

BO BO AND CHA CHA AND THE NEW YEAR GIFT



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For Anya, the best gift I've ever received

– Jason

To my beloved Dad

– Patrick

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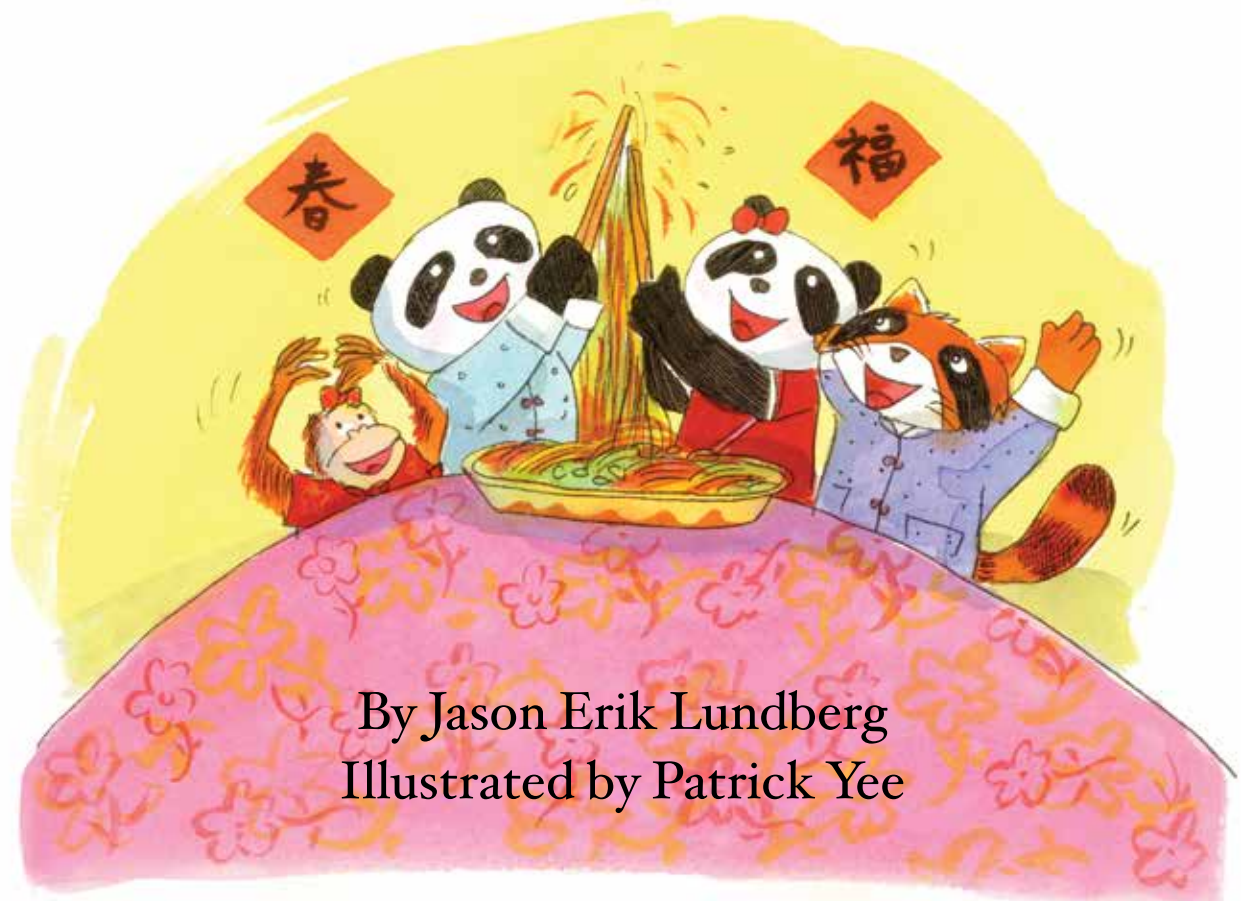
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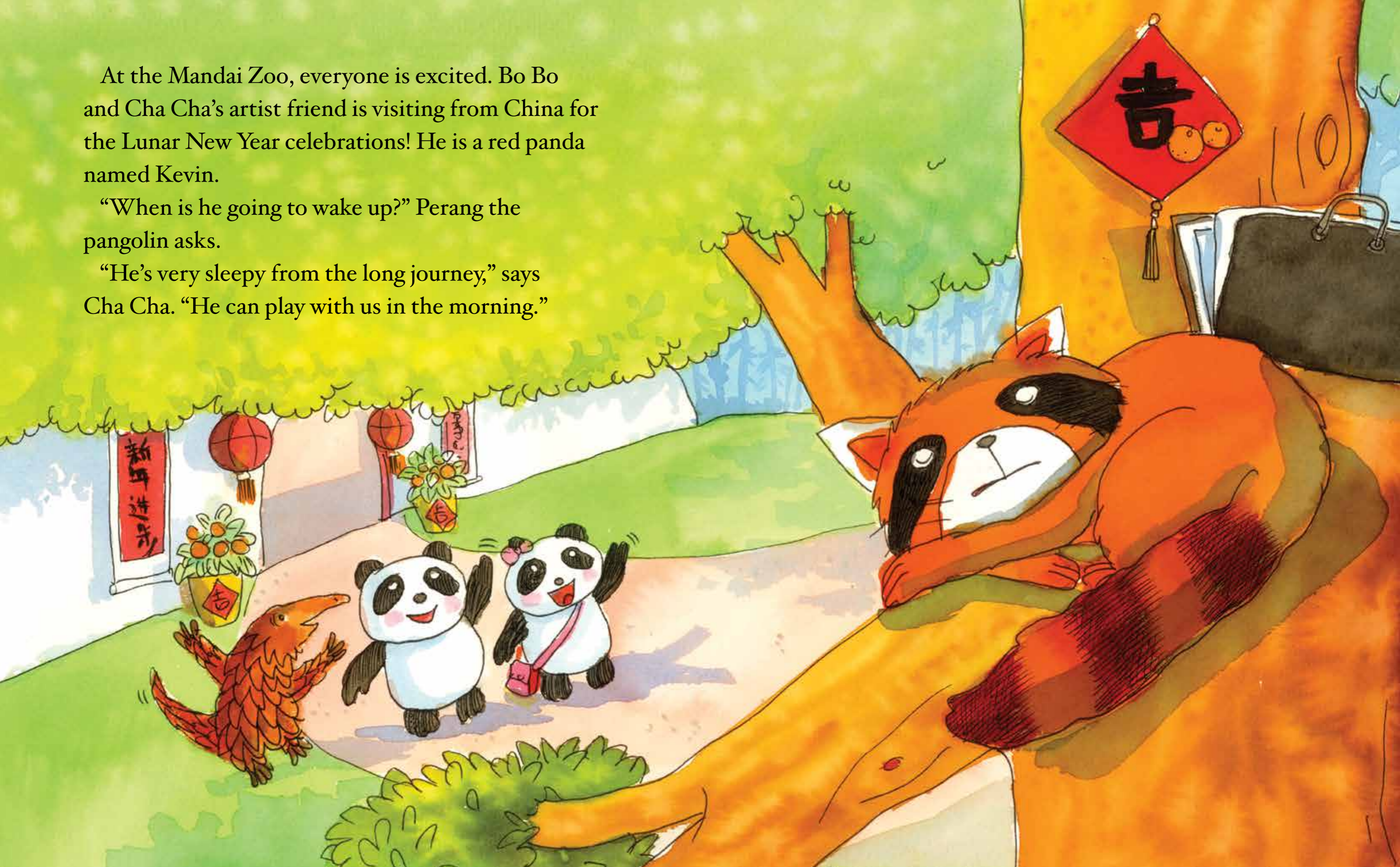


