

In less than ten minutes, Qianfan burst into Judge Pao's study, with a bewildered Qiao Min just behind him.

When Judge Pao was sure that Qianfan had left, he exclaimed in a delighted voice, "Qiao Min! Guess what? I figured out who the criminal is! Bao Bao was indeed stolen!"

Qiao Min gasped in delight and asked, "Where is my treasure? Where is she? Where is the criminal?"

Judge Pao clapped his hands twice and the door to his study opened, revealing three strong men, who were guarded by six guards.

"Come in!" Judge Pao demanded and the three men were pushed into the study by the guards.

"Suchang, Haoyu, Halupik. Explain yourselves!" Judge Pao ordered in a thundering voice.

"What-what do you mean?" Haoyu stammered. "We d-didn't do anything wrong!"

Judge Pao snickered and said, "Then who was it who stole the poor little panda? Who snuck into Qiao Min's house at midnight and accidentally left the key they tried to use to sneak into the house on the table? Who hid the panda's smell? Who accidentally tore the panda's muzzle fur in their hast and left it on the doorstep? Who wanted to kill the panda and have panda meat for dinner?"

Halupik kept his ground and asked in a firm voice, "But how can anyone make a copy of a key? We are not metalsmiths!"

"Exactly! But why can't they use water and ice to make a copy of the key?" Judge Pao replied.

Suchang joined in with Halupik, "Even so, how can anyone hide a panda's smell? Pandas have a stinky, waxy scent mark!"

"Are you really that clueless?" Judge Pao challenged. "Why don't you use baking soda and activated charcoal? They make a very strong smell when covering other smells!"

Haoyu had had enough and he tumbled to the ground, lying unconscious on the floor. But no one paid attention to him, for Qian Min shrieked, "How dare you! No one EVER eats panda meat!"

Knowing they had lost, Suchang and Halupik finally confessed that it was them and Haoyu who stole Bao Bao the panda, but they only did it because Halupik's Mother felt sick a few days ago. The only way to cure her strange illness was to give her panda meat. Halupik and Suchang apologised to Qiao Min over and over again, but after such a horrible crime, they were dragged to the dungeons, along with the still unconscious Haoyu.

After the three left, Qianfan came into the study with a cage in his arms and released the little panda.

"Bao Bao!" Qiao Min cried out in delight. The two hugged each other tightly. While Bao Bao was chasing her own tail, Qiao Min looked at Judge Pao, her face shining with happiness. She looked so ethereal, and, without needing to say any words, she threw her arms around Judge Pao.

Judge Pao Solves the Case

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Yuen, Angus Chu Chi - 10

"What are you guilty of? You are disloyal by pretending to be the top scholar and deceiving the emperor in vain; you are vile to murder your best friend and an innocent woodcutter. As a husband, it is unrighteous to leave your wife alone and your son without a father. Simply put, an unfaithful, unfilial person like you will not be accepted by the Song Dynasty!" As Judge Pao finished the statement, he summoned the guards to take the criminal back to jail. Judge Pao stood up and as soon as he set foot on the street, a black whirlpool suddenly emerged beneath him, latching him into a cold, eternal void in a split second.

He started to spin and free-fall for several minutes; dust was billowing all over his head and there was a thunderous boom. "Judge Pao, please wake up!" A woman with big dark eyes and silky blonde hair slapped Judge Pao right in his face. Awakened by the sudden pain, Judge Pao jumped up and asked, "Hey, who dares to slap me? By the way, where am I?" Immediately, the woman told him where he was and introduced herself as Anne, a police officer in Hong Kong and explained the case she wanted Judge Pao to solve. "On 14th of March, 2021, a naked man was found murdered and placed toe-to-head in a well. His face was already severely disfigured and could not be identified. After an investigation, the cops found that a person named McLane, who had a huge debt, had disappeared around that year. However, after matching the two, they found out that the victim wasn't McLane. Afterwards, they found a car that was abandoned at the outskirts of the country." Judge Pao was interested and said, "Madam, I would gladly accept this case."

Judge Pao thought for a while and answered, "Um... Maybe we could go to the car and see whether there are any clues left." However, Anne's words poured cold water on his idea right away, "The Police searched the car numerous times but nothing was found." When she saw how down in the dumps Pao was she sighed, "All right, maybe we could try again." Just as Anne thought, the search was in vain. Then she requested Judge Pao to leave, but he kept searching and did not give up. Almost an hour later, they were both sweating profusely. All of a sudden, Judge Pao cried, "I have found a concealed container beneath the trunk! Also, there is a dried leaf with a drop of liquid on it. It might be blood."

Anne was thrilled by this good news, "We could use the Gel electrophoresis method to detect DNA content!" Judge Pao asked awkwardly, "What's that?" At that moment, Anne recalled that Judge Pao was an ancient person. How could he possibly understand this technology? "Nothing."

The DNA result matched the victim perfectly. They also found fingerprints on a piece of leaf, which meant this tricky case could be broken. They were as joyful as a lark. Anne then praised Judge Pao as a persistent person. Anne said admirably, "Judge Pao, it's my pleasure to have you solving this case with me, and since the case is now finished, it is time for you to return to the Song dynasty." Judge Pao scratched his head embarrassingly and responded, "Without the help of modern technology, I couldn't have found new evidence as well."

Smiling, Anne gave Judge Pao a goodbye hug and two pounds of gold as a reward, but Judge Pao rejected the reward, "Helping people to solve cases is my life mission. I do not take any remuneration for that."

Meanwhile, the vacuum cleaner started sucking Judge Pao into it and he soon disappeared. Although the time travelling journey's period was fairly short, Judge Pao thought of a myriad of things to do once he went back to the Song dynasty, "Maybe I could recommend his majesty set up free schools in order to enhance the level of education of our citizens. Education can gradually build up the human's knowledge and strengthen their skills to analyze, then every person would have the ability to solve their own problems.

Apart from this, I would also donate a part of my salary to develop scientific research since I realized technology is extremely important after this time journey; the criminal couldn't be caught so quickly if there wasn't a huge database of DNA which was kept on a big square thing called a computer.

While Judge Pao was pondering over things he could do when he arrived back in the Song dynasty, Anne thought of something else, "I brought Judge Pao here because I reckoned he could help me with the case; however, I did not do anything when he was working hard under the sun. When he was searching the car over and over, all I did was grumble about how hot it was under the scorching sun. Is it because I am too sloppy to even do anything?"

"Besides that, when I rewarded him for his helpful deed, he rejected my gift without a second thought. No wonder people commended him as the most clean-handed government official of that dynasty. From now on, I shall be more incentivized to work and be more cautious. Also, I should carry on Pao's spirit to be humbler. If everyone on earth does so, the world will become better."

New Tales of Judge Pao

Po Leung Kuk Hong Kong Taoist Association Yuen Yuen Primary School, Cheung, Yin Ling Tiffany - 11

Bang, bang, bang! The drum rolled, signaling that court was about to begin.

"Let us start," Judge Pao announced. "How do you want me to help you?" Judge Pao asked a sobbing middle-aged woman with a teenage boy next to her.

The middle-aged woman and her son bent down on their knees. "I am Mrs. Zhao and this is my son. It was his birthday yesterday and my husband promised to buy him a present. We have already waited for 3 hours, but he still hasn't come back from the store. We thought that he came back home already and we hadn't noticed, so we decided to go to his bedroom and check. Surprisingly, all we saw was a pair of bloody sandals and some white bubbly fluid! There was no sign of my husband. With his sudden disappearance, we guessed someone might have murdered him! Your honor, please solve this case for us and execute whoever murdered him!" Mrs. Zhao sobbed.

"Do you have your husband's deceased body or the weapon that was used to murder him?" Judge Pao asked.

"No, your honor! We couldn't find any evidence for his death!" The teenage boy answered.

"This is totally ridiculous! How could you ask me to solve your case without bringing me evidence? Leave now! You're wasting my time!" Judge Pao stormed, as he banged his gavel.

"Your honor, this isn't a made-up case, please trust me! The almighty honest and upright official, please help!" Mrs. Zhao pleaded.

Judge Pao furrowed his eyebrows as he thought. "Very well. I will go to your home and investigate."

Mrs. Zhao's family lived in a majestic manor. Everything was spotless there. Judge Pao looked around the place. Mrs. Zhao led Judge Pao to Mr. Zhao's room.

"This bubbly fluid looks like a snake's saliva. Does anyone in your family have a snake as a pet?" Judge Pao questioned.

"Yes! My elder brother does! He has a pet snake, but I don't know where he keeps it." The teenage boy answered.

Judge Pao suspected that the snake might have eaten Mr. Zhao.

They walked around the manor, inspecting every room until everyone was frustrated. This was the kind of feeling you get when you can't find something important.

"Wait, I think I know where he keeps the snake! I see him carry it downstairs into the basement every day! I think that's where it's kept!" The teenage boy suddenly said.

Judge Pao nodded and followed Mrs. Zhao to the basement.

"There's the snake. Look at its abdomen, it's so big. It most likely swallowed Mr. Zhao," Judge Pao investigated the snake's belly. "I will kill it and cut its abdomen open. Do you mind if I take it away to do so?" Judge Pao asked.

Mrs. Zhao nodded. Judge Pao would return to the manor in 5 days with the result of his judgement.

Five days later, Judge Pao went back to the manor.

"Your brother must've sent the snake to eat your father, the snake wouldn't have broken out of the cage by itself, and it's also not strong enough to break the cage's bars." Judge Pao was confident about his guess.

"My brother killed father? Why would he kill father?" The teenager broke down in tears, and so did his mother.

"Judge, we have to catch his brother. As his mother, I can't tolerate murder! We must have him face justice for the sake of our family." Mrs. Zhao pleaded.

"I am planning to do so. But first, we have to confirm that it was your eldest son who sent the snake to eat Mr. Zhao. Today is the seventh day anniversary of Mr. Zhao's death. Legend says that the ghost of the deceased person will come back and haunt the murderer. I will pretend to be the ghost of Mr. Zhao and 'haunt' him tonight until he explains the reason he killed Mr. Zhao." Judge Pao shared his ideas.

Mrs. Zhao and her son nodded in agreement.

A few hours later, midnight struck and Judge Pao covered his body with his white blanket made of silk, forming a ghostly figure.

"Son, why did you send a snake to kill me? What did I do to you? Why did you have to kill me?" Judge Pao mimicked a ghost's breathy and creepy voice.

"Dad! I didn't do it on purpose! You knew I took most of mom's money and spent it on a life-time supply of drugs. I was afraid that you'd tell her and I'd be in trouble, so I had no choice but to kill you. I'm sorry!" The eldest son's body and voice was shaking with fear, afraid that his dad's ghost would haunt him forever.

"The truth is revealed! You really killed your father! You will be executed as a result of your crimes" Judge Pao took off his silk blanket and threw it across the room.

"J-Judge Pao? What are you doing here? Don't kill me, please!" The eldest son was astonished, he even stuttered when he spoke.

Judge Pao ignored him as his guards grabbed the murderer and brought him to the court.

"Here's the evidence of the snake swallowing Mr. Zhao." Judge Pao quickly showed them his remains.

"It's the jade bracelet dad never takes off! It's dad!" The younger brother stood up and pointed to the bracelet.

"U-uh.. Fine, I surrender!"

"Guards! Bring the murderer to the dragon-head knife and put his head on there, I'll execute him by myself." Judge Pao commanded in a fierce tone.

In a blink of an eye, the murderer's head was chopped off. The case was solved.

"Case closed! Everyone can leave now!" Judge Pao announced.

Judge Pao is such an intelligent man. His clever and unpredictable ideas have solved many difficult cases. To this day, many people still appreciate and respect him for his dedication to justice. As a result, his tales are passed from generation to generation.

Judge Pao and the Inheritance Case

Po Leung Kuk Hong Kong Taoist Association Yuen Yuen Primary School,

Chu, Long Yin Matthew – 11

It was a dark, windy night. The lights emitting from houses on the streets dimmed as the candles were blown out as everyone went to sleep, except for one. In the large house of the rich and respected Kim family, everyone was asleep as always, except for a strange man who rushed through the house and entered a dark bedroom. A man, his older brother Jun Kim, was snoring soundly. He chuckled and whispered, "Hi, older brother, the old man's gone, but his money isn't." His voice was cold and sly like a snake's hiss. "It may have belonged to you... at first, but not anymore!" With that said, he raised his dagger and brought it down hard. There was an ear-piercing scream, followed by eternal silence. The strange man snickered and slowly melted into the shadows, "Don't you worry, older brother. This will all be worth it, for me."

"Please Judge Pao, I am innocent!" cried an old woman as she was being held by two powerful guards. She was in the court, the prime suspect of the murder of the Kim family, and the judge was none other than the powerful, intelligent Judge Pao. He was wearing his special governor hat and black cloak. Along with that strict face of his, it was sure to make any lawbreaker stammer out the truth. Judge Pao boomed like a lion, which made the frightened old lady jump, "If it wasn't you then who would it be? You had a dagger lying next to you in your bedroom! It won't be his younger brother." The old woman fought back, "But I was found unconscious in my room, plus just like what you said, my son Un Kim would never kill his older brother Jun Kim. I also wouldn't murder my own son!" The old lady, Men Kim, was right, and this made Judge Pao very puzzled. "I will get to the bottom of this peculiar case. Meanwhile, you will spend your time imprisoned so that we can keep an eye on you." Reluctantly, Men Kim nodded her head.

Just then, a neatly dressed young man entered the court. He greeted Judge Pao, "Morning, your greatness. I am Un Kim, the youngest son, and I am here to give evidence that...that my dreadful mother murdered my dear, poor brother." Everyone gasped loudly, but Judge Pao remained unmoved, though a glint of light flashed across his eyes, as if he figured out something, something big. Un Kim sighed and continued, "My father, Lee Kim sadly passed away a few days ago. But he didn't die from old age, I saw scars on his body, so I figured it must be murder. He left a large amount of wealth to my brother as his inheritance, and I suspect that my evil mother wanted it all, so committed murder." Men Kim was shocked to hear her son accusing her like that. She completely broke down and shouted, "No, it's not me!" This made Judge Pao very irritated, "Silence! I will solve this case."

Later, Un Kim left the court with a large grin on his face, "I can't believe this actually worked. They all fell for it! Now it's time for me to get that money." He rushed back home and went into his father's room. He nipped around until he opened a small drawer, revealing a tiny sack of money. He grinned in delight when all of a sudden, there was a large "Bang", as voices poured into the building. Un Kim recognized the voices as Judge Pao, his mother and some of the guards. He panicked and dropped the sack, creating a large noise. He dashed out of the room but tripped over a carpet and stumbled right into a guard, who immediately grabbed him by the arms so tight, Un Kim winced at the pain. Before he knew it, he was dragged to the court, screaming and struggling to escape.

Un Kim was thrown to the cold hard floor and Judge Pao shouted at him like an assault rifle, "Madam Men Kim answered our questions and I was also already suspicious of you. Being the son, you should be protecting your mother, not accusing her in any way. Plus, you seemed like you wanted the money really badly, but why?" He waited for Un Kim to answer but he refused to talk, so Judge Pao continued, "You aren't her real son, are you, you were found on the street, and they were all kind enough to care for you."

Hearing this, Un Kin burst out like a mad man, "So what? They chose to take care of me, but I never liked that family. I don't care if they helped me and saved my life. I killed that filthy old mangy man and his terrible son so that the money will be inherited by me, but...but you and my good for nothing fake mother ruined everything!" Judge Pao stood up and calmly stated, "No, you ruined things for yourself. You had a family and money, but greed got to you. You should have appreciated what you had. I hereby sentence you to life in prison for committing murder twice. Take him away, guards!" Un Kim screamed and kicked as the guards dragged him to his new home, the one that he truly deserved.

Men Kim went forward to Judge Pao and bowed, "Thank you so much for solving this case. I never knew my own child.... would be a murderer. I guess.... I didn't teach him well." With that, she left. Judge Pao sighed and muttered, "From this case, we know how the thoughts and logic of a human can be easily influenced by the biggest devil of all: greed. It will cause us to see things blindly, and do anything to get what we desire, no matter what it takes, even if it means sacrificing our loved ones."

Was It Blackmail? A Judge Pao Tale

Po Leung Kuk Hong Kong Taoist Association Yuen Yuen Primary School, Kafle, Ayusha - 11

"Morning sir. I brought your favorite tea," greeted an assistant who seemed too skittish to talk to the man he had just addressed. The man's shadow was a tall one, rather mighty. Gold shined through the glass in the hall where a judge's throne stood. It wasn't just any ordinary throne, instead, it was silver-plated with the signs of the moon. The shadow gently but firmly held the cup of tea. Finally, he sat down on his throne.

This man was no other than the all-mighty Judge Pao. Recognized for his work in bringing justice and stability against the corruption that was happening at the time, no one dared to attempt to challenge him. "Tell me, is there a new case that I might need to look into?" he said, as he looked at the assistant with a cold poker face. The cases he worked on always involved corruption and disagreement. "Yes, sir, um, do you know about the rich politician who lives by the lake in our neighboring town? Well, he sadly passed away last week. He doesn't live with his wife, but he has 7 sons that are over the age of 20," answered the assistant.

"What's the catch?" asked Judge Pao in a second. "Only one of them can own the property, as it is stated by the head of this town," answered the assistant.

In the next couple of weeks, more board meetings and hearings were held for the case. But unlike most of these cases, the judge of that town decided in two and a half weeks that the eldest son should have a right to the property. "That is everything I don't stand for. The eldest son already has a big property and is already married. While the youngest son is still betting with old farmers on who grows the best corn. The neighboring town's motto is 'providing justice and light in the dark'! How can anyone be sure of this corruption or blackmail?" exclaimed Pao one snowy day in winter. He was frustrated by the erroneous decision made by the judge in the neighboring town. "Get ready with the horses. We are going to Jin Huan Town. No exceptions!" he exclaimed as he left his living hall. When going to the neighboring town, people would need to be careful since most sinister cross-state illegal traders went around sneaking and spying while carrying potentially harmful weapons. Also, the weather conditions varied in different mountainous areas. As their horses finally reached the metal gates of the entrance, Judge Pao and his assistant got off their horses. Following the very detailed instructions given by the guards, they were finally let in.

The following morning, they were invited to see the 7 sons inside their extraordinarily big property. "Eh, greetings. You must be the judge for Her Pey town. Let me introduce these 7 men. These 7 men are Li Xi, Li Kuai, Li Zong, Li Fang, Zhou Yu, Zhou Chang, and Zhou Xiang. The oldest is Zhou Yu and the youngest is Li Fang. Any questions?" asked the presenter. "I am quite straightforward, so listen. I know you, Zhou Yu, were involved in corruption to get the property of your late father's land. You blackmailed Judge Hai and threatened to destroy his career if he didn't help you." Pao exclaimed when suddenly the older brother took out a pocket knife and held it near Pao's neck. His younger siblings were shocked as they looked at their older brother in disgust. "Listen old man. Do you think you can just walk in here and accuse me of blackmail and corruption? I am way more valuable than you. I have the power to kick you out of this town and even sue you for barging into **my** property." Zhou Yu shouted as the knife almost reached Pao's neck. Unable to do anything, Pao thought for a second. Is this really how he wanted to die? Suddenly, because some villagers heard all of the commotion, they knocked on the door. Zhou Yu put his knife back into his pocket and climbed out of the window. He jumped on a wooden pipe and climbed his way down to the garden. After a few seconds, they couldn't see him.

Roughly about 3 days later, Judge Pao sent a spy to talk to Zhou Yu and be friends. Once Zhou Yu revealed his secret about how he blackmailed and bribed Judge Hai, the spy kidnapped him and sent Zhou Yu to Judge Hai. Zhou Yu was finally imprisoned for blackmail, corruption, and illegal methods used during the trial period. At last, the people of Jin Huan appointed Judge Pao as their judge if anything illegal happened around that tiny town. Judge Pao never really felt afraid before, but that day in Jin Huan town, he felt mixed feelings of anger, frustration, and being scared. However, he would not let that stop him from continuing to act in a way that would be loyal to justice and the law.

Po Leung Kuk Hong Kong Taoist Association Yuen Yuen Primary School,

Kiang, Cheuk Yau Natalie – 11

Judge Pao is a great man known worldwide for his amazing case solving skills and his fair and clean personality. But did you know this little funny detail about him? Well, get comfy in your seat and I'll tell you all about it.

So, have you ever wondered, why is Judge Pao so black and has a moon on his forehead? Well, I've heard a rumor about it. It so happened when he was very young, he still wasn't qualified to be a judge back then. Some say he was just a normal policeman trying to catch thieves. But the thieves were smart and sneaky, they often just disappeared with not many traces left behind for the policemen to search. Judge Pao eventually got tired of the thieves getting away with crimes, so he decided it would be best to catch the thieves at night.

He first painted himself black so he could hide and camouflage into the dark easier. So, the thieves wouldn't see him in their dark surroundings. Imagine if you were a thief and you were just climbing a ladder to your victory and saw a foggy pair of eyes staring at you, that would give the thief the chills and probably cause the thief to fall off the ladder.

Now for the moon, it is a very interesting fact indeed, people in the old days were superstitious and scared of the moon! No, it's not because it's bad luck, it's because the people before were very respectful to the moon, as if it was a god or a ghost. So, they wouldn't dare speak dirty lies in front of a moon. So that is why the thieves when caught are most likely to confess themselves since lying in front of a moon was a very fearful or bad thing to do.

So, there you have it, the funny explanation about the moon and the dark skin, do you have any thoughts yourselves?

The Mystery of Why Villagers Began Disappearing From Town

Po Leung Kuk Hong Kong Taoist Association Yuen Yuen Primary School, Kung, Sum Yan Grace – 9

Judge Pao was a crusading figure with a passion for being fair and kind to poor people. He lived more than 1,000 years ago and Judge Pao was smarter than any other detectives that lived. One day, he was asked to solve a mystery of why villagers were missing from the town. Judge Pao was shocked because he had never seen this before!

When Judge Pao arrived at the crime scene, he found that most of the villagers were gone! Judge Pao thought, 'This is impossible! Let me find where the villagers have gone!' After half an hour, he found that all of them went to an old castle and were kidnapped! Judge Pao interviewed three suspects, who were Lee An, Wang Shu, and Shu Lee.

Lee An shrugged his shoulders and told Judge Pao, 'I was in the lounge making a cup of tea. Suddenly, I heard a scream.'

Wang Shu explained, 'I was in the study preparing for my mathematics exam. This has nothing to do with me!'

Shu Lee said, 'There was a fire in the castle. I was in the living room fixing the problem.'

Judge Pao thought for a while and told the three suspects, 'There is a clock in a dark room next door. It can detect if you are lying or not. You need to touch it. If you are lying, the clock will sound; if not, you will be innocent. Start now!'

After all the suspects touched the clock, Judge Pao turned on the light and said, 'Show me your hands!' One of the suspect's hands, Shu Lee, was not stained in ink, however, the others' hands were. Judge Pao quickly arrested the kidnapper, Shu Lee.

Actually, Judge Pao asked the painter to paint the clock with ink because he knew that the kidnapper was too scared to touch the clock and he thought nobody would see him because the clock was in the darkness. Shu Lee finally confessed that he did it and owned up immediately.

Murder for Money – A Tale of Judge Pao

Po Leung Kuk Hong Kong Taoist Association Yuen Yuen Primary School, Lam, Yat Yi Chloe - 11

One dark morning, Judge Pao was in a huge room, looking at some important scrolls. Suddenly, some soldiers burst into the room. "Judge Pao," they said, "this man claims that his father died in an accident, but he has no proof." Judge Pao put the scrolls down, and on his forehead revealed a moon symbol. A man walked in the huge room. The man looked really filthy. His hair was messy, and his clothes looked like there was dirt all over it. He said to Judge Pao respectfully, "My name is Lianjun, and what they said just now is true, Judge. My father died of a terrible, tragic accident. His will states that all of his money will go to me." One of the soldiers said, "He reported this to us. But when we asked to go there and inspect the scene, this man insisted that we shouldn't, and couldn't give us a reason." Judge Pao looked at Lianjun and raised an eyebrow. He eyed Lianjun suspiciously, before standing up and swaying his long, black–green gown, and said in a deep voice, "How can we actually know if your father died of an accident if you have no evidence at all?" Lianjun looked around nervously, but could not provide an answer. "We will go to court to talk about this tomorrow." Judge Pao said. Lianjun opened his mouth to say something, but before he could, the soldiers took him to leave. Lianjun looked really annoyed and frustrated. This made Judge Pao grow very suspicious of Lianjun...

The following day, Judge Pao and Lianjun and some soldiers were in the court. The court was really large, and could fit many people, yet silent, because there was nobody else there. Judge Pao asked Lianjun, "So, you witnessed your father's death, and you found his will which states that you will receive all his money, correct?" Lianjun nodded without even thinking. "Yes, that's exactly it, he died in an accident. Now can we please just end this trial?" Lianjun said impatiently. Judge Pao frowned. "I'm afraid not yet," Judge Pao said. "You have to prove your father actually died in an accident." Lianjun was suddenly enraged and shouted loudly, "So you are suspecting me now?!" Judge Pao shook his head. "I just want to confirm the facts. We will take a look at your house the next afternoon." Lianjun tried to argue back, but Judge Pao wouldn't listen to a word he was saying. Judge Pao was certain that it wasn't an "accident"...

The next afternoon, it was raining heavily as Judge Pao and the soldiers arrived at Lianjun's house. His house looked grand and big, with fabulous decorations around it. Judge Pao noticed that Lianjun looked a bit nervous. This just made Judge Pao grow even more suspicious of Lianjun. As they were about to enter the house, Lianjun suddenly asked, "Is this really necessary?" Judge Pao didn't answer and they just stepped into Lianjun's house. When they got in, there was a huge living room. The soldiers searched around but didn't seem to find anything suspicious. "We're going to check the bedrooms next." Said Judge Pao. As they walked to the bedrooms, Judge Pao saw there was a white towel, but it was now a pale red colour, like it had been previously used to clean something really red. Judge Pao swiped the towel before they reached the bedrooms.

When they entered the first bedroom, Judge Pao noticed that nothing was out of place. The room was tidy, and neat. Judge Pao searched around the room, but nothing there was suspicious. That's when he saw a red handprint on the side of the bed. Judge Pao knew that wasn't any accident. He looked at Lianjun, who was as pale as a vampire. Judge Pao told Lianjun to compare his hand to the handprint. He refused, but the guards made him do it. After comparing, they found out that the handprint and Lianjun's hand were the same size. "We'll go to the second bedroom to check if there is anything else." Judge Pao said.

