

<b>Starry River of the Sky</b>	<b>by Grace Lin</b>
<b>Who is the author of Starry River of the Sky?</b>	Grace Lin
<b>What did Rendi notice was missing?</b>	the moon
<b>Where did Rendi hide?</b>	In the merchant's moving cart
<b>Why did the merchant tell the innkeeper he should buy a gang of wine?</b>	It was the Day of Five Poisons
<b>Why didn't the innkeeper want to buy a gang of wine?</b>	It was too much wine because he owned an inn, not a tavern.
<b>How much wine did the innkeeper need?</b>	Enough to protect them against the Noxious Animals.
<b>What symbol did the innkeeper write on his daughter's forehead?</b>	the wang symbol
<b>What wine did the merchant have to sell?</b>	The famous Son Wine
<b>What did the merchant do with Rendi?</b>	He left him with the innkeeper
<b>Who was the innkeeper?</b>	Master Chao
<b>What did the innkeeper want to use Rendi for?</b>	A chore boy
<b>What was Rendi like, physically</b>	weak and angry scowling face
<b>How did Rendi help Master Chao move the wine?</b>	By lying it on its side and rolling it.
<b>What was Master Chao's daughter's name?</b>	Peiyi
<b>Who used to be the innkeeper's chore boy before Rendi?</b>	Jiming, the innkeeper's son
<b>When (during the year) was the Day of Five Poisons?</b>	summer
<b>What were the five poisonous animals?</b>	snake, scorpion, centipede, spider, and toad
<b>What was the name of the village where the inn was?</b>	The Village of Clear Sky

What did Peiyi's great-grandfather make?	a big flat, seemingly endless, plain of rock - The Stone Pancake
What did the Village of Clear Sky used to be called?	The Village of Endless Mountain
What was the special water for making tea?	Nan Ling water
Why did Peiyi's great-grandfather want to move the mountain?	Because it blocked his view out his window of the sky, sun, and clouds
How did Peiyi's great-grandfather work to move the mountain	by carrying it away little by little in buckets with the help of his sons
Who was upset at Peiyi's great-grandfather trying to move the mountain?	The Mountain Spirit
How did the mountain move?	The Mountain Spirit ran away, so the mountain disappeared
What drove Rendi crazy while he tried to sleep?	the moans of the sky
What did Peiyi have to teach Rendi how to do?	sweep
Who came to eat every day at the inn?	Mr. Shan
Who was the woman who came to stay at the inn for a month?	Madame Chang
How many suns did Madame Chang say used to be in the sky?	six
What happened when six suns appeared in the sky?	Rain boiled away, plants withered, people lived like worms in a hole in the hill.
Who was the man with the mark of power?	WangYi - the strongest, bravest, quickest of all men
What did the scar on WangYi's forehead look like?	the wang character - the symbol of power
What did WangYi do to get the suns out of the sky?	Shot his arrows at their reflections in the water.
What did WangYi's wife do with the sixth arrow?	Hid it in her sleeve
Why did WangYi's wife hide his sixth arrow in her sleeve?	So he wouldn't destroy all of the suns and create total darkness

Who did Master Chao fight with every day?	Widow Yan
What were there a lot of in Master Chao's and Widow Yan's gardens?	snails
Who was Widow Yan's daughter?	MeiLan
What did Rendi do when Peiyi was talking with MeiLan?	Arranged snails on the wall so that they spelled 'PeiYi is a Melonhead'
Where did MeiLan keep her wedding jewelry?	In a dark red wooden box with vases of peonies painted on the sides
What kinds of wedding jewelry did MeiLan have?	A metal comb with pearl and jewel flowers for her hair, and gold earrings
What did MeiLan say she would not get married without?	Her jade bracelet
What did MeiLan keep her jade bracelet in?	An embroidered silk purse
Where did MeiLan get her jade bracelet?	From her father when he was dying. It had been his mother's and his grandmother's.
What happened to MeiLan's bracelet?	She lost it, and Jiming found it next to the sleeping rooster.
Why wasn't MeiLan supposed to talk to Jiming?	Because she was told that the Chao family was awful.
How did Peiyi help MeiLan and Jiming become friends?	Her crying when she was a baby made him go outside and find MeiLan crying about her bracelet.
What happened to the 'Peiyi is a Melonhead' message that Rendi spelled out in snails on the wall?	The snails crawled back to the garden.
What was the ironic thing about Widow man's tofu?	The more disgusting it smelled, the more delicious it tasted.
What did Mr. Shan answer when Madame Change asked if the old stories had been forgotten already?	"I lost the book"
Why did the sun refuse to come out in the story of the Roosters?	It was afraid of being shot down by WangYi, like the other five suns.

