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1. ðer wʌnts wʌz ə taɪgər lɪvɪŋ ɪn tʃaɪnə.
2. ɪtʃ jɪr hi tʊk ə ʃɪp tu ən aɪləd.
3. hi lʌvd vɪzɪtɪŋ ðə ʃɪp ʌn ðə bi:tʃ.
4. wʌn deɪ, æftər hi eɪt ə lɪtl ʃɪp, ə gɜːl sɑ hɪm.
5. ʃi sɛd, "wʌt ɪn ðə wɜːld ɑr ju dʊɪŋ?"
6. hi sɛd, "bɪkɔːz ɔl ðə ʃɪp ɑr waɪt, ðeɪ ɑr laɪk tuθpeɪst tu mi.
7. ɑɪ juːzəli ɪt dʒʌst wʌn ʃɪp evri deɪ tu kɪp maɪ tiθ klɪn."
8. æt ðæt taɪm, hi tʊk ə stɛp ænd ə beɪʒ θɔːrn wɛnt ɪntu ðə flɛʃ əv hɪs pɑ.
9. hi rɔːd.
10. ðə peɪn wʌz laɪk faɪər.
11. ðə gɜːl wʌz sʊ əfreɪd ðæt ʃi kʊd beɪrli brɪð
12. bʌt ʃi brɛvli sɛd, "wɛn ɑɪ nɪd hɛlp, ɑɪ ɔlweɪz ɑsk maɪ mʌðr.
13. wʊd ju laɪk maɪ mʌðr tu hɛlp ju?"
14. ʃɪz nɔt fɑr əweɪ"
15. ðə taɪgər əgrɪd ænd wɛnt wɪθ ðə gɜːl tu hɜːr hoʊmtaʊn.
16. ðə dɑtər faʊnd hɜːr mʌðər, hu wʌz ə dɑktər, præntsɪŋ ænd sɪŋɪŋ nɪr ə bɪg hɛdʒ.
17. ʃi æskt hɜːr mʌðər tu hɛlp hɜːr nu frɛnd ðæt vɛri ɔvər.
18. ðə mʌðər tɔʊld ðə taɪgər tə laɪ daʊn ænd bɪ kwɑɪət.
19. ʃi pʊld ðə θɔːrn ɔʊt əv hɪz lɔʊəd pɑ.
20. hɜːr hʌz bænd, hu wʌz ə lɔɪər ænd ə bæskɛtbɔl plɛɪər, geɪv ðə taɪgər ə tɔɪ rɪstwɔtʃ.
21. ðə taɪgər sɛd, "θæŋks ə mɪljən fɔr evrɪθɪŋ juv dʌn rɪsɛntli."
22. "ɪt wʌz ɑʊr plɛzər," rɪplɑɪd ðə kʌpl.
23. ænd ðə taɪgər ænd ðə gɜːl wɛnt ɔf tu teɪk ə kæb tu ðə zu.