

**Chapter 1 : Year of the Rooster, Find Your Zodiac Luck, Romance, Personality**

*I've never seen so many rubber boas as I have this year. I've now caught 9 this season. The cool thing about that is that I've only caught 13 of them in my whole life.*

She begins a new life in America because her father has taken a job as an engineer in the United States. Many Chinese customs and traditions are discussed, along with their importance to Wong and her family. The reader enjoys many humorous situations as Shirley fails to understand her new culture and the nuances of the English language. It takes her a while to learn her new language, presenting her with many difficult, and sometimes hilarious, outcomes. At first, Shirley desperately wants to fit in with her new classmates by playing stickball or by leaving the school for lunch. Her efforts are admirable, but her classmates are not encouraged to include her on their teams. Her habit of bowing to them and her lack of fluent English makes it hard for the children to accept her. Her parents want her to fit in, but they are not adept at helping her. Noticing her quietness and sadness, her father buys her a pair of roller skates. Not knowing how to skate, Shirley becomes bruised and bloodied from her efforts to learn. This friendship helps her enjoy life in a new land, and to feel more a part of this new culture. She never loses her connection to the culture of her birth, as she still misses the closeness of her clan and the interaction with her many cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents. She is able to "fit in" without losing her ties to the past. Many parallels are drawn between them and their "fitting in," from their being pigeon-toed runners, to their being different from the status quo. Her rabid interest in that most American of sports, baseball, defines her acceptance of her new culture as well as its acceptance of her. This book shows the power of sports and how it can create a friendship. This is a book which would be appealing to children in the third to sixth grade levels because they can identify with Shirley, in all her innocence. Lord has created a sympathetic character without making us pity her. There is no goal for Shirley to give up her Chinese culture in order to adapt to the American culture. There seems to be room for both in her life. The settings, both in China and in the United States, provide historical knowledge about both countries in the post-war era. Because of this, it would be considered historical fiction. Many lessons of tolerance could be taught in the classroom by using such an entertaining and historically accurate novel. Proud of the American name that she chose herself, Shirley Temple Wong is optimistic that her new home will be the land of many opportunities. Then she gets in a fight with Mabel, the tallest, scariest girl in the fifth grade. Her silence gains her the respect and friendship of Mabel, who gives her the gift that truly changes her life: Soon Shirley is the biggest Brooklyn Dodgers fan of all, listening to the radio to hear the triumphs and heartbreaks of the team and her hero, Jackie Robinson. She begins to feel at home, and yet deep within herself Shirley discovers that she wants to hold on to her memories of China, and the knowledge that she is Chinese inside, as well as American. She can be both – a "double happiness."

**Chapter 2 : Bank of America - Banking, Credit Cards, Home Loans and Auto Loans**

*The following year, BoA became one of the producer for Mnet's boy group survival reality show, Produce Season 2, which aired from April 7 to June*