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At the Mandai Zoo, everyone is excited. Bo Bo and Cha Cha's artist friend is visiting from China for the Lunar New Year celebrations! He is a red panda named Kevin.

"When is he going to wake up?" Perang the pangolin asks.

"He's very sleepy from the long journey," says Cha Cha. "He can play with us in the morning."



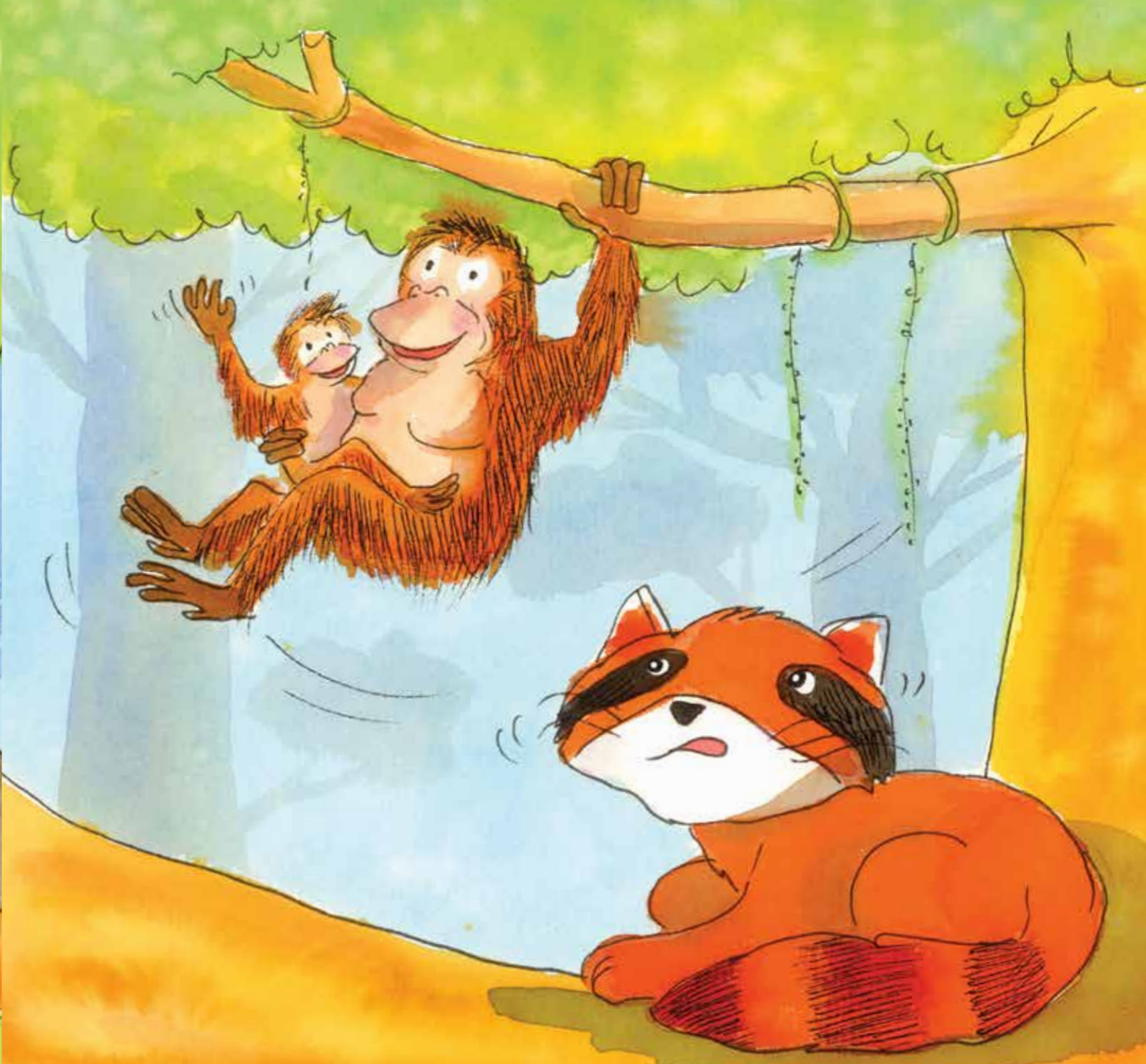
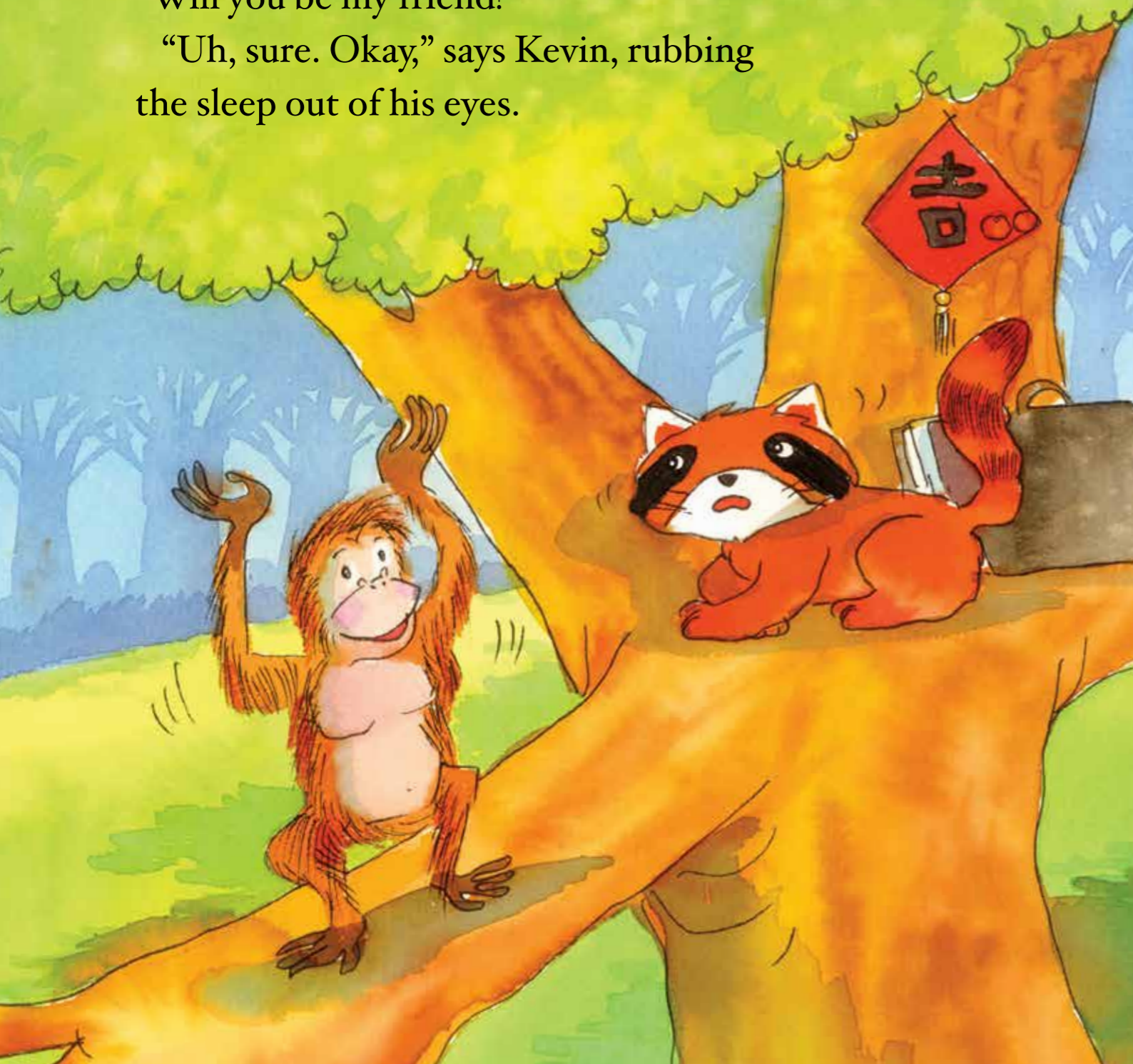
When Kevin wakes up, he's startled to see a little orangutan on his branch!

