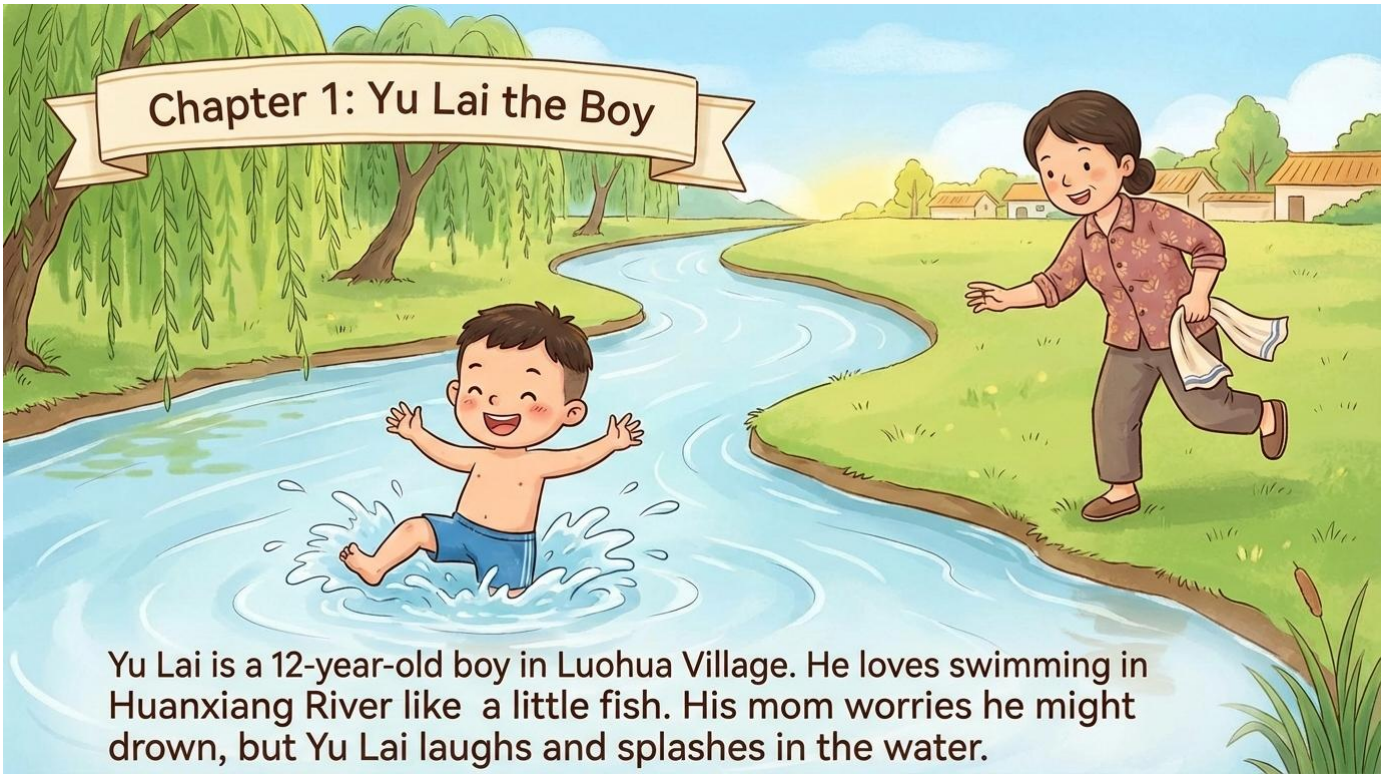


Chapter 1: Yu Lai the Boy



Yu Lai is a 12-year-old boy in Luohua Village. He loves swimming in Huanxiang River like a little fish. His mom worries he might drown, but Yu Lai laughs and splashes in the water.

Chapter 2: Night School



Yu Lai goes to night school in a broken bean curd house. He carefully wraps his textbook in red cloth. The teacher points to words on the blackboard: "We are Chinese. We love our country."

