

Monster Nian (1st Draft)

Once upon a time, there was a quiet village in China. The villagers lived peacefully. They greeted each other and helped each other every day. The children played interesting games and studied together. Everything went well. However, the first day of ^(A) ~~a~~ ^{the} year was the most horrifying day ^a ~~a~~ ^{to them} since a scary monster called Nian would come to the village.

On the last day of one year, all villagers thought Monster Nian would eat plants and

animals just like last year. Some villagers also

thought Nian would eat humans, especially ^(SP) ^(AI) the children

and the elderly. All the people cried, 'Oh no! Tomorrow

Nian will come to eat people, plants and animals.

What should we do?

A villager said ^{*} fearfully, 'I think we should run away as quickly as we could.' All the villagers

felt worried ^{*} since some of them always ran

^{Moreover} slowly. Also, some of the villagers didn't want to

lose their ^{property} money.

^{*} Suddenly, a wise old man ^{*} turned up ^(prep) ^{at} from

← the village entrance unexpectedly and
 told the villagers, 'Don't be afraid! I am here to help
 you. Nian is afraid of noise and light. He is scared of
 red things, too.' The village head said, 'Yes, we should try
 this way to scare Monster Nian away.' Before night
 time, all the villagers put red paper on the doors
 to scare Monster Nian away. At night, Monster Nian
 came to the village. When he wanted to raid the
 village, he saw the red paper on the doors. He was scared.

(SP)
 Just ^{then} the villagers lighted firecrackers, beat the

drums and hit the gongs. Nian ran away as fast as he could.
 Nian thought, 'This village is too scary. I will not go to
 this village next year.'

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doors and said happy new year to our friends and families at Chinese New Year.

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Long ago in China, there was a quiet village. The villagers lived peacefully. They talked happily and greeted each other. The ^(p) Aunt who sold pork told ~~with~~ a woman, 'I ^(heard) hear that Monster Nian will come soon!' The woman said, 'Oh no! We should find a place to hide!'

One day [⊙] Monster Nian ~~was~~ came to the village. It ate many plants and animals. A villager saw Monster Nian wanted to eat some people and said, 'No! Monster Nian is coming!'

At night, Monster Nian ran after the villagers.

The villagers were frightened and ran away. Suddenly,

~~there~~ ^{had} a wise old man shouted, "Don't be afraid! I am

here to help you!" Then, the old man told the villagers to

get some red colour things and noisy sounds.

^{immediately} ^{make some}

The villagers put red paper on the doors as to

scare Monster Nian away. When ~~the~~ Monster Nian saw

red paper, it felt dizzy. Afterwards, some villagers lighted

firecrackers, some villagers beat the drums and hit the

gongs.

Finally, Monster Nian was scared by the noisy sounds

and ran away. All the villagers clapped their hands, cheered

and thanked the old man. They learnt the importance of
bravery and cooperation. Nowadays, people ^{still} follow the custom of
scaring Monster Nian. People put 'Fai Chun' on the doors and
perform Lion & Dragon dances at Chinese New Year.

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Long ago in China, there was a quiet village. The villagers there lived peacefully and happily. Everything went well at that time. The children played happily and studied ^{joyfully} happily ^(P) and the people ^{*} greeted each other every day and they ^{*} looked after each other when in need. However, there was a ^{*} fierce monster called Nian who would wake up on the first day of the year. The villagers did not know there was a monster. ^{passed} Months ^{of one year} past, and indeed, on the first day, Monster Nian ^(T) ^{looked} woke up in a big cave. He was looking for food. He went to the forest and ate some plants and animals ^{*} since he was very hungry.

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The villagers saw the monster, and named him Nian, then
they went back to the village and reported, to everyone. The
villagers said, "Oh no, we shall find a place to hide!" The
villagers were really worried and fearful.

Then Monster Nian saw the village, so he rushed to
the village. He started to raid the village. He ate all the
crops, destroyed the houses, ate the animals... The villagers
saw their houses get destroyed. They were very depressed
but they had to leave because it was too dangerous to
stay in the village. They fled in sadness and terror.

All of a sudden, a wise man appeared suddenly in the

crowd and said to the villagers, "No worries! I come to the village to save you all! You can put red paper on the doors to scare Monster Nian away because he does not like the colour red. ^{Moreover} Also, you can light firecrackers, beat the drums and hit the gongs, ^{because} he does not like loud noises. ^(P) Then the villagers ^(P) followed the man's advice. ^{Finally} ^(P) And indeed, the Monster Nian ran away and never came back. ^(P) Then ^(P) they thanked the man. The villagers were full of happiness and joy.

~~In the end, Monster Nian (was too scared so) he ran away. The villagers did not suffer from the threat caused by Monster~~

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Nian anymore. The villagers learnt that they should be brave

and co-operative when facing difficulties. So ^(P) nowadays, people

will stick 'Fai Chuns' on doors and perform ^(P) Lion Dances at ^{Chinese}

New Years.