Chinese New Year Year of the Snake Snake born in , , , , , , , , , and The Snake under the Chinese zodiac is quite an interesting person. Known from Adam and Eve days as a seducer, this person is very charming, as well as being well liked. In fact, the Snake often steals the spotlight, automatically being the center of attention. Recognized for strength and charisma, most people know the Snake. Interestingly, this person is usually oversexed, determined, and rash in decision-making. Positive Characteristics With so much charm and popularity, it is easy to see why the Snake is someone easy to love. Many think of this individual as being irresistible. A true friend, the Snake avoids gossip, is a deep thinker, highly intelligent, reliable, and great at making first impressions. When it comes to money, the Snake is often very lucky. In most cases, this person is careful with finances although he or she is also a generous person, especially with loved ones. On the romantic end, you will find that the male is extremely, loving. The female of this Chinese zodiac sign is typically gorgeous and success in her career. For a Snake to feel secure, he or she needs acceptance and approval. Enriched with wisdom, the Snake has a deep philosophical outlook. Negative Characteristics Although the Snake has great characteristics, there are a few things on the negative side. For instance, while used to having money, the Snake is usually frugal. This person also tends to exaggerate and when lending a help, he or she feels a little in control. The Snake is also someone who will sometimes tell whoppers. Another fault associated with the Snake is that if necessary, he or she will do almost anything to save face. This person also has a lazy side and on occasion, can be self-indulgent. Career Opportunities The Snake has an uncanny ability to make money, even though laziness is a negative trait. From a career perspective, this person should avoid taking risks. However, this person can be very shrewd in the business world, having the ability to wheel and deal. Because of this, Snakes are often successful financially. In most cases, this person will think things through carefully before formulating a solution, again making them a great businessperson. The most positive thing relating to career is that the Snake is determined to take a project and see it to completion. Most often, first impressions are formed, leading to a quick decision. If there is something that this person believes in, you can be sure that nothing or no one will stand in the way. With a high self-discipline and respect, you can be sure that the Snake would do quite well in about anything. However, the Monkey and another Snake make a bad connection filled with too much drama. Boa Constrictor Boas are a type of snake that is a member of the Boidae family. Boas are basal snakes that are "primitive" in evolutionary terms i. They are constrictors and give birth to live young. They have anal spurs, a pair of claws on each side of the cloaca, which are vestiges of legs. Boas are named after cows bos because of the old myth that boa snakes pursue cows and suckle them until they are drained to death. Boas have two subfamilies: Boinae or true boas and Erycinae or sand boas. Pythons are sometimes classified as a subfamily of Boidae, but are frequently listed under their own family, Pythonidae. Boinae True boas are medium-sized to large snakes. Females are usually larger than their male counterparts. Boas contain many subspecies based on locality. The boas from the Amazon basin are the most colorful possessing bright cherry red tails. It used to be said that boas were New World Snakes and pythons were Old World Snakes, but, with boas found on Madagascar and the Solomon Islands, this is not quite true. Instead, it is possible that boas have survived in evolutionarily isolated areas. South America, until a few million years ago, had a distinct fauna that included marsupial mammals; with the land bridge to North America, boas have migrated north as placental mammals and colubrids for example have migrated south. Constriction is a method used by various snake species to kill their prey. The snake initially bites its prey and holds on, pulling the prey into its coils or, in the case of very large prey, pulling itself onto the prey. Contrary to myth, the snake does not crush the prey, or even break its bones, but instead squeezes, tightening its grip every time the prey exhales and holding firm, until the prey can no longer draw in air. The prey asphyxiates, and the snake then begins to feed. The entire process is surprisingly rapid, with prey often succumbing as quickly as a minute after being struck. Certain groups of snakes have stereotyped patterns of constriction,

including the number of coils they use and the orientation of the coils. Also, there is controversy about how much role restriction of circulation plays in subduing prey. The Red-tailed Boa, *Boa constrictor*, is a species of boa, the largest member of the family Boidae, with the largest recorded specimen being over 18 feet long. It has an interesting pattern of brown and black with a red tail. It does well in captivity and tames easily and is a common sight in zoos and homes. The common name "boa constrictor" can also be used to refer to any of the four species in the genus *Boa* as all are constrictors – that is, they kill their prey by constriction. Tree boa