They walked to the second bedroom, and saw that this bedroom was really messy. There were toppled over shelves, paper all over the place, and the bed sheets were on the floor. Judge Pao took the bed sheet away, but there was nothing under it. Judge Pao didn't find anything else. But when he flipped over the bed sheet, he saw that it had a huge blood stain on it. Judge Pao knew what had happened now. He turned to Lianjun, and said, "You killed him in his sleep. I took this wet blood-stained towel from the kitchen table earlier." He threw the towel on the floor. "There's also a bloody handprint in the other bedroom. Guards, search for a murder weapon." The guards left the bedroom to look for any weapon.

After a while, the guards returned with a knife that was stained with blood. "It was in a drawer," one of the guards said. "It was locked, but I broke it." Judge Pao was enraged. "This is no accident!" He yelled. "This is murder! You are going to prison for this. Guards, take him away!"

At last, Lianjun was sentenced to 15 years in prison for murder. Judge Pao has solved yet another case about corruption. Judge Pao was always a smart and fair judge, and never will allow corruption to happen.

A Judge Pao Story

Po Leung Kuk Hong Kong Taoist Association Yuen Yuen Primary School, Lee, Rhodice - 9

Once upon a time, there was a famous judge named Judge Pao. He was not a corrupt official, but a judge that was fair. He was very honest and he never lied. He hated people who lied and people who are selfish and greedy. He was also a detective.

One day, two women came to the court, holding a 1-month old baby in both of their hands, arguing. They both kneeled down in front of Judge Pao. Judge Pao asked both of them, "What seems to be the problem?" They both answered quickly, "She stole my child! Please help me get my precious baby back!"

Judge Pao looked at the two worried women and asked them calmly, "Who is the real mother? And who is lying?"

They both answered again, pointing fingers at each other, "I am! I am! She is the baby snatcher!" By this time, Judge Pao was getting furious, his face turned bright red. He knew one of them was lying, but no one admitted. He then thought of a wise idea. He told the two women to sit on the ground. Curious, one of the women asked why. Judge Pao answered, "You will know later. Tell me your names. I want to know you more."

The woman that answered first was Mary, her face was pale and she looked incredibly worried. Mary said, "Please give me my baby! She must be safe and sound! Don't trust that wretched woman!"

The second woman was a bit strange. She was sweating a lot and it took her some time to think of her own name. Finally, she said, "A.....Ag.tha! Give me my baby! She is lying!"

Once Agatha said her name, Judge Pao, although he was a bit suspicious, still ordered the two women to put the child on the ground. Mary and Agatha were surprised by this order, but they still had to follow the rules. They put the baby on the ground and waited for Judge Pao to give another order.

Judge Pao then said, "Agatha, you state that this 1-month old baby is yours, correct? Mary, you also state that this baby is yours, right?" Agatha and Mary both answered, "Yes!"

After they answered, he ordered them to compete with each other. He said, "The rules are simple. You have to make the baby smile with her teeth, but you can't touch her. Who wins this challenge can have this baby."

Agatha and Mary were so focused that they didn't answer yes and they didn't notice a 1-month old baby doesn't have teeth. Agatha stared at the baby fiercely, which was certainly not the best idea in Judge Pao's mind, but an incredibly surprising thing happened, the baby smiled at her with her teeth. Mary looked at the baby. She was devastated and she kept on weeping. Judge Pao was amused. He thought for a few minutes and concluded that Mary was the mother. Agatha was outraged, and in a gruff and loud voice, she said, "I won fair and square! That is my child! I mean…"

In a minute, Agatha changed her voice back to a sweet and soft tone. "I am the real mother. Shouldn't I be treated with respect? Please give me back my child, your honour."

Judge Pao glared at Agatha, he looked at her closely. He finally knew what made the baby smile with her teeth. He announced that Agatha used dark magic, she may be a witch or an ogre. Agatha suddenly laughed like a maniac, her voice changed to the gruff and loud voice again. She shouted, "Hahaha! Do you remember me? You locked my sister in the horrible dungeon!" Judge Pao was not that surprised, he had a lot of enemies because of his past cases. He asked her, "Gwen?" Gwen said, "Yes! I am Gwen the ogre! I am going to avenge my sister!" Judge Pao said, "Your sister killed and ate many innocent villagers from the Chuan Hong village for years! She deserves to be in the dungeon. Now, if you didn't commit this crime, trying to frame a poor mother, you can be free, but unfortunately you did do it, so you have to go to an even more terrible dungeon with your sister. Gwen looked at Judge Pao, she didn't know that her sister ate the villagers from Chuan Hong village and her sister even lied to her and said that was out hunting for wild boars to feast on, Gwen was heartbroken. She said" You are lying! Is it true? She didn't tell me..... why didn't she tell me? Why?" Judge Pao looked at Agatha, while she was asking why her sister didn't tell her, she changed her form into an ugly, giant, ogre. Judge Pao felt a bit of sympathy for her, but the law is the law. Judge Pao put Gwen and her sister in the same cage, when Gwen met her sister, she stared at her ferociously and faced her back at her. Afterwards, he sent fifty strong men to carry the incredibly heavy cage to a dungeon so horrible that even the most powerful dragons are scared of it. As for Mary, Judge Pao asked her a question before she can go. "Why did Gwen target your baby in the first place?" Mary answered, "Well, she came into the village I live in, in a human form. I think she overheard me talking to my mother about my newborn baby. Then, she changed her form into a beautiful lady, she came into my home and blessed my child. After, she ran away with my baby in her hands,

I chased after her to get back my baby, and she ran into the court. You know the rest of the story." After answering Judge Pao's question, she was free to go. Judge Pao on the other hand was waiting for another mysterious case for him to solve on his chair.

Adventures in the Game Remix: The Tale of Judge Pao

Po Leung Kuk Hong Kong Taoist Association Yuen Yuen Primary School, Ng, Chesley - 10

After some time, the team was getting some artifacts for their inventory. Ben went to the planet of Judge Pao with the sound of the hyper-meme-drive blasting. He got ready for his mission to experience the life of Judge Pao. The second he touched the door, everything went black.

The next thing Ben knew, he was in the old Song dynasty, getting tickled by his "mother". Time flew like an arrow, and he was already grown up! His first case was about a slaughtered ox but the culprit was tricky and kept using some tricks to try to keep Judge Pao off the trail. But luck was on Judge Pao's side since the defendant told Judge Pao that he visited him a few days ago to tell him that the ox's tongue was cut. Finally, the culprit was "caught" (he was in the court, so there was no need for sending guards to capture the culprit)

Years passed and many famous cases such as the case of the two nails, in which he was investigating a case about a guy who died. After some research and help, he found out the dead guy had a nail inside his skull. The culprit (the dead guy's wife) confessed to adultery and mariticide. Or the case of the Black Basin, the main protagonist was the Black Basin, his 'owner' and the merchant's ghost, it happened because a greedy guy wanted a merchant's goods and treasure. To protect himself from being caught by justice, he created a Black Basin. Days later, someone to whom the greedy guy owned a debt took his basin and saw the merchant's ghost and he reported it to Judge Pao. With the help of the merchant's ghost, they eventually caught the greedy guy.

Or the Civet Cat Exchanged for Crown Prince: Bao Zheng met a woman claiming to be the mother of the reigning emperor. Dozens of years prior, she had been an important person of the emperor, before falling out of favor for supposedly giving birth to a bloody cat. But, to the truth, a jealous guy switched the baby to a skinny cat seconds after the birth. He then ordered that the baby shall be killed. But the "killer" helped the baby by giving him to a prince. The "killer" was tortured to death later because the antagonist suspected that the baby was alive. Due to the passage of time, gathering evidence was a challenge for Judge Pao. But later, Judge Pao admonished the emperor and ordered that he be beaten. After some time, Judge Pao beat the emperor's coat instead.

A few more years passed, and after the famous Judge Pao was dead, everything went dark, and then Ben realized that Judge Pao was looking in front of him! While a zephyr was blowing and leaves fell, Judge Pao held out his hand and said, "Congratulations! You finished the life of me, Judge Pao. Here is your prize." He held out his hand and a weird thing came out!" It's a genius, here to help you with any problems you need, even your assessments." Judge Pao smirked at Ben. Suddenly, a few more people teleported here and took out a crystal. Ben cursed: "Oh not again..." Judge Pao: "But you need to know who is holding the real crystal..." Luckily, Ben took out a magnifying glass and searched for one that had not bubbled. He repeated that until he found the real crystal! Judge Pao was amazed. Ben said, "I knew that a real crystal doesn't have any bubbles, so I checked for some bubbles in each of the crystals. Not to be outdone, Judge Pao said, "A real crystal forms slowly, so most of the air is forced out when you extract it from a source. Yes, you chose the correct crystal! This one is yours..." The (real) crystal floated down to Ben's hand as he gripped it.

The Missing Detective

Po Leung Kuk Hong Kong Taoist Association Yuen Yuen Primary School, Yung, Tsz Wing Michelle - 10

The sun smiled, and the Earth beamed. Judge Pao was sitting in his elegant office drinking a cup of tea. He thought, "The weather is so peaceful, there should be no crimes to solve for a while." He was extremely wrong. A mysterious and evil crime was waiting for him to solve!

Judge Pao woke up from his sleep and yawned. Suddenly, black smoke circled him, and he screamed. Eerie cries were now blossoming, bringing him to the unknown. Followed by a loud thud, he landed on the hard ground. He thought, "Where am I?" All of a sudden, three men rushed over to him. Unable to recover from his shock, he just gaped. The three men were urgent, "Judge Pao, you are in 2000 London. You need to help solve a case. Our famous detective, Sherlock Holmes, has disappeared!"

Judge Pao was stunned. "Who are you?"

The burliest of the three men said, "I am Gordan Gorilla, the smartest of the pack," the other two men frowned. The second man said, "I am Watson, nice to meet you." Finally, the third man introduced himself as Carlson Fox. Judge Pao said, "Enough, what happened?"

Watson described the whole case to Judge Pao, "Sherlock Holmes didn't come to work for about ten days. We phoned him and went to his house, but there was no response. We even called the police, but they can't track him. We need your help. This is a mysterious case, there are no clues at all. We guarantee it's done by some professional kidnappers."

Judge Pao nodded his head and stroked his beard. "Interesting case," he murmured.

Chapter 2

Watson, Gorilla, Carlson Fox and Judge Pao arrived at Sherlock Holmes's office. Judge Pao noticed, as Watson said, there were no clues at all. Judge Pao asked, "Does Sherlock Holmes have any enemies?"

Gorilla thought for a while, "Yes, many. Scientist M, Liam, Emma, Amelia, Jack, and even the mayor of London, Eulises, is his enemy!"

"Why does he have so many enemies?" asked Judge Pao.

"Maybe he's too smart," answered Carlson Fox.

Judge Pao's eyes lit up, "You three will go to the mayor of London. For now, I imagine he is the greatest suspect. Also, pay close attention to his actions. Then, come back and tell me what you have seen."

Chapter 3

Gorilla, Carlson Fox and Watson arrived at the mayor's house. They realized the mayor looked rather nervous. After Gorilla began talking about Sherlock Holmes, the mayor yelled at them to get out of his house.

After the guards chased them out, Watson looked flabbergasted. He said, "The mayor is usually very cheerful and kind, what is wrong with him?" Carlson Fox rushed back to Judge Pao, and the others followed hastily.

After listening to Watson, Judge Pao nodded, "Then it must be Eulises who kidnapped Sherlock Holmes. It's harder now, to get people to trust us."

Chapter 4

The next day, Carlson Fox dressed himself up as a guard and sneaked into the mayor's house, determined to rescue his friend, Sherlock Holmes. He sneaked into the dungeon, and a shocking scene approached his eyes: Sherlock Holmes sat on the cold hard ground, with hay surrounding him. He gasped and Sherlock Holmes whispered, "Behind you!"

To Carlson Fox's horror, two guards stood before him. The guards bellowed, "You're not on duty here today little one! Get out of the dungeon!" Carlson Fox breathed a sigh of relief, took one last look at Sherlock Holmes, and rushed out of the gate.

Upon hearing Carlson Fox's words, Judge Pao jumped, "We'll bring the king of the United Kingdom to the dungeon!"

Chapter 5

Judge Pao and the others managed to call King Alexander from his palace to inspect the dungeon. As mayor Eulises saw him, his face turned white. King Alexander demanded, "Now, where is the dungeon?"

The palace guards took Judge Pao and the king to the dungeon. When King Alexander saw Sherlock Holmes, he went red with fury, "Who kidnapped him, may I ask?" An awkward silence descended over the crowd.

Chapter 6

At the High Court, Eulises explained he kidnapped Sherlock Holmes since his people think Sherlock Holmes is better than him. The judges sentenced him to 10 years of imprisonment. Sherlock Holmes and the others thanked Judge Pao for his bravery and intelligence, and at once black smoke circled him and brought him back to his office. Judge Pao is one of the most famous detectives in history, we should learn from him for his helpful heart, courage, and intelligence.

Po On Commercial Association Wan Ho Kan Primary School, Bicknell, Alexander Peter - 10

Judge Pao woke up one early morning, he got a call that some officers were coming to have dinner with him. He got prepared, they come here, discussed the matter, Judge Pao disagreed. The officers left looking disappointed.

The next day, there was a robbery from the bank. Judge Pao went to investigate, suddenly a portal appeared and sucked him into a different dimension. After he got there, he got shot from a mysterious creature. When he woke up again, he was in a dark forest, He explored the place and found an abandoned village. He entered a house in the village. When he touched the doorknob, he heard a voice. He opened the door and saw a wisp of smoke appear. It told him that there was a monster in the place. It was trying to take over the world. It was behind all the crimes that happened in the world. It infected other people's mind and controlled them.

The smoke also said, 'there is a potion to beat it. When you splash the first potion, you will summon the monster, the second potion may or may not turn the monster back into human. Then you must kill him.' And then the wisp of smoke disappeared. Once Judge Pao got out he also found a massive manor, he looked through the crocked window and saw a half-human, half-monster creature. He wondered if he was in some sort of nightmare. He saw a dead person holding a note saying, 'be quite.' Judge Pao was frightened. He nearly made a mental note to shout for help, but he didn't doer to make any sound, because he knew it would obviously alert the monster, so he stayed quiet.

Suddenly, the monster from the window disappeared. Judge Pao looked down and he saw he had stepped on a pressure plate. Assuming that the monster would kill him, he turned around and ran away. Judge Pao looked back and saw the monster was chasing him. He looked front and saw a portal. He jumped through it and escaped from the place. When he woke up again, he was in his car. His phone rang and the police asked where he was and told him that they found the bad guy. However, he might be under control by something. Judge Pao drove his car all the way to the bank. The bad guy told him that he did not do it, and if Judge Pao did not believe him, he would have nothing else to say. After listening to what the bad guy said, Judge Pao decided that the bad guy did not have to go to jail because he heard that someone else was behind it all.

Two Years Later...

After lot of potion-making experience, Judge Pao managed to make the potion to kill the monster. Judge Pao believed that the monster would be strong, so he prepared a lot of items such as: guns, swords, shields, extra bullet and bow with some arrows. When Judge Pao threw the first potion, suddenly everything went black. All Judge Pao could see was a few feet in front of him. He heard the sound of the monster. Then he saw it. He looks closer and saw the monster was actually blind, so it could only hear and sense human. Judge Pao threw the second potion, However, the monster did not become human again. The monster only regained his vision. Then Judge Pao could see properly again. He took his spare potion and splashed it at the monster. The monster gave a groan and turned back into human. Judge Pao straight away arrested the man and shot him with the gun. When Judge Pao killed the man, suddenly the clouds departed, the sky shone light blue and a rainbow appeared in the sky. The sun shone very bright too.

Everyone celebrated that the monster had been defeated!

Po On Commercial Association Wan Ho Kan Primary School, Huang, Pui Lok - 10

Peppa is greedy and lazy student. His teacher always blames him and disappointed at him. The academic result of Peppa is the worst in the class. His mother throws a tantrum at him and his father ignores him. However, Peppa think he has no fault and no need to change himself.

One evening, Peppa dreamt of an old man with his face red and had long beard. He was shocked and was unable to say a word. The man shocks his head and told him 'Such a naughty boy. Let me teach you a lesson. 'You are ridiculous! Peppa screamed. The next day, when Peppa walked across the street, a brand-new toy car in red color with gold linings caught his eyes. He opened his wallet immediately but saw no money inside. A feeling of despair rushed into his heart. Suddenly, a malicious thought appeared in his mind. He ran back home and tried to open. the drawer in his dad's bedroom. At this moment, he felt an electric shock. The time froze. The weird man emerged again. 'Who are you again?' Peppa said. 'Judge Pao, this is people usually call me. I am here to warn you that stealing money is a crime. Your parents will be disappointed,' the red face man said, no way, the car is really captivating. 'I must own it.' Peppa said. 'You will receive your penalties. Hope you won't regret' Judge Pao said and he faded, 'What A strange man!' Peppa confused.

The failure to steal money sadden Peppa. Subsequently, he found another way to get the car. He ran back to the toy shop and started at the car suspiciously. Just then, he took the car from the cabinet in a blink of an eye and ran as fast as he could.

However, the police arrived in the time and caught Peppa red handed. He saw his parent standing nearby and was looking at him unbelievably. A feeling of regret raised. The man with a mysterious look appeared again 'Judge Pao!' Peppa shouted with tears running down his cheeks. 'I finally realize what I have done is wrong. Can you please give me a chance? I won't commit crimes anymore and let my parents be disappointed in me again.' 'Time reverse. 'Judge Pao said,

The scenery blurred suddenly. When Peppa opened his eyes, he was back his home with his hand touching hid dad's drawer. The voice of Judge Pao echoed 'Not everyone has his second chance. To do or not to do it is your choice. Hope you can remember your promise. Peppa felt astonished and searched for details about Judge Pao. Discovering a series of justice incidents Judge Pao has done in the past, he swore to be an honest person.

Po On Commercial Association Wan Ho Kan Primary School, Kwong, Cho Hei - 11

One summer afternoon, when Judge Pao was resting as usual on a wooden chair at his office, he had a strange dream. In his dream, he wondered why there was a snowfall in summer. Suddenly, he found a small hare with red fur covering its head runny toward him. 'Our honorable Judge Pao, I have grievances of being misjudged by the magistrate. I beg your help!' it cried in a mournful voice. However, before Judge Pao asked the Hare what was happening, it disappeared without uttering a word. He woke up immediately, he pondered on his weird dream. He was confused but he put this bizarre dream in the back of his mind.

One day, when Judge Pao was taking a walk in his garden, he saw a wounded Hare lying cold on the hard ground, it has real fur covering its head! The same as the hare in his dream! So he bent down and wrapped the Hare in a piece of cloth carefully and took it back to his sitting room to heal it. After feeding the hare some water and carrot soup, it felt better and was ready to talk. The Hare said, 'Mr. Judge Pao, thank goodness you eventually found me! I travelled for and wide to find you! I've heard that you always bring justice to the innocent so I come and beg you to help!' Judge Pao comforted the Hare and said, 'Don't worry! I will do whatever I can help you. So tell me what happened first,' The Hare sighed deeply, 'It was a long story. My family and I lived in the woods near a forest. We picked wild plants and wash them in the river to eat every day. However, recently, our peaceful life has been ruined by a mysterious force! The air become hard to breathe and the meadow has litter all over it. To our dismay, the water from the river has turned inky! Trees mysteriously disappeared as well as the grass also vanished. The animal magistrate determined to find out what was happening. He sends out animals to search for this mysterious force! I was sent out in the investigation as well. I went into the forest and saw a red button on the tree trunk. I was curious and touched it. However, it suddenly exploded and a lot of tree began to fall down. I was shocked and terrified upon my discovery, but of the

investigation accused me of destroying the forest and I was locked up for persecution. I was even tortured to be admitted the guilt. Luckily, I escaped from the cell and come to find you to help! After Judge Pao heard about Hares story, he nodded and replied, 'I promise to help you to find out the fact! But first, we need to do some investigations. Take me to the forest.'

When they arrived at the scene, Judge Pao found some people chopping down the trees to build houses. Then he understood why the animals didn't have enough habitats to live. And then they went to the river, they discovered a lot of dead fish, the river was seriously polluted. They saw not only smoke coming out the chimney, but also dirty water going to the river thought pipes connected with factories. Judge Pao said, 'It was humans who damaged the nature. We have to prevent such situation from further deteriorating. We need to stop them as possible now.'

Judge Pao invited the local residents to have a meeting. In the meeting, he said loudly in front of them, 'we need to save our earth! Do you know you are destroying the living world. It is our responsibility to protect our environment though the publicity of reduce, recycle, reuse and recover.'

After that, Judge Pao who accompanied with the Hare, went back to the animal world. He said to the animal magistrate, 'you have misjudged the case. The real cause of the ultimate destruction of the forest was not the guilt committed by the Hare, but by the humane pollution, so the Hare was innocent.' The animal magistrate said. 'Judge Pao, thank you for helping me to find out the truth!' Judge Pao then suggested planting more trees and reducing food waste. 'Pouring dirty and toxic water into the river as not allowed and schools should teach kid importance of protecting the environment.' Judge Pao added. Since then, the beautiful forest began to recover with every animal that has put its effort to keep the nature of their world a better place to live.

Po On Commercial Association Wan Ho Kan Primary School, Li, Ze Kai - 10

One day, Judge Pao was just drinking some tea, and then a soldier ran inside the palace. He screamed 'Judge Pao! There's a crime made in the bank!' Judge Pao said, 'who did it?' It was a man, but he said that he was just walking around and the other guy is the criminal! What should we do!? The soldier asked, 'Hmmmm.....' said Judge Pao. Bring the two men to me.''

After a while, the soldier walked inside the palace, but this time, he was walking with two men. 'Tell me, said Judge Pao, 'What's your name?' 'My name is Shao Wang.' The first man said, 'then what's yours?' Judge Pao pointed to the other man. 'it's Shao Kua.' He said. 'That's impossible!' screamed the soldier. 'There couldn't be TWO Shaos!' He screamed. 'Stay relaxed!' said Judge Pao. 'So, Shao Kua, what did you do when the crime happened? 'I was just walking to the shops to buy some meat!' He screamed. 'I didn't do anything as well! screamed Shao Kua. 'Okay, I know who's the criminal! Said

Judge Pao shouted. 'M....m me?' Shao Kua said. 'It was easy to see that you're a liar!' Judge Pao shouted. 'Um.... But you got the wrong man!' He shouted. 'Oh. Really?' said Judge Pao. 'You didn't have an explanation!' He said 'Ok fine!' Shao Kua said. 'I admit that you're..... a hard one!' Shao Kua shouted. And then, he ran out of the palace! Judge Pao only can watch it.

Who knows what will happen in the next day.

Po On Commercial Association Wan Ho Kan Primary School, Yu, Peiming – 10

In a very normal and happy city. There is a detective office. And Inside the detective of five lived two men. They are Judge Pao and Gongsum Ce.

'Wow! This cup of tea smells so good!' said Gongsum Ce. 'Ha ha! Of course it's good. It's very expensive.' Suddenly, someone knocked the door Gongsum Ce opened the door and and then he was shocked because he saw a woman who wear in all purple. Please come in and have a sit.' said Judge Pao. The women sat down and said, 'I'm a bit sick so my throat is not very good. I'm sorry that I can't speak well.' 'Its fine,' said Judge Pao. 'Why did you come here?' said the both men. 'Oh! right! I've almost forgot why did I come here. My name is Rose but everyone usually call me purple woman. I came here because I want you to help me solve this riddle. In our family everyone should plant sweet potato and everyone all love sweet potato because forefather loved it. This riddle is from our forefather and it said that there is a treasure if we can solve all riddles. I really want to know what is the treasure.

Could you please help me?' Said the purple women. 'Sure, could you show me the riddle?' Said Judge Pao. Later, Judge Pao said "The answer is dig into the middle of the farm. 'Oh thank you so much,' said the purple women. But when the purple women just about the leave. Judge Pao said, 'a woman has to find the treasure seems to hard we will go with you.' Rose said, 'No need! Thank you! I can do it.' Judge Pao said, 'Leave it to me. I'll find the treasure.' 'Ok, fine,' said the purple woman.

When they arrive at the farm. 'Wow! This farm is so beautiful, said Gougsun Ce. 'I agree.' said Judge Pao. 'Let's go to the middle of the farm and dig out the treasure,' said Judge Pao. After they are middle of the farm. Gougsun Ce said, 'Let me dig out the treasure!' But when Gougsun Ce was almost done, the purple women pushed him away and said, 'Let me dig!' And then she broke the sweet potato root and start to dig. 'Umm? The treasure is not here? This is just a paper.' said the purple women 'No, this should be a map. This red mark should be the place with the treasure,' said Judge Pao. After Judge Pao finished what he wants to say, Gongsun Ce said, 'the purple woman is already there. So the two men also want to where the red mark is.

'Treasure I'm coming!' said the purple woman and then she opened the door. 'Where is the treasure? There is nothing inside!' said the purple women 'Hey! look here! there is a riddle, ' said Gongsun Ce. 'Use our favorite to open the door. What does this mean?' said Gongsum Ce. 'The answer should be sweet potato because this should be purple woman's favorite food,' said Judge Pao. Suddenly, a secret door opened up. 'Wow so much treasure!' said the purple woman. 'Thank you for helping me. Now that the treasure is found you two may leave. Oh! Thanks to my hard–working day by day for planting sweet potato.' I finally get some repay!' said the purple woman, but Judge Pao said, 'before I go, there is one more problem. You are not the real purple woman! You said that you work day by day so you must not be this white. Also, you said you love sweet potato but that sweet potato cake Gongsum Ce give you, you didn't eat it all. At last, you love planting sweet potato but when you

we're digging the middle part of the farm you cut the all the sweet potatoes roots off. So, you must not be Rose!' Gongsun Ce called the police. Soon the police came and took the fake purple woman. 'Judge Pao, you are so smart!' said Gongsun Ce. 'Ha ha! Let's go home.' said Judge Pao.

The Mystery

Pui Ching Primary School, Chan, Yat Ching Jocelyn – 12

Isabella Wilson woke up at night, hearing some footsteps from the corridor. She got out of bed, put on her slippers, and opened the door, seeing a photo that she'd never known was there before. She was terrified, so she tiptoed to her parents' room. Her mother was in the corridor and was about to knock on Isabella's door.