Chapter 3: Caught by Soldiers



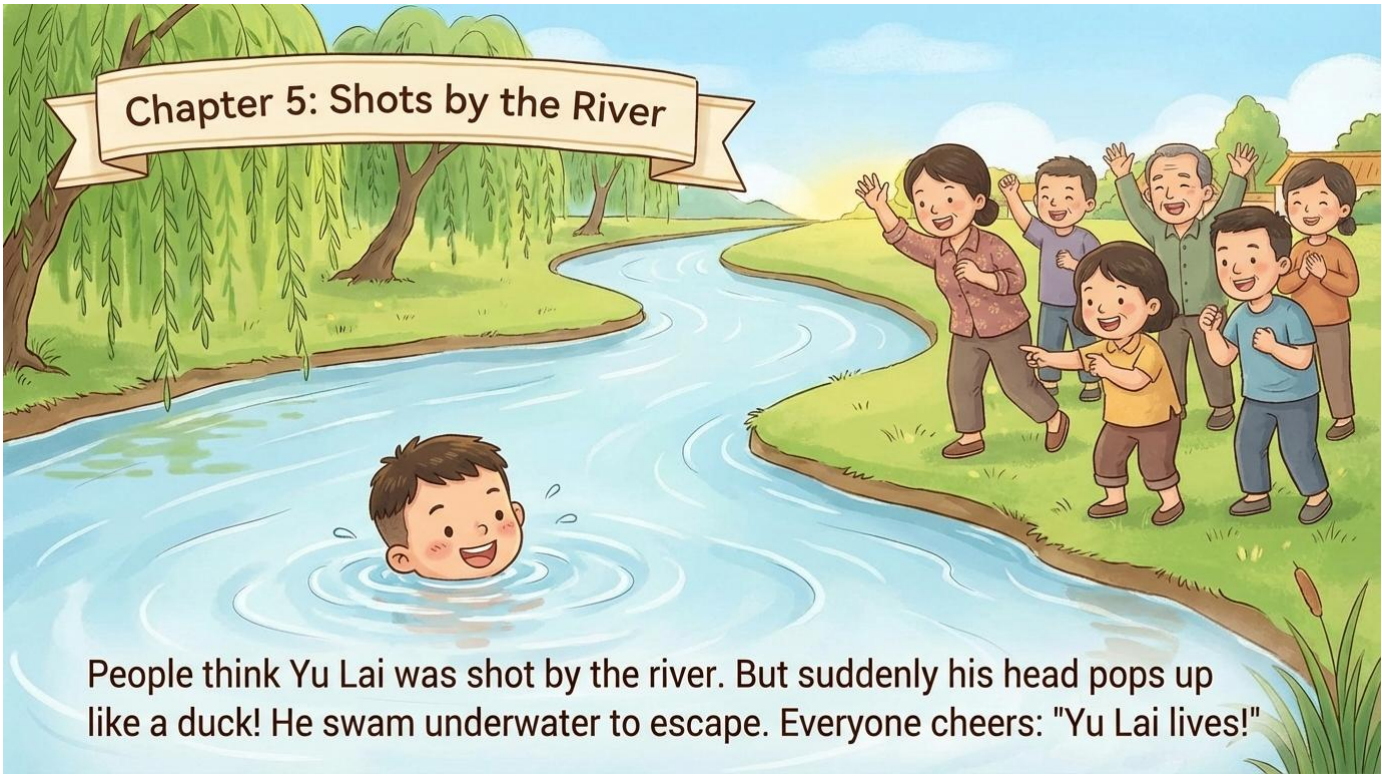
Japanese soldiers come to Yu Lai's village. They search every house. Yu Lai hides Uncle Li, a messenger, in a secret hole behind a vat before running away.

