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~~MRS. FUNG:~~

~~Yes. And then... and then what do you think happened?~~

~~LITTLE GWEN:~~

~~She floated!~~

~~MRS. FUNG:~~

~~Mmm hmm. All the way to the moon -- the big, bright moon. Where to this day she looks out sadly from her palace at her husband, down below.~~

~~LITTLE GWEN:~~

~~Oh, the poor Moon Lady!~~

~~MRS. FUNG:~~

~~And her husband was lonely for her, too. So lonely that Heaven took pity on them and gave him a charm so they could be together for one night each month. On the night of the full moon. Like tonight.~~

~~GWEN:~~

~~Yawns.~~

~~Did you say something, Ma?~~

~~MRS. FUNG:~~

~~(Startled)~~

~~Hmm? Uh no, I didn't. Would you like some more mooncake?~~

~~GWEN:~~

~~No thanks. I'm full.~~

~~Yawns once more and stretches.~~

~~I sure am tired, though.~~

~~MRS. FUNG:~~

~~So take a nap, then. I won't tell.~~

~~Looks out again, at the moon. Mr. Fung appears, also from behind the scrim, and as he picks Little Gwen up and twirls her around, she laughs.~~

~~LITTLE GWEN:~~

~~Baba!~~

~~(Merrily)~~

~~And what do you wish for, this Autumn Moon?~~

~~MR. FUNG:~~

~~(A pause as he thinks a bit)~~

~~Right now there is such color and beauty in the forests and in the fields, that I wish every night was Autumn Moon night. And all around us, I see plenty of food for everyone.~~

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MR. FUNG:(cont'd)

The air is scented with such music and singing, and best of all I see families coming together to laugh and eat and to gaze at the moon.

LITTLE GWEN:

Yes, Baba! To tell stories. And what else?

MR. FUNG:

Why, that someday everyone can see as we do, just how beautiful the Autumn Moon really is.

MRS. FUNG:

The most beautiful night of the year.

MR. FUNG:

Just like when I married you.

MRS. FUNG:

(Pause, suddenly shy)

And the paper lanterns. Of all shapes and sizes... some with candles, and some with electric lights. So we can stay up all night and just look at this lovely moon.

LITTLE GWEN:

And all-night lantern contests in the park. And puppet shows starring Judge Pao, the "greatest magistrate detective of them all!"

MR. FUNG:

Yes, yes, Judge Pao.

Puts his arm around Little Franklin, who appears then, too.

Though according to your brother, the Hardy Boys are the greatest thing since char siu bao.

LITTLE GWEN:

(Disappointed)

Baba! Everyone knows Nancy Drew can kick their butts!

LITTLE FRANKLIN:

Can not!

LITTLE GWEN:

Can too!

LITTLE FRANKLIN:

Can not!

LITTLE GWEN:

Can too!

MRS. FUNG:

Children!

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