While there are numerous arboreal boas, Tree boa most often refers to the genus *Corallus*. This genus contains eight species, though taxonomic re-arrangements are common. All species are long, slightly laterally flattened, with thin bodies and large heads. They typically have large eyes though this is less pronounced in large species like the Emerald tree boa, *Corallus caninus*, boxy heads, and highly elongated anterior teeth, which are often several times the length one would expect for a snake of their size. These huge teeth can penetrate layers of feathers to get a firm grip on birds, their primary prey. All members of the genus are highly nocturnal, and have large numbers of very pronounced heat-sensing pits along their lips. Two species are frequently imported as display animals, the Amazon tree boa *Corallus hortulanus* and the Emerald tree boa *Corallus caninus*. Pet is not a term one would apply to these species, as most, if not all, have a highly aggressive demeanor, and will strike readily. Their stunning coloration makes them popular, but their specialized habitat and feeding make them suitable only for advanced keepers. Participating dancers hold up the dragon "costume" on poles and perform intricate maneuvers, while lights flash and pyrotechnic devices go off. The effect of this dance is spectacular, as the serpentine dragon whirls and twirls its way around the crowd. The tradition of the Dragon Dance goes back centuries, and has deep connections with Chinese culture and mythology. The origins of the Dragon Dance stretch back to when peasants in rural China would use it as an appeal to the dragon spirit. It was believed that performing the dance could halt the spread of epidemics, as the dragon spirit would help to cleanse the air and water. The dragon spirit is highly revered in China for their wisdom, intelligence, and courage. In fact, children born in the Year of the Dragon which comes every 12 years and most recently in are considered to be very lucky. From its origins as a healing dance, the Dragon Dance went on to become a popular folk activity. When westerners first encountered the Dragon Dance around A. The size of the dragon used in the Dragon Dance varies greatly based on the skill of the performers and their resources. Most dragons have between nine and 25 sections, each of which is about five or six feet long. Some talented dragon dance teams have produced dragons with more than 40 sections, which results in the spectacular sight of a dragon more than feet long! The length of the dragon is supposed to bring good luck, and so communities work hard to produce the longest dragon possible. Since the Dragon Dance is most often performed at night, the mouth is often the source of flames, fireworks, or bright lights, while the body of the dragon will also be lighted or will have sequins that reflect light in the area. One of the traditions of the Dragon Dance is grabbing money offered by spectators. As the dragon moves through the crowd, it will try to catch money in its mouth. Whether money is offered or not, though, the Dragon Dance is a spectacular sight and a must-see for anyone attending a Chinese celebration. Unlike the westernized style of zodiac, the Chinese zodiac actually dates back to BC during the reign of Emperor Huang Ti. Beginning with a lunar year, which can begin anytime from late January to the middle of February, each calendar consists of five cycles, each being 12 years. For each of the 12 years, the Chinese zodiac includes animals, which has a very interesting legend. It is believed that before Lord Buddha left the earth, he summoned all of the animals to come before him. However, of all the animals, only 12 showed up to bid him farewell. In honor of these 12, Lord Buddha named a year after them. The belief is that the animal associated with each year rules over it. Interestingly, these figurines were created with the body of a human but the head of each of the 12 animals. You would even find the coordinating zodiac on eating utensils and grave headstones. The 12 animals that showed up in front of Lord Buddha included the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig successively. The story is that the cat spoke with his friend the rat. They agreed that whichever one of them awoke in the morning first would be responsible for waking the other so they could go to Lord Buddha together. Unfortunately, the rat broke his promise to the cat, arriving alone. Shortly thereafter, the remaining 11 animals showed up and by the time that the cat awoke, the meeting had concluded. The legend is that



### Chapter 3 : Year of the Snake

*New from Riedel, Boa decanter. Introduced for the Chinese Year of the Snake, this sleek decanter takes Riedel's elegant serpentine vessels in a new design direction.*

Career[ edit ]

