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Why did the villagers call the mountain “Fruitless Mountain”?  
Nothing grew on it and birds and animals did not rest there (p.1)

What does the name Minli mean?  
Quick thinking (p.2)

Why is Minli’s village a shade of faded brown?  
The villagers worked in the mud and it coated everything as it dried. (p. 2)

How much money was in Minli’s house?  
Two old copper coins. (p. 2)

Describe Minli’s rice bowl.  
It was blue with a white rabbit painted on it. (p. 3)

When did Minli hear stories?  
She heard them every night at dinner. (p. 3)

Who told Minli stories at home?  
Her father told her the stories. (p. 3)

What kept Minli from becoming dull and brown like the rest of the village she lived in?  
The stories her father told her every night at dinner (p.3)

Jade Dragon had four children, what were they?  
Pearl, Yellow, Long & Black (p.4)

Why did Jade Dragon stop the rain from falling?  
She was so offended by comments made by some villagers about being glad the rain was gone. (p.5-6)

What did the Jade Dragon do when she learned of what her children had done?  
She cursed herself for her pride and fell from the sky and turned herself into the Jade River in hopes that she could somehow be reunited with her family. (p.7-8)

Who helped the people after Jade Dragon stopped the Rain?  
Jade Dragon’s children (Pearl, yellow, Long and Black) helped the people. (p. 7)

How did the dragon children help the people on earth when there was no rain?  
They transformed themselves into water. (p. 7)

What happened to Jade Dragon when she fell from the sky?  
She turned herself into the Jade River. (p. 7)

How long will Fruitless Mountain remain bare?  
It will be bare until Jade Dragon is no longer lonely and is reunited with at least one of her children. (p. 8)
Why does nothing grow on Fruitless Mountain? What must happen for it to produce again?
It is the broken heart of Jade Dragon. Jade Dragon must be reunited with at least one of her children. (p. 8)

What did Ma say the man who took the stones from the mountain had planned to do with them?
He planned to carve inking stones. (p.9)

What did Minli, Ma and Ba do every morning before the sun rose?
Began work in the field. (p.11)

Why did Minli buy the Goldfish?
It was supposed to bring fortune into their home (p.13)

How does a goldfish bring fortune into your home?
Goldfish means plenty of gold. Having a bowl of goldfish means your house will be full of gold and jade. (p. 13)

How much does Minli pay for the goldfish she buys from the goldfish man?
one copper coin (p. 15)

How does Minli plan on feeding the goldfish?
She plans to share her rice with it. (p.16)

Why did the Magistrate Tiger stop to speak to the Old Man [of the Moon]?
He was furious at the old man's indifference (p.19)

What question did the Magistrate Tiger ask of the Old Man of the Moon when he learned he could answer any question?
Who will my son marry when he is of age? (p.20)

Who did not bow down to Magistrate Tiger?
The old man reading the Book of Fortune did not bow. (p. 20)

What does the Book of Fortune contain?
It holds all the knowledge of the world – past, present and future. (p. 20)

What does the red thread do?
It ties together everyone who meets. (p. 21)

What did Magistrate Tiger do to try and prevent his son from marrying a grocer’s daughter?
He secretly ordered a servant to stab the girl with a knife (p.22-23)

Where does the Old Man of the Moon live?
On top of Never Ending Mountain (p.24)

Why did Minli release the goldfish?
She decided that Ba shouldn’t have to feed the goldfish. (p. 26)
Who knew how to get to Never-Ending Mountain?
The talking goldfish knew. (p. 28) (also p. 49)

Why does the goldfish tell Minli how to find the Old Man of the Moon?
Because she set him free. (p.29)

Who tells Minli how to get to Never-Ending Mountain?
the goldfish she bought (p. 29)

How did Minli sign the note she left for Ma & Ba?
Love, Your Obedient daughter, Minli (p.31)

What did Minli take with her on her journey?
A needle  
a pair of chopsticks  
h her white rabbit rice bowl  
a small piece of dried bamboo  
a hollow gourd full of water  
a small knife  
a fishnet  
some uncooked rice  
a large pot  
the one remaining copper coin (p.32)

Name three of the items Minli packs for her trip.
possible answers: needle, pair of chopsticks, white rabbit rice bowl, small piece of dried bamboo, gourd full of water, small knife, fishnet, uncooked rice, large pot, one copper coin, blanket (p. 32)

What did Minli do while following the goldfish's instructions to help her to learn which way to go?
She cracked off a small bit of stone and rubbed it up and down the needle ninety-nine times before tossing it back to the ground. Then she filled her rice bowl halfway with water and let the bamboo float in it. After that she picked up the needle and looked at the white rabbit on her bowl. “Okay,” she said to the jumping rabbit, “lead the way.” And she placed the needle onto the bamboo. (p.34)

