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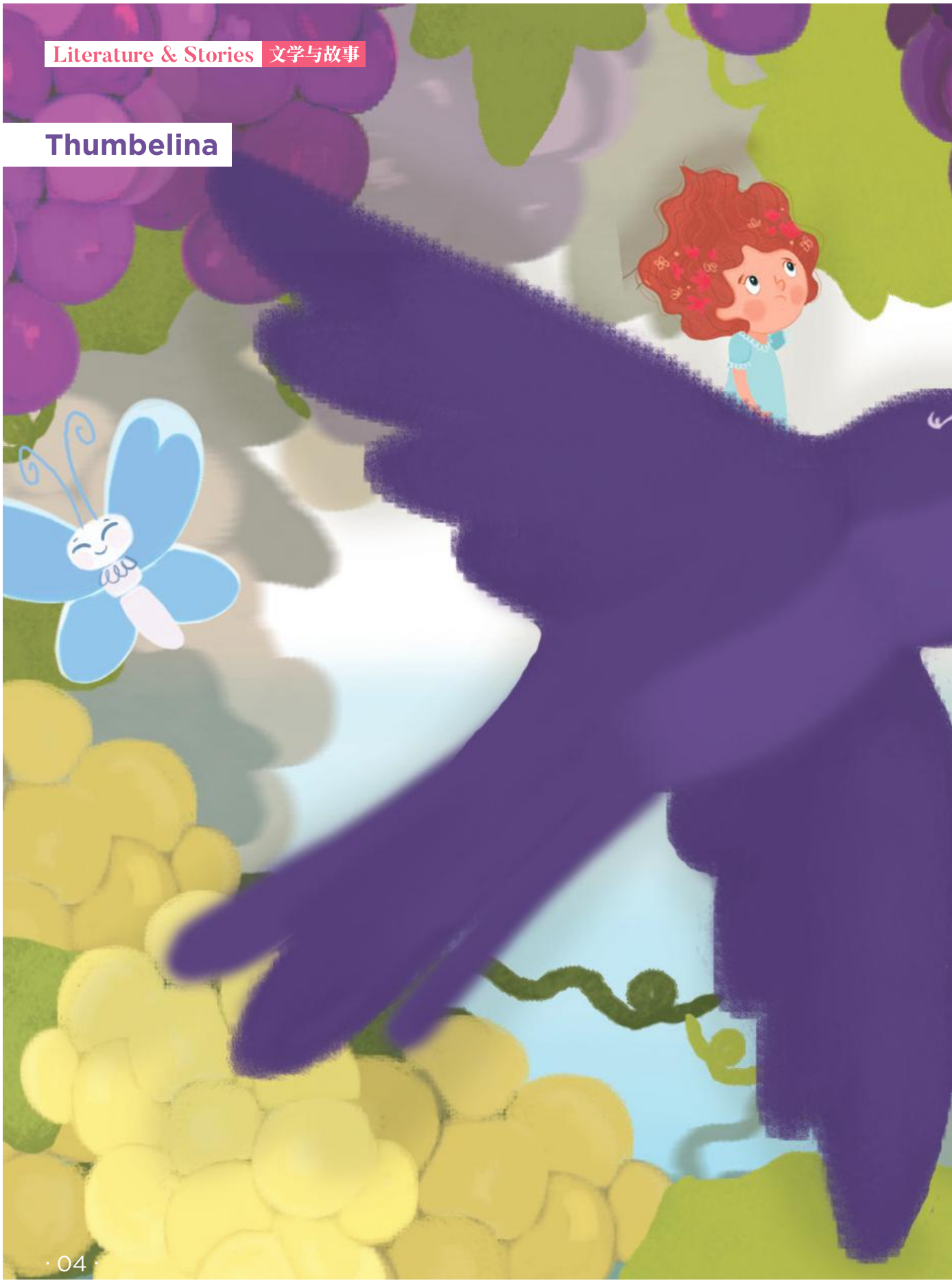
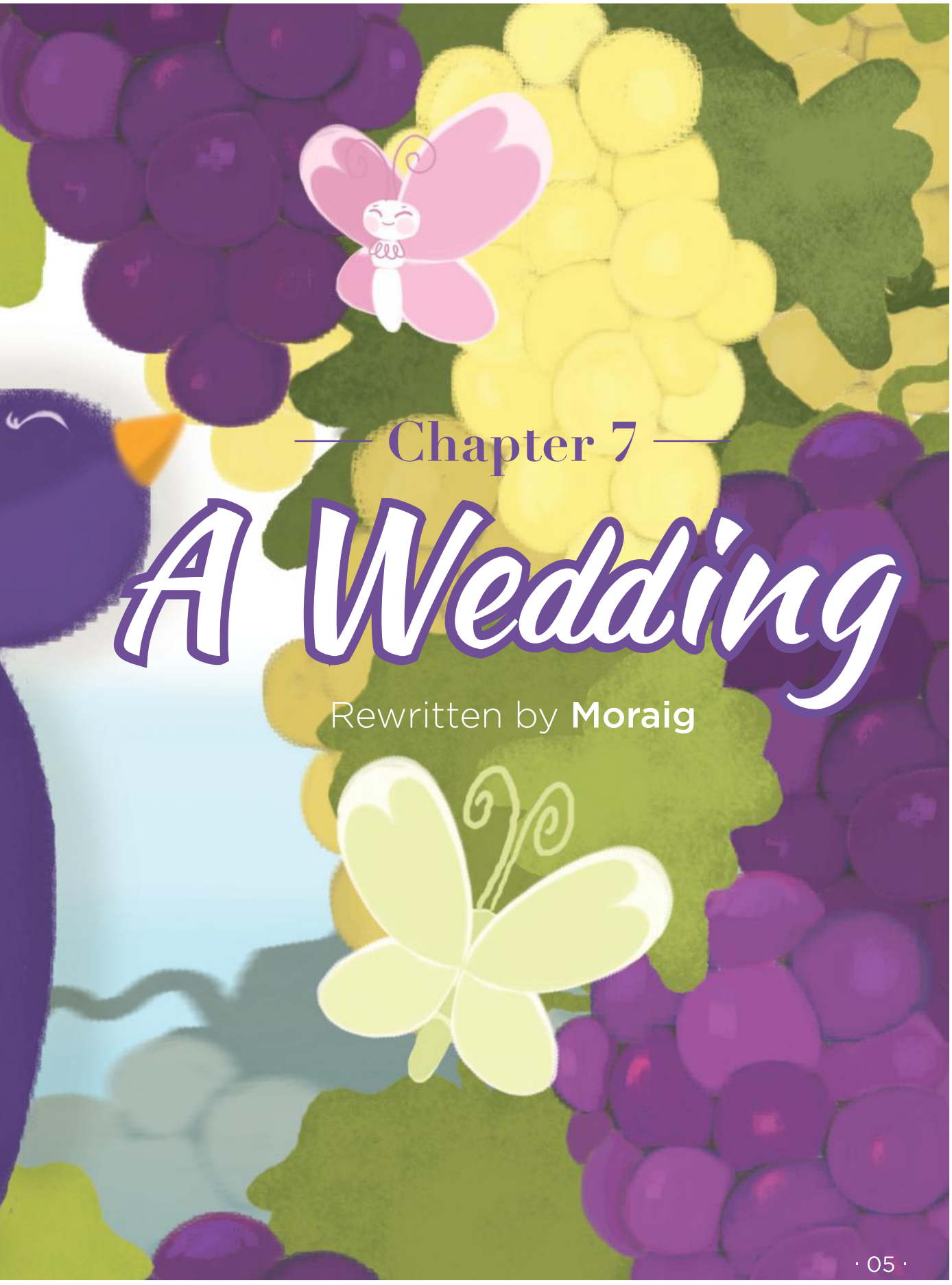