What did the Spirit of the Mountain say would bring out the sun?	A friendly call from someone (or something) the sun thought of as friendly.
Why couldn't the sun hear the cricket's chirp?	It was too faint.
Why didn't the tiger get the sun to come out?	His roar enraged it.
What happened when the cow tried to call the sun?	The sun almost fell asleep.
What did Wangyi's wife suggest they get to call the sun?	The rooster
What happened to the rooster that called the sun and turned gold?	He became the Celestial Rooster — the sun's friendly companion to the day
What did Rendi have to do with the dried up well?	Fill it up so people wouldn't fall in.
What was in the empty well?	A toad
What did the toad do every time Rendi put in a shovelful of dirt?	It hopped to the top of the dirt pile
Where did the toad hop to?	Into the inn, into the Chao's shrine room with stone tablets that had dead ancestor's names carved in them.
What did the toad do to Mr. Shan?	Hopped into his lap
What was the deal Madame Chang made with Rendi?	If she could make him laugh with her next story, for every story she told, he would have to tell one of his own.
Who was Tiwu?	The student who refused to leave the old sage on the mountaintop.
What secret did Tiwu want to learn from the book?	The secret to attaining peace
What was the book called?	The Book of Fortunes
How many days and nights did Tiwu have to sit in the highest part of the tree overlooking the lake in order to get permission to read the Book of Fortune?	ninety-nine days and nights
How did Tiwu get food when he was up in the tree?	Villagers brought him food and sent it up in baskets when they came to him for advice.

<b>How did Madame Chang teach them to make light without wasting oil?</b>	She lit dry grass and threw the embers into the sky and threw her scarf over them so it floated up into the sky, full of fireflies
<b>What did the whole town end up doing together in the night?</b>	Catching fireflies and making lanterns
<b>What could Rendi hear that others couldn't?</b>	The night crying
<b>Why could Rendi hear the crying of the night?</b>	He understood it in a way no one else could.
<b>What did Mr. Shan do with the toad?</b>	Played with it with copper coins, making it hop and calling it "Rabbit"
<b>What happened to WangYi's wife?</b>	She was transformed into a toad
<b>Who asked WangYi to visit?</b>	The Queen Mother of the Heavens
<b>What did the Queen Mother of the Heavens give to WangYi?</b>	A pill of immortality
<b>What was the pill of immortality kept inside of?</b>	A box made from a golden peach pit with nine chrysanthemums carved on it.
<b>When would the pill of immortality be ripe and ready to eat?</b>	When it changed from soft and clear, to hard and white, and finally gold.
<b>What happened to WangYi after he was given the pill of immortality?</b>	He became a mean and power crazy, selfish ruler and wanted to be treated like a god.
<b>What did WangYi's wife do with the pill of immortality when she found it?</b>	She tried to break it, but it wouldn't break, so she swallowed it.
<b>What happened to WangYi's wife when she swallowed the pill of immortality?</b>	She turned into a toad and jumped into the sky and onto the moon — her new home
<b>What did people believe happened to WangYi's wife as she lived on the moon?</b>	The pill ripened inside of her and she changed back into a woman and became the Moon Lady.
<b>What did they say the Moon Lady did?</b>	They said the Moon Lady can hear your most secret wish and grant it - but it must be a wish so secret that you don't even know you have it.
<b>What did Mr. Shan do to the half-moon well?</b>	He broke the partition wall in the middle of it with his hands.