She asked, "Mom, what's happening?"

"I don't know," said Mom.

Since her dad needed to go to Hong Kong for work, he was not at home but will be back tomorrow.

They went downstairs and tried to find where the sound was coming from. Eight hours went by; it felt like forever. They sat there all night but still saw no sign of anything. So, they ended up sleeping in the next morning. Isabella's dad came home in shock, seeing them laying on the floor.

He said, "Isabella, my dear, pack your bags. You need to go to school."

Isabella and her mom explained that they heard footsteps coming from the corridor. So they spent the whole night looking for it, but they found no hope.

Dad said, "Oh! That's why."

Isabella's mother stayed home from work to discover the mystery, while Isabella quickly packed her bags and went to school.

When Isabella was walking to school, she felt that someone was following her. But she looked a few times, and no one was there. This was rather strange, but her family is quite famous and rich after all. And whoever was behind this did a really good job hiding their faces. Isabella ignored the situation and quickly continued walking to school.

At school, everything was normal except that most of her teachers were on leave, which was another mystery.

When the school bell rang, it was time for lunch. The worst school lunch lady, Aunt Betty, who was never absent for ten years in a row, was on sick leave today. How strange. Isabella and her friends talked about Betty throughout the whole day.

Time went by really fast; class was over, so Isabella rushed home.

"What's going on?" Isabella asked, "Why are you crying?"

Her mother replied, "When I was in the toilet, somebody came and took your dad. I came out, looked out the window, and saw your dad and some random guys getting in a car."

Isabella calmed her mother and said, "I went to school today, and some of my teachers who were rarely absent from work were on leave today. I wonder if they have something to do with it as well. Did you see anyone?

Her mother said, "I saw a man wearing a suit in the car."

Isabella replied, "You see, half of my teachers were on leave today and had their reasons. The other half just kind of seemed like they disappeared on purpose. Those teachers really might be the ones who took dad."

Her mother said, "That makes sense. We better call the police."

They called the police, and the police came in a matter of minutes.

Isabella said, "Some men came and took my dad."

One of the police officers asked, "Is there any way we can track them down?"

Her mother said, "He did carry his phone with him. Maybe we can use my phone to track down his location."

She opened her 'Find Me' app and tracked down Isabella's dad's location. They found out that he was at Black Boy Street, number 2, in the Rainbow Building. So, they took off in the police car and headed there.

Meanwhile, on Dad's side, it was his father, Judge Pao, who took him.

Judge Pao said, "Hey John, can we talk about something serious right now?"

Dad said, "Sure, dad, why not?"

Judge Pao took a deep breath and said, "After you got married to a British woman, I got so mad because you broke the family tradition. I kicked you out. So, you left China to live with your wife in England. Your mother passed away very soon after. I didn't have a job, so I was late on rent and other bills. I even became homeless afterward. So, I decided to come here to start a new life with you. Can you forgive me?"

Isabella's father said, "You know, I've been thinking about you a lot lately, but I'm not sure."

Judge Pao said, "Please, please, please just forgive me."

Her father sighed and said, "Oh well, since you are here, we can give it a try."

Judge Pao hugged his son and exclaimed, "Thank you, thank you, son; you don't know how much this means to me."

Just at that moment, Isabella, her mom, and the policemen came.

The policemen screamed, "Freeze! Put your hands up!"

Dad said confusedly, "Wait, wait, can someone explain why the cops are here?"

Isabella said, "Dad, that guy just kidnapped you."

Dad said, "That is my dad, your grandfather, Judge Pao."

Isabella said, "Oh, you never told me about him."

Dad said, "Yeah, because it is a long story that kids might not understand. But for now, let's get out of here."

They were all shocked and were taken home in the police car. When Isabella, her mom, dad, and Judge Pao were back at the house, Isabella took out the photo that she saw last night of her dad and Judge Pao. She remembered that she had seen him before in the photo. The photo was taken in the middle of the Great Wall of China in Beijing, when her dad still lived in China as a kid.

Judge Pao said, "Yeah, the good old days."

Isabella said, "Grandfather Judge Pao, why don't you come and live with us? Is it okay, Dad?"

Dad said, "Of course, if the judge is fine with it."

The judge smiled, and they all hugged for a wonderful reunion. It turns out half the teachers at school weren't doing anything wrong; they really were sick.

The Endless Case

Pui Ching Primary School, Cheng, Hoi Hei Hallie – 11

"How did this happen, Mr. Wilson?" asked Detective Charlotte.

"It was a breezy night, my daughter, Diana Wilson, went outside with her friends. But after one hour, my daughter still wasn't home, I am worried sick. She still hasn't returned yet," cried Mr. Wilson.

Detective Charlotte pondered for a few minutes, "Diana Wilson? This name sounds familiar, hmm," she asked, "When was the last time you saw her?"

"It was eight o'clock. After dinner, Diana said that she wanted to go out with her friends to a party," replied Mr. Wilson. Detective Charlotte thought this was suspicious, so she told Mr. Wilson she had to think for a bit and left the house quietly.

While Detective Charlotte was on her way home, she felt someone was following behind her. She ran as quick as lightning back to her home. When she locked the door, the door opened by itself then closed again!

Detective Charlotte was shocked so she sat down on her couch to cool down. Suddenly, she was getting controlled by someone. Detective Charlotte wanted to go to the bathroom, instead she went to the kitchen. But when she wanted to go to the kitchen, she went to the bathroom. After that, she went back to the living room.

"This is ridiculous, why am I being controlled?" thought Detective Charlotte.

Mr. Wilson called again, "About my daughter Diana... I've called her friends, some said that Diana didn't go to the party but some said that Diana was murdered by a girl called Ellie, I don't know who I should believe..."

"Do Diana's friends have any evidence to prove that Ellie murdered Diana then?" asked Detective Charlotte. After the call, Charlotte went back to Mr. Wilson's place.

Mr. Wilson replied, "Well, yes, one of Diana's friends, Coco, sent me a recording of Ellie murdering Diana."

Mr. Wilson played the recording...

["No! This is not funny. Don't kill me please! I still want to see my family and friends and die at old age. Please, don't kill me!" Diana's voice pleaded.]

["No! This is my only chance! How dumb! No one told you to come to the party and fall into my trap. Hahaha!" Ellie's voice said, "This is a lesson for you, my very 'best friend'. This is time for you to die!" Ellie then broke into an evil laugh.]

["Ahh!" Then, there were sounds of a blood knife going into flesh.]

The recording ended.

"Um, that seems edited. Those are my thoughts on this recording. I think Coco needs more evidence to prove that Ellie did it. If I don't have any more evidence to prove Ellie did it, the murderer or kidnapper could be one of Diana's friends!" said Detective Charlotte.

Detective Charlotte thought, "Well, maybe it is Ellie or it could be Coco. We need more evidence to prove that Ellie murdered Diana or kidnapped her." She thought for about two minutes.

"Hello? Detective Charlotte?" asked Mr. Wilson. Detective Charlotte came back to her senses.

"Sorry for taking so long," Mr. Wilson wasn't expecting that Charlotte would take this long.

He thought, "She is Judge Pao's great great granddaughter. She couldn't be wrong! Should I find another detective? Detective Charlotte is the kindest and reliable. Everyone asks her to solve their cases. Detective Charlotte always solves the case." While Mr. Wilson went to the washroom, Detective Charlotte checked his phone and saw an unknown message.

Mr. Wilson's phone was ringing, one new notification, 3 messages from Coco...

*"Hey Bestie, the plan is working!" *

*"Liliana? Are you there? *

*"When you're free, reply to my message!" *

Detective Charlotte was shocked. She couldn't imagine what she witnessed. Spotting an empty lavender room, she considered, "This must be Diana's room." She went inside and found a book on a desk: Diana's diary.

She opened it and read the latest entry. It read,"2022.3.18 is my last day at school before the holiday. I received presents from everyone, but not her. I met her 3 years ago, we became best friends. I thought Liliana was my best friend but she wasn't. I also figured out that she has magic powers. She told me she's going to get my family and friends. I went bananas but she didn't stop. I just hope she doesn't hurt me, my family and my best friends, but there's no hope for me. I am the popular one. After school, I am going to their party... I will not disappoint anybody."

Charlotte froze after reading Diana's diary. The truth was out. Who knew Liliana was the evil one?

"Ding ding ding"

New message notification to Mr. Wilson's phone

Another message from Coco again.

*"Bestie, let's meet at 1 o'clock, 18 Wu Kai Sha road. Is that ok for you?" *

"Ok, I'll be there soon. Don't worry," Charlotte thought, "Well, let me meet her and see her reaction or just to get some more evidence. It could be useful either way."

Charlotte went to 18 Wu Kai Sha Road. Liliana and Diana were tied on a rope. Coco stood in front of Charlotte. She thought it would be Lilianna. Was Coco the one faking it all along?

Coco boasted with laughter, "How funny, Detective Charlotte. I thought you'd be smarter than them. How dumb of you to fall into my trap. Hahaha, a famous detective and I caught you all the same. So funny!"

Coco tied Charlotte up with a rope. Charlotte tried to untie them and herself, but it didn't even work. Diana and Liliana were crying, their tears making an ocean. Charlotte was like swimming in a deep sea. No one could help her.

A mysterious shadow walked by, Liliana, Diana and Charlotte were petrified. It was Ellie!

"Are you guys okay? I'm here to help. Let's go! I heard that Diana's dad was worried about Diana that she got taken away," Ellie untied them then sent them back to their homes.

Detective Charlotte thought, "I have figured everything out! The one who was following and controlling me was Coco. She was practicing her magic powers when she was little. Ellie is innocent! The recording Coco took of Ellie and Diana was just the two of them playing around at the party!"

After Diana's dad heard this from Charlotte, he wasn't worried anymore. Diana was asked to stay at home and not to go to school.

At last, Diana and Liliana became real best friends and Coco was involved in a court case for kidnapping her classmates.

"It is not my fault..." Coco explained...

Zane and Rose Pao and the Adventure of the Volcano Fungii

Pui Ching Primary School, Cheung, Pak Yau – 12

The kids nowadays love detective stories like Detective Pikachu, Batman and Sherlock Holmes. But a thousand years ago, before all these famous detectives was the original detective, Judge Pao. People knew Judge Pao as the great Judge who brings justice to the ones that wronged others, and help the innocent prove their innocence in the daytime, but not many people knew about the great judge at night. The great Judge Pao was the immortal Yama of hell.

The Yama mainly works for the Infernal Bureaucracy department, they sort out all the affairs of the afterlife. Whenever devils escape from hell, he puts them back at their place. When selfish creatures on Earth perish, he guides them towards the elevator to hell. The Yama was rumored to be the first ever being to pass away, so the great gods bestowed him as the God of Death.

One day, a devil slipped out of hell and escaped to the mortal realm, the devil was the infamous Lucifer. Lucifer brought chaos and destruction along with his every step, the plants wither to the touch of him. Lucifer attacked one city and another until he got the attention of the great Yama. The Yama and Lucifer fought against each other for decades on end. They fought and fought on an ancient volcano. They disappeared after a century of fighting, some say the Yama won, some say Lucifer won. But no one knows the truth...until now.

Now in the present, Judge Pao's descendants, Zane Pao and Rose Pao lived in Hong Kong. They were international celebrities. Zane is a multi-billionaire who has been experimenting with space travel. Rose, on the other hand, was a great doctor who could heal anyone with herbs. She knows every solution to every sickness like the back of her hand, past, present or future.

But other than that, they also fought aliens from other universes. They regularly win awards for fighting and protecting their home planet every Saturday morning. Zane has teleportation and telekinesis powers, and Rose has healing and defensive powers. They usually fight small troops of aliens that could sometimes shapeshift or control the weather. They rarely get gigantic armies of destructive, powerful aliens to fight.

Last week, an ancient volcano erupted for the first time in a thousand years. Zane and Rose went to investigate the volcano eruption when the almighty Lucifer stood at the center of the volcano.

"Puny humans, I have come for your demise!"

The fight of Lucifer and Judge Pao has ended. Chaos and destruction will be brought upon the living world. Just as Lucifer has risen, enormous armies of element controlling aliens, mind controlling aliens and otherworldly gods have come in the aid of Lucifer.

"Well, this is a heavy cross to bear." yelled Zane while teleporting all over the place dodging laser beams the aliens have been shooting at him.

"We mustn't give up yet, this world depends on us! Legend says a seed was planted by our ancestor, Judge Pao in this very volcano. It is said that the seed will bloom in the hands of a true, pure hearted hero. The seed possesses great power, we must find that seed!" yelled Rose.

The pair set off to find the seed, with a deep breath, they dove into the pool of lava, crushed the layers of magma and into the bottom of the volcano. At the bottom, was a village of small sentient fungi. The village's architecture was lovely, it had rounded roofs, with many plants for decorations. The fungi could talk and walk just like humans, but they seem to be freaking out instead of being calm like they are in the stories. The fungi were all over the place! Some were gathering crops, and some were digging into the ground.

"Woah there! What's the rush?" Rose yelled.

"The magma is collapsing!" yelled a fungus from behind. The fungus was the village leader, Fugii.

"Relax! I'll help you summon a shield that'll hold on for millions of years, if not forever! You'll have plenty of time to fix it then." Rose drew a circle surrounding the village and chanted a spell. BAM! A blue fire lit up and a shield began forming pixel by pixel. The Fungi thanked them for helping them, but one question was on their mind.

"Why are you here? We haven't had visitors for years?"

Zane explained that they were here to search for the ancient seed. Fugii stepped up and formed something from its staff. With a few seconds, a seed was formed.

"I believe you are looking for this. Please take this as our gratitude for helping us." Rose held the seed in her palms, the seed began blooming beautifully in her arms. A beacon of light shot out of the rose and through the layers of magma and lava. Back at the surface, the light shined so brightly it was practically a second sun. It blinded many of the aliens attacking earth's creatures, the aliens turned their attention to the beacon. Lucifer tried to destroy the beacon, but he was burnt instead.

"Impossible!" yelled Lucifer in pain. But it was possible. The small hole that was burnt into the body of the Devil started to evaporate his body until it was nothing but a giant pile of ashes for the wind to clean up. The aliens watched in fear, they quickly left the earth. Zane and Rose were finally back at the surface, but the destruction was done. Many cities were destroyed and innocent lives lost, they have won, but in the cost of everything. Rose healed the hurt citizens, but healing won't resurrect the dead. Zane tried piecing the broken buildings with his power, but it was nothing but failure.

As they thought the world hated them, the citizens of Hong Kong chanted "Thank you for saving us!" to the two heroes.

Judge Pao would have been proud.

Detective Juliet - Lost Necklace

Pui Ching Primary School, Leung, Hailey Myra – 11

One day, I was eating my toast while walking to school early. Madison Brown, my best friend, sniffed and whimpered, "Juliet! It's... gone!" I turned back and saw Madison was crying.

I swallowed my last bite of toast and asked, "Huh? What's gone?"

"M-my necklace that I wore yesterday! The one I told you that's my birthday present from my grandma," Madison cried with a desperate frown, "I searched my whole school bag. I found out it was gone last night." Madison shook my body which made me dizzy.

"I felt this is a mission waiting for me," I grinned and murmured.

"Juliet, can you help me? I still remember you're the famous Judge Pao's great great great granddaughter," Madison said.

"I will try my best!" I said, and gave a confident smile even though I had no idea where to start with, "Trust me, Madison."

Madison looked at me with tearing eyes, "Juliet..."

I playfully hit her shoulder, "Let's go to school."

Madison and I swiftly ran to our school. Our school was a large building with neatly cleaned windows. There was a small fountain at the left-hand side. Our garden planted lots of roses and sunflowers which gave our school a floral scent, making the school environment look so classy. There were birds chirping on the sakura trees. We loved sitting under the tree to read and panic...

We talked in our classroom before class began. Suddenly, we heard Lucy say loudly in a group, "Oh! It's so beautiful. Can I try your necklace?" Ava nodded and handed the necklace to Lucy.

Without a doubt, Madison dashed at Ava and Lucy, cried on top of her lungs, "That necklace is mine! How dare you wear it without my permission!" I looked at the necklace, it was a silver necklace with yellow jewelry. It wasn't the red golden necklace that Madison wore. I quickly ran to them and apologized. Ava stared at Madison and walked away.

"Let's go," I said, before things got too embarrassing. I held her hand and quickly ran outside the classroom.

"What were you doing?" I asked her angrily.

"I thought that was my necklace," said Madison innocently.

I sighed and said, "Let's walk around to see who has the necklace."

Madison and I walked around in the garden and saw Rosy, who was a British,

artsy girl, and Bella, who had short hair with a pair of black thick glasses. We were classmates. They were sitting on the bench under the sakura trees. They looked sad. We both walked to them and asked curiously, "What's wrong?"

Rosy sniffed and sighed, "I lost my bracelet and Bella lost her earrings."

I was surprised and said, "Madison also lost her necklace."

Bella and Rosy mumbled, "Who took our jewelry?"

Madison shrugged and thought for a while, "I suspect it's Helen. She asked me to show her my necklace."

Bella and Rosy looked at each other and told us that they showed their jewelry to Helen too.

Before we walked back to the classroom, I asked Madison what happened yesterday when she saw Helen. Madison told me that she was writing in her handbook. Helen asked for her necklace. She refused at first but Helen said she never owned any necklaces, so I took off my necklace and put it on her neck. She tried it and returned it. Only Helen asked to see my necklace, and she knew that I put it in my pencil case.

I ran back to Rosy and Bella. They told me they showed Helen on different days too. I went back to the classroom and observed Helen. Helen was talking to her friends Hannah and Judy. Helen sometimes stared at classmates' outfits and bags.

We had PE class today, everyone packed their school bags. Helen pretended to pack her school bag but she was trying to be the slowest. She was waiting for other classmates to leave the classroom. I packed my school bag and hid behind the door. I saw her open Penny's school bag and took out a pencil from Penny's pencil case. I thought that Helen would steal but she just looked at it and put it back. I thought it was her best opportunity to steal it but she didn't.

After she left, I wanted to go to the playground but I saw an incident. I wasn't sure what happened. After PE class, Penny found that her pen was gone. She cried and asked Helen if she saw her pen. Helen looked worried but she denied it. Rosy, Bella, and Madison looked at each other. They suspected Helen, so they searched her drawer and school bag. They couldn't find the pen.

Before PE class, I saw Helen's best friends Hannah and Judy open Penny's pencil case. They smirked and took Penny's pen. They put it into Helen's school bag. I wasn't sure why they did that to Helen. Did Helen ask them to do it? But Helen could do it herself. Hannah and Judy took the pen, but why did the pen vanish?

I walked into the toilet and I heard Hannah and Judy talking. "Huh? Just now I put the pen into Helen's school bag, but it's gone!" Hannah said.

Judy asked, "Did you take the pen?"

Hannah said, "Eh... No! I didn't. We did it a couple of times, even though I like the pen, but I didn't."

I was very mad. I ran to Hannah and she saw me. She was surprised. "How long have you been here?" She asked me.

I told her everything I had known and Hannah and Judy were very embarrassed.

"I will tell the teacher if you don't return the things you guys have stolen," I warned.

The next day, they made some anonymous "Sorry" cards for everyone and gave their things back.

Everyone said to me, "Thank you, our detective, Juliet!"

The Bank Robbery

Pui Ching Primary School, Tsui, Sum Yuet Athena – 12

Detective Pao Ye-An is at the bank with his sidekick and best friend, Wu En-De. A dollar bill, a crowbar, and a labeled hammer were left behind; a mistake professional thieves never make.

Matching the label, Ye–An found a tool store selling the exact hammer and crowbar. Wu En–De asked the receptionist for last week's camera footage. He watched a brown–haired, green–eyed man ramble into the store. The man bought the crowbar and hammer the same day of the bank robbery. The name of the guy was Zhou Ba–Nu, who the receptionist said had a deep voice. Zhou Ba–Nu was about five feet, ten inches tall. The police records showed that Zhou Ba–Nu lives in Wan Chai, so Ye–An and his partner sped over there, ready to meet their suspect.

Instead of a 20-year-old guy, they were greeted by a 50-year-old woman, who told the officers that she just moved in a few hours ago. Without a hello, Pao Ye-An barged into the lady's apartment only to find hundreds of boxes, a rusty metal chair, and a few spruce cabinets. Ye-An looked around suspiciously for evidence. Did that old lady hide the thief? Unfortunately, he found nothing but more boxes. Ye-An left after apologizing to the lady.

The next day, Ye-An went to the beach to see the sunrise and was surprised to see Wu En-De there. En-De had an idea: what if the old lady was the thief instead? Ye-An was shocked at the thought of a 50-year-old lady being a thief.

Wu En-De continued, "What if the lady wasn't settling in but instead was leaving the place?"

Pao Ye-An was amazed at the thought and decided to check on the lady; the house was now empty, proving En-De's theory right! Unfortunately, the police had already closed the case, so the two detectives had to investigate it by themselves.

Pao Ye-An and Wu En-De went back to the police station to find information on the lady. It seems that they were onto something. After four days of searching, Wu En-De found out the old lady's name was Li An-Ni. Pao Ye-An also found a little bit of information on Zhou Ba-Nu, their prime suspect.

En-De said, "Li An-Ni now lives in Causeway Bay in a building called Mei-Wei Apartment. An-Ni has a daughter named Li Ai-Ma and two sons. One was named Li Ha-Li, who sadly died in a car crash a year ago, and the other's name reads "Anonymous."

Pao Ye-An replied, "Li An-Ni and Zhou Ba-Nu are related. Their DNA has a 50% match."

The two detectives drove to the Causeway Bay address, where Li An–Ni and Matt Lei, a famous award–winning movie star, greeted them at the door. Being big fans of Matt Lei, Pao Ye–An, and Wu En–De screamed. Li An–Ni questioned who the two detectives were, so Pao Ye–An and Wu En–De pretended to be electricians. They claimed that they were fixing a power outage (which there actually was), so An–Ni let them in without any doubt.

It turns out that the entire thing was a complete misunderstanding. Matt Lei was Li An–Ni's anonymous son; his real name was Li Ma–Te. Li An–Ni never lied from the start. Li An–Ni was really moving into the house but saw a bunch of rats later that day, so she moved back to her original apartment, which she luckily didn't sell yet. Li Ai–Ma and Matt Lei were at their mother's home since their mother Li An–Ni was sick the past week. Matt Lei was a celebrity and didn't want anyone to know his family background since his family wanted to have a private life, so he was anonymous on the police webpage. It's also why Matt Li changed his celebrity last name to "Lei".

An-Ni's family was nice, altruistic, and kind, and they offered to help. When Pao Ye-An told Li An-Ni about Zhou Ba-Nu. Li An-Ni was surprised about it and told them about Ha-Li, her other son.

An-Ni said, "Matt has been a celebrity for a few years now. One day, Ha-Li and Matt Lei were walking down the street. Some fans recognized Matt and asked for his autograph. However, Ha-Li didn't want Matt's fans chasing after him so he changed his name to Zhou Ba-Nu. Li Ha-Li (or Zhou Ba-Nu) must've actually been the person who robbed the bank because he always wanted the world to know who he was and not be in Matt's shadow forever."

Matt's face went red as a tomato. He was embarrassed. An-Ni said that Li Ha-Li gave her the apartment as a farewell gift since he was going to live in the USA. Li An-Ni showed Detective Ye-An and Detective En-De a letter that Li Ha-Li sent to her a few days ago.

The letter:

Dear Mum,

I now live a happy life; I have all the money I wanted, and I recently returned to Hong Kong, where I now reside in Tsuen Wan. You can visit me on Gan Wan Street in the Chi Ren Building on the fifth floor in Room B. I hope you are doing well!

Sincerely,

Ha-Li

The following day, the detectives went to the Chi Ren Building and arrested Li Ha–Li (or Zhou Ba–Nu) for the robbery. The Chief Executive gave a medal to Ye–An and En–De to praise them for their courage and bravery. If Judge Pao saw this, he would be proud of his grandson.

Three Stray Dogs

Pui Ching Primary School, Yam, Po Sing Matthew - 11

Harry Pao was sitting on his chair, reading the newspaper. "Warren, it's already been a month and there is no business. My brain cells will rust if there is no—"

Suddenly, a rapid sound upstairs cut off Harry. Someone knocked on the door loudly with their fist.

"A-ha! He must have something urgent. And there is finally business!" Harry opened the door. The man rushed in and held a cupboard. The man wore normal clothes, but he was sweating and panting nervously.

"Sorry Mr. Harry. Please forgive my recklessness! You know, I'm the unfortunate pet shop keeper Bryan Robinson!"

"Calm down, Mr. Robinson. You sound like you've met me before, but I didn't meet you before, did I? Please sit down. Tell me about the case."

"Well, it started one week ago ... " Robinson narrated.

A stranger gave me three dogs. He looked like a merchant and he wore a suit. He had a leather briefcase, with a Chanel logo on it. He said he'd seen those stray dogs on the street. I received the dogs and I took good care of them.

This morning, I was going to my shop as usual, but I noticed the dogs that the stranger gave me were dead! Their stomachs were all cut open! I was in grief so I decided to find you at once after I locked the shop door," he continued.

"These are the things I know. I've heard you help many innocent people reverse their verdict. It is said that you are a descendant of the Judge Pao. Everyone called you the Real Sherlock Holmes. Please help me to avenge the dogs. Also, a citizen gave me a photo of the man who gave me the dogs."

"Alright, Mr. Robinson. Tomorrow I will go to your pet shop. I will see if there is any evidence of the dogs."

After Robinson left, Harry took the photo to the police station. He asked the officer to find if there is a suspect that matches the description. The officer gave him information about a criminal called David Moran. Harry posted an advert on the newspaper pronto to find David Moran.

The next day, Robinson found Harry.

"Hello Mr. Harry, please follow me to my pet shop. Have you found any evidence in the photo?"

"I've found a criminal that looks like the man in the photo. He's called David Moran. I've posted an advert to find him. Let's wait for a few more days to see if someone has found him."

Soon, Harry was at the pet shop. He found that the wounds on the dogs' bodies were very consistent. Moreover, not only their wounds, their stomachs were also cut. The cuts were very tidy, which looks like it was made by an expert. Only experts can cut such a tidy incision. Harry loves these cases. He likes to train his intelligence by solving difficult cases.

"He took something out of their stomachs, but what was it?" Harry thought.

A few days later, a citizen claimed he found a person that looked like David Moran. He gave Harry the man's address: Room C, 25/F, Tower 3, Skyscraper 75, 168, Fairfield Way, Florida, America.