Chapter 7

A Wedding

Rewritten by **Moraig**

Tiny was very sad. She did not want to marry the **mole**. She did not want to live **underground**. Suddenly, a **familiar** sound came from above. "**Tweet**, tweet!" Tiny looked up, and there was her friend, the bird.

"Tiny!" the bird said, and flew down to see her. Tiny and the bird were so happy to see each other. She told him about the mole. She told him that she did not want to get **married**. She did not want to live underground and never see the sun.

"The cold winter is coming, Tiny," said the bird. "I will soon fly away south. Come with me. You can sit on my back. We will fly away from the mole and his dark home. We will fly over the mountains. We will go to the warmer **places**, where the sun **shines** brightly.* And it is always summer. There are beautiful flowers all year. Fly with me now, Tiny. You saved my life and now I will save yours."

Notes

1. We will go to the warmer places, where the sun shines brightly. 我们会去更暖和的地方，那里阳光明媚。

"Yes, I will go with you," said Tiny. She sat on the bird's back and they flew off. They flew over the forest and over the sea. Finally, they reached the warm countries. There were purple, green and white grapes. There were lemons and oranges **hanging** from the trees. Children ran and played with the butterflies.

At last, they came to a blue lake with trees beside it. "This is my house," said the bird, "but it would not be a good place for you to live. It is up too high and you would not be **comfortable**. You would like it down in the flowers." He flew down and let Tiny choose a flower to live on.

Words

wedding /ˈwedɪŋ/
n. 婚礼

mole /məʊl/
n. 鼹鼠

underground /ˌʌndəˈgraʊnd/
adv. 在地下

familiar /fəˈmɪliə/
adj. 熟悉的

tweet /twiːt/
n.（小鸟的）唧啾，吱喳

married /ˈmærid/
adj. 结婚的

place /pleɪs/
n. 地方；*v.* 放置，安放

shine /ʃaɪn/
v. 照耀

hang /hæŋ/
v. 悬挂

comfortable /ˈkʌmftəbl/
adj. 舒服的，舒适的

"This one looks nice," she told the bird and he placed her on the leaf of a large white flower. Much to Tiny's surprise, there was a tiny little man with wings on the flower. He was not much bigger than Tiny! She learned that each flower had a man or a woman living on it.* And this little man was the king of them all.

Tiny and the little king liked each other at once. Soon, he asked her to be his wife. Tiny thought about the **toad** she **almost** had to marry.* She thought about the mole she almost had to marry. The little king would make a much nicer husband.* She said yes right away.

Notes

2. She learned that each flower had a man or a woman living on it. 她了解到每一朵花上住着一名男子或一名女子。
3. Tiny thought about the toad she almost had to marry. 拇指姑娘想到了之前她几乎不得不嫁的那个癞蛤蟆。
4. The little king would make a much nicer husband. 这个小个子国王将会成为一个更好的丈夫。

Then the other flowers opened. The other little people came out to meet Tiny. They each brought her a present to welcome her. The best present of all was a pair of wings. They fixed them to Tiny's shoulders and then she could fly around like them. She flew from flower to flower and she was so happy.

Tiny and the king were married, and the bird sang for their wedding. Tiny now had a home and friends who were the same **size** as her.* Her name did not **suit** her anymore. And so, the **spirit** of the flowers gave her a new name. "From now on, we will call you Maia."

Words

toad /təʊd/
n. 蟾蜍，癞蛤蟆

almost /ˈɔːlməʊst/
adv. 几乎

size /saɪz/
n. 大小（这里指身形）

suit /suːt/
v. 适合，相配

spirit /ˈspɪrɪt/
n. 精灵，幽灵

Notes

5. Tiny now had a home and friends who were the same size as her. 拇指姑娘有了一个家，还有一群和她同样大小的朋友。

Unusual Fruits

By **Tony and Pam**

Durian

The durian is called the smelliest fruit in the world. It is salty, but also sweet and **creamy**. In some countries, you cannot take a durian on public **transport** because of its smell.

People say it smells like a **mixture** of **onions** and gym socks.* Other people love it.

Rambutan

Rambutans are green to start with and then turn red, orange or yellow as they get **ripe**.* Rambutans are sweet and juicy. They **contain minerals**, including iron.