<b>What did Mr. Shan tell Rendi not to do?</b>	Don't jump into the well. and then... "Make sure you do as you say".
<b>When Mr. Shan said, "Make sure you do as you say", what was he referring to?</b>	Rendi owed Madame Chang a story so that he wouldn't be a liar and a cheat like his father.
<b>What did Rendi take out of his drawers?</b>	A blue and white rice bowl with gold on it.
<b>What was the Magistrate Tiger invited to?</b>	The emperor's Mid-Autumn Moon Festivities at the Imperial palace
<b>What did the Magistrate Tiger always wear?</b>	A green robe
<b>What was the first riddle the Magistrate Tiger asked his children?</b>	"A thief steals a purse and a man chases and catches him. But when the police come, each accuses the other of being a thief. Both are the same build and height. How can you tell which one is the thief?"
<b>How did the boy say he would figure out which man was a thief?</b>	Have them race—the loser is the thief, because the faster man was the one who chased and caught him.
<b>A single almond is given to a family of 99 members. How can you share the almond evenly?</b>	Boil the almond in water and make it into almond tea.
<b>A pestilence of snails has come to a village. One man decides the best way to get rid of the snails in his garden is to throw them into his neighbor's garden. But the neighbor does the same thing, so the snails multiply in both gardens and the families fight. How do you settle the dispute?</b>	
<b>Why did the Tiger Magistrate's wife tell her children he was always so angry?</b>	He had to act that way to accomplish things, and he was doing it all for the children.
<b>What did the emperor give to the Magistrate Tiger for answering his first question correctly?</b>	A blue, white, and gold rice bowl with a rabbit motif on a gold stand, made of the finest porcelain in the land just for the emperor's Moon Festivities.

<b>What did the emperor give to the Magistrate Tiger for answering his second question correctly?</b>	An enormous gang (a giant porcelain bowl) with blue fish and lotus flowers painted on the surface to be used as an indoor fishpond.
<b>How did the Magistrate Tiger know the answers to the emperor's questions?</b>	He got them from his children.
<b>Why did Peiyi want the third riddle to be solved?</b>	The snails was the reason the Chao family and the Yan family fought and hated one another—because their ancestors threw snails at each other.
<b>Why did Jiming leave the village?</b>	He argued with his father (Master Chao) over him wanting to marry MeiLan.
<b>Who was the one who could answer the snail question?</b>	Mr. Shan
<b>Where did they have Master Chao and Widow Yan sit?</b>	At a table that straddled the wall between their yards to have tea together.
<b>What did Master Chao and Widow Yan agree were delicious?</b>	The snails
<b>What did Master Chao and Window Yan decide to do with the snails?</b>	Widow Yan could add them to her tofu recipe and sell it at the Inn - both could help each other and the snail problem is solved.
<b>What did Mr. Shan used to do that he doesn't do anymore?</b>	Read a big book and travel.
<b>Where did superstitious guests always want room in the inn?</b>	In the middle because ghosts gather in the rooms at the ends of the inn.
<b>What did the trader's belt have hanging from it?</b>	A tiger's paw
<b>Who was the government official that came to the inn?</b>	Magistrate Tiger's friend, Duke Zhe.
<b>What was the custom the officials saw the villagers do?</b>	They dressed a dog up as a bride, in a red gown and fine jewelry, and staged a wedding.
<b>Why did the villagers do the dog wedding?</b>	To make those in the Starry River laugh so hard they would cry, and it would rain.
<b>Why did people throw dirt on dragon figures?</b>	To make the dragon bring rain so he can clean himself.

<b>What did the other trader have as a talisman on his belt?</b>	A circle made from a coffin nail.
<b>Why was Duke Zhe traveling?</b>	To find the Magistrate Tiger's son (Rendi)
<b>What did Mr. Shan say was missing?</b>	Two sons, one moon.
<b>What story did Madame Change tell to Duke Zhe?</b>	The Story of the White Tiger
<b>Where did the Poisonous White Tiger live?</b>	In a hole in a hill near the village.
<b>Who went with the sage into the hole to see the White Tiger?</b>	The village's potter.
<b>Why was it impossible to destroy the White Tiger?</b>	Its stripes on its forehead made the symbol of power.
<b>What did the sage want to give to the White Tiger?</b>	a baby
<b>What did the dewdrop the sage threw into the water turn into?</b>	A tadpole
<b>What did the tadpole turn into underneath the bowl?</b>	A baby rabbit
<b>What did the sage tell the villagers to put in front of the White Tiger's cave for six weeks?</b>	A gourd of milk
<b>What happened to the White Tiger?</b>	It turned into a man/tiger.
<b>How did the white Man/Tiger save the child?</b>	It threw a snake that was almost going to attack the child.
<b>How long after the White Tiger seemed to disappear did the children see it throw a snake?</b>	nine years
<b>What did the White Tiger/Man continue to do?</b>	Save children
<b>Who did the White Tiger/Man (now entirely a man) marry?</b>	The potter's daughter