Though her brother was the one who auditioned as a break-dancer, [4] SM talent scouts instead took notice of BoA and offered her a contract on the same night as the auditions. The album was moderately successful; it entered the Top 10 of the South Korean charts and sold around , units. After its release, she took a hiatus from the Korean music industry to focus on the Japanese market at which time she worked to solidify her skills in Japanese. *Minna no Kimochi* ". The album sold around , units and became the fourth-best-selling record of the year in South Korea. At the end of the year, BoA released her second Korean mini-album *Miracle. Boku o Yobu Koe* ", both which also peaked at the number-three position. The former was the fifth-best-selling South Korean record of the year with around , units sold; the latter sold around 58, units. *My Name* sold , units and became the eleventh-best-selling South Korean album in [26] while *Girls on Top* ranked fourteenth in with , units sold. With , copies sold, it became her lowest-selling first-week debut for a studio album at that point. Produced by Roald Hoffmann and Brian Alan, the single was used to raise funds for victims of the Sichuan earthquake. Korean jewelry brand Ramee also released, "Ramee by BoA", a line of jewelry designed by the singer herself. It charted at No. Though she stated that "[i]t has always been my dream to debut in America," she found English tougher to learn than Japanese and despite living in West Beverly Hills, found it difficult to make friends. The album contained two new tracks and the radio edit version of "Energetic". Promoted by the singles " Bump Bump! White Wishes " December , the album only charted at No. With little promotion from her label, it ended her run of six consecutive No. Though filming wrapped in , it received a release. The movie received mixed reviews, with Inkoo Kang of the Los Angeles Times praising the choreography but stating that "[w]henever actor Derek Hough and BoA stop leaping and twirling, [it] is an underwritten mess. BoA received praise for her ability as a judge with her insightful comments and discerning eyes, [59] and also sang the theme song "One Dream. Here I Am tour at the Olympic Hall, [66] [67] and released the sing " Geuleon Neo Disturbance ," a song she wrote and composed, to commemorate her first concert tour in South Korea. Billboard called the singer a promising songwriter despite moments of musical blandness. Nowness to commemorate her 15th anniversary. The duo released the single "No Matter What," which ranked atop five domestic charts. Unchained Tour from March 15 to April 4. People who attend the concerts received a copy of Unchained.

**Chapter 4 : Premium Rewards® Credit Card from Bank of America**

*IN THE YEAR OF THE BOAR By Bette Boa Lord February A Journey of Ten Thousand Miles Pages Write either True or False in the blank before each statement.*

Who is Hillary Clinton? The number of sports offered this year for intramurals. This NHL team entered spooky season October as the defending champions. Who are the Washington Capitals? What is Thompson Library? The number of facilities used for programming intramurals. This NBA legend was traded to the 76ers on October 20th, for "cash considerations". Who is Julius Irving? The most prominent candy in the Competitive Sports Office. A mask of this famous person was used to create the original Michael Myers. Who is William Shatner? The scariest bar at OSU. This sport has the largest number of participants. What is Outdoor Soccer? The most points scored by a single player in an NCAA basketball game. Who is Meghan and? The year the first Scary Movie was released. What is the year ? Who is Jeffrey Dahmer? How many flag football games were cancelled in the month of October? November as part of the first baseball game played after spooky season. Who is Derek Jeter? The NBA player that swatted a bat out of mid-air during a Halloween matchup. Who is Manu Ginobili? The year Starbucks first released the Pumpkin Spice Latte. The year the drink actually started including pumpkin. What is The Ugly Tuna Saloon? What is Powerlifting Club? The number of distinct scores in NFL history. Name the winner and loser from this historic event.

**Chapter 5 : CHS band to compete in BOA contest – Coppel Student Media**

*In Boa Vista, the wet season is mostly cloudy, the dry season is overcast, and it is hot and oppressive year round. Over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from 75°F to 93°F and is rarely below 72°F or above 97°F.*