"Wah!" yells Kevin.

"Hi-yee! Happy New Year!" she says cheerfully.

"Will you be my friend?"

"Uh, sure. Okay," says Kevin, rubbing the sleep out of his eyes.



Kevin looks up to see the little orangutan's mummy.

"My name is Kera," she says. "And this is Saloma. I hope you will have a wonderful visit to our zoo."

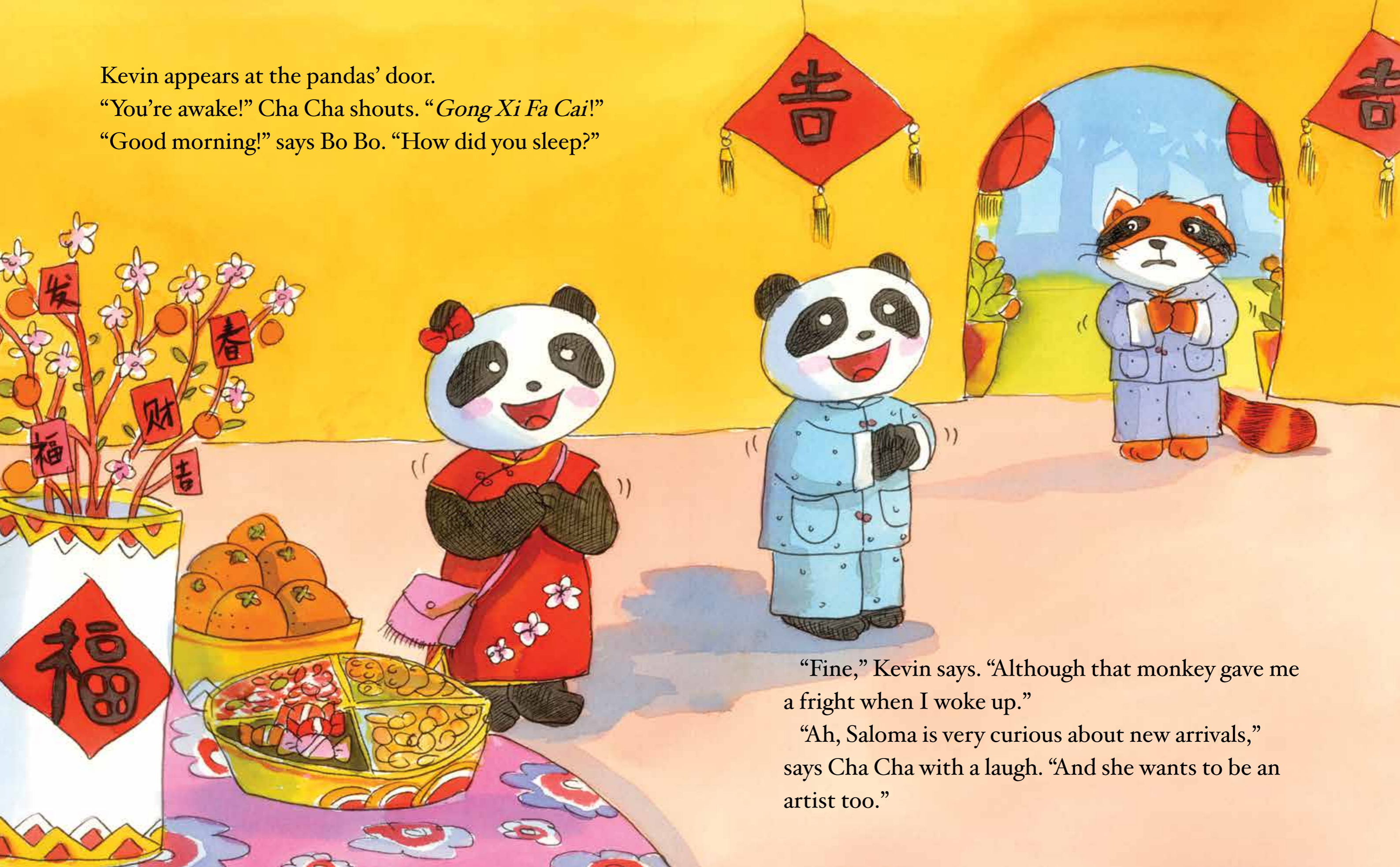
"Thank you," Kevin mumbles.

"Bye bye!" says Saloma, giggling.

Kevin appears at the pandas' door.

"You're awake!" Cha Cha shouts. "*Gong Xi Fa Cai!*"

"Good morning!" says Bo Bo. "How did you sleep?"