To eat a rambutan, cut it and open it up so the fruit **pops out**. **Remove** the seed before eating.

You can make jam from rambutans.

Notes

1. People say it smells like a mixture of onions and gym socks. 人们说它（榴莲）闻起来像是洋葱和运动袜混在一起的气味。

Rambutan

Physalis

These are often called Cape Gooseberries. They **originally** came from South America. They can grow in any **temperate** or **tropical** area.

Physalis can be eaten **raw** and used in salads, but you can also cook them in a **tart** with some sugar.*

Physalis contain **protein**, **fibre** and **vitamins**.

Notes

2. Rambutans are green to start with and then turn red, orange or yellow as they get ripe. 红毛丹果实起初是绿色的，之后随着越来越成熟，会变成红色、橙色或者是黄色。

Words

creamy /ˈkriːmi/
adj. 像奶油的

transport /ˈtrænspɔːt/
n. 交通工具

mixture /ˈmɪkstʃə/
n. 混合，结合体

onion /ˈʌnjən/
n. 洋葱

ripe /raɪp/
adj. 成熟的

contain /kənˈteɪn/
v. 包含，含有

mineral /ˈmɪnərəl/
n. 矿物质

pop out /pɒp/
弹出

remove /rɪˈmuːv/
v. 去掉

originally /əˈrɪdʒənəli/
adv. 原来，起初

temperate /ˈtempərət/
adj. 气候温和的

tropical /ˈtrɒpɪkl/
adj. 热带的

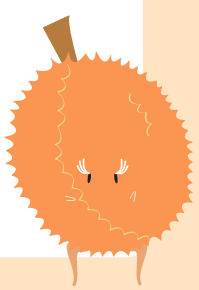
raw /rɔː/
adj. 生的

tart /tɑːt/
n. 甜果馅饼

protein /ˈprəʊtiːn/
n. 蛋白质

fibre /ˈfaɪbə/
n. 纤维素

vitamin /ˈvɪtəmɪn/
n. 维生素



Ackee

Physalis

Dragon fruit

Dragon fruit

The dragon fruit is bright green and reddish-pink with creamy white **flesh** inside.

Some people say dragon fruit is very boring and doesn't taste like anything! Others say it tastes like **kiwi fruit**—not too sweet. It is good for you though, because it contains iron, vitamins and **calcium**.

Ackee

Ackee is a tropical fruit that originally came from West Africa.* It is very popular in The West Indies*. You have to be very careful when you eat ackee. If it is unripe, you can get sick or even die. You have to wait until the **pod** turns red and opens up.

The only part you can eat is the yellow part around the **poisonous** black seeds.* This needs to be **boiled**.

Ackee has vitamins. It can lower **fever** and help against **headaches**.

People in Jamaica* like to eat it with **codfish**.

Words

flesh /fleʃ/
n. 果肉

kiwi fruit /ˈkiːwiː/
猕猴桃

calcium /ˈkælsiəm/
n. 钙

pod /pɒd/
n. 荚，荚果

poisonous /ˈpɔɪzənəs/
adj. 有毒的

boil /bɔɪl/
v. 用沸水煮

fever /ˈfiːvə/
n. 发烧，发热

headache /ˈhedeɪk/
n. 头痛

codfish /ˈkɒdfɪʃ/
n. 鳕鱼

Notes

3. Physalis can be eaten raw and used in salads, but you can also cook them in a tart with some sugar. 酸浆果可以生吃，或拌在沙拉中食用，当然你也可以将它们与糖混在一起放在馅饼中。
4. Ackee is a tropical fruit that originally came from West Africa. 阿开木是一种热带水果，最初来自西非。
5. The West Indies 西印度群岛，是隶属北美洲的热带岛群， 是世界上国家和地区分布最零碎的群岛，主要国家有古巴、牙买加等。
6. The only part you can eat is the yellow part around the poisonous black seeds. 唯一可以食用的部分是围绕有毒的黑色种子的那层黄色的部分。
7. Jamaica 牙买加，是位于加勒比海西北部的一个岛国，首都金斯敦。