Rooster Years Are Unlucky for Roosters! In a year of your sign, horoscopes for all aspects of your life will not be very good. Roosters should be more careful in The Luckiest Things for Roosters Lucky numbers: People born in a year of the Rooster are very observant. Hardworking, resourceful, courageous, and talented, Roosters are very confident in themselves. Active, Amusing, and Popular Among a Crowd Roosters are always active, amusing, and popular within a crowd. Roosters are talkative, outspoken, frank, open, honest, and loyal individuals. They like to be the center of attention and always appear attractive and beautiful. Roosters are happiest when they are surrounded by others, whether at a party or just a social gathering. They enjoy the spotlight and will exhibit their charm on any occasion. Vain and boastful, Roosters like to brag about themselves and their accomplishments. Their behavior of continually seeking the unwavering attention of others annoys people around them at times. Roosters are Healthy and Enjoy Sports People born in a year of the Rooster are typically healthy people. They are active and enjoy sports, such as hiking and swimming. Even when they do become ill, they feel better quickly. Roosters are a little sensitive, and they feel stressed and moody at times. The Best Jobs and Careers for Roosters Roosters are more motivated than other animals in the Chinese zodiac, making their careers a priority in their lives. Roosters are hard working, multi-talented, and can deal with a variety of jobs. Good career choices for Roosters are newsreader, sales person, restaurant owner, hairdresser, public relations officer, farmer, athlete, teacher, waiter, journalist, travel writer, dentist, surgeon, soldier, fireman, security guard, and police officer. How to Build Relationships with "Roosters" Roosters are loyal and they make devoted friends. They always keep their promises and are always true to their word. Sensitive individuals may find it hard to get along well with Roosters, because they always brag about themselves and their accomplishments, which may make others uncomfortable. Your investments will improve overall, but there is no big fortune to be made. If you are a Rooster, you will be rewarded if you invest in real estate with the help of seniors. You will also probably receive better treatment because of your qualification certificates or good reputation. However, you might encounter some stress and be misled. You will get quite good returns, but your stress levels will also be increasing. You should pay attention to abiding by local laws. Roosters, you will have great chances for a promotion. And you will achieve great progress in research publications, building your reputation, studies, and job applications. You will be helped by seniors or leaders. If you work with seniors, you will make greater progress. But you will need to face some stress, and you might be obstructed by a vice leader. Female Roosters, you will fare better than male Roosters. But you will easily be misled in building a relationship. Or you will feel upset at the beginning, and you will have to spend more effort in order to make the relationship work. For male Roosters, your seniors will offer you some help. But you and your loved one will be at odds. You will be under pressure when communicating, and the relationship will be unstable. Roosters, your respiratory system might easily be infected, and your stomach will not feel well. It will be easy for you to catch a cold. You should also be careful of food poisoning. Roosters need to be especially careful of mushroom poisoning, or other food materials that come from the soil. Sometimes poison will not be the problem, just bacteria that cause stomach upsets. The love compatibility of Chinese zodiac animals takes into account the characteristics of each animal. Only those whose characteristics match well can be good partners. See below the compatibility of the Rooster with other animals.

**Chapter 6 : Average Weather in Boa Vista, Brazil, Year Round - Weather Spark**

*Bank of America - Banking, Track your rewards, deals and benefits throughout the year and see what you might be missing out on. Learn more about My Rewards.*

