

SECRETS AT THE ZOO

動物園的祕密

One of the wolves is missing! And now one of the birds has gone too! Is there a monster hiding somewhere inside the zoo? A little boy's trip to the zoo becomes even more exciting than he could possibly have imagined.

Hong Hsiao-mao is very excited about his trip to the zoo, and his first stop is the wolf enclosure. He counts one, two, three, four wolves inside the fence. But in the blink of an eye, there are only three left! Where did the other one go? Hsiao-mao can't help feeling like there's someone following him. Things get scarier still when he counts and recounts the birds in the aviary and finds one missing, and then he sees a paw print on the ground. Could there be an animal-eating monster at the zoo?

Huang Yi-Wen's vibrant story captures an exciting adventure at the zoo. With an open mind and a vivid imagination, the mystery could even be the start of a new friendship.

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“Hurray! Tomorrow I’ll see the elephants!”
Hong Hsiao-mao was too excited to sleep.

The next day, he put on his red cap,
and went to the zoo with his parents.

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The zoo was busy.
Mum said:
Hsiao-mao, you mustn’t wander off on your own.
If we get separated, we’ll meet back at the entrance.

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Hong Hsiao-mao was keen to see the elephants.
But, to avoid the crowd,
they took the visitor train to a quieter part of the zoo.
First stop: the family of grey wolves.

How many can you see?
1, 2, 3, 4

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Dad soon lost interest and wanted to move on.

But the moment Hong Hsiao-mao stopped using the binoculars,
he noticed something strange...

One of the wolves is missing!

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They went to see the elephants,
but Hong Hsiao-mao couldn’t concentrate.

He had a feeling he was being followed,

but all he could see was grass.

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Bird World

Turn around, Dad wants to take a photo of us.

When Hong Hsiao-mao looked at the photo,
he noticed that **one of the birds was missing!**

Dad said it must have flown off when he was taking the photo.

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Hong Hsiao-mao was getting anxious now.

He heard a faint rustling noise

and it was getting louder...

And when he turned round, he saw **a paw print!**

Look! We're being followed by the same monster that ate the bird!

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But Dad wasn't listening.

Hong Hsiao-mao looked down from the bridge and saw a reflection...

It's the big bad wolf!

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Hong Hsiao-mao was terrified. He ran as fast as he could.

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By the time he calmed down,

he had lost his parents,

and didn't know where he was.

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Hong Hsiao-mao was worried and scared.

When he saw an old lady sitting on a bench,

he gave a sigh of relief. Perhaps she could help?

Hello, I'm lost. Could you tell me the way to the entrance?

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Hello!

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Here, you dropped this earlier.

Oh, I didn't realize. Thank you!

Will you play with me?

Er...OK.

This is a yo-yo.

That's too hard. Can we play fetch?

Like this?

Yes!

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Then they sat down and ate all Hong Hsiao-mao's snacks,
which reminded Hong Hsiao-mao to go and find his parents.

Do you know where the exit is?

Of course! I'll show you a shortcut.

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It was time to say goodbye to the wolf who found his yo-yo.

He promised to come and play with the wolf again.

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On the way home,

Hong Hsiao-mao thought about his incredible day,

and all the secrets he'd discovered at the zoo.

Where were you?

We were worried.
I met a nice grey...
...old lady.