

Kem's Good Luck (continued)

"Yes please Dad," said Kem. He found another brush and told Kem to paint the bottom of the door. She loved this job, helping her Dad, the bright red paint, the smells of the kitchen but all the time...wiggle, wiggle, wiggle.

More preparations were done by the family in the afternoon. Red lanterns were put up all over for more good luck and Kem was getting very excited as the feast approached.

Eventually, they were all ready to sit down for their meal. Kem had hoped some of the food they ate would dislodge that tooth but still it hung on despite all her wiggling. At the end of the meal it was time for those Jiaozi dumplings and Mum's special secret ingredient! Kem was pleased with the shape and golden colour of the dumplings and when she took the first bite of hers, she was expecting that secret special ingredient to give the dumpling that extra taste.

"Mmm," said Kem, "that's lovely" but she was a bit disappointed really. It tasted like a normal dumpling and she couldn't notice anything different: no special taste but she was polite and didn't say anything to her Mum.

Her second bite was different though. Somewhere in the soft dumpling her teeth found something hard as she was chewing. She was a bit shocked, especially when she saw she had bitten into a coin! She took the coin out of her mouth but it wasn't the only thing that came out, there on the side of her plate was that tiny white tooth!

"Ah!" said Mum, "You found that secret ingredient." I put it in to bring good luck and it certainly seems to have worked." She said pointing at the tooth.

Kem was so pleased and relieved she gave her Mum and Dad a big hug.

And started to wiggle at the hole where her tooth had been.