How far did Minli walk that first night?
Far enough that if Ma and Ba began to look for her, they couldn't find her. (p.35)

Why does Ma believe Minli ran away?
Because of all the stories Ba told her. She believed them and now is looking for fairy tales. (p.37)

On Minli's second day she fills her water jug with water from a stream, but is unable to drink it, why?
The water is salty. (p.41)

Who did Minli rescue from the salt water?
She rescued a dragon. (p. 42)
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Who did Ma and Ba find when they were out looking for Minli?
The Goldfish Man (p.45)

Where does Minli first find the dragon?
Tied up in a lake of his own tears. (p.46)

Describe the dragon that Minli untied.
He was brilliant red, emerald green whiskers, horns and a dull stone-colored ball like the moon on his forehead. (p. 46)

Why did the monkey's tie up the dragon?
Because he wanted to go further into the forest to get to the Peach Grove. (p.47)

Who joined Minli on her journey to Never Ending Mountain?
The red dragon joined her. (p. 48)

What happened when the dragon’s eyes were dotted?
The dragon could see, he felt strong, became alive and escaped by crashing through the wall. (p. 57)

Why do the Monkeys not want to let anyone through?
They are “Greedy Things” and do not want to share the peaches.

What does the dragon say his name is following The Story of the Dragon?
Dragon. (p.58)

What did the goldfish man's grandmother tell him to do to avoid dying young?
Get a bottle of the finest wine and a box of sweets. Then the next day walk north of the village.
Do not stop until the moon begins to appear in the sky. Open the box of sweets and bottle of wine and set them by the old man who will be at the foot of the mountain reading a book. Do not say a word unless he speaks to you first. (p.64)

In the Story of the Goldfish Man, what age was the goldfish man originally supposed to live until?
19 (p.65)

What did the old man do to change the goldfish man's fortune?
He changed the 19 to 99 in the book of fortune. (p.66)

What did the goldfish man give to Ma and Ba?
A fish that was the pale silver color of the moon. (p.67)

When Minli first meets the dragon she asks him how old he is, what is his reply?
“I do not know.” (p.70)

Describe how Minli tricked the monkeys so they could get passed them to the peach grove.
She cooked rice and covered the pot with the fish net. The monkey fists were full of rice and got stuck in the net because they would not let go of the rice. (p. 78)
What did Ba say trying to find Minli was like?  
Like trying to find the paper of happiness (p.80)

When was the first time the goldfish spoke to Ba?  
After Ba commented about the Paper of Happiness (p.80)

In The Story of the Paper of Happiness, how did the Magistrate Tiger react upon hearing the tales of Happiness were true?  
He was irritated and began to covet the family's happiness. (p.82)

In the Story of the Paper of Happiness, what did the Magistrate Tiger order his soldiers to do?  
Return to the family and tell them to put the secret of happiness in the box. If they do not comply, destroy their home. (p.82)

What happened to the secret of happiness before it was delivered to the Tiger Magistrate?  
The box it was being carried in fell and the lid flew open and the slip of paper was carried away with the wind. (p.84)

Two soldiers were asked if they had read the secret on the slip of paper, why was neither of them able to tell the Magistrate Tiger the secret?  
The first did not read it because he felt it was a secret only for the Tiger Magistrate, the second because he was unable to read. (p.84-85)

What did the soldier closest to the slip of paper notice?  
That the slip of paper contained just one word written over and over again. (p.86)

After their first day of searching what did Ma and Ba decide to do?  
Return home and wait for Minli to come home. (p.87)

What is Minli supposed to do once she reaches the city of Bright Moonlight?  
Find the Guardian of the City. (p.89)

What is Minli supposed to ask for from the Guardian of the City?  
The borrowed line. (p.89)

What were the directions to Never Ending Mountain?  
Go west until the City of Bright Moonlight, find the Guardian of the City and ask for the borrowed line. (p.89)

Why did the goldfish think that the dragon was its Aunt Jin?  
Because Aunt Jin always said she would come back to show them that the Dragon Gate was real. (p.90)

What will happen if a fish swims through the Dragon Gate?  
The fish will change into the form of a flying dragon. (p.93)

Why did Minli have to enter the City of Bright Moonlight by herself?  
The last dragon to be seen by the People of Bright Moonlight destroyed the King's Father's Palace. (p.95)
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Where does the dragon wait for Minli while she is in the City of Bright Moonlight?
At the edge of the forest. (p.96)