That day at midnight, Harry eavesdropped two black shadows having a conversation in the alley:

"These are the diamonds you want." The tall shadow said.

"Oh gosh, that's a lot!" The short shadow said.

"Shh! Be quiet. There might be police listening to us." The tall black shadow looked around to ensure there was nothing except cardboard boxes left from the market.

"Oh, don't be scared. It's now 11 o'clock and no one will see us. This is the reward." It took out a suitcase.

The tall shadow received it and meanwhile, one of the cardboard boxes popped up and Harry jumped out from the box. The two shadows were afraid and turned and ran. But when they turned around, Warren was blocking their way. They got the mail from the police and it said the place and the time which the smugglers would trade. They ambushed and waited for the smugglers to appear. When they were taken to the interrogation room, everything came to light...

At the interrogation room, I asked ...

"Mr. Moran, you are the one who killed the dogs and you took the diamonds out of their stomach, right?"

Moran nodded his head speechlessly.

"You sold the diamonds to this diamond merchant, right?"

Moran nodded his head again.

"You forced them to eat the diamonds, right?"

Moran was too shocked to nod his head. He stares at Harry proudly.

"Tell me who this diamond merchant is."

"He...He is my friend from secondary school. He is Ronald Wilkins."

At last, Ronald and David were sentenced to prison for 10 years.

Robinson was relieved that Harry found true justice for the dogs. And Harry Pao, the world-famous detective, has just solved another case.

Judge Pao Junior Saves the Day

Pui Ching Primary School, Yip, Shing Yan Brendan – 12

"Ring!" I woke up at 5 a.m. The ringing sound was coming from my computer. I opened it to see who emailed me at such an early hour. It was a case the police asked me to investigate. Although I was drowsy, I still went to the police station.

There was a murder in a mansion. A rich old man, Alfred, was found dead at 4:45 a.m. by his son, Jack, when he was looking for tissues. He phoned the police after finding his father dead on the floor covered in blood and bruises.

The police officer showed me four suspects. There was the old man's son Jack, Daniel the butler, Alfred's two friends, Tom the engineer and Bob the cook. I studied the four men's faces. They were all called into the police station for interrogation.

The first suspect to be questioned was Jack.

I asked, "I am Judge Pao Junior. When was the last time you went inside your father's room?"

"4:45 a.m." said Jack.

"Was the room messy when you went in?" I asked.

"Yes. The jewellery, clothes, money... all the things were scattered on the floor." said Jack.

Then, I interviewed the second suspect - Daniel the butler.

"Hello! What were you doing inside your master's room when you discovered his death?"

"I was ironing his clothes. When I looked left, I was shocked to see him lying on the floor and he didn't breathe. I rushed out of the room and reported it to Jack. Jack sprinted into the room immediately."

After that, I started the interrogation with Tom.

I asked, "When was the last time you were at Alfred's house?"

"Three men and I went there last night to have a birthday party," said Tom the engineer.

"Did anything special happen?" I asked.

"No... Just last week Alfred promised to give one of his friends Sam his salary but he forgot. That man behaved rudely and suspiciously at the party."

"Thanks! Do you know where the man lives and goes often?"

"He lives in Sunshine Centre in Causeway Town. He works in Alfred Enterprises in West Point."

Tom seemed to be innocent. He gave me a lot of clues.

Then, I met Bob.

He refused to say anything except shouting that he hadn't killed Alfred.

"I am innocent! I am innocent!"

Then, I checked the fingerprints of the 4 suspects and Sam and Bob's fingerprints were present at the crime scene.

Without hesitation, I left the police station and went to Sunshine Centre. The caretaker said Sam lived in Flat B on the 23rd floor. I rushed to the lift and went to see Sam.

"Knock! Knock! Knock!" I knocked on the floor a couple of times but no one answered. Suddenly, I heard some footsteps behind me. As I was curious, I turned back and saw a man in black. It was Sam. "Do you know Alfred?" I asked again.

"Yes! He is so cruel!" Sam shouted angrily.

"Did you take revenge on him?" I asked.

"No," Sam said suspiciously and rubbed his nose. Sam also smiled but he quickly stopped himself.

Then, I walked to the ground floor and told the caretaker about the incident and phoned the police.

In less than 10 minutes, I accompanied the police to the 22nd floor and broke down the door. We handcuffed Sam and brought him back to the police station for me to perform the interrogation.

I asked, "Did you see Alfred last night?"

"No!" Sam replied strongly. He was shivering and looked bothered.

I showed him the money and jewellery found at the crime scene. At first, he was surprised. Then, he laughed out loud, "Who did this?"

"You." I replied.

Sam began sweating profusely. He hit the table and threw tantrums.

"Everything you are doing is telling us that you are lying. Are you hiding the truth?"

Sam's face turned beetroot red. He nodded a little.

"Tell us the truth!" I shouted at him.

Sam broke down and explained everything to us.

"Actually, Bob and I weren't employed in Alfred's company last week. He promised us a job and changed his mind all of a sudden. I hated him so much. I acted normal during the birthday party. I climbed into the air-conditioner chutes when no one noticed. When everybody left, Bob and I got into Alfred's room. We peeked and found he was fast asleep. I took my revenge. I opened his drawers and found a key to the safe. I unlocked it and took all the valuable items out. Alfred then tried to attack me, so I kicked him on the head and Bob took out my fist and punched him to the ground. I didn't want to kill him, right, but I used too much energy and... URGH!" said Sam.

"We have what we want. You are now under arrest. You have the right to remain silent and refuse to answer questions. Anything you say may be used against the Court of Law. You have the right to consult and have an attorney present during questioning now or in the future." I said.

Then, they took Sam to a room and locked him up. They went to Bob's house and arrested him.

After three weeks, the court found them guilty and sentenced him to 10 years in prison and charged him a penalty of \$3,000,000. I was very happy to solve the case and save the day. I felt sorry for Alfred. Also, I wish Sam and Bob would turn over a new leaf after being imprisoned. Maybe they will come out better and start a new life.

The New Tale of Pao

S.K.H. Ma On Shan Holy Spirit Primary School, Kao, Hoi Yin - 11

Once upon a time, there was a small village called "Sorrow City". It used to be called "Happy Town", but the village got its new name when its judge, Judge Lee, retired, and the new judge, judge Pao, moved in.

Judge Pao was a dishonest judge who loved money more than anything. When he was in court, he supported the side which enticed him with money. He then became very rich but was hated by his people.

One day, the Chinese Emperor found out about Judge Pao's immoral act when a letter of complaint reached him. "So that's why he tries to avoid me so much!" he thought. To find out more about Judge Pao, he called the judge over for a meeting.

"Why are you corrupt?" the Emperor boomed as soon as he saw Judge Pao. "What?" the rude judge answered back. "Like yesterday when a theft happened, you let the criminal go because he agreed to give you some of the money! It was all in this letter!" the Emperor roared while waving a piece of parchment. Judge Pao's face went pale, and he muttered under his breath, "I thought I have stopped these letters from coming through!" But still his brain turned, and he explained slowly yet confidently, "Ah, yes, the money somehow got blown by a gust of wind, and it landed in the man's pocket." The Emperor knew he was lying, but he had also met this kind of crook before, so he knew it was useless to argue. He just told Judge Pao, "be a good judge, or you'll be visited by three spirits tonight."

That cold and starry night, Judge Pao had a strange dream. In his dream, he met an angel called "The Angel of Judge Day Past". The angel took Judge Pao to the past. Pao could see that he was very unpopular in his class. He did not have any friends as he was very selfish and often stole from his classmates. Finally, the angel took him back home, where he woke up. Unable to learn anything from this meaningful dream, Judge Pao thought, "The past is the past. Why should I care about it?" He went back to sleep.

Unexpectedly, Judge Pao had a second dream. He met a gigantic man called "The Giant of Judge Day Present". He took Judge Pao to see what people were doing behind his back. There were many poor people packing their bags which were coated with stickers like "To Pleasant Valley" and "Sunshine City is best!" The giant said with a great sigh, "They are leaving because they don't like this place. They don't like you. You'd better look at what you've done wrong." With that he galloped away, and Judge Pao found himself sitting on his bed. Although the judge felt sorry for the people, he confronted himself, "It's just a dream. It might not be real."

After the two dreams, Judge Pao was not surprised when the third dream started. A scary and frightening demon appeared in front of him. He pointed at his name tag. "The Demon of Judge day Future," Judge Pao read. The demon nodded, and they flew out of the window. They arrived at a temple which seemed to be hosting an event. On closer inspection, there was a funeral. However, there didn't seem to be anyone except the Taoist priest. Judge Pao was annoyed, "Why are we at a funeral?" The demon signed for Judge Pao to look at the tombstone. "Judge Pao," it read. "Was I the dead man?" Judge Pao asked. The demon nodded and flew away, leaving Judge Pao crying and kneeling for the rest of the dream.

The next morning, Judge Pao woke up and chowed over his dreams. He dashed to the Emperor, confessing his sins. "I must apologize to the people. I would be honest and just," he promised the Emperor. Since then, Judge Pao did his best to uphold justice in the village. The villagers eventually forgave him, and Happy Town got its cheerful name back.

The New Tale of Pao

S.K.H. Ma On Shan Holy Spirit Primary School, Lai, Ching Tung Anis – 11

A long time ago, there was a poor young villager in my country named Pao. He was clever and protective. One day, Pao saw a little boy who was getting bullied by some other children. Pao bravely stepped in and chased the other boys away. The little boy was called Lei, who kept thanking Pao gratefully. Pao smiled and left.

Years passed, Pao became a junior official. Although he did not have power, he still did good to the citizens. One day, when Pao was strolling around the palace, a brilliant light shone to Pao and when he slowly opened his eyes, he saw a beautiful fairy spoke softly, 'Pao, I saw you did good to citizens every day and now, as the reward for your kindness, I shall give you this,' in her hand was a rectangle machine with a 'speaker' and a 'record' button on it. The fairy told Pao that that machine could remember what people said. Bao thanked her cheerfully and with another flash of light, the fairy disappeared.

In the palace, there was a prime minister called Chan. He was respected by the emperor and a lot of other officials, but Bao was not a fan of his. Why? Because Pao thought he was up to something terrible to everybody. Every day, his suspicion grew and began his search.

He noticed that Chan gave the emperor the things he desired and fulfilled every command the emperor made. And he discovered that the emperor agreed with every decision he made. The emperor listened to everything that Chan.

people who did not obey him would be killed. From then on, the ones who made minor mistakes died. and Pao was shocked when he saw that the people who made up stories about Chan was killed in the forest without anybody knowing. Every day, he followed the wicked Chan and see how he killed people covertly.

Pao went into the forest and checked the dead bodies. He was hurt and sorry because he thought he did not protect them well. However, what did Pao did not know was that Chan was eyeing him all the time with spite. Pao knew that he must tell the emperor about this. He was just controlling the emperor to do brutal things to the innocent citizens without the emperor realising.

He listened to conversations that included him and always looked at him. One day, he saw Chan talking to two guards quietly. 'Find him!' Chan exclaimed with anger. 'He shall receive the consequences. and let him sit at the table in the forest, the poisoned tea is ready.' Chan smirked with evil in his eyes and suddenly saw Pao listening and slowly walked in Pao's direction. His sniggering face turned in an expression of fear and anger.

Chan had to act soon or Pao would expose him! He thought of a cruel plan that just might work... Pao was running when he bumped into a handsome-looking official. 'My greatest apologies, sir.' Bao said politely and he saw that the official was Lei! The boy he saved years ago! 'Sir? You're the one who saved me once upon a time?' said Lei, shocked. They chatted for a while and then Lei's face turned sad but then he smiled, 'Do not fear, sir.' and left.

A day later, Pao was ordered by the emperor to go to his place. The emperor looked grim and furious. Chan lied about Pao. He told the emperor how he harmed the villagers without anyone knowing so he needed execution. Pao had no choice but to agree with this situation for he was only no important role in the palace.

'You!' Chan pointed at Lei. 'Go and collect all the things that Pao owns, NOW!'

Few moments later, Lei led Pao into the dark and dirty prison but they were both smiling.

When everybody left the prison, Chan slowly strolled to the prison and said, 'poor Pao, poor Pao, got into trouble just to expose my sins, but if I end your lifeline before you do that, it will be your regret!' Chan said menacingly. He left without saying another word. Bao was not devastated at all because he knew his actions were correct.

Chan told the emperor that he was using a crueler and new way to execute people. The emperor was interested and followed Chan. Just as they reached the execution area, the royal bell tolled, Lei led Pao out and Pao stood before the machine. 'NOW!' bellowed the vicious Chan. There were voices of weeping and groaning. Then a voice that sounded like Chan said the plans of what he was up to, how he had killed people with no reason, how he tried to control the emperor and how he tried to get Pao killed. Everybody looked very shocked, there were murmurs everywhere. The emperor looked at Chan and smiles, 'Good, now you can be the tester of this brilliant execution machine.'

Chan stuttered but the guards took him to the execution area and yelled, 'You will regret this, Pao!' and he was no more.

Everybody cheered because Bao was fine, and the emperor felt ashamed of trusting a wicked person like Chan but Pao was fine with it because he knew that he had been controlled. The recording machine that Pao owned disappeared and Pao smiled gently at the sky, thank you, he thought.

Actually, Pao recorded the killing sounds in the forest and every bad thing that he said. Also he already knew that he would be captured when Pao saw him, so he asked Lei to pass him the recording machine when he was being led to the execution area, Lei recorded what Chan said to Pao in the prison as well.

The emperor gave Pao the job as the royal detective for he was good at solving crimes, the emperor trusted him and my country grew strong and stable. All because of our brave hero, Pao.

The New Tale of Pao

S.K.H. Ma On Shan Holy Spirit Primary School, Lee, Hei Tung – 12

Mrs. Wu was cleaning the house. She was cleaning the bedroom when she found a box. Mrs. Wu opened the box. It was filled with letters. Mrs. Wu opened the letters and read them. Those were all love letters between her husband and her friend. She broke down on the floor. Suddenly, she stopped crying and realized crying is not going to help. She wanted revenge.

Mrs. Wu plotted her revenge plan. She set off for the pharmacy. What is better than taking advantage of her job? Nobody would suspect anything. She opens the door. She creeps in. She goes to pick out herbs for the poison she wants to use to kill. She picks some berries and some snake eyes which can be deadly when used together. She grinds them into powder. Finally, she brews the poison and puts it in a vial and walks out of the pharmacy, when she sees her old friend Miss Ching.

'Hey Ziyang! What are you doing at the pharmacy so late?' said Miss Ching.

'Hello there Jibing. I was just checking on the herbs,' stuttered Mrs. Wu when struggling to hide the poison.

'Um, okay?' Ms. Ching replied, confused.

When she went home; she went into the kitchen and brew red bean soup. After brewing the red bean soup, she added the poison.

She walked to her friend's house which is right next to hers. She knocked on the door and Ms. Kwan opened the door.

'Hello Ziyang!' said Ms. Kwan. The audacity to smile so happily just made Mrs. Wu hate her 'friend'.

'Do you try some soup?' asked Mrs. Wu.

'Sure!' replied Ms. Kwan.

They began drinking the red bean soup. After a few minutes, Ms. Kwan felt dizzy, she said, "I don't feel well. I should go," Ms. Kwan had a headache and was ready to leave. However, Mrs. Wu wasn't going to let her. She pushed Ms. Kwan and grinned,

"Where do you think you're going?' said Mrs. Wu

'How could you?' cried Ms. Kwan as she realized what was happening.

Mrs. Wu cackled, "Xiang, you're not as foolish as I thought you were."

Suddenly, Ms. Kwan felt pain in her stomach. Mrs. Wu exclaimed, "That's what you get!"

Mrs. Wu sighed. This is the worst part – cleaning up the body. The front door opened. It was Mr. Wu. He stood there in shock meanwhile Mrs. Wu thought about how to explain to husband, but she couldn't. Mr. Wu was shocked. He didn't want to be killed as well so he ran to Judge Pao's office.

He immediately reported the case to Judge Pao. He explained, 'I got off work and was getting home to see my wife. I opened the front door; I saw her dragging a body.'

Judge Pao nodded and said towards a guard, 'Bring the woman here.'

The guard nodded and Mr. Wu led him to his house. Mrs. Wu was there.

The guard dragged Mrs. Wu.

When they arrived at the office, Judge Pao questioned Mrs. Wu, "When was the last time you saw Kwan Xiang?" asked Judge Pao.

"About a week ago," lied Mrs. Wu.

"NO!" interrupted Mr. Wu.

"I saw it... She's lying to you!"

Mrs. Wu knew her acting isn't enough for Judge Pao to believe.

"Please Judge! He's framing me!" cried Mrs. Wu.

Judge Pao put Mrs. Wu in prison. Mr. Wu went home sadly. The only two people in this world that would ever care about him are gone. He was such a fool. Just the thought of his own wife having her head chopped off by the guillotine was torture. It just felt wrong.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Wu wasn't suffering. Why? Well, her life has lost its purpose. Mrs. Wu life was terrible. However, it all stopped mattering when she met Mr Wu and Xiang. Now that her husband betrayed her and her best friend is dead, she's done. Mrs. Wu still wanted that last shred of dignity, so she didn't turn herself in, they were going to find evidence.

Judge Pao couldn't find evidence because they couldn't find anything in the house. He had a hard time solving this. Suddenly, the door flung open, and Ms. Ching ran in.

"Sorry to bother you but I heard that you're solving a case involving Mrs. Wu, correct?" asked Ms. Ching.

"Yes. I'm trying to solve this case right now so if you're not going to provide useful information, please leave." Replied Judge Pao.

"This might help you. The day Xiang was killed, I saw Ziyang leaving the pharmacy with a vial of liquid." Stated Ms. Ching.

Judge Pao nodded, "anything else?"

Ms. Ching replied, "I went back to the pharmacy and saw some honey dates and some snake eyes were missing..."

Judge Pao asked, "do you have the vial with you?"

Ms. Ching didn't have it with her...

The door flung open; it was Mr. Wu. Although he thinks that turning in his wife was a horrible thing to do, but he knew he's going to have to finish what he started, so he gives Judge Pao the vial of poison he found. Judge Pao passed the vial to Ms. Ching to inspect.

"Yes! Judge, this is made with the honey dates and snake eyes that were missing since there's only one pharmacy in this town!" exclaimed Ms. Ching.

"Okay. Court will be tomorrow." Said Judge Pao.

The next day, the guards dragged Mrs. Wu from her cell. The court was silent, you could hear a pin drop. The guards put Mrs. Wu on the guillotine. It all happened so quickly; Mrs. Wu's head was already on the floor.

Mr. Wu saw it all happen and his heart ached, he feels horrible.

When court ended, everyone was rooting, he did an amazing job solving the case. However, Mr. Wu was nowhere to be found.

He was home, which is now somewhere he's frightened to go back to. This will all be over committing suicide. He set himself free.

The New Tale of Pao

S.K.H. Ma On Shan Holy Spirit Primary School, Ng, Tsz Yau Jocelyn – 11

Once upon a time, Judge Pao was reading some case, but then he saw a strange rumour in a file which was about a mystery man who had prophetic abilities predicted that Song Dynasty would perish. If you wanted to find out that why Song Dynasty would perish, and how to avoid Song Dynasty from perishing, you need to use "holy water" to wash your face.

Pao knew that so he went to a temple (the place which is Pao's subordinate told Pao the mystery man will show up), he saw some guards and checked with them whether they have used the " holy water" to wash your

face,But Pao thought the "holy water" was strange so he smelt that, he good at pharmacy so he found the secret in the "holy water". The "holy water" was mixture of marihuana, opium and water, marihuana and opium was psychotropic drugs, they would make people hallucinate, Pao thought that it was dangerous to stay there so he left.

The next day, Pao was thinking about this strange case, suddenly a man who was wearing a black robe came and shot an arrow to Pao, Pao

collapsed on the ground. Three days later, he woke up. He knew there was someone who wanted to kill him. He thought the man who assassinate him was related to or ordered by the mystery man so he assigned a good at kung-fu subordinate to disguise as to a old man to blend into the crowd. a few hours later, Pao's subordinate returned. He told Pao about what he saw and heard:

The mystery man said Pao would soon bring very bad luck to the Song Dynasty so he assigned the people that had listened to him to kill Pao but his subordinate couldn't killed Pao successfully so the mystery man was angry.

He ordered all of his subordinate(the people that have listened to him in there)to killed him in three days.

After Pao knew that, he assigned some subordinates who were good at kung-fu to catch the mystery man. A few hour's later, his subordinates

caught the mystery man, and they brought them to the court.

Pao asked" Why did you want to kill me? "the mystery man laughed" I think you know that why I want to killed you, Pao Qing Tian ." After his conversation, he took off his face mask. Pao saw his face, he was surprised! Why he was surprised?

It was because the mystery man was Zhuang Qing. He was a judge too. Three years ago, Zhuang and Pao were competitors, they wanted to do the judge of Kai Feng(a place in Song Dynasty), but Pao saw Zhuang graft the people in Kai Feng to support him to be a judge so Pao told the senior government officials in Kai Feng so Pao did the judge. "So you was jealous of me becoming the judge of Kai Feng so you made a lie about Song Dynasty perishing and used the mixture of the marihuana, opium and water to make the "holy water"to confuse the people telling them how I will bring bad luck to the Song Dynasty and they would be your subordinates and killed me, so that you can be the new judge of Kai Feng, right? "Then Pao's subordinate put Zhuang in the prison. This mystery case has ended. From this case we can know that Pao isn't only fair and just, but also very smart.

Judge Pao and the Final Case

Shanghai Singapore International School, Chin, Jiayue – 10

The messenger bolted into the emperor's throne room, frantically kneeled on the steps, and reported quickly, trying to catch his breath, "There have been... murders... your majesty. Hundreds... of them... all over... the palace."

Suddenly, he doubled over and collapsed on the floor, revealing a puddle of blood splattered on his clothes and an arrow embedded in his back. Silence descended. Everyone stared at one other. The messenger lay dead. Emperor Renzong's eyes widened, and his face turned pale in fear; despite his attempts to control his emotions, they leaked out like water in a fishing net. Just then, a tiny brown package dropped in his lap. Carefully, the Emperor unfolded it, and on it were the words: 'We're watching you.'

Meanwhile, Judge Pao was sitting in a hand-woven bamboo chair, relaxing quite cheerfully under the sun. He was in the countryside on vacation, silently watching the sunset over the majestic mountains. Judge Pao had his feet on a table, and he was humming a tune lethargically. Calmly and serenely, his eyes were fixed in a daydreaming stare, and his muscles were completely relaxed in tranquillity. Suddenly, there was a soft shudder in the ground, and the skittering sound of horses' hooves echoed on the concrete road. Judge Pao barely even glanced up when a chariot pulled up beside the straw house.

"What now?" he sighed, "I've barely even begun to enjoy myself, and yet the emperor has another problem."

"This is an especially important case, Judge. There have been murders in the palace, and lots of the soldiers have been kidnapped. It seems that only the Emperor and the Crown Prince are unharmed so far," explained the driver, hopping down from the chariot. "I am in constant danger myself, so I have made it my top priority to bring you to the Imperial Palace."

"Fine. Take me there but be quick. The room rates are not cheap around here," he agreed with a slight smile. Judge Pao was secretly glad to have another case to work on, for he thought it was a bit unnatural to have all the work pressure taken away from him.

When they arrived at the Imperial Palace, Judge Pao studied it with a squinted eye. The vast perimeter of the palace was as imposing as ever, the walls carefully lined with massive stones and sturdy wooden boards painted bright crimson. The only difference was that the atmosphere in the palace grounds was much more intense; if you stepped inside, the first thing you might feel is a vibrance of tension and apprehensiveness. Strong and pungent, the rotten stench of fear radiated down every corridor in the palace, sparking terror in every single soul.

Bang! Judge Pao turned around instantly, only to watch helplessly as the chariot driver crumpled to the floor, his knife clattering against the limestones on the ground. On a normal day, that sound wouldn't have been more than a squeaky mouse, but today, the sound ricocheted and echoed everywhere, bouncing off every single wall, growing louder and louder like an explosion.

Over the next few days, Judge Pao and his assistant, Dr Wasabi, got to work at once, trying to find clues and attending more and more funerals. He had to solve this case soon before anyone else died.

"Look here! Look what I found!" hollered Dr Wasabi one day. His long, bony finger was pointing to a trail of footprints.

Judge Pao's eyes widened in delight, and a smile twisted across his face, "Good work, partner! This might be the clue we've been looking for."

The footprints were large and white, and the shoe was clearly worn away. It led to a charred, smoking body. Judge Pao pinched up a bit of the greyish-white substance and licked it. A memory flashed back in his mind, a case that involved.... "Limestone powder!" he realized suddenly.

Judge Pao pointed to the front yard. "No one is allowed to go out to the front yard anymore, right? If I predict correctly, the penalty would probably be the dungeons. The only place that is lined with limestone within the palace grounds are the front yard. Therefore, we can infer that the culprit is most likely someone from the outside."

As if suddenly realizing something, Judge Pao dug into what's left of the dead man's cloth pockets and held up a withering box of matches.

"This is a soldier, dead from China's own protection, the fire beacon. The murderer has placed him here as a distraction for..." his eyes widened, and he flared his nostrils breathlessly. "For... an attack." Something stabbed a guard in the back. Hooks flew onto the windowsill. Huns were everywhere in a flash. Shrieks and screams filled the air. Ropes were flung around the emperor, tightening around his waist and his neck. Emperor Renzong struggled for breath as a beefy Hun hauled him up the grand marble steps, now covered in blood. Dr Wasabi leapt up and slipped off his robe, revealing his massive biceps and slammed two Hun's heads together.

Suddenly, there was a rumble in the ground, and someone, or something, was slamming into the front door. Then, a miracle happened. The front door was knocked down, and in rushed, not the enemy, but all the kidnapped soldiers. The general started to shout out orders like they were on a battlefield instead of the emperor's palace.

A few moments later, the palace was smoking and bloody, but thankfully the emperor, Judge Pao, Dr Wasabi and the general were still alive. After revealing he was actually in the wrestling bloodline, Dr Wasabi didn't bother to put his robe on, and went to work punching the remaining Huns in the nose.

"Thank you again, Judge, though I have to say, my trusty General has to take most of the credit this time!" the emperor managed a faint smile, then passed out. Judge Pao sighed. They had made it through again!