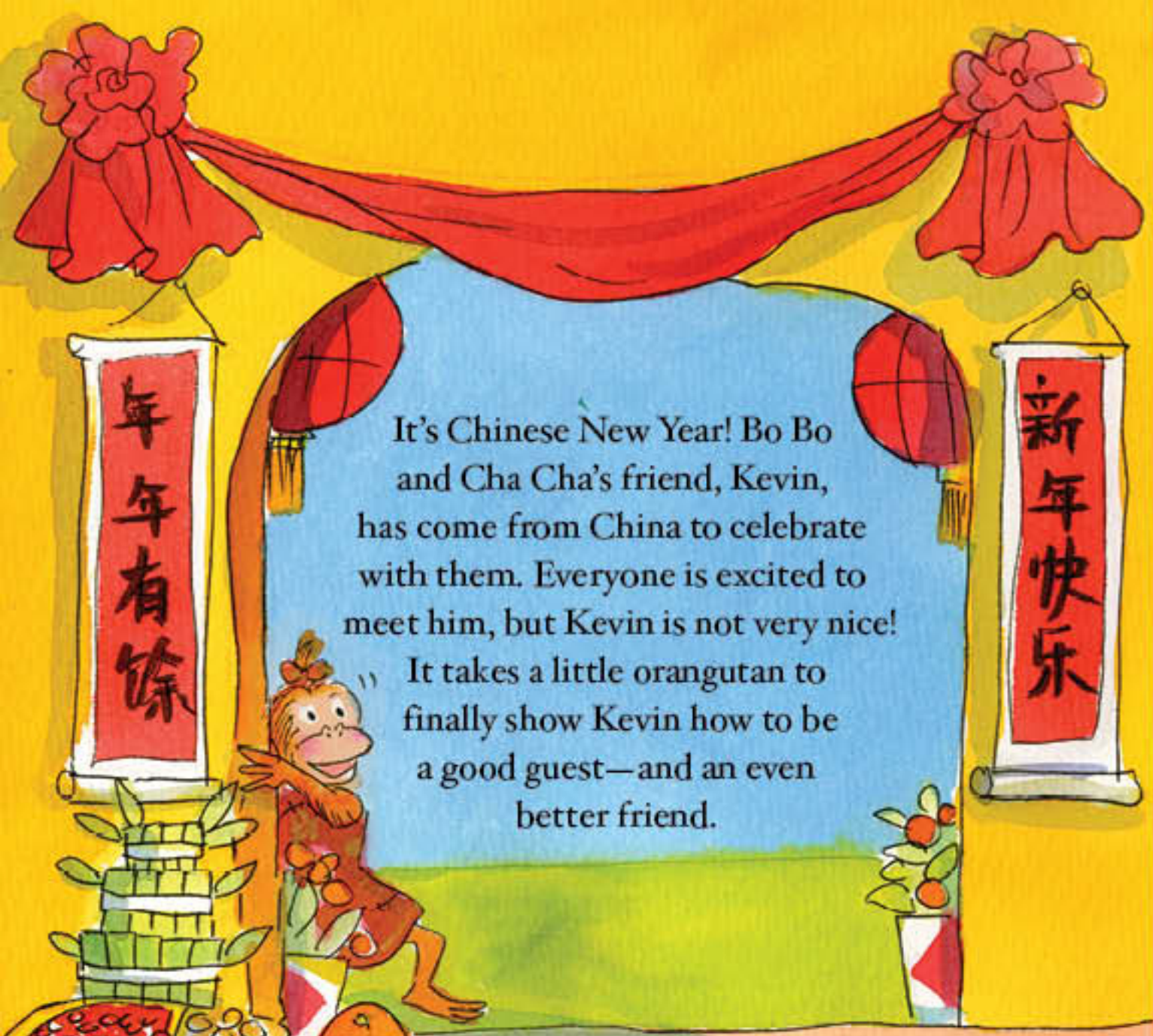
"Fine," Kevin says. "Although that monkey gave me a fright when I woke up."

"Ah, Saloma is very curious about new arrivals," says Cha Cha with a laugh. "And she wants to be an artist too."



“Hey,” Kevin says, smiling, “you hung up my paintings!”
“Of course!” says Bo Bo. “We really like your artwork.”
“Then you’ll love my exhibition tonight!”

“It’s a really important show,” Kevin adds. “My first in Singapore. Some Very Important People will be there, and they might buy my paintings. So it all has to be *perfect*.”



It's Chinese New Year! Bo Bo and Cha Cha's friend, Kevin, has come from China to celebrate with them. Everyone is excited to meet him, but Kevin is not very nice!

It takes a little orangutan to finally show Kevin how to be a good guest—and an even better friend.

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