What marked the entrance of the City of Bright Moonlight?
Two stone lions marked the entrance. (p. 97)

What does Minli follow to find the palace?
She follows the black stones (paved polished bricks.) (p. 98)

Who lives in the Inner City?
The king and his officials live there. (p. 98)

Once in the City of the Bright Moonlight, who does Minli ask how she might find the king?
A boy leading a water-buffalo. (p.98)

What are the two parts of the City of Bright Moonlight called?
Outer City and Inner City (p.98)

Who wears a golden dragon?
The emperor and kings wear the golden dragon. (p. 99)

When is the only time people are allowed into the Inner City?
During the Moon Festival. (p.100)

What were the only pieces of furniture the Buffalo Boy had in his hut?
Two wooden crates and a rough stool (p.103)

What did Minli and the Buffalo Boy have to eat at his hut?
Bamboo shoots and three peaches. (p.104)

When the Buffalo Boy and his Buffalo stumbled upon the seven girls swimming, all but one ran away immediately. Why did the one girl stay?
The Buffalo was sitting on her clothes (p.107)

Where did the Buffalo Boy's friend say that Minli might be able to find the King?
The Market of Green Abundance (p.113)

What did Ma do during their journey home to show that she was no longer angry?
She offered to carry the fishbowl. (p.115)

After returning home without Minli, who fed the fish rice from their bowl, Ma or Ba?
Ma (p.117)

What did Minli offer the Buffalo Boy as they parted ways in the Market of Green Abundance?
The last copper coin out of her bag (p.120)
How did Minli spend her last copper coin?
She purchased a peach for an old man in the Market of Green Abundance. (p.121)

What did the old man do after he finished eating the peach that Minli had purchased for him?
He planted the peach pit and caused a peach tree to grow in the middle of the market and asked everyone in the crowd around to help themselves. (p.122-123)

Did Minli eat any of the peaches from the peach tree that the old man grew in the Market?
No. (p. 124)

How did Minli come to realize that the old man in the market was the king?
He was wearing gold under his rags and the image of a gold dragon around his neck. The golden dragon is always and only worn by kings. (p.125)

How was Minli able to enter the Palace Garden?
She followed the king through a secret door into the inner city (p.127)

How did Minli enter the palace?
She went in a secret door in the wall. (p. 127)

What did the King tell Counselor Chu to convince him that he should not be disturbed during the night?
He told him he wanted to commune with the moon. (p.130)

The King and Minli had a very large meal in the Palace Garden. What did they eat for their meal?
Pink shrimp dumplings, savory noodles and pork, dragon's beard bean sprouts, emerald green chives, and a bowl of white jade soup, a pot of tea and an assortment of cakes. (p.133)

What did the City of Bright Moonlight used to be called?
City of Far Remote (p.135)

How was the Tiger Magistrate related to the King of the City of Bright Moonlight?
He was his great-great-grandfather's father (p.136)

What was the Unknown Part of the Story of the Old Man of the Moon?
That the Tiger Magistrate was so angry after he was told his son would marry a grocer's daughter he tore out a page from the book of fortune. (p.136-137)

What did the King believe the borrowed line was?
The torn out page from the Book of Fortune that contains only one single line of text. (p.138-139)

Who discovered that the borrowed page from the book of fortune could only be read in the bright moonlight?
The King's Great-Great-Grandfather. (p.138)

Why was the City of Far Remote renamed as the City of Bright Moonlight?
To remind the future kings that the borrowed page from the Book of Fortune could only be read under the Bright Moonlight. (p.138)
What did the king give Minli?
He gave her a page ripped from the Book of Fortune, a “borrowed line.” (p. 139)

What was written on the page of the Book of Fortune when the King looked at it with Minli?
You only lose what you cling to. (p.140)

During the second night Minli was in the City of the Bright Moonlight, why did Dragon move from his hiding place in the trees to stand near the city walls?
He thought standing closer to the city might make him feel just a little less lonely. (p.144)

While Dragon approached the walls surrounding the City of Bright Moonlight, something startled him, what was it?
The lion statues guarding the city laughed and spoke to him (p.144)

How old was the lion cub statue that was guarding the City of Bright Moonlight?
868 years old (p.145)

After Dragon told the lions his story and about his quest with Minli, who did the lions realize Dragon was?
He was the terrible dragon that destroyed the King’s Father’s Palace. (p.146)

Who were the Guardians of the City?
The stone lions outside of the walled city’s gates were the guardians. (p. 147)

Dragon believed that the string of destiny the lions held was the borrowed line that Minli was seeking, who did the lions borrow the thread from?
The Old Man of the Moon (p.148)