The Travel Thru Time

Shanghai Singapore International School, Kao, Ga King – 9

It was a quiet night of the Song Dynasty, and something was wrong in Xu Qing Yun's room. As he got ahold of the lamp in his room, he flashed it around, but found nothing.

"Who is there?" he asked in a squeaky voice. But no one answered.

Years later, the rumors about a nameless black figure that teleports were spreading like wildfire. No one knew who it was or what they wanted. The police were busy trying to find the figure, but after days, months, and years of researching and tracking, no one found a single clue. That is, until a person reported the sudden disappearance of a man in the middle of the night.

The man is known as Judge Pao, a famous detective of his time.

"How interesting. This is very different from home," Judge Pao said. "I wonder, just where am I?"

"You are in the year 1888," said a mysterious voice.

"My apologies—but I can't seem to understand what you mean. The year 1888?" Judge Pao asked, confused.

"Yes. The year 1888, from the moment time was recorded?"

"I can't quite grasp what you mean. I'm sorry." The other man sighed in exasperation, choosing not to continue on with his seemingly useless explanation.

"May I ask for your name, kind sir?"

"Me? Sherlock Holmes. And you?"

"I'm usually addressed as Judge Pao."

Then, after a brief introduction from Sherlock, Judge Pao was brought to his apartment, where Sherlock Holmes had left notes about the notorious murderer, Jack the Ripper, astray.

It was pure luck that the two detectives had met. One was the Song Dynasty's best detective, and the other was the only consulting detective of the 1880s. Jack the Ripper had one gigantic problem on his hands.

"Say," Sherlock smiled, "Judge Pao, would you be interested in hearing the tale of Jack the Ripper?"

"It's quite the ominous name, Mister Holmes," Judge Pao answered, "I don't see why not."

Sherlock explained every single detail he had managed to uncover in his investigations on the infamous murderer, watching his new friend's every expression.

"What's your opinion?" asked Sherlock.

"We must wait for Jack the Ripper to strike again, then lead him into the trap we set," commented Judge Pao.

Sherlock nodded. He found the man a very wise one. Together, they found clues about where Jack the Ripper might strike. They found out where he would strike and used a map in Sherlock's head to plan their trap.

Days later, police cars rushed down the streets with sirens screaming.

"Finally, Jack the Ripper has been caught by Sherlock Holmes and Judge Pao!" said the reporter, James Bobert. "What great news!"

"Ok, Judge Pao. We ought to see what I can do to help you go home."

On their way back, Judge Pao saw a flyer that read: "Trip to Song Dynasty." As he tried to take a closer look at it, he was pushed, and he disappeared into the wall.

"Judge Pao, where are you?" Sherlock asked, confused. "We're supposed to go back to my apartment. Judge?"

For an uncomfortable moment that Judge Pao thought lasted seasons, everybody was standing still. Still enough to hear a pin drop. There was a person lying on grey floorboards, with a red liquid pooling on the ground.

A person stepped forward and took the man's pulse. He sighed and declared him dead.

"Wait, what happened?" Aaked Judge Pao. "What are those holes?" He pointed to the window. "Is that the same as the one in his head?"

"I think it's a sniper," sniffed a little boy in a blue suit.

"It's the fifth death this week. What are the police doing?"

"What? Sniper? Where is this?" Judge Pao asked urgently.

"This is Tokyo, sir. Who are you? What odd clothing you have." The boy looked Judge Pao up and down curiously. "A dark-skinned man with a moon-shaped print on his forehead...are you dressing as Judge Pao?" Conan exclaimed excitedly.

"No, I am Judge Pao!" Judge Pao said impatiently. "I must get home!"

"Hm. I don't think you're lying...I'll help you if you help me," Conan said, pointing at the body.

"Another case?!" cried Judge Pao. The next day, Judge Pao sat across Conan in a café.

"Although we haven't captured the killer, I am grateful for your help. I will help you. My friend Doraemon, has a magic door, and will help you." Before Judge Pao knew it, he was on an airplane.

"Is this a metal bird?" he asked.

"No, it's an airplane."

The next thing he knew, he was on the ground again, and Conan was leading him to Doraemon's house.

"Hey, Conan! You brought a visitor?"

"This is Judge Pao."

"Judge Pao?"

"Yes, *that* Judge Pao. He can time travel, for some reason. He also went to the UK and caught Jack the Ripper."

"Wow."

"I'd like to go home now." Judge Pao interrupted.

"Of course." The door was in the basement, glowing with magic.

"Think of home, Judge." Doraemon instructed.

Judge Pao reached out to touch the door, then turned towards Conan. "It was nice meeting you here, and Sherlock in the UK. I never knew there were people like me this far in the future. I hope I'll see you again."

The light grew brighter, and Conan's goodbye faded. Judge Pao opened his eyes and saw home.

"I'm back!" he cried, startling the people around him.

Time passed, as the Judge got home. He never stopped thinking about Conan and his case. Perhaps he had the time to help now. After all, he had all the time in the world.

Hundreds of years later, in Tokyo, Edogawa Conan yelped as he found the piece of paper addressed to him from his friend from a long, long time ago.

"Thank you, Judge Pao. Thank you, my friend."

The Peculiar Case

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In China there was a crime-fighting sensation named Judge Pao also known as China's Sherlock Holmes. He solved many cases during his lifetime including murder, robbery and much more. It is believed that he fought for justice during daytime, but at night, he became the supernatural judge, fixing problems with afterlife. He had many titles, but the most frequent and the closest one is Bao Zheng. He was born in a poor place but did well at education and people started respecting him.

Well, since Judge Pao wanted to be independent, he did not allow anyone that had special or not special powers like him inside his private office in Shanghai. Pao thought that he had supreme investigation powers. "What do I need more, no need of helpers if I have this power," Judge Pao snickered. This case was a challenge for him, in the city of Hong Kong. There was an unknown person doing murder, pickpocketing, spying, starting a fire on purpose. He saw it through CCTV footage and wondered, *If he was in CCTV footage then how come no one could catch him?*

He travelled to Hong Kong by cart in five days, and he met his friend from his childhood named Bao Yi. The only thing he said to Judge Pao was, "Hong Kong is unsafe." Soon after he talked to Bao Yi, he was lost. He saw an enormous fire across the stream, full of deadly crocodiles.

"I guess I have to jump over the logs and make it to the other side... alive," Pao mumbled.

He jumped over the logs and slipped! Is this end of him?

Whoosh! Bao Yi appeared and grabbed his hand fiercely, just before he fell into the float of crocodiles. "Thanks for saving me, young warrior," Pao said in a serious voice. Bao Yi fled as quick as a cheetah in no time, without saying a word. Pao crossed the logs more carefully and made it to Hong Kong... alive.

"Hong Kong! I cannot wait to see my son in law!"

"But I also have to solve the case," Pao said.

"Cart, please," he called out. A strange cart stopped in front of Pao eventually.

"So, you are Bao Zheng," a clumsy voice called.

"Just call me Pao but show yourself first." A young man stepped outside the white car, he had brown hair, dark eyes, and humongous ears.

"Hi father."

"It is me, Peter, Peter Woo," he spoke.

"Hi, son," Pao said.

"I am cool, as usual. I see you are here about Chen Xi Bu Huang's crime," Peter said.

"Who is Bao Yi, and what crime are you talking about?" Pao replied.

"Come to my house. I'll explain everything about the case you are here for," Peter said.

"Welcome father," Peter said, "This is my conference room. You will find the latest explanations about

this case. According to the text, Bao Yi is a member of the 董氏 Gang." Peter said.

"Sorry to interrupt, Peter," Pao said, "but in my previous adventure, I figured out their gang's hideout because my friend Bao Yi works for them and gives their info to me,"

"Perfect!" Peter screamed. Pao said. "Continue."

Peter said, "Their plan is to take down humanity and create a new world. That is it from me." They went to their hideout through a path with danger and nuclear waste, but luckily, Pao and Peter could cross over it. They made it to their hideout under a deep cave, but nothing could stop the great Judge Pao!

"Well, well, well!" their commander said, "What have we got here?" Their commander was known for their disrespect to people that wanted to stop them from doing what they want. "Very well then, you found our base, but will you and your friend make it out alive, Mr. Bao? What are you waiting for soldiers? Attack!" screamed the commander. Judge Pao used his laser eyes to knock over the soldiers while Peter was fighting the commander with a bow and arrow that he had brought along just for something like this (to weaken them). They kept on fighting until they were on the brink of death, and Pao and Peter won!

"You are going to jail for a long time. 董氏 and her soldiers called backup to take the gang away from crime and back to justice. 'I want all of these people to stay in jail for a very long time, especially you commander," said Pao.

After the two warriors came back home, they received a letter from the emperor. It said to Peter and Bao Zheng, both of you have shown me your bravery and I would like to promote you to not be a detective but a senior detective with Peter being your junior, Bao Zheng. Heroic effort both of you!

"Thanks," said Pao.

"No need of thanks," Peter replied.

"Hey Pao, what about your friend in the 董氏 gang?" asked Peter.

"He got released, don't worry," replied Pao.

The Attempted Assassination of Bao Zheng

Shanghai Singapore International School, Qian, Ethaniel – 11

2045, Massachusetts, Boston

BOOM! BAM! K-BOOM! All kinds of explosions merged at once as the ultimate invention of Edward Truman was completed.

"Finally! Finally! Finally! It works!" After twenty years of hard work, my Time Machine is finally finished!" said Professor Truman Edward, "I can finally get revenge on Bao Zheng!"

Truman Edward is an immigrant that immigrated from China to the United States. More than 1,000 years ago, one of his ancestors, Chen Shi Mei kept much wealth for his descendants. He got that wealth from his wife, which he later abandoned, and was executed by the famous, intelligent detective, Bao Zheng. Anger and hate rose upon his heart, as the only goal for his life before he died was for Truman to assassinate Judge Bao.

"Let me come with you." said his friend Jonathan, "I can come with you and help."

"I don't need your help. I will do this alone. It's my only goal to accomplish in my life," said Truman. He took a pistol, and when he was about to step into the twirling blue hole, a voice called out.

"STOP! I MUST COME WITH YOU!" said Jonathan, "YOU NEED MY HELP!" the annoying loud voice of Jonathan irritated Truman. Frustration built up, and his fist struck into his face, gravity pulled him onto the ground. When he woke up, he was tied to a chair. "It's for your own good," said Truman as he traveled through time with his pistol. *SWOOSH*!

Kaifeng, China, Song Dynasty, 1042

It was the year 1042 before, but it is now. instead of people wearing casual Nike shirts and holding a phone in their hands, people wear HanFu (a kind of traditional Chinese clothing). Truman is the only western wearing a Nike shirt on the stone bridge, with a full mag bullet pistol in his left pocket. People were, confused very confused, it seems like Truman was a spy from a western nation that the guards even come, and it wasn't good, "You look suspicious," said one of the guards in Chinese with a long spear and a shield, Truman is confused, he does understand a bit Chinese but not what the guard is saying. BAM! BAM! He was annoyed by how much time he spent on the guard, so he shot the two guards. Gasping and screaming emerged as he disappeared into the crowd. News spread and now everyone is hunting down Truman.

As worried as he was, he was not alone. As he was walking around, THUD! "Whoa!" said Truman, he was not in a good mood already, and so when he almost punched the guy who ran into him, he recognized the face. Well, kind of. "Sorry, I didn't mean to—" as the guy was apologizing, "What is your name?"

"I am sorry—"

"WHAT IS YOUR NAME!" Truman shouted so loud, louder than ever, so loud that even birds on the tree, feeding their children halfway through flew away.

"I, I, I, am Chen Shi Mei."

"Finally! I found you!"

The mood of Truman took a 180-degree turn. "I had been looking for you the whole time!" Before Chen Shi Mei could say anything, Truman continued, "I am here to make a deal with you. I am a Taoist, and I know what will happen to you in the future—."

"What? You're a Taoist?" Chen Shi Mei interrupted him.

"I want you to do what I say, so your future won't end so badly. You will get executed in your future, to avoid that, you will need to marry the princess and bury as much gold as you can in the backyard."

"Ok," replied Chen Shi, "but how will the princess marry me?" he asked, acting more confused. "You will be taking a national—" just before Truman could finish his words, the guards caught up, "Hey, you!" one of the guards said while chasing him.

Kaifeng, China, Song Dynasty, 1047

As Chen Shi Mei finally finished the last National examination, he confidently walked out of the test center. Days later, he got back to the test center to check out his marks. He had been on cloud nine to found out that he was the number one scholar! The emperor had appreciated him and had decided to offer him her daughter to marry him. He accepted the offer and abandoned his wife. His wife, Lady Qin, later found out that Chen Shi Mei intended to kill his two kids. After Lady Qin had found out this horrible news, she brought the case all the way up to Judge Bao. That's what Truman had been planning all along.

DONG! DONG! DONG! As the sound of the hammer slammed onto the table, at the defendants' side Truman was there defending Chen Shi Mei, and Lady Qin was the prosecutor.

"So, why did you accuse Chen Shi Mei?" asked Judge Bao.

"He abandoned me, and he intended to kill my children!" said Lady Qin in a loud, angry voice, at the same time sobbing, tears flooded her shirt.

"Nonsense!" Chen Shi Mei said angrily, "You have no evidence of me intending to slaughter your family! Why would I do that?!"

As the argument continued, Truman loaded his weapon. The last bullet was what he needed. As he stood up with all his might, aiming the gun right at Judge Pao across the table, BANG! OUCH! The gun shot missed, but Truman sprained his ankle because of the force he took on his left foot. The guards suddenly rushed in!

"Hey you! Don't move!" said one of the guards, "You look familiar!" Just as Truman dashed off and tried to escape, he bumped into another guard.

As Chen Shi Mei's case carried on, we all know what happened. Truman did not change history and get his wealth. Instead, he put himself into the trap he set himself.

Judge Bao: In the Game

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Chapter 1: Getting sucked into the game

I am Judge Bao. I am a Judge in China. One day I was strolling in my garden, thinking about the case I had just gotten. It was about the murder of the emperor. Some days ago, the emperor was found with an arrow in the heart. I thought maybe it could be an ex-soldier, a soldier now, or a rich person who paid someone to kill the emperor. It could have been his younger brother since he would have wanted the throne and is one of the best soldiers in the army. While I was wondering who could have killed the emperor, I felt this feeling of getting sucked into something. I started feeling nauseous and then I fainted. What felt like hours later, I woke up in a place where everything was made out of blocks.

Chapter 2: Asking for help

I was in the middle of a place that looked like a town. When I saw someone, I screamed. Their nose was long, and their hands were stuck next to each other. The person also screamed. Someone then came to me and took me to their house. We were both surprised at each other's facial expressions, but we still talked. The person told me that their name was Zhu Han. He was a villager, and this was Xuan Hua village. He told me they were scared of me because I had no nose! I later learned that players (which is what he calls me) don't have noses. So I stayed at his house for a while and tried to find a way to get out of this world that he calls... Minecraft.

Chapter 3: A new problem

I went to the library after checking his house for books about teleporting or warping out of this world. On my way to the library, I saw many villagers looking at me, surprised. While I was in the library researching, I heard a scream from outside. I quickly rushed out to see what had happened. I discovered someone had stolen the imperial emerald, the prize possession of this town. The emerald was from the leader of Suk Hu village, which is one of the biggest towns in this world. The emerald was a gift for peace and friendship, and if they ever lost the emerald, their alliance would break. Since I am a detective and a judge, I went to the mayor and said, "I, Bao Zheng, will find this gem and return it back to this town." The mayor wasn't sure if he could trust an outsider who didn't look like his people and had just arrived mysteriously. Zhu Han stepped and said, "Mayor, I can vouch for Bao. He is a honest man, and from what I have heard, he is the best detective in his world." That being said, the mayor allowed me to take the case.

Chapter 4: Questioning the suspects

I first started gathering suspects. I asked the guards who were the closest people to the emerald. He said the mayor, Sho Setsuo, Tamari and the night guards. I first met Sho Setsuo. He lived at the edge of town. I asked him a few questions, such as where you were last night and when did you reach the town. The answers seemed honest, so I talked to the next suspect, Tamari. Tamari was a rich villager who could buy almost anything. I asked him the same questions. While I was asking the questions, I caught a glint of something green in his fish tank. Next, I went to the guards who said they saw nothing. The guards were Timothy, Danny, Su Shun and Huang Wan Wei. It was too dark to see anything. Next, I talked to the mayor. He was aghast I was asking him questions, but I knew it wasn't him. The next day, all the villagers met in the center of the town.

Chapter 5: Answering the issue of the stolen emerald

I had to announce who it was. I cleared my throat and said, "The robbers are Tamari and Timothy." Everyone was shocked. How could Tamari steal the emerald? He was one of the richest people in town. I explained to the crowd that I saw the emerald in his fish tank, and Timothy the guard had a letter in his pocket from Tamari thanking him for helping him steal the emerald. Tamari shouted "Bao, I will give you 10,000 gold if you let me not go to jail!" Everybody would have said yes, but I said, "No, I am incorruptible now, and I will be incorruptible in the future also." Everyone in town cheered for me and thanked me, then a person who looked like a scientist said, "Bao, I have a way to get you back home."

Chapter 6: Getting back home

I wanted to get home as fast as possible, but the town was holding a feast for me. We ate, talked, and watched performances. At the end of the feast, the mayor said, "Bao Zheng, to remember Minecraft, take this one-of-a-kind diamond. It is a gift from the Xuan Hua village. Remember, you will always be welcome here." He then called his villager architects and told them to make a statue out of gold for me. I thanked the mayor and went to the scientist who said, "I have created this machine using the teleportation powers of the ender pearl and the power of redstone contraptions, powder, and redstone torches. I hope you come back to this world, Bao Zheng." I thanked him and went into the machine. It started to whirr, and moments later, I was back in my world, lying down in my garden. It all felt like a dream, but when I felt my pocket, the diamond the mayor had given me was there. I knew it was real. I had gone into another world called Minecraft.

Justice for The White Warrior

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"Order! Order in the court! Court is now in session. Judge Pao presiding."

It had been twenty years since the infamous robberies had happened at different diamond shops. The stone known as The White Warrior was gone. Stolen, never to be seen again. Detectives had been working around the clock for the whole time to find suspects, until they stumbled upon a name. Although there was no concrete proof, we all knew it was him. It just had to be. No one else would dare to take such a magnificent stone.

He's known as the 'King Of The Thieves And Luck'. He was named that because he had an illustrious career of robbing without a shred of mercy. But, every time he was close to being netted, something just always had to happen to allow him to slip away. No ordinary district judge could put him in jail.

The King had no shame when he robbed. No one was too powerful nor destitute to be his next victim. Burglarising Chairman Tao's mansion and stealing his priceless collection of jade? Check. Mugging lonely poor Widow Ko while she slept pitifully on the street? Why not? It became so that people were ready to give him another name—'Bo the Shameless'.

Bo was to be brought before the courts. Again. But this time people had hope. There was only one man whose reputation exceeded Bo's even more. His wisdom knew no bounds; his integrity feared none; and his bravery shook the evil ones to the core. Even the Gods of Fortune would cower in fear and abandon the wicked at the mere whisper of his name. He was their last and only hope.

Judge Pao.

The day of the court was very crowded. Almost everyone in the town had come to witness what looked like the long-awaited downfall of this villainous thief.

"Well," said Judge Pao in a thunderous roar. "Please stand and state your name for the Court."

"Your Honour," the defendant rose meekly and began awkwardly. "My name is Bo. Please, don't trust the police or detectives. I'm innocent!"

"Innocent? Well, we'll believe that when pigs fly! The evidence is all there!" the audience scoffed incredulously. "The nerve on him!"

"Are you sure that is how you want to plead?" Judge Pao asked, ignoring the commotion in the crowd. "Let me remind you that a witness caught a glimpse of you and gave the police a sketch. The man who stole the The White Warrior, resembles you. A man of your exact height and length of hair. He even caught a glimpse of the scar on your left cheek."

We had him. Surely there was not anything left to be said. It was time to call in the jailers.

"I'm hardly the only one of that height, with that length of hair... and a scar on the cheek," Bo retorted. A gulp in between his words revealed a slight uncharacteristic hesitation, as if he himself knew how ridiculous that sounded even as he spoke.

"But there's more," Judge Pao continued blandly, completely unaffected by Bo's flagrant denial. "You seem to live quite well and yet your work record says you are the manager of a clothes washing company that has almost no income." "What can I say, my parents left me a lot of money," Bo shrugged with a smirk.

We all knew he had no parents.

"Also, on several occasions, you had sent your employees to rob the banks so you could have an alibi."

"I suppose I could have," Bo smugly, "But I didn't, or will ever rob anyone of anything! I'm a good citizen and a man of peace and virtue."

The crowd breathed a collective sigh of disdain.

At this moment, the whole courtroom was getting annoyed at the cheekiness Bo was displaying. Judge Pao had no intention of keeping this charade up. But he also knew he had a problem. He did not have any hard proof that it was indeed him. He wanted Bo to confess based solely on evidence the police had obtained. But he knew that it simply was not enough.

And Bo knew that too.

Suddenly, a police sergeant flung open the doors and said, "Judge Pao, we found it! We found The White Warrior. It was found in a drainage pipe by a beggar on the other side of the town. It seems that Bo might be innocent after all."

The crowd brewed in their anger silently. Bo had gotten off again! Even Judge Pao could not get him. It was over. Again.

Or was it?

"Well, let's see if the White Warrior is real or not," Judge Pao said. He then addressed the audience, "Is anyone here a diamond expert?"

"I an," said a woman at the front of the crowd. "I'm Madam Fu and I come from a long line of diamond traders in South–east Asia. Let me check it." After a while, she put down her loupe, with an expression of excitement mixed with disappointment, "Yes, this is indeed The White Warrior."

The crowd gasped. How could it be? Did he steal it and throw it away when he thought he was going to be arrested? Even if he did, he had stolen it! It just had to be him. He couldn't walk away free again.

"Guards!" Judge Pao finally banged his gavel and said, "Set this man free."

Bo knew what had happened. He was very angry.

My stupid workers at the cleaning store must have dug it up from the ground and threw it into the drainage pipe to try to save me. Fools! I was going to go home free without their help. The police had nothing on me! I was going to sell it for 2,000 teals! Now I have nothing! This is the last time I bring them to dig a hole in the ground with me. From now on, I will do everything myself!

Bo left the courthouse without a sound, still incredibly angry that he had lost possession of the greatest steal in his career. He was determined to dig up the box. It still had value. He could put a fake rock in there and sell it.

He went to that spot and dug. After a few minutes, he was holding the box in his hand.

He opened it up.

But what he saw horrified him.

The White Warrior was staring back at him.

His mind spun and he felt faint.

Just then, a large shadow suddenly towered over him. Bo closed his eyes, as he knew what was coming.

They had followed him to the spot.

"It's over, Bo," Judge Pao said.

And next to him stood Chairman Tao, dressed strangely in a police uniform, and Widow Kam, made up in a glamourous dress.

In Justice or Injustice

St. Francis of Assisi's English Primary School, Ma, Hoi Wan Natalie - 11

"Pao! You've been found guilty!" the judge yelled.

"Not so innocent anymore, Pao!" Ju Zhen snickered.

Chi smirked as Pao was being dragged to the dungeons.

One week ago ...

"Pao! Pao! It's an emergency!" Shen Chi, Pao's secretary, banged on the door.

"Chi? It's 5 a.m. in the morning. What's wrong?" Pao replied.

"Pao! You're being sent to the court!" Chi panicked.

"Why? There must be something off," Pao said, confused.

"I don't know! It must be a doppelgänger! Anyway, it's bad to be late for a court case. Hurry up and get dressed, Pao!" Chi, who was more ready to leave, rushed.

"Alright, Chi. Please excuse me as I put on my judge's zhanjiao futou hat and dust off any waste on the crescent moon on my forehead ..." Pao said politely.

"Be done in a jiffy, Pao. We're going to be late," Chi said in a serious tone. She left the room to leave Pao some privacy.

Pao, as usual, was ready in no time.

"Hey Pao! Glad to see you ready. Let's go," Chi said. She was slightly happy since they wouldn't be as late.

"Alright, Chi," Pao replied and walked with Chi to their horse-drawn carriage.

"Destination ... The court of the Royal Palace, please?" Chi asked the horseback rider.

The man signaled with his hand, responding to Chi.

They arrived at the court. Palms sweaty, glancing everywhere. Chi escorted Pao to the seats.

"Today ... Our case will be between Ju Zhen and Pao Zheng," the judge said.

Ju Zhen – infamous for his terrible deeds. Yes, he's known as a criminal by everyone, yet judges could never arrest him due to his sly ways.

This was going to be easy, the jury thought.

"Everyone! Ladies and gentlemen of this court – It is time for you all to know the dirty, disgusting secrets of Judge Pao!" Ju Zhen cried. Unexpectedly, everyone thought he was crying wolf – as that is something he does often.

"Yes, you may be thinking – Oh! Zhen is crying wolf again! But no. Pao's dirty secrets must be told to the world immediately!" Zhen spoke again. By now, the jury just wanted him to keep his mouth shut and Chi, who was just feeling much more relaxed for a second, was frozen in astonishment when she heard Zhen's accusation on her most respected Judge Pao.

Pao still stayed silent.

"Yes, now on with my case! Last week, I saw Bao Zheng – the saint! Committing sins! You wouldn't believe it, I didn't believe it either! He was vandalizing the king's property! Devious acts!" Zhen yelled dramatically.

The jury rolled their eyes and Pao was still silent.

"Here! I even have witnesses of my own," Zhen said confidently.

"Yes ... As I may ... I couldn't believe it myself! Seeing Judge Pao – called a saint by many – committing crimes! I was in shock!" Yang Cho, an extremely influential man, cried.

"Wait, that was Pao?" one of the jury, who also witnessed the scene, asked.

The members of the jury were starting to believe Zhen and Cho, yet some were still suspicious about them.

"No. I am simply baffled from all this nonsense," Pao sighed.

The judge didn't have to do much. Zhen and Pao, well, mostly Zhen just took the spotlight.

"Sounds like an excuse, dearest Pao! Oh, what a shame, getting caught by me!" Zhen laughed.

"You have not caught me. In fact, there is nothing to catch about me," Pao said, while keeping a disbelieving face.

"Oh well, Pao ... Be prepared to face embarrassment once the court finds you guilty," Zhen said as he was putting on a mischievous face.

"Of course, Zhen. Wait until the court finds you lying," Pao rebutted. He placed both hands on his lap and waited for what Zhen had to say.

"Sure, Pao. Sure," Zhen rolled his eyes.