Emmett is out of funding and almost out of time to save Betty and his research when Brendan steps into his life. It really was so much appreciated and the story is fifty-times better because of your help. Of course, anything still out of whack is totally down to me - just have to touch things! She raised her head lazily, and if he had not known her eyesight was particularly poor compared to her other senses, then he might have convinced himself that she was looking right at him. She was probably picking up his heat signature in the cold laboratory as he doubted his scent passed through the thick Plexiglas separating them, and he wondered if she would draw closer to the glass if he moved closer on his side. The idea fled before he could be bothered to try and see, so he stood still and simply watched her, letting his thoughts drift aimlessly. Snakes had always figured strongly in his family. Both of his parents were born in the Year of the Snake, , meeting each other in college and defending their dissertations only weeks apart. As part of their celebration, they chose to become Drs. Emmett wondered what it had been like for them to be so young and carefree, and so in love. He recalled his aunt mentioning their zest for life and the joy they brought to everyone around them -- before that fateful day. In the Year of the Snake, , he had barely turned six years old when his parents gained funding from a large pharmaceutical company and rather than be separated from their two small children, they took Emmett and his younger sister, Amelie, with them to a small village just outside of Buenos Aires. Months of grief had followed, filled with bitterness and recriminations and yet, not once did his parents blame the snake that had curled under the sink and struck out at Amelie when she went to use the bathroom. They never stopped blaming each other though for their complacency, for not checking for danger, and this tore apart what remained of their family. He understood now, understood all too well the momentary lapse in judgment that destroyed everything. The man had siphoned off a large proportion of his funding and then disappeared, evading all the efforts of the local Police to find him. At least Emmett could put some of the blame for his situation squarely onto the accountant who had stolen the money and left him heavily in debt. He crumpled the final demand letter from the bank in his hand, aware that he had no way of meeting their demand at this very moment but determined not to give up just yet. Betty distracted him from his disjointed thoughts by choosing that moment to slither across from her favorite sunning place to the other side of the window. He could see her tongue flicking out to taste the glass that separated them and wondered if that baffled her on some level. Despite all his years working as a herpetologist, many of them with Betty, he still had so much to learn about her and her behavior. She was so different from the other snakes he had studied as part of his thesis. His parents had made sure he understood that every snake had a different venom that had to be counteracted, and that small communities could not afford to keep stocks for every type of poisonous snake that slithered within their vicinity. The obvious solution, even as a six-year-old, was for someone to create a universal antivenin; a polyvalent to counteract all snake bites rather than just a small handful of species. He doubted if they ever truly realized the effect this knowledge would have on him, too caught up in their own grief and their need to find someone to blame to notice. From that early age, he studied every book he could find on snakes, borrowing them from libraries, attending lectures at local zoos until, in the Year of the Snake, , he gained a place at a prestigious Boston college as an undergraduate, taking his first important steps into research in molecular biology. That was when he started to focus on the real problem, that more people died each year purely because they were either too incapacitated to identify the poisonous snake that had bitten them - like Amelie - or too poor to afford the expensive antivenin that could save them. He had spent years puzzling over that conundrum and, by the next Year of the Snake in , he had defended his second doctorate successfully and founded the Longgreen Snake Reserve in Elkins with sponsorship money from various sources including a huge loan from the bank. Selling up his house and moving into his office had been no real hardship because he spent almost every waking hour here anyway. Finding a universal antivenin was a solitary pursuit for the most part but the other part - educating people into realizing that snakes were not the hardened criminals of the

animal world that should be destroyed on sight - required lectures and displays. At least that part of his work had given him human contact, taking the bitter edge off his loneliness. She remained out of the public eye for fear of striking panic into his paying visitors. She was a big snake, the largest held in captivity and possibly even the largest in the world because she was not a natural occurrence - as far as anyone was aware. The python she had hunted down recently beneath the surface of Philadelphia, had been genetically manufactured too. Agent Sharpe had shown him the research papers from that ill-fated experiment in Russia. He recalled his words Betty pressed against the glass and Emmett pressed back with one hand. Perhaps he was wrong and her sense of smell was acute enough to scent him even through the thick glass because she seemed to taste the air and glass. After all, her enclosure was not hermetically sealed like a spacecraft. There was an exchange of gases, of air, between the two environments so, theoretically, it was possible. This was one hostage situation that had seemed doomed from the very beginning. Krisholm had made it clear from the start that he would not allow them to take him alive and, even though his hostage was no innocent bystander, Brendan felt regret that Krisholm had not given him the desperately needed clean shot before the man pulled the trigger on his hostage. Freya sank down beside him, and he looked to her in concern. Her dark hair was in disarray from where he had pushed her down, and he could see a scrape on her elbow from hitting the hard ground. There was bad history between them but he was too focused on the situation to leak any details. All I know is that he wanted Vasiliev dead. Random thoughts about bombs, Philadelphia Originally, he and Freya had been monitoring Krisholm after Freya had picked up information from a suspect concerning illegal shipments of nuclear-grade plutonium into the US. When their suspect had crossed paths with Vasiliev, a Russian physicist who was also under investigation by the NSA, the senior case agent, Bryce, had been placed in charge. Freya whacked his arm. He hoped his last wonderful memory would be of early morning sex with someone he loved; of a warm body lying heavy and sated against his side, head cradled on his shoulder and an arm thrown casually over his still heaving chest. His own fingers would toy with soft chest hairs, and tease the tiny nub of a nipple Freya hit him again. The animal activists had wreaked havoc over the years, making it no longer cost effective to produce any antivenins except for those countries that could afford them, which condemned thousands of people to death each year in the poorer, third world countries. That was where his research should have been leading him on the day Monica and Agent Sharpe arrived on the steps of Longreen but, instead, his work had been stalled by the letter that had arrived from the bank a week earlier, giving him a month to find the next repayment or risk losing everything. Emmett looked down at the crumpled notice of foreclosure, resisting the urge to straighten it out and read it one more time in some misbegotten hope that the wording had changed for the better. Three days from now he would be forced to destroy Betty because none of the zoos and herpetology research centers could take a snake of her size and dietary requirements. It had made it slightly easier to go through with the insane plan hatched up by the FBI agent, and allow Monica to attach the audio and visual tracking implants to Betty. "You lost a lot of blood on the operating table," he murmured, "And they never gave you enough time to fully recover before sending you down after that python. If Sharpe had spoken to anyone then they had yet to contact him to make the necessary arrangements, and time was running out for Betty. He moved over to the phone and picked it up, dialing another number committed to memory only a short time ago. Sharpe had given him a contact name but not a number, and tracking down the elusive CIA agent had proved difficult so far. Sharpe had said the program was dead but maybe that was only because they no longer had a large snake or a herpetologist who could take care of her and help in their research. The bank expected a payment in three days and Emmett hoped to string them along for another three or four days before he ran out of both options and food for Betty. Opening the first door, he stepped inside the equivalent of an airlock and closed the door behind him. Within the fifteen square foot airlock, he had a single glass cabinet holding a large rattler. It took only moments to tranquilize the snake so it could be handled safely, and while he waited for the effects to take hold, he opened the final vault door, feeling the blast of heat from the interior warm his cold body. He took care as he grasped the rattler just behind the head and walked into the enclosure, moving to the familiar spot and dangling the prize meal. Betty arrived immediately, sizing up the meal and snapping it from his hand, swallowing it whole. He reached down and let her glide away beneath his hand, feeling the smoothness of her scales under his palm and fingers. In a few more days, he