Chapter 4: The Flat-Nosed Officer



Soldiers catch Yu Lai. A flat-nosed officer offers him candy and gold rings to tell secrets. Yu Lai shakes his head: "I saw nothing!" The angry officer hits him.

Chapter 5: Shots by the River



People think Yu Lai was shot by the river. But suddenly his head pops up like a duck! He swam underwater to escape. Everyone cheers: "Yu Lai lives!"

Chapter 6: Military Practice



Yu Lai and friends pretend to be soldiers with sticks for guns. They 'charge' at haystacks like they're fighting enemies, making farmers shout about their messy hay.

Chapter 7: Planting Mines



Soldier Shen teaches Yu Lai's group to plant fake paper mines. Yu Lai writes in chalk: "This is Chinese land!" They trick enemies into being scared of empty fields.

Chapter 8: Dangerous Spy Work



Yu Lai climbs a tree to check for enemies. He sees spies hiding behind walls! When he warns friends, a spy grabs his leg and catches him.

Chapter 9: Traitor



A skinny traitor with gold teeth ties Yu Lai up. Yu Lai tries to run but gets caught again. The traitor says: "You're like a slippery little fish!"

Chapter 10: Chinese Land!

Lead us!

A Japanese officer puts his knife near Yu Lai's neck: "Lead us!" Yu Lai pretends to guide them through the "minefield," then jumps into the river to escape.

Chapter 11: Angry Land



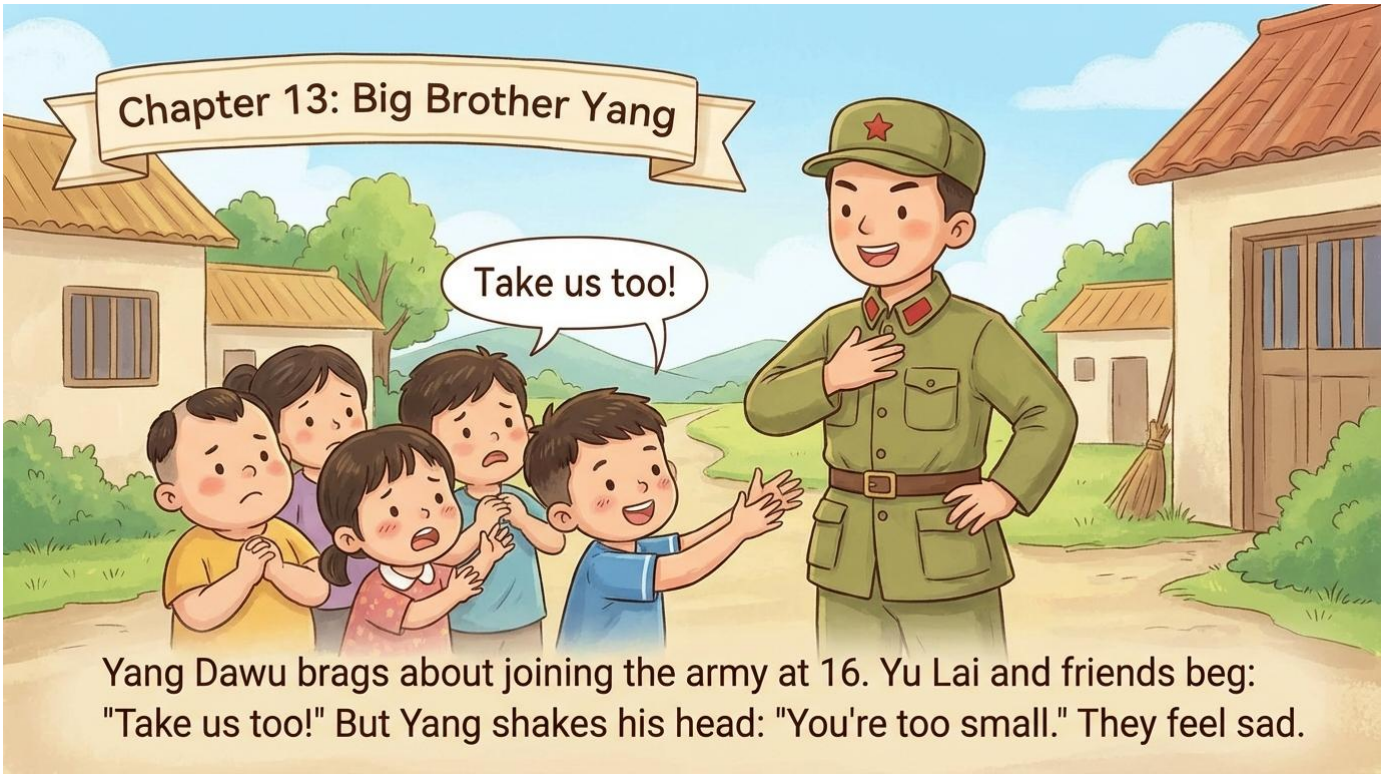
Real mines explode as Yu Lai swims away! Boom! Boom! Enemy soldiers fly in the air like broken toys. Yu Lai laughs from the riverbank.