Chi didn't speak once. She was too nervous and scared thinking about the whole case itself. Pao didn't speak as much as he would normally. Chi was afraid that she would misspeak and cause Pao and herself to lose the case.

Chi waited patiently for the case to end.

"Alright ... Assuming that both sides are done ... bickering, we will now give the jury some time to formulate their decision – whether Pao or Zhen is guilty," the judge spoke.

It was undeniably a hard decision – Yes, Zhen was a criminal, a sly one, yet he and Cho had created an extremely believable story. On the other hand, Pao was known for his justice–fighting nature. A man so determined to fight crime and injustice wouldn't commit a crime himself, right?

The jury couldn't decide. Maybe Pao did vandalize the king's living space. Maybe he did. But what if Zhen did? The bickering was happening in everyone's head for quite a while, until someone could shut them up.

"Has the jury made their decision?" the judge asked. He was slightly impatient for their answer since he just wanted the case to be over with.

"Yes," one of the members of the jury said. All of the jurors were asked by the judge's assistant one by one for their answers.

"With an extremely close number of votes, Pao and Zhen ..."

"... Pao, you are guilty."

The whole court was silent as Pao was taken away with no resistance. Everyone was shocked, even Zhen was shocked at how well his story worked.

That night, Chi lowered her head and sobbed quietly in her shared hotel with Pao.

Present time ...

"Great job on the acting there," Zhen clapped, drinking his large bottle of rice wine.

"No problem, Zhen. Anything to get rid of Pao," Chi chuckled.

"Thank goodness you managed to get Yang Cho. Otherwise, we would've been screwed!" Zhen laughed as he laid back on his chair, grabbing another bottle of rice wine.

"With the help of some cold, hard cash," Chi paused, holding up a few one-thousand-dollar bills between her fingers, "anything's possible, Zhen."

As she placed the one-thousand-dollar bills back in her purse, Zhen and Chi raised their bottles of rice wine and took a large sip to celebrate their success with getting rid of Pao, not being able to hide their smirk.

The Tale of Judge Pao and the Blood on the Paper

The International School of Macao, Chai, Nina – 9

One rainy day in Hong Kong, Judge Pao was sitting on his sofa drinking coffee when suddenly he got a phone call from the local police station. There was a murderer in the city and he had been after the man, Lang Dang.

Lang Dang, who lived on Shangtang street, was the richest person in the city. He made his fortune by doing business in the local community. He had been hunted once or twice by the murderer but never killed.

Judge Pao had been having a very hard time in the local police station because there were a lot of criminals on the loose but none as important as the criminal after Lang Dang.

The criminal was never found because he was very smart and left no evidence. Judge Pao was about to get himself another coffee when the chief called him on the phone. The chief told him that Lang Dang had been murdered!!!!!!

Lang Dang had been lying on the ground dead in the middle of the road. It was late afternoon and the rain had stopped.

"His blood was all over the road," explained the chief.

"It had been a hard day already," sighed Judge Pao, "why make it harder?"

Lang Dang had been stabbed in the back by a knife and soon after, passed away.

Though Judge Pao never handled things like that, he was determined to find out the truth.

He grabbed his jacket and hat and set foot to Shangtang street. As the cold wind blew around his face, he thought about the murder and the blood all over the street.

In the hand of the dead man was a scroll. The whole neighborhood had the same scroll. As he examined the body, he found paper cuts on Lang Dang's legs and hands. All the neighbors were suspects.

Suddenly someone screamed! There had been a bullet hole through the window of a light blue house! Judge Pao ran over to examine the window as a woman ran out to report what happened. The bullet hit the woman and she struggled to talk, but she managed to say that she was Lang Dang's sister. As the Judge helped the woman to the hospital, he thought about the Dang family in danger.

Then he went back to the Shangtang street but this time, with backup in case of an emergency. He took notice of the scrolls now. The people from the street always brought their scrolls wherever they went, but now nobody did that. Since it was night time, he didn't need to go to sort the afterlife like before.

"This is the worst day ever," thought the Judge as he walked home.

At home, he scribbled the suspicious evidence in a black leather notebook and fell asleep.

The next morning he found that the notebook had disappeared. He looked everywhere in the house and discovered a broken window.

He went back to Shangtang street to do more investigation. He decided to find another notebook to write in and hid it. Finally he got to interview the suspects. Some were terrified while others were angry, but the most suspicious one was a man named Ting. Ting had dark hair black eyes and was very skinny. He was calm when he was in the interrogation room and did not say anything.

They knew that Ting worked as a chef and cooked for the local restaurant Kufu. On weekends, he also worked as a teacher of Kung Fu. He had to register his weapons in the police station.

The Judge felt that he needed to examine the scrolls, but had to wait because some of the neighbors were gone for the holidays. As he finished the investigation, he went home for a nice little nap. He had just closed his eyes when the chief knocked on his door.

"What do you expect?" asked the Judge as the chief came into his room. "There is a man living here and it will not be messy," he said.

"What so ever," said the chief, "Ting has so many weapons that the law forbids. He has to give them to us or we take them away, ok?"

"I understand," said the Judge.

Judge Pao paced back and forth thinking about the case but he couldn't clear his mind or maybe he was just tired. He made another cup of coffee and when he took a sip, an idea hit him. He didn't need the people on holiday to come back, he just needed the scrolls and to check for blood and other clues. He put on his hat and set foot to Shangtang street and he went door to door asking for the scrolls.

He lay the scrolls in the sunshine and of course some flies gathered around one of the scrolls he took the scrolls but there were no names on them so he decided to ask door to door if they wanted the scroll with flies but he killed the flies.

When he came to Ting's house, Ting took the scroll to his nose and when he smelled the rot he said, "No, that is not my scroll."

Ting was the only one to sniff it. He was also the only one to say no. So the Judge knew that Ting was responsible for the murder.

The next day Ting was in court. Judge Pao had all the witnesses that Ting was responsible for the nurder. Though Ting had a lawyer, the lawyer was no help at all. The lawyer just sat there listening to the witnesses. Judge Pao though had experience at court so he was calm and ready for presenting the witness. After court, Ting was handcuffed and taken to jail. Judge Pao got his first bloody case solved and was ready for the next.

Judge Pao and the Late Night Murderer

The International School of Macao, Kai, Naomi – 10

Chapter 1 Murder

"AHHHHH! HELP!"

A ear piercing scream near the palace traveled across the night in the City of Kai Feng alarming many citizens. The emperor, Renzong, sent his guards to see what was happening. When the guards came back, they reported the crime scene. Emperor RenZong was curious about the crime, so he decided to take a look for himself. He got himself dressed and went out to see what was going on, only to find a corpse with a red stain on the chest sprawled lifelessly on the ground. If it was just one of the village people, he wouldn't care too much. But this wasn't any corpse. It was one of his prime ministers.

Chapter 2

Judge Pao

After the night's incident, Emperor RenZong sent a letter to Judge Pao, explaining the details of last night's incident. Pao and his sidekick, Zhan Zhao, immediately got in Pao's carriage and journeyed to Kai Feng.

Chapter 3

Arrival

When Pao and Zhao had finally arrived at the emperor's palace, one of the emperor's ministers filled them in on what happened while Pao was traveling. It seemed that more people had been murdered: Hu Tao, the minister, and a family from the village.

The night before the death happened, the emperor had guards stationed outside of the palace gates. The Murderer knew there were guards outside, so he knocked them unconscious. But the minister said the guards caught a glimpse of the Murderer.

Pao and Zhao looked at each other. This could mean only one thing: interrogation

Chapter 4

Interrogation

Judge Pao immediately put the case into action. Emperor RenZong sent the four guards, who were guarding the palace when the murder happened, to Pao. "Before I was unconscious, I got a glimpse of the Murderer. He had a small, black goatee and short black hair. He looked like he was in his 50s," one guard said.

"I saw a part of the Murderer. He was wearing dark blue silk clothing, with golden patterns along the bottom, with a golden waistband," another guard said.

"I didn't see much, but I'm sure he had a dark brown cloak," one guard said.

"When I woke up, I saw that he wore dark brown shoes like the village people," the last guard said.

As the guards talked, Pao drew a picture of what the guards described. It looked like one of the ministers.

Chapter 5

Patterns of Murder

"No, no, no. This is all wrong." Emperor RenZong said after Pao showed him the drawing. "He also got murdered 2 days ago."

Pao raised an eyebrow suspiciously,"I think we just got our first lead."

"What is it?" Zhan asked curiously.

You see, there's a pattern," Pao said. "The last murder was 2 days ago, the family massacre was 6 days ago, and the first one was 10 days ago. The murders happen every 4 days, so that means the Murderer will strike again in 2 days."

As Pao and Zhan walked back to the carriage, Zhan said and had an excited look on his face, "actually, I have a plan."

Chapter 6

Capture

Two nights later, Pao and Zhan snuck out, wearing their darkest clothing. The moon shone coldy in the dark eerie night, as the darkness creeped on. They tucked and hid in the bushes whenever they heard a noise.

"Okay, we're here," Zhan whispered. They were in front of the palace. It stood there magnificently.

They snuck to the back, then they hid in the bushes and waited. After a few hours, Pao and Zhan finally saw a black shape. The figure had a black mask over his face. When it reached them, Zhan sprung out from the bush and attacked the figure, wrenching his hands behind his back. The figure screamed in agony, and let go of the murder weapon. Then, the guards came running over to Pao and Zhan.

"What is going on ?" The general demanded.

"I'm afraid that this person is behind all of this murder," Pao said flatly. "Take him to the dungeon so we can identify him."

The general did as Pao said. Pao and Zhan followed them. Zhan took off the figure's mask. Underneath the mask was the emperor in madness.

Chapter 7

Confession

There was a long moment of silence.

"Fine! It was me." Emperor RenZong said at last. "You know why? The first murder, I got someone to kill him. I gave him some fancy clothes so I could put the blame on one of the ministers. You know why I sent him to kill the minister? It's because that one day, he was wandering around the palace when he found my deepest darkest secret. I couldn't let him stay with my secret, so he got murdered. The family knew I got the father to kill the minister, so I had to kill them myself. The last one, Hu Ta, was driving me crazy one night, so to shut him up, I had to kill him too." The emperor's eyes shone with pleasure, obviously pleased with himself.

"Wow, I had no idea," the general said. "Take him away, boys."

"But before you do," Pao said to the general, "What's the secret?"

"It's a secret! I can't tell!" The emperor said.

"All right then, we can do this the easy way or the hard way."

A tense moment came and went.

"My mother gave birth to a daughter but she wanted a son like me to become emperor so she switched out the daughter with me, the average village baby."

"Well, we've heard enough. Take him away." The general instructed The guards.

"You can't do that! I'm the emperoooor!"

"Sure you are," Zhan said sarcastically.

"I suppose I owe you both thanks," the general said with a smile.

"I guess that this case is over." Pao said. He then found himself wishing that this had never happened.

Detective Pao

The International School of Macao, Li, Ava – 10

Detective Pao was oftentimes considered the best detective in all of a small town named Birdwing. No matter how complicated or difficult a case was, Pao could always utilize his clues and surroundings to help solve the case. Because of this, he gained a steady reputation and his name was well known throughout Birdwing. Many good things come to an end, though, and Pao's reputation was one such thing.

One gloomy and dreary day, Pao was sitting in his messy office, waiting for the next case to arrive at his door. The sky outside Pao's small office window was as pale as snow, with few people roaming the streets. Suddenly, a woman with a flowery dress and long, black hair burst through the office door.

"Detective Pao. We need your help." said the woman with a calm voice. Pao looked up from his desk and stared at the woman for what seemed like hours. Finally, he spoke.

"Greetings. Tell me your name and the details about the case."

Without hesitation, the woman with icy-blue eyes replied.

"My name is Barbara P. Wellerman. Yesterday, around 8 P.M. or so, I saw a man getting kidnapped by the Roswell station."

Seems easy enough, thought Pao, but we'll see.

"Tell me more about the victim." Pao said. The woman took a deep breath, then spoke.

"The man was very tall, with what seemed like blonde hair. He wore a solid dark-red or maroon t-shirt and cargo shorts."

Pao nodded, trying to hide the feeling that somehow crept onto him. It was a reminder of faint, distant memories that caused great devastation, sorrow, and the disappearance of Pao's father. The detective shook his head, saying "Very well, ma'am."

Detective Pao did not know it at the time, but the feeling of uneasiness that told Pao he was biting off more than he could chew would cause the failure of solving the mystery. Because of the memory of the disappearance of his father, Detective Pao was tempted to find more about his father than actually solving the case. Once this news was announced to the public, they were shocked. What was even worse, Pao did not show any sorrow or remorse. Instead, he showed a strange and almost irrational feeling of uneasiness. From that day on, Detective Pao's reputation plunged, leaving him to feel the frustration of the memories haunting him.

Two lonely years later, Detective Pao sat gloomily in his office, waiting for the next unlikely case to show up. The only cases Detective Pao did those days were small and insignificant. Suddenly, a short and rather plump man slammed open the door. Pao recognized him as Daniel Barret, curator of the Birdwing Museum of Fine Art.

"Hello, Mr. Barret. How may I-"

"DETECTIVE PAO!" roared Mr. Barret. "We need your-"

"Calm down, Mr. Barret. How may I be of assistance to you?"

Mr. Barret inhaled deeply, blowing a gust of wind at Detective Pao.

"I woke up at seven o' clock in the morning, strolled by the museum, only to find out one of the museum's greatest pieces of artwork, *The Bouquet,* was gone." By the time Mr. Barret reached his last words, his voice was on the verge of crying. "Don't worry, Mr. Barret. I will find the painting." said Detective Pao. Mr. Barret nodded, motioning for the detective to come with him.

The Birdwing Museum of Art was very big and very grand, with the colors being mainly white and a very bright shade of gold. Once Mr. Barret and Detective Pao entered the building, they navigated the museum for a few awkward minutes until they found the "Still Life" gallery. Everywhere were pictures of inanimate, everyday objects. Detective Pao saw a big space directly at the end of the gallery, with shattered glass sprawled on the floor. It was almost as if the gallery could not be complete, could not be a worthwhile gallery to see without the missing painting filling the space.

"I suppose the crime happened here, Mr. Barret." said Pao.

"Indeed!" replied Mr. Barrett.

"Did you see any people here when the crime took place?" said Pao.

Mr. Barret nodded. He described to Pao three people who were seen when the crime took place.

Wilhelma Aron, a redheaded, tall woman.

Joshua Wilson, a bald man who worked as a janitor for the museum.

Lastly, Karin Lessen, a brunette woman who worked alongside Joshua Wilson. Detective Pao wrote the details down, thanking Mr. Barret.

Detective Pao was exiting the museum when a certain gallery caught his eye. He entered the small gallery, and saw an article written on the wall that described the life of Justice Pao. After reading the article, Detective Pao wondered if him and Justice Pao could possibly be related when he heard a crash. The detective ran to the sound of the crash, and chased the person he saw running. Seconds turned into minutes, and the detective wondered if he could ever catch the culprit. It was beginning to seem hopeless when the culprit suddenly stopped in front of a speeding car and Detective Pao caught them, to the amazement of the witnesses around the streets. Pao ripped off the culprit's mask, and it revealed a woman with pitch black hair and blue eyes.

"Finally." whispered Detective Pao, to himself. "After two years, finally."

The woman was convicted after a week, pleading guilty to theft and serving a year in prison. It was later revealed that she believed Detective Pao to be very efficient at solving cases, which sparked fear instead of admiration. Because she used to be Pao's mother's best friend, she knew that the man in her case would spark horrid memories. She used this to commit crimes, knowing that almost nobody could solve them. But after she was convicted, Pao couldn't care less. He was happy to do a good thing and earn back his reputation. After all, good things pay off.

Real Mom vs Fake Mom: A Story about Judge Pao

The International School of Macao, Sun, Sunny – 10

"Hey kids, today we're going to travel to the year of 999–1062!" Said Carly. Carly and her friend Kylie are going to use the time turner to travel to 999–1062 and collect information from a famous judge from China, who is called Judge Pao(包公 Bao Gong)."Let our journey begin!" Whoosh...

"Woah! It does look like we're somewhere near the 999–1062!" Said Carly. That was true and were in the year of famous judge Pao! Carly and Kylie are walking on a busy street.

Suddenly, there was some big loud voices coming out of somewhere! "Hey the baby is mine!" "No, it isn't! Mine!" "Mine!" "No! Not yours!" "He is my baby!"

"What was that for?!" Kylie asked as she walked towards the background of where the noise came from. "Oh, my God! Carly, come and have a look!"

There lay the baby crying on the floor as two mothers fought between about the baby. "Stop it! It isn't even yours!" "Yes, he is my baby!"

"Not at all! He is my baby!"

The two mothers looked very similar, and they all said they were the mom of the baby. The baby is too small, he could not walk, could not speak, and could not find out who is his mom. People looked around them, but nobody could find out a way.

"Quick, Kylie! Call the cops!" Carly shouted. Then there came a voice talking to them.

"There are no cops here." Whispered a little boy.

"WHAT!!! But how do you catch bad guy? There must be a fake mom here!" Kylie said.

"If the baby was taken by the fake mom, the baby would be in danger." Carly said.

"I have an idea! Did you hear about judge Pao? He is a very smart judge. He must know how to find out the real mom!" The little boy said.

"Great! Let's go to find out the judge Pao!" Said Carly. "

"Ok." Answered the boy.

So the people took the baby and the two mothers, followed Carly, Kylie, And the little boy and of they went heading for judge Pao.

"What are you guys here for?" Asked judge Pao surprised.

Then the boy spoke up. "There were two moms down near your palace fighting about a baby. I can tell the moms are almost out of control already! They all said they are the mother of the baby."

"Oh ok. Take me to them." Answered judge Pao firmly.

Then the little boy took judge Pao to the moms and there they were still fighting. The judge Pao decided to help take lead of this. He quickly brainstormed the best idea of finding out which one is the real mom. Finally, he had an idea! He took a paper and write down a few questions on the paper. He believes that a real mom knows everything exactly about his baby. So he just asked the mom a few private information questions to see which is real.

First, he asked, "do you moms know which size of shirt does the baby wear?""8!" Said the first."6!" Said the other.Then the judge Pao measured, "the second mom had the correct answer. " He said.

Next question, judge Pao asked, "what is the baby's shoe size?" "16!" Said the first one. "10!" Said the second one. Then the judge Pao measured, "the second mom had the correct answer. " He said again.

Next question, judge Pao asked, "what is the baby's weight?" "6Kg!" Said the first one. "7.53!" Said the second one. "The second mom is correct again." The judge Pao measured and said again.

Next question, judge Pao asked, "what does the baby hate to eat?" "Pickles!" Said the first.

" Sour oranges!" Said the second mom.

The judge Pao gets the food and let the baby try, he found "The second mom is correct again.

Next question, Next question...The questions and conversations went on and on. People around are all think they could make a conclusion that the second mom is the real mother. Bu the judge Pao asked a lot of questions until he definitely sure who is the correct mom.

Finally, the judge Pao put the first mother, the fake mother into the jail, and let the second mother bring his baby back home. But judge pao didn't just leave, he actually spent a few months spying mother look after the baby just to make sure she is not pretending. After a few months of spying, judge pao spent time not too close to the baby's house but he still kept an eye on them until he makes sure the baby finds out his real mom.

"Wow!" Said Carly amazed. "I guess that is why judge pao is so famous! I can't believe judge pao just figure out which is which by his smart brain!"

"He did not make a conclusion when asking one or two questions, he asked a lot of questions until he could definitely make sure who is the real mother. He is so rigorous!" Said Kylie. But judge pao still not go did not go away, he spent months spying on the mom just to make sure it was the real mom! Then he sprinted back to his own palace to do some work but he was still keeping eye on them! "Woah! Judge pao is a perfect judge of all! "Shall we make something for judge pao?" Asked the little boy. "Oh Sorry! But we were not from here, so we can't stay longer. But we will still remember you. Let's go back now! I will tell children about the judge Pao!" Carly said. Then they flew back to the 2022.

The Case Of The Poisoned Food

The International School of Macao, Tsao, Yoyo - 11

Long ago, on a hot and boring summer day, there was a kidnap in the town where the famous judge Bao lived...

Judge Bao was resting in his court while studying a scroll that apparently was only understandable to himself and himself only. Suddenly, a man charged through the heavy doors of the court as if they were only feather-light, his face as red as an apple. The man came charging through the doors and knelt right before judge Bao's feet, that's when judge Bao had a chance to take a close and precise look at the man.

"Please, judge Bao, please, help me!!!" Sobbed the man as he tugged at Bao's pants.

Bao didn't know what to do, so he helped the man up to his feet(which was rather painful for Bao, since the man didn't seem to be in the mood to stand up)and asked what was wrong.

"My...my name is...is A...Adam and I n...need your help! PLEASE," begged Adam, "there is a...a man who is kid...kidnapping kids and...and KILLING THEM!!!"

This was huge, especially because someone dared to make a move in the town where the legendary judge Bao watched and protected.

A kidnap AND a murder? This is a case for me to solve! Thought Bao. Bao asked Adam where all this was happening and Adam replied in an abandoned cabin in the woods. Judge Bao told his men to pack and prepare a carriage for the trip to the forest.

At the forest...

Judge Bao and Adam, followed by a group of soldiers carrying bags of food and resources they need in case they encounter something unexpected. On the way to the cabin, Bao asks Adam: "How do you know there were kidnappings and murders?"

Adam doesn't reply, he stares at the forest ground, then sadly replies: "Because, because, I used to work for the man that killed the kidnapped people."

Judge Bao is surprised by this reply, Adam didn't seem like a man who would meet the standards of a kidnapper/murderer. Instead, he peeks at Adam through the corner of his eye, Adam's face was covered in tears, and Bao could sense the thick blanket of disappointment covering Adam and weighing him down with every step towards the cabin, so being the nice man people recognize him for, judge Bao decided to wait until after the murderer was captured to decide Adma's fate. For now, though, he had to focus on the current case.

They arrived at the old, beat-up cabin several minutes later. Bao and Adam let the soldiers in first, because they were totally not scared of the dark and creepy hallway that has spider webs hanging from every corner of the cabin. At the end of the hallway, there was a door, the door opened a crack, and through the crack Bao could see a slight flame that was coming from a candle.

Even though nobody could see what was happening in the room, Bao, Adam, and the soldiers could all hear the maniacal laugh coming from the room. The voice was high-pitched and was apparently talking to another person.

"Well, son, before you are 2 pieces of bread, one of them contains poison, while the other doesn't, and I'll make you a deal, alright? The piece that you choose, I'll eat the other along with you, okay?"

No answer. Bao and his team listened closely to the one-voiced conversation, the soldiers had no idea how the maniac had survived so many times with so many pieces of bread that kids chose and was lucky enough to survive all of them. The only ones who knew the answer to the question were Bao and Adam. "Here, kid," said the manic, "have a glass of water in case you choke."

Right at that moment, Bao signaled to his soldiers to bust through the door and capture the maniac, the door was kicked down by the general of the army, who was also the one who put the maniac against the wall, the child who had been kidnapped sat dumbfounded by the sudden change of events and stared as judge Bao came through the door with a scared man right behind him.

"Sir," started judge Bao, "you are arrested for kidnap and murder of innocent children!"

Judge Bao explained to his men that the maniac had lied to all of the children, none of the pieces of bread contained any poison, so that would explain how the maniac survived every time, but where was the poison contained? Well, the poison was actually inside the glass of water that the man had given the children, and when the kids drank the water, they were actually consuming poison!

After the man had been arrested, Adam had finally realized that his true passion was solving crimes, judge Bao and Adam instantly became close friends and worked together to solve crimes. Together, they saved hundreds of lives with their wits and teamwork.

New Tales of Judge Pao

The International School of Macao, Yan, Cherry – 10

One sunny day, Judge Pao was relaxing on his couch watching TV, then there was a knock on his door. "Who are you?", asked Judge Pao. "Oh I'm the postman, come to get your letter." "OK, just put it on the front steps of my house, please." Then Judge Pao went out, he opened the letter and read the words in it.

Invitation

My dear friend Pao.

Hope this letter finds you well. You are invited to attend my wedding ceremony.

Time: December 17th (Saturday), 1:30-2:30p.m.

Location: Church of Cherry Blossom Hotel, Macau

Wish you have a great time!

Mrs.Katie and Mr.Jackson

On the day of the wedding ceremony, Judge Pao did enjoy it up until a stealing happened. The wedding began, "Applause to Mrs. Katie and her husband, Mr. Jackson." Everyone in the church clapped for them. The church was big. There were seats, on which there were flowers. There were rose petals, lily petals and blossoms stuck to the seats. There were rainbow windows around the church. "It's time to exchange rings!", announced the host. Just as the bride and bridegroom were trying to reach for their rings, Katie (the bride) suddenly let out a loud scream.

"AAAAAAHHHHHHH!" she cried.

"What's wrong?" Jackson asked.

People gathered around them.

"I...I don't know where my ring is!" Katie said, trembling. And that got Judge Pao's attention. He thought, "Oh my! This turned out to be a mystery!" Judge Pao is a friend of the bridegroom. Now his mode is not relaxing, instead, his nerves became intense. He pushed to the front, then took out notebook and asked, "When was the last time you saw your ring?" Judge Pao questioned.

"It was at 10:00 when I gave it to my assistant to keep it safe. His name is Jack." she replied. Judge Pao kept asking,

"Did he give it back to you?"

"Yes, I guess. He said he put it in the purse, but when I tried to reach for it just now, it was gone!" Katie said. There were a lot of people in the crowd, but Judge Pao noticed someone sneaking away. He chased after him, yelling, "Wait...Don't go!" But that just made the mysterious man run even faster. He had a lot of balloons as if he was a balloon man.

When he finally caught up with him, the mysterious man stopped, "What do you want?" he growled. "May I ask you a few questions?" Judge Pao said .

He started to ask, "What were you doing at 10:00 this morning?" He asked this because he ran away and acted mysteriously. So he might be the one who stole it, at least he might has something to do with it. The mysterious man was wearing a black hoodie with the hood covered his face. Judge Pao knew he was a man because his voice was very deep and harsh. Everything he wore was black.

"Uh...I was mopping the floor." he said.

"Very well. Do you remember where you put the mop?" asked Judge Pao.

"Yes, in the bathroom. I mopped to the bathroom and got tired so I stopped mopping and came here." he replied, sounding sure.

"I see you have a lot of balloons, so can I have one?"

"I'm afraid not. These are only for little kids around 3-5 years old." he answered.

