

The Magic Paintbrush

A long time ago in China there lived a little girl called Chen. She lived by the sea. She drew pictures in the sand with her stick. One day she met a man who gave her a paintbrush. He told her it was magic but she could only use it to help the poor. She use it to paint a feast for her family.

People in her village heard about her magic paintbrush. They asked her for help. She painted a melon for a boy. She painted a basket for a woman. She painted a fan for a little girl.

Everything was peaceful until...

An Emperor heard about Shen and asked her to paint golden coins. The Emperor was rich. Shen was not allowed to help him.

The mean Emperor seized Shen and put her in prison. Shen felt a bit worried but then she had an idea.

She painted a horse and a key. She used the key to escape and galloped away on the horse.

The Emperor chased after her but Shen was not scared. She got out her magic paintbrush and painted a dragon. It was fierce and scared away the Emperor.

Everyone in the village was happy and had a feast to celebrate.