Chapter 12: Where Are They Going?



Fourteen kids sneak out at night to join the army. Yu Lai wears his dad's old army hat. They whisper and tiptoe like little mice.

Chapter 13: Big Brother Yang



Take us too!

Yang Dawu brags about joining the army at 16. Yu Lai and friends beg: "Take us too!" But Yang shakes his head: "You're too small." They feel sad.

Chapter 14: Love Like Soldiers



When little kids get tired walking, bigger kids help carry them. Yu Lai holds Xiao Pang's hand: "Don't worry! Soldiers help friends!"

Chapter 15: Crossing the River



Yu Lai finds Grandpa's fishing boat. They all squeeze in like little ducks. The boat sways as they cross the dark river to find the army.

Chapter 16: "I'm Not Tired!"



Six-year-old Liutao says he's not tired - he just needs to pee! Everyone laughs. Yu Lai piggybacks him until he falls asleep.

Chapter 17: Someone Jumped In!



Yu Lai sneaks to spy on enemies. He steps on a hidden spy! The man grabs him like a crab pinching a fish. Yu Lai shouts for friends to run.

Chapter 18: Bicycle Man



Du Shaoying rides his bicycle to deliver messages. Traitors catch him! Yu Lai sees this and runs to tell the guerrillas.

Chapter 19: Mom Holds the Traitor



Yu Lai's mom grabs a traitor's arm, shouting about lost money. This distracts enemies so Du Shaoying can escape. She's very brave!

Chapter 20: Save Our Friend!



Li Minda rides like the wind to save Du Shaoying. Bang! Bang! They fight the traitors. Du jumps free while enemies fall like bowling pins.

Chapter 21: Shoot! Shoot!