What did the potter notice about the man who was going to marry his daughter?	His scar on his forehead in the shape of the symbol of power.
Who was the White tiger/man?	Wang Yi
What decides whether the blood that pumps in you is that of a man or a tiger?	The heart
Why did Mr. Shan forget everything?	Because the moon was gone.
What does the moon symbolize?	Peace - it is the image of harmony and peace.
You cannot have a home without _____	peace
Who were the two thieves with the Duke?	Liu and Fang
What did Liu and Fang plan to do at night?	Kidnap Rendi and steal the Duke's jewels
Why did Peiyi tell the thieves she had the symbol of protection on her forehead, even though it wasn't the Day of Five Poisons?	She said the Noxious Toad (with blood eyes and poison vapor) haunted the inn.
What did Liu think Master Chao had mixed into the wine to protect them so they wouldn't be poisoned?	realgar
How did Rendi time his story about the Noxious Toad?	He told them how they would die right when the flames of the lanterns went out.
What did Master Chao deliver to the thieves' room?	A jug of wine, two cups, and several covered dishes.
What was under a covered dish that Master Chao delivered to the thieves?	The Noxious Toad
How did they know that Rendi had been kidnapped?	Peiyi and Madame Chang saw from her window.
What did she use to make the toad smell so bad so the thieves would think it was the Noxious Toad?	Widow Yan's tofu and fireflies
What did Master Chao melt in order to make fake blood?	His cinnabar belt decoration

<b>What happened to Mr. Shan's toad?</b>	The thieves stepped him and broke his back leg.
<b>What did Madame Chang tell Rendi about making a good decision?</b>	Sometimes the best decision is painful, but never made out of anger.
<b>When did Wangyi start making good decisions?</b>	When his anger left him.
<b>What was Wangyi's different dream?</b>	He dreamed an old man guided him to a flat stone land with 2 palaces side by side.
<b>How were the two palaces in Wangyi's dream different from one another?</b>	One had a gold sign that said "Misery", the other said "Joy".
<b>Why was the Misery palace filled with angry, frustrated, skinny people?</b>	They all had 5 foot long chopsticks so they couldn't eat all the delicious food.
<b>Why were the people in the Joy palace able to eat and be happy, even though they also had 5 foot chopsticks?</b>	They fed each other.
<b>What happened when Wangyi climbed the mountain to see his wife once more before he died?</b>	She got scared and ran away from him.
<b>What did the old man give to Wangyi when he said he forgave his wife for eating the pill of immortality?</b>	He gave him a berry that would give him immortality and allow him to live in the Palace of the Sun while his wife lived in the Palace of the Moon.
<b>Why couldn't Wangyi live with his wife on the moon?</b>	He was easily spoiled and needed balance.
<b>If Wangyi ruled wisely from the Palace of the Sun, what would happen?</b>	The Celestial Rooster would fly him to the moon and back every 29 days.
<b>How do you know when Wangyi is visiting his wife?</b>	The moon is full and bright.
<b>What was the Magistrate Tiger's (Rendi's father's) real name?</b>	Magistrate Wang
<b>Where did Duke Zhe think the kidnappers had taken Rendi?</b>	To the City of Far Remote
<b>What did Rendi's sister do to save him from drowning?</b>	She broke the porcelain gang he fell into with an inkstone

Who did Rendi go to rescue?	Whoever was moaning out there on the Stone Pancake.
What did Rendi use to mark his way so he wouldn't get lost on the Stone Pancake?	snail shells
What did Rendi come to on the Stone Pancake?	A stone bridge over a lake
What did Rendi find inside the hole in the hill?	A huge toad – the thing that had been groaning and moaning
Who invented Son Wine?	Rendi's Father (Magistrate Wang)
How many jars of rice wine did Magistrate Wang order be made for the festivities when his first child was to be born?	eighty-eight
How did Magistrate Wang feel when his wife gave birth to a girl?	Angry because he wanted a son who would become emperor.
What did Magistrate Wang have done with the jars of rice wine and banquet food?	He had the jars of rice wine buried and the food given to the pigs.
How did Son Wine get invented?	It was the rice wine that had been buried. It tasted more fragrant and pure than normal. It was called Son Wine because it was unburied when the Magistrate Wang's son (Rendi) was born.
Why did Rendi think the wine should be called Daughter Wine?	That's when the wine was first made.
Who did Rendi tell the Story of the Son Wine to?	The huge toad in the cave.
What was Rendi's secret wish that he shared with the toad?	They wanted to go home.
Why was the big toad in the cave sick?	It had swallowed the moon.
What happened when the big toad drank the Son Wine?	It burped up the moon.