"OK, you can go now." Judge Pao said, writing something in his notebook. He was going to where Katie was and tell her what he just found out. When he turned a corner, he heard whispers in a quiet room.

"Boss, here is the ring you asked me to steal. So can I get my payment now?" Judge Pao recognised that voice. It was Jack's!

"I pranked a man by saying I was mopping the floor! How dumb is he! I was so nervous that he'd know it's me cause I heard Katie told him about me, I also had a lot of balloons to change my voice. I'm so clever!" He sounded so proud of himself that he even forgot it was actually his boss's idea. Judge Pao looked around the room, in a corner were there a lot of balloons tied to the chair. It looked just like the mysterious man's! They wanted to steal the ring because they could sell it for a very high price.

"Do you think I'm trustworthy? No way. I won't give you money. Besides, that idea of stealing the ring was mine, not yours!", said the other man. Judge Pao also knew that voice, because he once saw him on TV. He was the head of criminals, Josh! Judge Pao whispered,

"Oh my God! So they are the ones who stole the ring." But it was too loud, so Jack and Josh heard him. He ran as fast as he could and told Katie everything that had happened. While he was running, he was wondering why they were here, because they were supposed to be in the jail. The police were sending them to jail the last time he saw them on TV. How could they be here? Did they escape from the jail? Katie and Judge Pao immediately called the police. Just exactly as he thought, they did escape jail! Because once they got captured, one of the police (Jason) walked over and told her, "Did you know they are actually criminals who escaped from jail? You will be awarded 10,000 dollars!" The police had to find the ring first because Jack and Josh hid the ring somewhere secretly in the church. After the ring was found, everyone left. Now Katie and Judge Pao both knew that not everyone was trustworthy! Only seeing is believing.

Judge Pao

W F Joseph Lee Primary School, Leung, Chung Hang – 10

"Judge Pao! Judge Pao!", I was greeted with booming voices in my head, then I slowly opened my eyes. I immediately realized a strange woman standing right in front of me, and she was calling me "Judge Pao". I stared at the woman with confusion, then I was able to see a blurred reflection of myself from a golden pillar beside her, and I was totally shocked. Oh god, I looked like a forty-year-old man in ancient Chinese cloths! Then I heard another voice of a man dressed in fully black standing behind me. The man said, "Judge Pao, please help as this is your responsibility to help people they have needs". I could not explain but I know the man named Ming who was my subordinate to support my duty. Surprisingly, I was not able to refuse the request from Ming, then I spoke to the woman with a deep tune, "how may I help you?".

Ming told me the woman named Lawren who was a hawker selling vegetable in the market. I was feeling as if I was possessed by a horrific demon as I was not the one speaking. Meanwhile, Lawren was explaining to me what had happened, "there was an explosion yesterday evening and it blew up the place where my husband and I lived. My husband was found seriously injured after the explosion. Would you please help to find out what was going on? I will" Before Lawren could go on, my body already spoke, "don't worry Lawren I will help you!" While I was still processing what was the situation, suddenly, my body moved on his own and followed Lawren out of the room, and that was the breaking point of my feelings from confusing to horrified, the cities, the luxury, everything was as if I was in ancient China, and I am the famous "Judge Pao", I was in China's Song Dynasty which was over a thousand years ago, and my subordinate, Ming was following me. It was unbelievable.

After a while, we reached to the scene of the crime where the house was blown to smithereens, it was as if a meteorite landed on it everything was gone, the flowers nearby were as black as coal! We went to see her husband who was badly injured, his right arm has fractured bones which was extremely painful for him.

We talked to the husband, his name is Rei, Ming asked Rei about what happened. Rei replied with weak voice, he was walking home yesterday evening after buying groceries and he saw a man putting fire to something close to his house. He immediately shouted and chased the man, but then a sound wave and a heat wave came rushing by, the next thing he felt was scorching heat and immense pain on his left hand. Luckily, somebody nearby immediately came to see what was happening and offered help to Rei, he was then rescued and placed on a bed. Then Ming led me going to the scene of the crime where the house was completely destroyed, we didn't find any useful cue except a golden ring with a large green jade on it, which was extremely valuable.

This time, out of my expectation, I questioned the suspects arrested by Ming, those suspects arrived the scene almost immediately right after the explosion, they were Rei's neighbours, Joshua, Emily and Cookie, and another suspect was Thomas. Actually, Thomas was not Rei's neighbour, he was a rich business man living close to the market where Lawren was working at. I was doubt why Thomas had been there in a late evening. Ming stood behind me and I asked the suspects, "Did you guys take a bath yesterday?" All of them replied no as they were busy for taking care of Rei as he was found serious injured. Then I started to examine the clothes of the suspects wore and when I was about to question them again when my finger pointed at Thomas and said, "Catch him, he set off the bomb!" And I was thinking what did I miss?

Thomas was yelling, "You have no proof that I am an arsonist, let go of me!" He even tried to struggle out of Ming holding him but then my body boomed, "Oh so you think I would accuse someone as an arsonist without proof? Here is proof. First of all, your shirt has black dust sticking on it, which could only be the dust from the explosion. Second, a ring was found at the scene which was belong to you, I realized your thumb without your ring which you used to show off." Ming was very smart, he immediately put Thomas thumb through the ring, which was perfectly fit. Everyone was so shocked their mouth fell and the landlord explained why he blew up their house. Thomas discovered that Rei and Lawren's house was right underneath a pile of treasure. So, Thomas tried to convince them to sell the house or leave but they didn't listen so he blew up their house to scare them. But Thomas didn't mean to blown up Rei and cause the injury. That was when my body said, "You filthy criminal, you deserved being sentenced death because of blowing someone's house up and attempted murder.

Afterwards, Thomas was executed in front of my eyes and I felt dizzy and I collapsed, I woke up on my bed, realizing that everything was just a dream.

New Tales of the Judge Pao

WF Joseph Lee Primary School, Leung, Song - 10

In the Northern Song Dynasty (960–1122) there lived a government official who was honest and righteous to the utmost degree. His name was Bao Zheng and everyone called him Bao Gong (Lord Bao). He was the man with a long beard and a thick eye brown. He also has a mole that shape like the moon. When Bao Gong was in his late forties he was appointed Magistrate of Tian Chang country in An Hiu province. During his term, he not only upheld the laws in a justice and strict way, he was also very good at solving many legal cases. Because of that, many evil people were punished and many innocent people in wrongfully mindset were changed from the justice. Unfortunately, Bao Zheng died inside his office at the age of sixty three. He was buried in Anhui Hefei province. His grave was 1200 meters square in area.

We had seen a lot of movies about Bao Zheng. They seemed farfetched and unreal. In real life, Bao Zheng trialed some case that is worth to reflect. Let me share some of them with you.

One time there was a woman who came into Bao Zheng's house and said, "Bao Zheng, Please help me! Last year, My husband and I went to Beijing to have an exam with our son in order to get a better job and have money to pay for the bills for our house. But my husband and son were killed by a man called uncle Guo after the exam. He is now trying to kill me. Please help me...please!" After hearing what the woman said, Bao Zheng was pitiful for that woman. So he let her stay in his house and told the guard keep everyone out. The next day, bao Zheng went to uncle Gou's house and found that he has moved to another place. However, he found two dead bodies in the well and knew that the two bodies are the husband and son of that woman. Then Bao Zheng asked the people if they knew where Uncle Guo went. They said, "He went to a place called Guangzhou and he said he would never came back." Few days later, Bao Zheng packed his stuff and went on a trip to Guangzhou. He also brought his bodyguards and the woman. After few weeks of trip, they finally got to Uncle Guo's house. When they arrived, there was a man in a white shirt and he had a long beard. He looked very old. Then Bao Zheng asked the woman, "Is that Uncle Guo?" And the woman said, "Yes! That's him!" Then Bao Zheng asked his bodyguards to catch him. When they caught uncle Guo they asked him to go to Bao Zheng's court and arrested him as a murder case. When they arrived the court, Bao Zheng said, "You need to be honest about what you say next!" Then Bao asked, "Are you the killer?" Then uncle Guo said, "Of course not!" Then Bao said, "But we found two dead bodies in your old house." Then Guo said, "Really! But I didn't kill anyone! That means someone killed somebody there!" After that, Bao said, "But a woman said you killed her husband and her child. How can you proof that you didn't kill those people." Then Guo started to be scared and said, "No... I didn't, I don't know that woman." "But we found your fingerprints on the dead body. You can't said that you didn't kill them, right?" Guo said, "Sorry Bao Zheng, I know I was wrong. Please don't kill me!" Bao said "You are now a killer so we must use the death penalty. But because your terrible killing way, we will use the most painful death penalty. But we will send you to the jail first." Guo said, "no please no no..."

The next day, Guo's brother came. He said, "Can I bail Guo please?" Then Bao said, "No, because it was a big case and we have already issued the death penalty. And he will die tomorrow. You may came tomorrow so that you can see him for the last time." Guo's brother cried, "No! No! I can't let my brother died. No!"

The next day the death penalty began. Before that, Uncle Guo's brother said, "Brother, I hope you can have a great life in the heaven and we will miss you forever. I came here because I want to see you for the last time. I love to be your brother and I hope that I can still be your brother or your family member in our next life. I love you brother." Uncle Guo was so touched and cried, "I love you too brother!" Then the executioner cut off uncle Guo's head. That next day, the town was very peaceful and there were no murder cases anymore. Everyone in that town was very grateful to Bao Zheng and he became a hero.

Bao Zheng was a sympathetic person. In the above case, you can see Bao Zheng was brave person. He offended a lot of noble people. In the history, Bao Zheng was being poisoned by the king. Bao Zheng didn't have a noble life, but his honesty and integrity was respect by the posterity. Although he died so long ago, the kindness of his heart and spirit never wiped out. In the present, people visit his grave as a respect for Bao Zheng. Hope you guys learnt to be a justice people after reading this article.

A New Tales of the Judge Pao

WF Joseph Lee Primary School, Leung, Sze Yu – 10

Once, there was a clever Judge named Pao Zheng. He was very famous in his country, and almost everyone knew him. There are many stories of him passed from generation to generation. Now, the people in the 21st century will find him too, using their new invention, the time machine to bring him back.

Cindy lives in Hong Kong. Her family members had all passed away before she was one. She lives with a family that have adopted her since she was five. Cindy and her adoptive parents have visited their old home over a thousand times, asked everyone related to them and walked all over Hong Kong. One day, She found a map which was hidden by her family members ages ago in the jungle next to her old home , though it seems to be a treasure map, but it may also disclose the secret of her family. It was a satisfying news even to know a little of them. When she saw the time machine the first time, she floated an idea. She contacted Professor Peter, the inventor of the time machine. She made a deal with him: to share the treasure together if the time machine can help to find the treasure and secret of her family. Professor Peter agreed. Without a moment to lose, she went to the past and found Judge Pao, a Chinese Judge who is famous for fighting crime and solving difficult cases. In order to find the secret of her family, she asked him to lend her a hand. Although Judge Pao was very busy, he was delighted to help a girl from the future. He accepted the offer without thinking twice.

Cindy and Judge Pao began their journey in the past, hoping the map will give them details about her family. They traveled day and night. Finally, they arrived to an ancient village in Hong Kong. In the village, No one ever had a decent life there. After Judge Pao understood what was happening, he explained to Cindy that the villagers were quarreling day and night about who was the thief that stole the treasure from the armed escort five years ago. Judge Pao questioned the armed escort for the details of the theft. The leader of the armed escort said that they left some valuable goods and sent a guard to get them back. The guard thought it was a long way down to the destination so he had a long, deep sleep on a wooden board.

However, in the next morning, the goods disappeared. Judge Pao told the guard that he thought the wooden board stole the goods and decided to question it. As a famous judge, everyone knew him and began laughing at him. Judge Pao frowned and said with a grunpy voice to the crowd, "Give me one hour and you will know who the thief is!" The villagers stood around the wooden board and Judge Pao started asking questions like if the board is a part of a gang or if he was working alone. Judge Pao seemed to hear the answers of the wooden board because he repeated the answer by hinself. One of the villagers looked scared as he sweated and kept shivering. Then, he ran away! Judge Pao ignored him. However, he was actually sending a guard to follow him to his house secretly. The guard broke into the house and captured him, the goods were found in his home where is in today's Tin Shui Wai! They also disclosed that the treasure was from a special place they would like to go, that was the destination of the map! The leader of the armed escort, to their surprise, he was her forefather!

Judge Pao and the girl finally reached the treasure. Inside the treasure box was an amulet, which was the same as the one that Cindy was wearing, her forefather was shocked. Cindy said excitedly, "I am your descendant!' Not believing what they found, they burst into tears and hugged together. Her forefather showed her a family tree list of names and told Cindy, "You might find more relatives and this treasure box in your time. Don't give up, you are not alone!". Cindy thanked Judge Pao, said goodbye to everyone and went back to the present time.

After struggles, Cindy finally reached the treasure. She was very pleased with the result. She dug up the treasure box and it had tons of gold in it that could let her live the rest of her life comfortably. A smile slowly spread across her face. It was even brighter than the sun. She was grateful for Judge Pao and Professor Peter's help. She shared some gold with Professor Peter to support his future research, and donated some of it to refurbish Judge Pao's temple.

Back in the past, Judge Pao was also grateful for Cindy. He didn't regret that he went on this journey. Because of her, he learnt about how important family is. Also, he realized that "No pain, no gain" in the journey.

I Want to Kill Everyone

Yew Chung International School of Chongqing, Kim, John - 11

The dirty hospital, which was a gigantic graveyard stared terribly. The hospital, which was as big as Everest Mountain, keeps following its patients. The tallest hospital, which was a volcano with lava erupting, kicks its patients. Inside the hospital was skeletons were as smelly as Mr. Twit singing to me anxiously. The hospital's room was as dark as midnight. In the hospital, it would feel someone was looking for you, but you couldn't tell if it was ghost or monster.

Pao wanted to explore the inside of humongous hospital. Pao broke the window with a heavy axe. Then, he jumped into the hospital, Pao found many discussing skeletons and two smelly peoples. Suddenly, water was falling so Pao was very nervous.

Pao saw a man in living room, who was wearing baby T-shirt. Chuseoungmin was a very handsome man because he was very tall, has short hair and was strong. He was founding food quickly because he was very hungry.

Lalala was wearing blue, dirty shirt. He was a super ugly boy because he has pointy nose, small eyes. He was smoking nervously in front of table. Also, he was founding food poorly with Chuseoungmin.

In addition, bidem was wearing black shirt, very ugly face, unkind and red colorful hair. He was drinking cola because he was thirsty. Pao asked "Chuseoungmin, Lalala and you were friend or family?" Bidem shouted "No! No! No" Pao was afraid, and his hair was standed. Then, Chuseoungmin replied to Pao's question "yes, we were friend Pao asked again "why Bidem shouted?" Chuseoungmin said "because of he was very hungry, and he is not that kind, sorry Pao."

Pao said "Hey, Lalala?" Lalala replied "ye...yes...?" Pao said, "why are you very surprised?" Lalala said "Nothing!"

Suddenly, Lalala disappeared and Chuseoungmin, Pao and Bidem were founding Lalala Chuseoungmin went to the small room, Pao went to living room and Bidem went to toilet found the Lalala. Later, Bidem shouted in the toilets...! Pao and Chuseoungmin run quickly to the toilet, and they were so late someone already gone. And Bidem told them it's la...la... l.... Chuseoungmin and Pao knew who murderer is.

Then Pao called the police, and Lalala heard who was calling police, so Lalala hold the sharp knife and run to the room and lock the door directly. Three policemen came, Lalala was excited. Lalala jumped to one policeman and hit him very strongly, Lalala pocked other one policeman with sharp knife and last policeman shoots him an electric gun. One hours later, Lalala woke up and he was in hospital policeman was looking Lalala scarily. Lalala afraid, Lalala saw his knife next to him, so he took the knife and throw to policeman and policeman caught the knife. Lalala was shocked. Policeman also shocked. Because Lalala killed more than ten people so policeman caught him and putted into the police car.

Policeman was afraid because Lalala was delighted with big smiled and singing. Policemen asked, "why are you anused?" Lalala replied "because I can escaped the jail ha-ha." Policeman thought he was crazy. They arrived the police office. Policeman putted Lalala into the jail and police decided he should be stayed here for 6years. But Lalala kept smiled to policeman. At the night, Lalala dug the wall with useful spoon. 2years later, he finished dug the wall, so he planned he escaped the jail 2pm at night.

At night, he made his face and body with paper and putted into the mini bed because policeman thought he was sleeping no. He jumped into the white wall and escaped the jail successfully. Policeman notice Lalala was escaped the jail, so he was founding Lalala, but policemen were late because Lalala already gone to China. Lalala wrote letter to policeman. "I'm in Japan trust me." Policeman thought that was lie but they need to found Lalala, so they just went to Japan but they can't found Lalala in Japan anywhere. Lalala wrote letter to policeman again "you were stupid police ha–ha!" policeman very annoyed.

Lalala killed people in China also, so China policeman caught him and putted into the jail for 7years. And Lalala was 52years old. In 2017 4/27, Lalala was dead in the jail poorly...

The Frightening Stage

Yew Chung International School of Chongqing, Mayes, Ariella - 11

The immense, eerie abandoned theatre, which no one dared to enter, makes everyone scream in horror and fear. The theatre was a nightmare; it would always scream in horror. Even looking at it would make a brave knight scream like a little girl and cry for his mummy.

Inside you would see savage rats nibbling on the seats and smearing them with a horrible stench. The odor was terrible; the theatre felt alive. The place is a haunted house; the wind whistled inside.

Arriving at the eerie theatre, searching for shelter due to the foggy weather and terrible rain, Poppy went off wondering, seeking for a room to camp for the night, but she felt a sense of unease...

A cold chill went down her spine when she saw something: two strange figures talking about their business in whispers...

The first figure was a lady wearing gold jewellery, a white frilly dress and amber earrings, Holly suddenly noticed a woman in the corner of her eye. Holly was looking annoyingly at her. Meanwhile, the woman looked guilty and nervous...

On the other hand, Alexandra, Holly's sister, was raging at the woman, her face was as scarlet as blood. Holly quickly rushed to her to soothe her, but Alexandra was still sniggering at her. (Some believe Alexandra is mad at the woman because she is jealous of her many great accomplishments.)

Now going to another room, a tall man appeared looking as pale as a ghost. He was called Mr. Brown, he had a grey cloak, brown hat and auburn hair, he was searching for something, possibly linked to his suddenly bankrupted business or maybe something else... something secret...

Soon, Poppy heard a horrible scream, followed by a thud. Curiously, she decided to follow that sound. Within a minute she reached the stage but there was nothing! She carried on the search and...

There Emma was. Dead. In a pool of her own blood...

Then she noticed something that frightened her, carved on the victim's arm, it stated- "REVENGE!" Soon, later, she saw auburn hair, an earring and some fancy shoes- all three possessions of the three people she just met.

Later, the three suspects came, screaming, looking at the dead body...

Poppy rounded up all the suspects in the theatre room and started to interrogate them. But Holly and Alexandra crossed their arms and stated- "Who are you? Please leave now!"

She replied, "I am detective Poppy and I'm going to find out who killed Emma!"

"This is a waste of time, Leave, now!" Mr. Brown yelled impatiently.

"There is a dead body in the room and one of you killed her. I will find the perpetrator!" announced Poppy. "So, Alexandra it seems that this dagger was in your handbag, do you have an alibi?" she continued.

"Yes, I was in a different room. I was about to leave in fact." Alexandra informed Poppy confidently

Holly started to sweat and was looking paranoid, before Mr. Brown got to state his alibi, Holly couldn't take it anymore and impatiently blurted out, "I did it. I killed Emma."

"Why?" enquired Poppy

Holly confessed, "She betrayed me, I felt like she didn't deserve life anymore. I wanted revenge and I got it. The ultimate revenge!!!"

With Alexandra still shocked, Holly walked with Poppy to the police car. But suddenly, Holly escaped and stole a car and within a minute she was nowhere to be found. "Now who's next was the next frightening thought that came into Poppy's head. Now she *knew* that the city wasn't safe.

The End...or is it?

Pao and the Doomed Theatre

Yew Chung International School of Chongqing, Peng, Sunny - 10

The eerie theatre, which is surrounded by a piece of desert that only scorpions live in, laughs menacingly as people enter. Despite the rats gnawing at the theatre, it still stands. The clouds watched in horror as people enter and rained as much as they can to stop them and to break the theatre, but it only made the people go in faster.

Arriving at the eerie theatre, pao went to the ticket booth and bought two adult tickets. Entering the grounds of the theatre, a strange door with a man's face smiling carved on it greets pao and his friend.

As soon as he entered, he regretted coming to the theatre. The sight gave him shivers on his spine. He sat down and waited silently for the movie to start.

In the middle of the movie, the movie screen suddenly went black, everyone panicked and ran around. The room was in complete chaos. Pao fell on the floor and got kicked. He rolled to a stop when he hit something as cold as ice. as he tried to feel what it is, the lights came on. The sight made him jump. There was his friend, lying on the ground, with blood dribbling out of his nose and mouth, dead!

Soon, everyone moved out the room and the police came. Pao used his detective certificate to enter the murder scene. "I must find the perpetrator!", pao thought. He started searching for clues. After a few minutes of searching around, he finally found the first clue—there was a knife that seemed to be the weapon stuck onto the bottom of the chair. "There must be more clues.", thought pao. He started searching again. This time, he found a piece of white cloth in the hand of the body. It seemed to be ripped off when fighting with the culprit. The knife had a man named mark's fingerprint on it, and there he was, wearing a black jacket and talking on the phone, silently waiting for the detective to call on him. And there was the second suspect, wearing a white cloak. He was called paul.

"do you have an alibi?", asked pao

"The knife on the chair was the one I lost a few days before, I did not kill him, there isn't a scratch on the body!", answered mark.

"I did not kill him too; my cloak did not have any part ripped off.", said paul"I was only drinking my cola when the murder happened."

Pao checked the body and paul's clothes, the suspects' said the truth, but paul reminded pao of something. Cola! He went back to the body and took the cola that was spilled a few steps away to the police station. It was poisoned! He asked the servers at the theatre and knew that the boss poured the cola by himself.

"why did you kill him?" pao asked

"if I gave back all the money I borrowed , I need to give up my business"answered the boss.

The boss was taken to jail, where he would spend the rest of his life. Pao was happy, he solved another crime!

Ice, Water, Poison

Yew Chung International School of Chongqing, Sia, Vincent - 10

The kings castle, which was as cold as the North pole, stood silently in the middle of the moat. Terrifyingly, the castle stood in the middle of a gloomy dimension full of thunder and rain. The palace, where the wind hauled, was a nightmare that everyone feared. Terrifyingly, the sky, which was full of gray clouds, was as dark as the Mariana Trench. Menacingly, the trees swung their arms as they greet its horrified guests.

Sherlock Pao was there, looking around curiously. Until he finally found the dining room, where the midnight feast awaits him.

Earlier that day, detective Pao found a letter in his mailbox. With curiosity, he opened the letter. It said:

Dear Pao,

Hello pao, I am the king! Lately you have solved many different murder mystery problems. I will be very happy if you can attend my midnight feast. You can tell me about some ideas for detective arrangements.

From The king

Pao arrived at the king's palace 11:30PM. He then found the king in the dining room with his midnight feast.

"Hello king!", stated Pao humbly. He then glanced around looking at his surroundings. Where he found two people: One woman with red hair and a man with a chef's hat.

Mr. Han (the chef) had a frown on his face. He was tired and did not want to cook on midnight. He played with his golden necklace as he stared at the king frustratedly.

Ms. White glared at Han with jealousy, she then stared at her own dress with unease. She was looking at the sky as though waiting for something.

"As always White, I want a cup of ice-cold lemonade!", stated the king with laughter.

"What do you want Pao?", asked White.

"I would have some coffee please!", answered Pao.

"Are you sure you don't want ice cold lemonade?", asked White.

White had a weird look on her face, but Pao didn't really care. "I don't really like cold drinks; I would rather have coffee thank you."

Pao and the king had a little chat in front of the table. There were lots of different smells of delicious food thanks to Han's expertise at cooking.

"I will go to the bathroom!", stated Pao with a satisfied look on his face.

"Ok!", stated the king "Go left and then go down the corridor a then turn right."

Pao came out of the bathroom whistling. He glanced around and suddenly found a figure. Pao chased it but lost it around the corridor. He only found a long dress and a tiara. This must be the queen thought Pao as he walked back to the dining room...

The dining room was quiet, a little to quiet. He then glanced into the room where he found a bloody body in the middle of the room. Pao quickly ran towards it and felt for its pulse, but the pulse stopped. The king was dead. Dead...

As a detective Pao knew what he needs to do first, he starts scanning the room for clues. He scanned the room, there was nothing special. He scanned the dead body, but there was nothing.

"This murder mystery is not like anyone before!", thought Pao, "There was no clues, no cuts, no nothing. Wait, no cuts, that must mean the king was poisoned!"

"Who would have a chance a chance to poison the king?" thought Pao, "Maybe the chef, Han, or maybe the one who serves drinks, White!"

"Oh, and maybe also the queen, she has a good relationship with the king. The king would not be so careful around her."

He quickly found white and Han, who was in the kitchen. He then searched around for the queen. He finally found the queen in a room. She was shaking with fear, her face was as pale as white paper. "Ghost!", she shouted "I saw a ghost!"

Pao quickly calmed the queen down and asked each of the suspects where they weir when the king died.

"The king died?", shouted the queen full of disbelief.

Pao first looked questioned, and then he finally remembered he hadn't mentioned anything about the king's death yet. "Yes, the king died." Whispered Pao who was gloomy.

"It must be the ghost!", shouted the queen with horror "The ghost murdered the king, it even tried to chase me and murder me.

"Sorry, I was the one who chased you. I wanted to see who you were." Stated Pao humbly "Allow me to introduce myself, I am detective inspector Pao, and I will find who really murdered the king.!", shouted Pao with triumph.

"Where weir all of you when the king died?", asked Pao.

"I was with Han the whole time in the kitchen after I served the drinks.", whispered White. Han nodded to confirm what White said.

"I was washing my cloths before I saw you!", stated the queen as she showed Pao the way to the to the cloths.

Pao noticed the queen was dripping water from her dress. That almost confirmed what the queen stated as it was raining outside. He then checked the cloths; it was wet too. It is normal to bring your cloths back for drying if there is rain outside thought Pao.