would lose this too, would lose the pleasure of having Betty coiling around him, her scales gliding under his fingertips. He stayed with Betty for an hour, monitoring her, touching her, observing the way she looked right back at him. The genetic modifications used in her creation involved far more than size. He had keyed her to his own DNA. Just like a dog that answered only to its master, Betty knew him, knew his scent and taste, knew the vibrations of his voice. Her head rose up level with his, forked tongue flicking out to scent the pheromones and salt on his cheek. He smiled as she slid away, back towards her favorite sunning spot, coiling in on herself and laying down her head. He followed her and lay down too, closing his eyes and dozing as the heat of the lamps made him feel lethargic. He awoke an hour later when he felt Betty uncoiling and pushed to his feet. It was time to give up on finding Agent Morrison and make a few more calls, ones that he had put off until desperate because of the higher risk involved. Harper tapped on the glass wall of his office when he saw Dean and McAllister wander back into the office. They had been grinning at each other, obviously still on a high from closing their latest case, using information retrieved during their interrogation of a corrupt ATF agent. As they glanced to each other, exchanging a wordless look before heading over, he took a moment to study them. Two months ago he would have never considered placing the two together as partners. Dean had never been that great at teamwork, managing to go through partners like other people went through cups of coffee; a great buzz to start with that quickly petered out, but this partnership was actually working. In the two months since they started working together, they had thwarted assassins and terrorists, taking down some of the most hardened criminals out there, so the insistence coming down from the director concerning this latest case baffled Harper even if it was a tenuous link to the Krishholm case. Dean stared at him in disbelief, and Harper could understand his reasons. This was the sort of case given to rookies in the US Customs rather than seasoned agents in the National Security Agency. I thought they killed that snake? Emmett, has put the snake up for sale to the highest bidder. By the time they landed, he had read every page of the case file, picking out all the important details related to Dr. Emmett and his giant snake. Yet the thought of Dr. Emmett and his giant snake had conjured up the most exciting images that would, most likely, get quashed the moment he saw the doctor in real life. The few grainy photos of the man on file were not all that flattering. Still, appearances aside, his gut feeling was that Emmett was a good guy forced into a difficult situation. From what Brendan could see from the financial reports included in the file, Emmett had failed to secure new funding for his research and was running out of options. Putting up the snake for auction was probably a last ditch attempt to find alternative funding before he was forced to abandon his research and destroy the Boa, and that was going to be the main obstacle in their talk with Emmett. Good guy or not, asking him to renege on the deal he had made with Faraday Enterprises would place him in both financial and personal jeopardy, for the Russian Mafia was not known for its leniency towards those that crossed them.

