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There once lived a baker called Ling.
He worked hard all year long.
Ling was busiest in early fall.
That was when the village
celebrated the Moon Festival.

Ling baked delicious mooncakes.
He filled them with sweet bean paste.







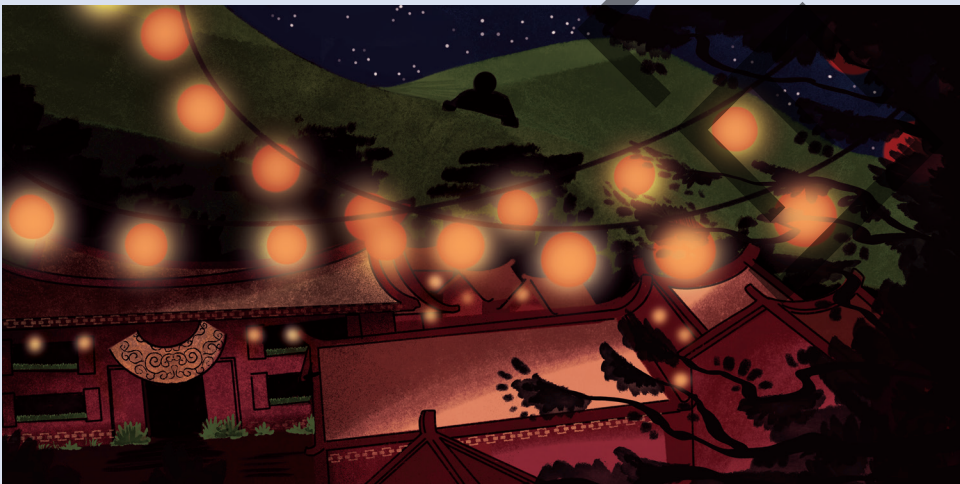
Ling had a magic spoon!
It made his mooncakes extra sweet.

One bite of his cakes filled people
with joy.



Soon, everyone in the village found out about Ling's mooncakes. They lined up for his special treats.

A giant named Kong lived in the woods outside the village.
His wife was named Song.
Kong was a grumpy giant.
“The village is too noisy,” he said.
“There are too many people.”
But Kong still wanted to celebrate the Moon Festival.







“We need a mooncake,” said Kong.

“A giant-sized mooncake,”
said Song.



“Who will bake the cake?” asked Kong.

“I know!” said Song.

“There is a baker in the village.”

Kong went to the village to find Ling.

“I need a mooncake as big as a mountain,” said Kong.

Kong clapped his hands.

The loud clap shook the ground.

The villagers were scared!







Ling ran to get his magic spoon.
He began to stir and stir the batter.

“Come help me,” Ling said to all the
people of the village.



They worked day and night until the mooncake was the size of a hill. They kept working until it was the size of a mountain!

Kong was hungry and cranky.
He took a bite of the mooncake.

“It tastes so sweet,” said Kong.
Then, he smiled.

“I was cranky and mean earlier.
But you still gave me a sweet treat.
Thank you for being so kind.”

Song took a bite and smiled too.

“I like this village,” she said.

“We will be nice neighbors from
now on.”





The giants and the people of the village celebrated together.



The moon shone brightly in the night sky.



“Let’s do this again next year,”
said Kong.



“Yes,” said Ling.

“But next year, you can bake the mooncake!”

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Book Club Questions

- 1.** Why might Kong live in the woods and not the village?
- 2.** What is Ling's problem in the story? How does Ling solve his problem?
- 3.** How do the illustrations help show that Kong and Song are giants?

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Ling is famous for his special mooncakes. When the local giant decides he wants a mooncake, Ling and the villagers work together to satisfy his giant sweet tooth.

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