What instructions did the Old Man of the Moon give to the lions that were guarding the City of Bright Moonlight?
None, except to hold onto the red thread until it was needed. (p.148)

What did the lions receive from the Old Man of the Moon?
They received a “string of destiny.” (p. 149)

What did Ba believe was the one word that was written on the slip of paper in the Story of the Paper of Happiness?
Faith (p.152)

When Minli finally returns from the City of Bright Moonlight, where does she find Dragon?
Sleeping in front of the stone lions who are guarding the city. (p.155)

When Minli and Dragon were sleeping in the cave after leaving the City of Bright Moonlight, she heard the tiger growling, before she realized it was a tiger, what did Minli believe was making the noise?
Thunder (p.159)

What did the dragon think about the string of destiny?
He thought it was the “borrowed line” needed by Minli.

Who saved Minli from the tiger?  
Dragon saved Minli from the tiger. (p. 162)

What color was the tiger that Minli and Dragon met in the cave?  
The tiger was a dark dusty green color. (p. 163)

How did Dragon’s arm get hurt?  
The green tiger clawed it. (p. 164)

Dragon was wounded from his fight with the tiger, but neither Dragon nor Minli were very concerned about his wounds at first, why?  
Dragons heal quickly (p.164)

What did Minli decide to do when she realized Dragon’s wounds were not healing and he was getting weaker?  
Go to the nearby village and see if anyone there could help (p.165)

How was A-Fu able to defeat the Green Tiger?  
She tricked him into believing that another great beast, his son, had stolen her brother and mocked the Green Tiger. They led him to the “cave” that the beast was hiding in and the Tiger, believing his own reflection was the beast, jumped in. (p.168-174)

Who tricked and destroyed the Great Green Tiger?  
A-Fu and Da-Fu tricked the Great Green Tiger. (p. 176)

Who healed Dragon’s wounds?  
A-gong poured yellow-green tonic on Dragon’s wounds. (p. 177 &178)

How did A-Gong react when he heard Minli’s friend was wounded by the Green Tiger?  
He was worried and asked to be taken to the friend immediately. (p.177)

Everyone calls the twins Da-A-Fu, which twin is Da-Fu and which is A-Fu?  
The girl is A-Fu and the boy Da-Fu. (p.183)

What color were Da-A-Fu clothes when they first met Minli?  
Red (p.183)

What was the village where Da-A-Fu lived called?  
The Village of Moon Rain (p.183)

On what nights did the seed rain fall from the sky over the Village of the Moon Rain?  
Every night there is a moon (p.187)

What did Ma ask Ba when she caught him talking to the fish bowl?  
If he was cleaning his ear in the fishbowl. (p.191)
What is the medicine that heals the Tiger’s poison made out of?  
Water & the leaves of the flowering trees (p.194)

How soon before Minli arrived at the Village of Moon Rain did the Green Tiger discover the village?  
Four Moons (p.195)

What made the villagers of the Village of Moon Rain think the Green Tiger was not an ordinary tiger?  
Not his size or his color, but the anger he had for them. (p.195)

Who did A-Gong discover the Green Tiger was?  
The spirit of the magistrate they had tried to give the secret of happiness to. Or the spirit of the Tiger Magistrate. (p.196)

What objects did the Green Tiger leave at the gate of the Village of Moon Rain?  
A piece of broken vase with a moon on it, a mangled child’s jacket, and two deep claw marks scratched into the stone. (p.197)

What was the Green Tiger’s punishment for the village?  
To sacrifice two children every month to him. (p.199)

How far away did A-Fu say Never Ending Mountain was from the Village of Moon Rain?  
About a days journey (p.201)

Who showed Minli the way to Never-Ending Mountain?  
A-Fu and Da-Fu showed her the way. (p. 201)

On Minli’s last day in the Village of Moon Rain, Da-A-Fu shook her awake and said they wanted to show her something. What was it?  
Dragon - healthy and waiting for her outside of the village gate (p.204)

What did Da-A-Fu’s family feed Minli for breakfast before she left for Never-Ending Mountain?  
Warm rice porridge (p.205)

What did the Villagers of the Village of Moon Rain decide to name the medicine that cured the Green Tiger’s poison?  
Dragon Well Tea (p.206)

What gift did Amah give to Minli before she left for Never-Ending Mountain?  
A jacket (p.207)

Where did the fabric for the jacket that Minli received from Amah come from?  
It was made out of pieces of all of the villagers’ clothes. (p.207-208)

How did Da-A-Fu’s ancestors decide to spend their last moments, after they learned of the magistrate’s approaching army?  
They climbed the mountain, flew kites and had the finest picnic they could. (p.211-213)
Never-Ending Mountain was so enormous that it was described as what?
Making Fruit-less Mountain look like a loose pebble. (p.217)