<b>Who was there when the big toad disappeared?</b>	Jiming
<b>Who did Jiming run into when he was running across the stone bridge on the stone pancake?</b>	Mr. Shan, reading his big book.
<b>What happened to Mr. Shan's big book?</b>	Jiming knocked into him and the book flew into the lake.
<b>Why did Jiming drink so much from the lake?</b>	He was trying to put out the angry fire that was burning inside him.
<b>What happened when Jiming drank so much from the lake?</b>	He swallowed the moon and turned into the huge toad.
<b>What did Jiming need to do in order to end his own suffering?</b>	Forgive his father
<b>How did Jiming and Rendi move the moon back into the sky?</b>	They rolled it to the bridge
<b>What did Mr. Shan do when the bridge broke from the weight of the moon?</b>	He jumped into the lake and held up the bridge.
<b>What did Mr. Shan find in the water under the bridge?</b>	The big book.
<b>Why was the moon so small?</b>	Because it had fallen from the sky and was like a closed flower. When it enters the Starry River, it expands and a palace of water had and pearl grows.
<b>What did Mr. Shan look like when he leaned against the moon and began to read his book?</b>	Like the sage in <i>Madame Chang's</i> story.
<b>What is the secret to peace?</b>	Forgiveness
<b>Why didn't Peiyi want the moon to be taken to the city?</b>	Because they were going to make Jiming roll it there, and Peiyi didn't want him to leave again.
<b>What is the balance Madame Chang taught Peiyi?</b>	For night, there is the day. For sun, there is the moon. For people to come, people must go.
<b>What is needed for harmony?</b>	Balance

<b>What did Madame Chang promise to Peiyi?</b>	She would always be there for her, every night of her life.
<b>Where did the king live?</b>	In the City of Far Remote
<b>What did Jiming insist on doing before leaving on his journey with the moon?</b>	Marrying Meilan.
<b>What did Madame Chang say was the only thing that could hold up the moon?</b>	A mountain
<b>What did Madame Chang reveal about the Stone Pancake?</b>	Master Chao's ancestor did NOT move a mountain.
<b>What was the Village of Endless Mountain renowned for?</b>	It's peace and wisdom because of the Moon Lady (peace) and the Spirit of the Mountain (wisdom)
<b>How did the mountain really move and the Stone Pancake come to be?</b>	The Spirit of the Mountain was hurt that the man (Chao's great grandfather) thought he was useless, so he left.
<b>Why did Madame Chang want Rendi to tell stories?</b>	Because when people tell stories they share things about themselves.
<b>What traditions were they breaking when Jiming and Meilan got married?</b>	no matchmaker, no bridal cakes, not knowing if it was an auspicious day
<b>What did Rendi find where Mr. Shan and the moon had been sitting?</b>	Two copper coins
<b>Why did Mr Shan call the toad "Rabbit"?</b>	Because it was a tadpole that was transformed into a baby rabbit.
<b>What did Rendi see underneath the bridge?</b>	Mr. Shan's handprints
<b>What did Rendi grab from Meilan?</b>	Her jade bracelet
<b>Why did Rendi run with the bracelet away from the Stone Pancake?</b>	He knew the mountain was going to pop up at sunset and he didn't want them to have the wedding on it and get hurt.
<b>What happened after the mountain and the moon came back?</b>	It started to rain.

<b>Who were Madame Chang and Mr. Shan really?</b>	The Moon Lady and the Spirit of the Mountain
<b>What did Rendi give to Peiyi before he left?</b>	The blue and white porcelain rice bowl with the two copper coins in it.
<b>What did Rendi say Peiyi could do with the rice bowl?</b>	Give it to Jiming and Milan for a wedding gift to be passed on forever.
<b>Where did Rendi go at the end of the story?</b>	Back home to Magistrate Wangs