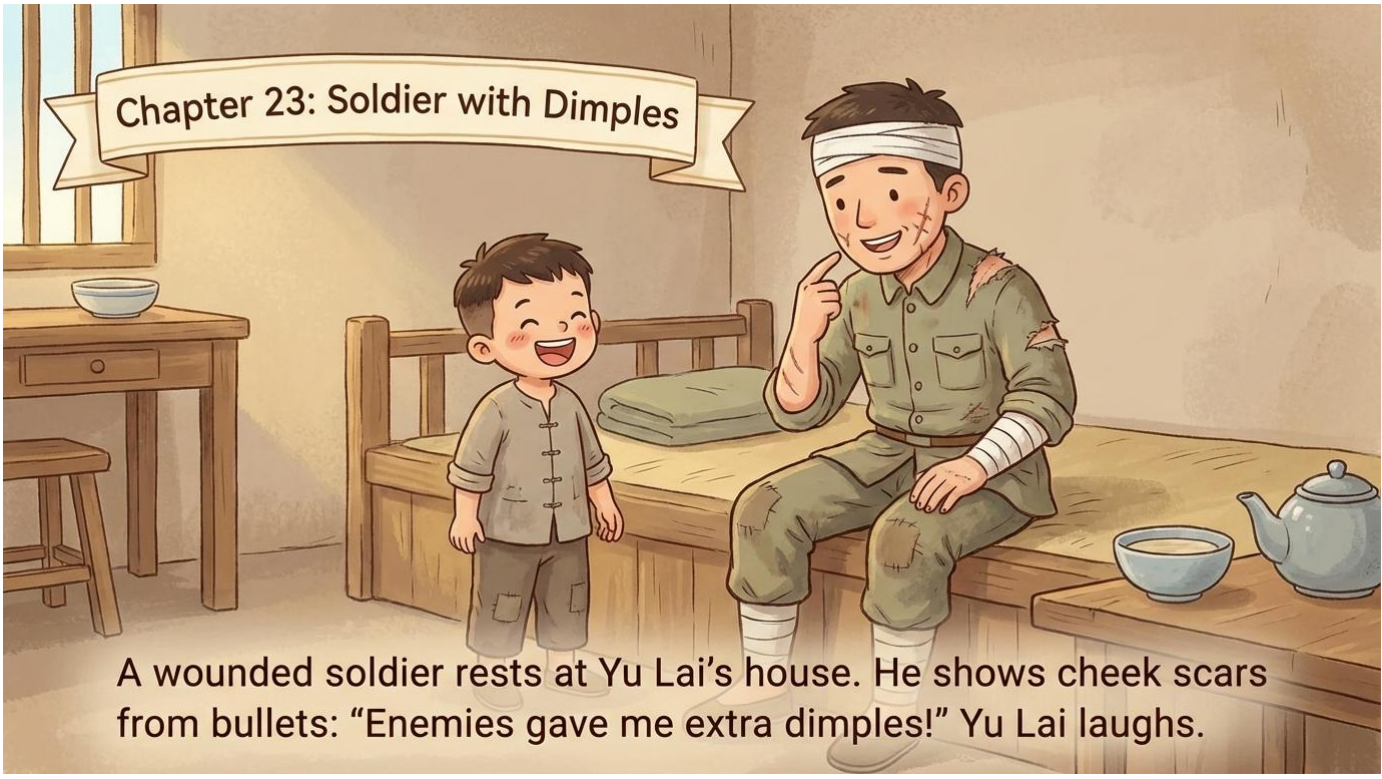
Guerrillas hide like tigers in grass. When enemies come close - Boom! Rat-a-tat! Yu Lai throws fake grenades (rocks) to scare them.

Chapter 22: Busy Village



Soldiers come to Yu Lai's village. Kids give them eggs and blankets. Yu Lai touches a real gun: "So shiny!" The soldier smiles.

Chapter 23: Soldier with Dimples



A wounded soldier rests at Yu Lai's house. He shows cheek scars from bullets: "Enemies gave me extra dimples!" Yu Lai laughs.

Chapter 24: Not Enough Cabinets



Enemies steal villagers' cabinets to carry dead soldiers. Yu Lai's mom hides their last cabinet under smelly hay.

Chapter 25: East House Full of Enemies



Japanese soldiers sleep in Yu Lai's east room. They snore like pigs. Yu Lai sticks out his tongue at them behind their backs.