Once Minli reached Never-Ending Mountain, what did she decide to do to get the Old Man of the Moon’s attention?
She decided to make a kite out of the borrowed lines and send it up to get the Old Man of the Moon’s attention. (p.219)

What did Minli and Da-A-Fu use to make the kite they sent to the Old Man of the Moon?
The torn page from the Book of Fortune, Minli’s chopsticks, and the red thread. (p.219)

What did Da-A-Fu say when Minli suggested that they could change their fortune, too, by talking to the Old Man of the Moon?
Why would we want to change our fortunes? (p.221)

What happened to the Red Thread as Minli and Dragon began to pull it back in?
It became thicker and turned into a bridge (p.222)

In the Story of the Dragon’s Pearl, who stole dragon’s pearl?
The servants of the Queen Mother of the Heavens. (p.226)

What did the Queen Mother of the Heavens do with the dragon’s pearl?
She put it in a vault she had made in the deepest part of her kingdom (p.227)

How was the dragon in the Story of the Dragon’s Pearl able to find his pearl once it was stolen?
He saw the light given off by the pearl when the Queen Mother of the Heavens removed the pearl from its vault to show off at her party. (p.228) Or he followed the light given off by the pearl.

What did the pearl in the Story of the Dragon’s Pearl become when it was thrown into the celestial river?
(p.230-231)

Why did Dragon have to stay behind when Minli crossed the bridge of Red Thread to see the Old Man of the Moon?
The bridge would not hold his weight. (p.234)

What did the rabbit ask Minli when she stepped off of the bridge of Red Thread?
Did you have trouble with the monkeys? (p.237)

Who met Minli at the end of the bridge?
A white rabbit met Minli. (p. 237)

Who told Minli the story of Wu Kang?
The rabbit (p.238)

Who did the Old Man of the Moon obtain the red thread from?
His grand-daughter, the Goddess of Weaving (p.242)

What lesson does Wu Kang need to learn before he will be able to chop down the silver tree?
Lessons of contentment and patience (p.243)

What made moon rain?
The seeds from the tree that Wu Kang chopped every night became the moon rain. (p. 243, 244)

What happens to the seeds that Wu Kang knocks from the silver tree he is attempting to cut down?
They rain down on the Village of Moon Rain. (p. 243-244)

Who does Minli believe the buffalo boy’s friend is and how did she come to believe this?
The Goddess of Weaving. She recognized the bag of red threads sitting next the Old Man of the Moon as the bag the Buffalo Boy’s friend had been carrying. (p.247)

How many questions is Minli allowed to ask the Old Man of the Moon?
One (p.248)

How often does someone find the Old Man of the Moon to ask him a question?
Every 99 years (p.248)

How many questions did Old Man of the Moon answer?
He answered only one. (p. 248)

What word was written on the page of the Book of Fortune when Minli looked at before asking her question of the Old Man of the Moon?
Thankfulness (p. 250)

What did Minli ask the Old Man of the Moon?
There is a dragon waiting at the bridge, why can he not fly? (p.250)

What did the fish say after Ma finished telling her story?
“If you make happy those that are near, those that are far will come.” (p.255)

How many nights did Dragon wait at the bridge of red thread for Minli?
Three nights (p.256)

What did the Old Man of the Moon tell Minli must be done before Dragon would be able to fly?
The ball on top of his head must be removed, because it is weighing him down. (p.257)

Why did Minli say she did not ask the Old Man of the Moon how to change her fortune?
She did not need to know the answer. (p.259)

What was the stone that Minli had pulled from Dragon’s head?
It was a dragon’s pearl. (p.268)

What happened to Fruitless Mountain the morning after Minli’s return?
It began to turn green (p.268)

What did Minli and her family do with the dragon pearl?
Gave it to the King of the City of Bright Moonlight and refused any payment (p. 273)

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon is a story made up of stories. How many stories are told in Where the Mountain Meets the Moon? Name them.

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5. The Story of the Paper of Happiness (p.81-86)
6. The Story of the Dragon Gate (p.92-93)
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15. The Story of Wu Kang (p.239-243)
16. The Story that Ma Told (p.252-254)

How many of the stories in Where the Mountain Meets the Moon are told by Ba? Name them.
1. The Story of Fruitless Mountain (p.4)
2. The Story of the Old Man of the Moon (p.18)
3. The Story of the Paper of Happiness (p.81)
4. The Story of the Dragon’s Pearl (p.225)

Name as many of the stories that Minli heard as you can.
The Story of Fruitless Mountain (p. 4)
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