

Chapter 1

'Have you eaten yet?' Mum asked as Meg walked into the kitchen. Meg had been on a school trip to Mai Po Nature Reserve that day. She hadn't eaten dinner yet, and she was very hungry.

'No,' said Meg. 'But I need to talk to Nick first. Do you know where he is?'

The fridge door closed, and there was Nick! 'I'm here! I've just been helping Mum make dinner. She's taught me how to cook chicken wings by myself. Do you want to try some?'

'Yes,' said Meg. 'But first I have to tell you about something I saw today. I was so surprised! I couldn't believe it.'

'What was it?' asked Nick.

'It was a bookworm!' said Meg. 'I saw a bookworm at Mai Po.'



‘That’s not very surprising,’ said Nick. ‘Our bookworm friends love to visit Hong Kong. Let me guess... was it Twist? She loves animals, so I’m sure she’d like Mai Po.’

‘No,’ said Meg. ‘This was a *different* bookworm. She was lilac! I’ve never seen a lilac bookworm before.’

Nick looked shocked. ‘I haven’t either,’ he said.

‘And this bookworm was doing something very strange,’ she said. ‘She was swimming in the pond water at the nature reserve. That’s against the rules! I tried to talk to her, but she was too far away.’

Meg and Nick talked about the strange bookworm all evening. They finished two plates of Nick’s delicious chicken wings while they talked, but they still didn’t know who the lilac bookworm could be.