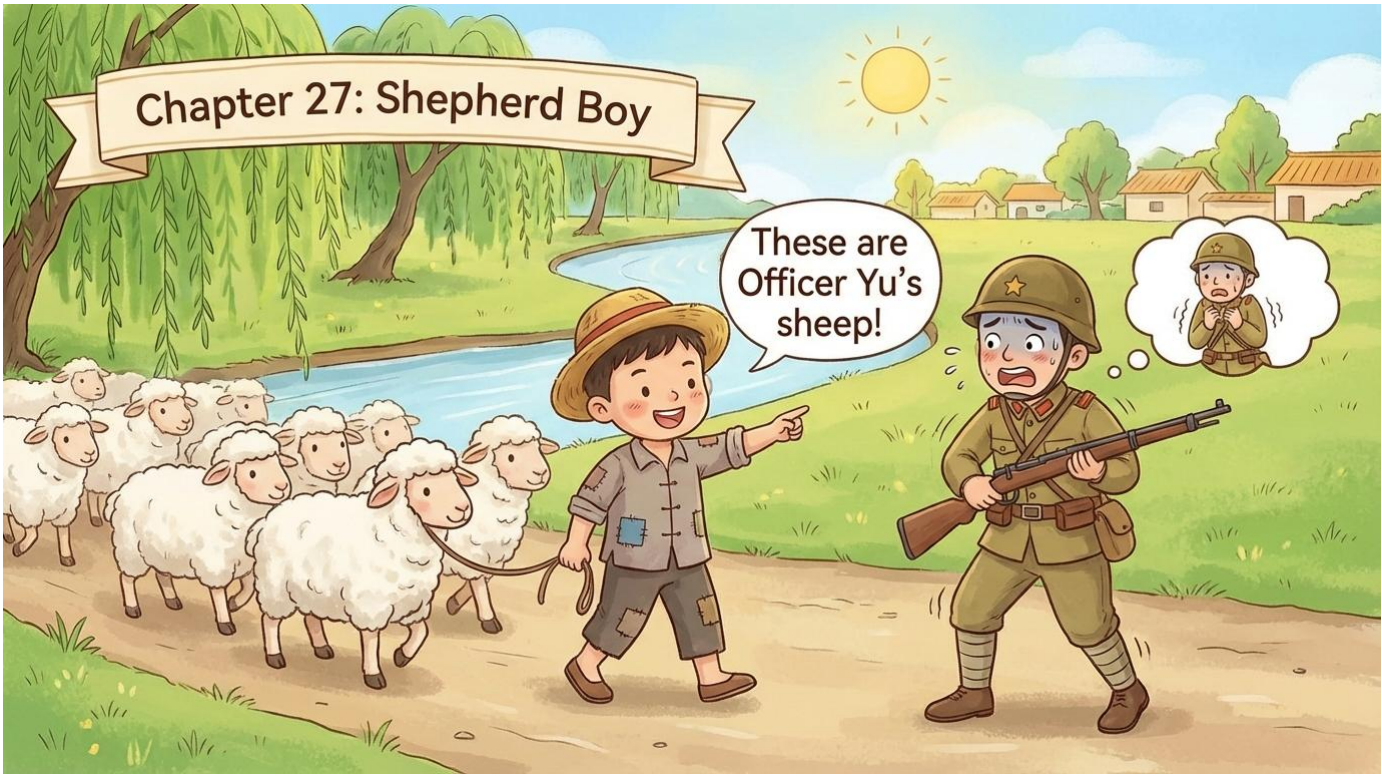
Chapter 26: Go Quickly!



Yu Lai helps a hurt soldier escape disguised as a sheep! He covers him with a smelly sheepskin and walks him past sleepy guards.

Chapter 27: Shepherd Boy

These are
Officer Yu's
sheep!



Chapter 28: Brave or Scared?



Yu Lai delivers a secret message at night. He hears noises - is it wolves? No! Just frogs! He sings loudly to feel brave.

Chapter 29: Stop! Who Goes There?

Password!

CLICK-CLACK

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On night watch, Yu Lai hears "click-clack" sounds. He shouts: "Password!"
It's Soldier Shen bringing chicken-feather letters (urgent mail).

Chapter 30: Little Hero Stories



Yu Lai joins the guerrillas! He has many more adventures - hiding in trees, delivering messages, and outsmarting enemies. What a hero!