

## **THE WHITE SNAKE**

Instructions: Punctuate the following text.

once upon a time there was a king who was a very intelligent and knowledgeable person no secret could be kept from him no one knew how he discovered those secrets but he had a strange habit after lunch when the table was cleared a trusted servant brought him a covered dish no one knew what was inside the covered dish even the trusted servant who brought it in and the king ate it only when he was alone one day the trusted servant became very curious about that covered dish he decided to find out the truth so he took it to his room and locked the door then he uncovered the dish he found a white snake lying inside the dish he cut a small piece and tasted it it had a strange taste then he heard a strange voice talking outside the window it was some birds talking about the food they had found that day suddenly the servant realized that he could understand the language of animals

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### Correctly Punctuated Version of “The White Snake”

Once upon a time there was a king who was a very intelligent and knowledgeable person. No secret could be kept from him. No one knew how he discovered those secrets, but he had a strange habit. After lunch, when the table was cleared, a trusted servant brought him a covered dish. No one knew what was inside the covered dish, even the trusted servant who brought it in, and the king ate it only when he was alone. One day the trusted servant became very curious about that covered dish. He decided to find out the truth so he took it to his room and locked the door. Then he uncovered the dish. He found a white snake lying inside. He cut a small piece and tasted it. It had a strange taste. Then he heard a strange voice talking outside the window. It was some birds talking about the food they had found that day. Suddenly the servant realized that he could understand the language of animals.