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國小朗讀組

1. Zhuo Shui Xi (濁水溪)

Zhuo Shui Xi is the longest river in Taiwan, but do you know its original name was Qing Shui Xi?

In the past, a young man called A-Ming lived by Qing Shui Xi. One day, he saved a rabbit from a leopard. Since the rabbit was hurt, A-Ming took care of it. After a couple of weeks, when the rabbit was completely healed, it ran back into the forest.

One day, a lady came and said to A-Ming, "A few days ago, you saved my life. I want to appreciate your kindness, so I will give you a purple seed and do the housework." A-Ming buried the seed in the soil, and many passion fruits were soon grown. The lady and A-Ming lived together happily.

One day, when A-Ming finished farming and went home, he couldn't find the lady, but he heard a voice from a faraway place, "Help!"

The lady was kidnapped. A-Ming ran to save her. However, he could not cross Qing Shui Xi because the river was deep.

Suddenly, many huge passion fruit branches fell and formed a bridge. A-Ming went across the river and ran through forests. Although his feet were bleeding, A-Ming still wanted to find the lady. Luckily, A-Ming found her, and they began to run home.

Then, the group of bad guys chased after them. After A-Ming and the lady crossed the river, they hid nearby. When the bad guys came on the bridge, A-Ming chopped it down, so the bad guys fell into the river. They struggled in the river and caused the river to be muddy. From then on, people called the river Zhuo Shui Xi.

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2. The Tigress Witch (虎姑婆)

Once upon a time, there were a lady and her two daughters, A-Li and A-Mei. One day, the mother made a trip to the city. She asked the girls to lock the door and let no one in.

After the mother left, someone knocked on the door. The girls opened the door and saw an old woman. "Who are you?" they asked. "I am your great-aunt."

The girls were happy to see that great-aunt and let her in. Because it was late, the three went to bed.

At midnight, A-Li heard noises. The great-aunt was eating something.

A-Li asked, "Great-aunt, what are you eating?" The old woman answered, "I am eating peanuts." She threw over a piece to A-Li. It was a finger! "Oh, no! She is eating A-Mei. She must be the Tigress Witch!"

A-Li said, "Great-aunt, I have to go to the toilet." "Ok, come back soon," the witch said.

A-Li ran out and climbed up onto a tree. The witch waited and waited. Then, she went out and found A-Li hiding up in a tree. Because she could not climb the tree, she started biting the trunk.

A-Li said, "You don't have to bite the trunk. I can come down to let you eat me, but I am hungry now. Please bring me a pot of hot oil. I'll fry birds and eat them here. When I am full, I can climb down."

The witch believed A-Li and did what A-Li said. After a while, A-Li shouted, "I am ready to jump down. Open your mouth." The witch opened her mouth widely. Then, the Tigress Witch got a mouthful of boiling oil and died.

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3. Ban Pin Shan (半屏山)

A long time ago, Ban Pin Shan in Kaohsiung was an ordinary mountain. A small town was beside the mountain. One day, an old man came. He carried a heavy pot of dumplings. "Big, hot, delicious dumplings! One for ten cents, two for twenty cents, and three for free!"

People asked each other, "Is he stupid or crazy? Three dumplings for free?"

"Who cares! I'll eat three dumplings even if I'm not that hungry." A-Der said.

The old man kept his word and didn't charge A-Der any money. The other people began to order dumplings. Everyone ordered three; no one ordered either one or two.

The next day, the old man came again. This time, everyone gathered and ate the dumplings so fast that they didn't chew on them.

On the third day, the same thing happened. Suddenly, a voice was heard, "Can you please give me one dumpling?" Everyone turned his head and stared at the young man, who asked for just one dumpling.

"Young man, did you hear me? One for ten cents, two for twenty cents, and three for free. Why do you want only one dumpling?"

The young man replied, "I see how you've carried a heavy pot of dumplings and made no money. I feel sorry for you."

"Aha! I've found you at last. I am the god of the mountain, and I'm looking for a good person to be my pupil."

People then realized that the old man was the mountain god. When they looked at the mountain, they saw it missing a half. The old man's dumplings were not real but made from the mountain's mud.

This is the story of Ban Pin Shan.