Pao arrived at the kitchen and checked everything, but there was no poison. When he investigated the trash bin and started digging into it, he finally found the poison.

"It must be Han or White!", shouted Pao confidently.

Pao used his experience and checked the fridge. He checked all the food: tomatoes, spinach, chicken, pork, and apples. He did not find anything. Pao told everyone about his discovery and looked at White seriously.

"Are you the murderer?", asked Pao. "No!" stated White with confidence. "You are the only suspect!", shouted Pao.

"You need evidence to show that I am the murderer!", shouted White.

Pao checked the water tank confidently, but to his surprise he did not find anything. He checked it over and repeatedly but there was no poison.

Pao thought for a moment, "The king drinked lemonade so the poison must be in the lemonade!" He then checked the jug of lemonade, but to his surprise there was no poison either. Pao was perplexed.

"Where are your clues?", questioned White menacingly.

Pao panicked; he looked around trying to find hope but there was nothing to help him.

He thought and thought, he finally thought of something, ice. He quickly checked the jar of ice, there was poison!

Pao asked White, "Did you put the poison?"

"How could that be possible, you already checked the water and the lemonade!", shouted White.

Pao showed White the glass of ice, "But I haven't checked the ice!"

"You are very smart and knows lots of different techniques.", Pao continued, "First you know the kings' habits, he likes ice cold lemonade. Then you poison the ice. You even tried to poison me because I was a detective, luckily, I like coffee. After that you just need to wait for the ice to slowly melt, that's why the king did not die immediately!"

White sighed, "I guess the plan did not work!"

White suddenly became furious, "It was the king's fault, he was the one who gave the Hans lots of money but not me. I served him for many years, am I not loyal enough?"

White took out a knife and puts it on the queen's neck as she slowly walks away into the deep dark forest.

Pao and the Mystery School

Yew Chung International School of Chongqing, Tin, Elsa – 10

Above, hearing clouds screaming eerie like ghosts, doors are waving to your timid heart. Looking down, you see silent and loneliness in your eyes and feeling a shiver from the blowing winds. Grasses like to die, though night mare shall begin in five.

The student that comes close goes crazy, like monkeys. This time you shall see the difference by now. The school is a toyshop because time before students are too naughty and teachers are exhausted to them. Hence, teachers changed them to that couldn't come back.

In this cold, rainy day, Pao was lost and found himself near a school he runs to the school quickly to get away from the rain. Pao looks closer and found this school has no one there, Pao found out the door has a ajar so he followed his heart and went in. He saw a red string leading him to go in. Thinking with curious, suddenly Pao saw two strange figures, who smiled with evilness.

The first figure that catches Pao's eye was a wearing a formal T-shirt and a black skirt though the shoes she wears is bad and old. This is Charlotte, smiling with evilness and horror, she flipped her brown hair proudly, jewelries from head to toe. In the office, she is finding the students' information. However, there was no students walking, laughing and learning.

The figure next to Charlotte is Niki. Wearing a long dress with red pattern and had a pony tail. She's Charlotte helper for which student will come next to...They were talking in a secret place.

"I apologize for coming in your school, I just want to come here to get away from the rain, "said Pao looking sorry.

"No Problem! My dear" Charlotte smiling strangely.

When Pao arrived in the school, there was a smell of blood. Pao slowly walked through the corridor; Charlotte told Pao to come out. Pao ran into the room and saw so many dolls...

"I insist you to tell me why there are so many dolls," shouted curiously Pao.

Suddenly, a big blur of smoke comes out inside...A WITCH CAME OUT !!!

This witch lives in the school's room. Hinata is a witch; she has attractive eyes, short grey hair and magical hands. On her head she worn a purple, pointy hat; no one knows what she is making.

"There are so many dolls because I love to collect them, this is my hobby hobby," answered Hinata. Charlotte and Niki heard a noise, so they came here to see. the situation. Pao asked Charlotte to follow him to an empty room.

"Charlotte, do you know where Hinata gone these days?" "Yes! In these days Hinata always gets a kid to the doll hand every time she comes out by herself. I want to ask her, and she shouted at me "None of your business!" Charlotte answers.

"Thanks for answering! "Smiled Pao.

Pas asked Niki to come.

" Niki, do you think Hinata has any strange doing in these days?"

"I am not sure about this, because I am charlottes helper so, I always follows her. But once when I went upstairs to get the paper-which is for test-I found Rosie's test and Rosie - in person - disappeared,"

"How do you know Rosie disappeared, but not others?" said Pao curiously "I love Rosie and when she come to School their parent told us to look after her so I know,"

"Thanks!" Pas jolly said.

Pao told Hinata to come.

"Hi" Sanitised evilly

"Show why you are getting a student in the doll house and comes out by yourself, and why so many students disappeared, like Rosie?"

"They are just...absent," Pao thought about the doll house.

Near the body, there was a shot grey hair which looks like Hinata's, but there was a footprint which is made by blood looks like Niki's though Niki said she always follows Charlotte and charlotte never goes to this room. Only Hinata will.

So, The Murderer Is HINATA!!

"I will put you in jail!!"shouted Pao. Suddenly a Police car sound came, WEE! WU! WEE! WU!

" Please put Hinata to jail, these are the evidence to show Hinata is the murderer!" Pao insists to the police.

"Ok!" the police smiled evilly and left.

Grief, Ice and Poison

Yew Chung International School of Chongqing, Wang, Celine - 10

It was a moonless night, water dark as pitch black ink crashed at cliff rocks. Wind howled, shadows danced, owls hooted, there was a constant chittering sound that followed... the salty scent of the ocean bounced in the air. Despite the ripples and crashes at the surface, the environment underneath was another dimension. 8000 meters under the surface, lay an underwater train, in a glass tunnel. The ocean was a black hole, with a strong current pushing hardly at the glass panels, which were extremely old. Cracks formed, and the tunnel could collapse at any moment, it was a place where sharks roamed, and aliens meandered.

Lightning Flashed and swept across the sky, thunder boomed, and rain fell, creating ripples across the dark ocean, which had water like flowing midnight.

It wasn't a great night for a dive, but Violet knew she had to go, for a new species of glowing shrimp had been tracked. Violet's Calico cat, Marshmallo, circled around Violet and hopped onto her as if not letting her go. As Violet prepared to enter the ocean, an ultramarine-colored submarine emerged from the water and bobbed closer to shore, and soon, a scientist hopped out, holding a clear glass bucket with the shrimp in it.

"Ah! You are - Violet Penta de Rosa?"

"I – I um... Yes?"

"I am Dr. Ceavil Kent, head scientist of the underwater train tunnel."

After a few minutes of explaining, Dr. Kent invited Violet to help at the underwater train tunnel. It had remained untouched for over a decade now, and who knows what secrets lay inside...

Violet immediately agreed and, after an hour, she found herself in a glass tunnel. At the center, sat a train on a rail. Marshmallo hopped around as if saying: 'spectacular train Mr. Doctor!' Dr. Kent then ran around a corner, shouting:

"I'll get the others, wait here!"

At that instant, the floor beneath Violet's feet cracked, and she fell. Marshmallo immediately jumped in to help, and she too fell into the dark and stinky cabin. Canasters of seawater filled with glowing creatures, dead and alive, were the light. Violet felt her way to Marshmallo, whose eyes glowed with wisdom, she was the only one who could see in the dim light. She led Violet to a door, and Violet yanked it open. In the distance, a young man's figure came closer, and closer, and closer! On the floor, a little bottle filled with strange liquid rolled to Violet's feet, but as she picked it up, a mean and harsh voice shouted: "That's mine, don't you dare touch my belongings!" The voice belonged to the man Violet saw in the distance, he was wearing a dark blue suit with a missing button. He sashayed arrogantly towards Violet. He grabbed the bottle out of Violet's hand and glared at her, sniggering as he passed.

Out of the shadows, a teenage boy a little younger than the first hopped out and smiled at Violet, he seemed much nicer than the first, but yelped and rolled his eyes when the man pinched his ear. The man pulled him by the collar and dragged him away. He coughed constantly and yelled when Marshmallo leaped out from behind a chair, frolicking energetically. She meowed angrily when she saw the man though and shoved herself away.

Walking around the undersea underground tunnel, Violet spotted a scientist coming towards her, the scientist led Violet to the others, saying none, and working in complete silence.

"Where's Dr. Kent?" Violet inquired curiously.

"Don't ask me, I don't know!" the scientist snickered impatiently

What if the scientists planned this? Violet thought, she eyed the scientists, looking for a fraud.

"Time to test!" a scientist coughed

Suddenly, a purple figure pranced in... "He was Poisoned!" she shouted. She looked almost identical to Violet, wearing a tight purple suit and a furry belt.

"I'm from Korea, this is Violet?" she asked

"Yes, I guess?" the rude scientist grumbled, he seemed annoyed that the girl stopped their test.

"My twin sister! We Finally meet!" this was when Violet's memories came back to her, this was her unknown sister that her mother always talked about.

"You are——" Violet pulled herself together, back into real life.

"My name is Lavender, you are Violet, we're sisters. Our mother named us after purple colors because it is a lucky color in our oldest tradition. We should now solve the mystery, find the murderer. We must interview Calvin and Kelton. You probably saw them while coming out from the cabin."

"So, we're going to route 8?" Violet asked.

"Bingo!" Lavender was very positive about the dark situation; she didn't look like she would give up.

As Lavender led Violet back into the cabin where she fell, the two girls climbed out one by one. They headed quietly to route 8, which was when a trapdoor suddenly opened, and a dark figure escaped. Lavender opened the trapdoor and saw the most terrifying sight. There was Dr. Kent. Dead. Stained with Blood. Beside the body, sat a blue cloth, covering its missing ring finger...

Marshmallo Meowed loudly and dryly to show her terror, she handed a little bottle full of corrosive liquid to Violet. It was the same liquid as in the little bottle that had been grabbed by Calvin...

Lavender and Violet glanced at Calvin and Kelton, Calvin looked nervous, sweating with guilt, as for Kelton, a tiny smile lay on his face!

"I am Detective Violet, this is my twin sister Lavender. We will find out who killed Dr. Kent." Violet stated firmly.

"Leave me." Calvin replied coldly and dryly, "the button is none of my business."

"How would you know if you didn't put it there? I haven't even mentioned anything yet!" Lavender replied slyly. Kenton stood up and ran over to Marshmallo, patting her carefully. Though his eyes showed his fear, he looked up at Lavender and concluded,

"Calvin killed him..." Calvin looked like he was ready to explode. Fists tight. He roared at Kenton, who hid behind Violet.

"When will you ever have a mind without betrayal!" After a moment though, he had seemed to calm down,

"Kent never trusted me, he even trusted you girls more than me, I wanted revenge, I destroyed his new train's engine, to stop him from making business." For a second, the arrogant Calvin seemed humble, but his arrogance retook him as he clenched his teeth and shrieked,

"You don't get to control me; you do not get to take me to jail. Kent deserved this. So, he died because he was wrong, and I was right." He growled loudly, and threw a glass bottle at Violet, but Lavender was able to dodge it and she ran after Calvin. The wild goose chase began, and Calvin escaped by hopping into a secret tunnel he dug by hand. He had escaped!

On the floor, a little note, in barely legible handwriting: 'Ha! Better Luck Next Time!!!'

The End... Or is it?

The Theatre of Murders

Yew Chung International School of Chongqing, Xu, Cindy - 11

The gloomy windy theatre which is a nightmare for those who dare to enter. Is surrounded by the sea, standing still and resolute. Above, clouds were eerie as a ghost, scanning across and wondering around the theatre. Observing and searching for the horror that lays inside. Tall trees danced creepily, and wind whistled as the background music. On the vast night sky, the blood moon hanged on the night sky and stared at the theatre menacingly.

Entering the grounds of properties, a dusty, ancient wooden door greets you horrify with a creaky noise. Within the vast interior, the grey walls contain the scream and cries of the terrified people who dare to enter with out noticing. Ghosts were hunting around and spying on people.

Arriving at the dusty, dark theater, anxiously finding a shelter, Luna stomped and whipped off the rain drop off her cloth. Then knocked on the wooden door, finding the door ajar, she looks around the cinema's corridor. Then she stepped into the theater, she walked carefully on to the wet, reddish carpet and wondered around the rooms. Ancient pictures were hung around the corridor. Candles were flickering, suddenly she heard alight sound of footsteps coming towards her. Without thinking, Luna ran into the massive rooms. Finding two figures in black doing some reprehensible movement.

Wearing a black, cool T-shirt with shiny accessories, Wally sat in the meeting room, waiting for someone. The door opened, Karla, appear to be her best friend in colleague. Entering the room of cold atmosphere.

Meanwhile, with the mysterious brown hair, Wally's best friend Karla, sit adjacent to her, with an anxious worried stare. She spied on Max with the corner of her eyes. Eventually, her gaze is full of revenge. Luna questioned herself, "Why are they so angry?"

"I apologize for intruding your property, "Luna stated, "I was lost and needed to get out of the storm, "she exclaimed," Please go to the bathroom and clean up, when you are dried, wait by the front room until the storm cleared, then you may leave."

Luna did what is told and clean up in the bathroom. On the way to change, Luna met a young woman wondering in a huge room. A woman named Mori wares a red fur coat with a white flat hat with colorful, glimmering feathers sticking out. Her blue eyes shine in the room of darkness She wandered in the massive room. Then, "Bang--- Ah---Luna suddenly heard a sound from the meeting room.

Sparked by curiosity, Luna rushed into the meeting room, and bang on the wooden door. Within a few second, she had reached into the meeting room. A wave of horror washed over Luna. Where is the man? Did he disappear? Desperately, Luna searched. Nothing...That was the time when she looked closer at the floor. Luna was gasped in terror when she saw Max lying dead in his own pool of blood. Colorful, glimmering feathers were stuck in his blood.

Luna rushed towards Max, trying to feel a pulse but she was too late, he was DEAD!

Then, Luna turned towards the two ladies, glancing at them with astonishment. "How do it happen?"

"You are required to LEAVE NOW! This is none of your business!"

Luna was not planning to leave now. She was determined

To find the culprit. Who killed Max Louis. With the suspects sitting at the meeting room looking frantically to each other, the detective turned attention to Max. Luna scanned the body, she discovers a weird smell, it was coming from the oily liquid in the wine glass. Luina knew it was the lipstick in Karla & Wally's handbag. It was toxic, Max has been poisoned, but by who...

At this point, Mori enters, complaining," Sense the rain cleared, would you guys return my husband back?"

"Oh, well I think he is satisfied with your own business, please give us one more hour. Thanks."

"Oh, fine...but only one more hour!" Mori stomped away with anger.

While they are complaining, Luna tried the "lipstick" on the dusty wooden table.

After this, Luna turns to the two suspects," Allow me to introduce myself, I am detective Luna, I want to find out who killed Max."

"These matters nothing to you, leave now and forget what you saw, "Karla said nervously

"No, I won't, there is a dead man in the corner, one of you killed him. I am going to find out, "Luna expressed with certainly.

Suddenly, she smelled something familiar, it was the toxic lipstick. She follows the scent to a lady's handbag. She opened it and saw a lipstick, which looks like the oily liquid that killed Max.

"Don't touch my belonging! "Karla yelled

"So, Karla, it seems that you killed Max" Luna asked

"I, I don't know how it get there. "Karla answered nervously

"Well, actually we worked as partner to kill him..." Wally murmured

"But why did you guys kill him? "Luna asked

"He took or fame away, He made a rumor, and we are poor at the end! He took all our savings! AH---"Karla shouted, "I want my revenge, and I've got it, the ultimate revenge."

Finally, Luna found out the murderer, and call the police to take them away, they were sent to judge and been punished to be in jail for the rest of their life. However, they escaped the jail on their 3rd week. Is Luna going to find them? Are they murdering again...

The Yacht of Murders

Yew Chung International School of Chongqing, Xu, Harry - 11

The blood moon rises, a cold chill goes down your spine, it will leave you with madness and craziness... During the eerie nights, the yacht keeps going. There are rumors: some say it's haunted, some say a lost soul is driving to it to his very home. On the dreadful ocean, rotten wooden planks fall off, waves crashing against the intimidating yacht. The colossal yacht, which echoed in horror, had paintings haunted by madness and screaming in pain. Here, where ghosts celebrate, has fresh red blood dripping down the wooden walls. In the ancient yacht, which is like an abandoned cave, there was a cold whistle of wind...

Having arrived at the place where the dreadful, rotten yacht is, despite it from being rotten, it was full of treasure. But there was a steel net preventing Pao from getting to the yacht which said, "RESTRICTED AREA." Without thinking what might happen to him, he climbed over the ancient, rusty net. After climbing over the steel net, Pao instantly saw some jewelry on the floor and a human shaped shadow on the second floor of the immense yacht. With curiosity, Pao decided to go into the yacht, where he saw two people talking about the treasure, Pao listened carefully, and then found out that the treasure was in the... Suddenly, a loud scream came from the yacht.

The first-person Pao saw was a person wearing a dirty ripped shirt, a strong man indeed with a slight brown colored hair. His name was George Strongman. He is currently sitting on the wet and creaky floor, looking about viciously. His eyes only have wealth and millions of dollars' worth of gold, he looks he would do anything for wealth.

The second person was a nice-looking man, who has jewelry all around his body, pockets full of luxury car keys and credit cards. His name was James and he was Drinking his 1982 red wine pleasantly and sound fully.

There was a man walking back and forward crazily in the toilet, Pao trying to ask what is wrong, Jasper immediately shoved Pao away and replied, "None of your business stranger." With rage Pao stomped away to the other suspects.

Seeing James trying to brag to Pao, Pao stated, "Well hello, I see that you have got lovely luxury jewelries."

"Yes indeed!" Replied James proudly.

"Do you want a car key, or perhaps a credit card?" Asked James thoughtfully.

"I am good thanks." Stated Pao awkwardly.

Pao walked to the middle of the room and announced, "I am part of the "Cops are The Best" company." Pao looked curiously at Jasper who is still walking back and forward.

Jasper wore a weird rabbit mask while looking at the man in the ripped shirt walking upstairs. Jasper thinking frustratedly about his sick parents lying down on the hospital bed. (Jasper going incognito).

Suddenly, with a shatter of the porcelain plate, Pao heard a loud heartbreaking scream.

"Everybody find a place to hide, I will deal with this mess." Stated Pao determinedly.

With curiosity, Pao's hands trembling with fright, he held his trusty flashlight and tiptoed to the haunted room...

Tiptoeing carefully up the stairs, not wanting to make any sound, Pao heard drops of dirty water. After a short moment, Pao found the porcelain plate which shattered into pieces onto the sturdy ancient wood. somehow the murderer was gone! Following the trail of the fresh red blood. With Pao's leg shaking rapidly, he finally found the body of Joey. laying down on the floor with horror, his pale face his red eyes even his arms and legs were detached from his own body. what has he been through? Beside him, finding some dirty t-shirt piece, strands of brown hair, \$100 bills, and an ear from the weird rabbit mask...

Immediately putting his ear on his chest, looking for a pulse, but he was already dead, already dead on his own pool of blood.

Pao standing up, determined to find the murderer, sits on a sofa, and starts thinking of the things he saw at the crime scene. dirty T-shirt piece, looking at George, it must be his, strands of brown hair, George, or Jasper? they both had brown hair. \$100 bills belong to James. lastly a part of the weird rabbit mask, jasper. Pao starts interviewing George, who is obviously panicking, starts saying, "it wasn't me it wasn't me!"

"Whoa, calm down I did not say you are the murderer." Stated Pao calmly.

"Does this ripped T-shirt belong to you?" asked Pao nicely.

"Yes..." Uttered George nervously.

"Does this strand of brown hair belong to you?" Inquired Pao politely.

"No." Answered George wickedly.

"Thank You, that's all I am asking for." Replied Pao pleasantly.

Pao went to James and asked, "Do this jewelry and hundred-dollar bills belong to you?"

"Oh yes sir, but I have no more pockets for them, so you can keep them sir." Stated James kindly.

"Well thank you!" Replied Pao happily.

Immediately, going to Jasper, asking. "Are these strands of brown hair, and part of the weird rabbit mask yours?" Questioned Pao suspiciously.

"Yes! Now go away!" Barked Jasper.

"Well okay." Mumbled Pao anxiously.

Going to the middle of the room, "Everybody, tell me where you were at when the crime occurred!" Announced Pao nastily.

"I was right here on the bench." Stated James confidently.

"In the bathroom." Replied Jasper angrily.

"In the toilet too! Right Jasper?" Answered George nervously.

"Liar! You were not in the toilet!" Cried Jasper annoyed.

"Fine! I was the murderer!" Announced George impatiently.

"Ok you are coming with me; I am a member of the "Cops are The Best."

Hearing that he will go to jail, George immediately ran as fast as he could away from Pao, until Pao could not see him. Pao with shock, immediately tried to catch up but he couldn't, George was a pro athlete before. After a short moment, George's heart disease suddenly awoke, and George fell to the ground and mumbled, "It is the end." OR IS IT?

School Midnight Frighten

Yew Chung International School of Chongqing, Zeng, Bella - 10

The black scary, horrible, scary, stand lonely in the night. The craw flying on the sky. The cloud was shouting, the wind was escaping from the school; the whole school is a prison!

In the school, it is as dark as under the water; you can't see anything. In the classroom, the worms and bugs are every were!

On a sunny day Pao and her brother Bao were having a picnic. Suddenly "HONG!" there is a mountain torrent! Pao & Bao went on the car and drive away, but the mountain torrents is much quicker than them! So, they jumped into pond, then they swim to the shone. But Bao disappeared! Pao finds him for a long time. Then she saw a dark, scary school . . .

Pao goes into the school, and she see her friend Karla, Pao smiled at she and ask Karla "Hie Karla why are you here?"

Karla replied, "I am the teacher of this school."

- Pao says goodbye to Karla than she keep finding Bao. After a long time, it is at 8pm pao finely find Bao and another little boy. Pao said nervously "Have you hurt? How do you get here? And who is he?" Pao point at the little boy who stand beside Bao.
 - Bao said slowly "When we jump into the water, I lost with you and Keqin find me he takes me to here." than Bao point at the little boy.

"Okay but we need to go home know!" Pao keeps said.

- "No, it is too dangerous to go home know!" Keqin said "come I know a place." then Pao and Bao flow Keqin. They walk for a long time, finally they come to a
- old house. Keqin said "Here have a bed and some food you can live for one night" Than Bao and Pao thanks Keqin, and they go into the old house and sleep. . .

The next day morning Pao heard a loud voice shouted "Wake up! WAKE UP!" when pao wake up she saw Keqin look at she anxiously.

Pao said slowly "What happen?"

Keqin said quickly "Bao disappeared!"

Pao quickly drees up and go to find Bao, when she goes to the library she can't move, The red blood fowling down from the table. All the book on the table tern red by the blood. Pao screamed because she sees her brother's died body on the table! Pao run out and called the police in the school come. When pao go bake to the library she saw Karla's died body had been put on the table to! Pao screamed again and close her eyes. . .

But Pao come done immediately and she go into the library than she saw a yellow hair on the dyed body, Pao said quietly "It seems like this hair is the murder's hair"

she went out the library and said loudly "Everybody here is a yellow hair it is the hair of murder, so I need to cheek the person that have the red hair!" than she finds out 7 people who have the yellow hair they are an old lady, a strong man, a little girl, a little boy, a lady, Keqin and a police officer. Pao keeps said "the police is come at afternoon, so it is not him, and who are you children?" Pao asks

The children said, "We are the student at this school, and she are our mom, and she are our grandmother also he is our dad." the two-child point at the old woman the strong man & the lady.

"So, is you Keqin right?" Pao said

"I... I... yes, I killed them! But it is because Karla always uses our money and because of that I don't have money to eat, and not enough money to live! Also, at first, I don't want to killed Bao, but he sees me kill the people, so I need to kill him." Keqin said angrily.

At last Pao called the police and the police take Keqin to he jill. When his dad sees Keqin he cries and go away. Pao sighed than she go home, Pao said to herself "I will mess you Boo, and I will live for you too."

The End

Pao and the Scary Ghost Yacht

Yew Chung International School of Chongqing, Zhu, David - 10

The scary, ghost yacht, which contains blood like fire, seeps from the walls, swimming in the thunder rain. In the surrounding water, waves crashed on the gigantic New titanic, spiderwebs have taken over the ship claiming it as their own. And the cloud is crying poisonous rain through the New Titanic, and the blood moon was as red as blood, the blood moon rises...

In the nasty, rotten and haunted yacht, that Pao has entered, he found blood like fire surrounding him, he involuntarily shook. Pao also has found bones laying on the table and floor, like they were sleeping for forever. So, now he became more and more excited and scared.

Pao saw Zebula, who was wearing a brown sport T shirt, looking very handsome, and had a robot arm that was extremely strong; it can break up super hard things like gold. The robot arm covered his arm that so, he could carry 1000Kg rock, also he was finding a gigantic golden book.

Meanwhile, Pao saw Frank, who was resting and siting on the sofa joyfully, with a robot mask, that when he wears it than he can run super-fast. He looks very scary, when someone saw his eye than that person will get very scared and die. His finding a very good 1982 Leffe.

One hour later, Pao saw a vampire lying on the floor almost dead and said, "the murderer is..." and dead! The vampire's mouth has a little bit of blood, it seems the murderer was very good at killing people the murderer is also kills many peoples.

Pao moves in another room and saw Zebula and Frank was saying something secret, so he goes to there and ask, "what are you two doing?"

"I don't trust you so, you don't need to know any things "they reply

He didn't continue asking and goes out, but suddenly, he saw a gigantic blood pool with a word" Dead!" His face was through of scaredness and also curiously "OK!" ... than he saw a dead body of poisonous Pao's face was white and he want to leave here as fast as he can. The air was full of blood smell like monster was coming here now. Pao thinks "why will I come here?" He suddenly forgot all the things he but suddenly, he remembered again, this place is through of magical.

Again, he thought of something "OH! II can follow their footprint now, doesn't I super smart and intelligent!?"

He went upstairs and saw a clue, footprint! Pao knew that was Zebula's footprint, because he told Pao his shoes size and, he told Pao that his shoes is also very smelly. He follows the footprint and saw the murderer was...Zebula!!!

Pao knew that all the clues was Zebula writed, for example he uses another person's blood to write "dead" So, he asks Zebula many questions, for example "where are you in the yacht and in that time?" Pao also introduces himself.

Last, Pao called the FBI to get him, but he still want to run but, the FBI is to many so, they catch Zebula and let him go to the jail forever.