## Chapter 7 : BOA Announce Olympic Athletes of the Year

*In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson is a children's novel by Bette Bao Lord and illustrator Marc Simont about a young girl named Shirley Temple Wong who leaves a secure life within her clan in China following World War II.*

To recognise their achievements, the BOA has worked in partnership with the National Governing Bodies to select athletes deserving of recognition for their outstanding performances in The BOA invites each of its summer and winter Olympic-sport National Governing Bodies to nominate the top-performing athlete from their sport to receive the honour.

Archery â€” Patrick Huston: Huston won double gold at the World Youth Championships in China, just one month after the year-old was crowned the European Field Archery Champion.

Athletics â€” Mo Farah: Badminton â€” Chris Adcock and Gabrielle Adcock: Basketball â€” Johannah Leedham: Biathlon â€” Scott Dixon: The son of six-time Winter Olympian Mike Dixon impressively qualified to compete on the senior circuit in aged just The determined youngster has since relocated to Germany to step up his training and so far this season has competed in his first two IBU World Cups.

Boxing â€” Andrew Selby: He also emerged as one of the stars of the British Lionhearts team after winning all six of his bouts.

Canoeing â€” David Florence: At the World Championships in March, Muirhead skipped her team to victory over Sweden with the final stone.

Cycling â€” Liam Phillips: He also won double gold at the World Cup in Manchester in both the time trial and Supercross.

Equestrian â€” Scott Brash: Fencing â€” James Davis: Golf â€” Justin Rose: Rose clinched his first major title by becoming US Open champion, the first Englishman to win the trophy for 43 years.

Gymnastics â€” Max Whitlock: Whitlock was the first Brit to win gold on the floor at European Gymnastics Championships, as well as winning silver in the all-around competition.

Hockey â€” Barry Middleton: Ice Hockey â€” Saffron Allen: Allen was left unable to walk following the incident and has fought her way back to fitness this year.

Judo â€” Sally Conway: She also captured gold at the European Cup in Malaga.

Luge â€” AJ Rosen: Modern Pentathlon â€” Nicholas Woodbridge: Woodbridge became the first British man in 20 years to win an individual medal at the World Championships. The two-time Olympian won silver at the event in Chinese Taipei and ended his season ranked 15th in the world.

Rowing â€” Andrew Triggs-Hodge: Sailing â€” Bryony Shaw: Shaw achieved her first podium finish at an RS: X World Championship with silver in Buzios.

Shooting â€” Amber Hill: Hill made history when she became the youngest-ever winner of a senior World Cup aged just 15, before going on to win silver at the Shotgun World Championships, where she equalled the senior world record. Hill finished the season as the number one ranked senior in Great Britain and number five in the world.

Skeleton â€” Shelley Rudman: Ski and Snowboard â€” James Woods: Currently Woods leads the World Cup standings having won 2 out of 2 events, which consequently act as the Olympic qualifiers for Sochi.

Table Tennis â€” Liam Pitchford: Pitchford reached a career high 54th place in the table tennis world ranking after beating the world 16th and 18th seeds at the ITTF World Tour in Poland.

Taekwondo â€” Lutalo Muhammad: Tennis â€” Andy Murray: Triathlon â€” Non Stanford: Weightlifting â€” Jack Oliver: Oliver made remarkable progress in , setting British records on his way to 8th place in the 85kg class at the European Under and Junior Championships. He also improved his lift from London at the World Senior Championships to finish 21st overall.

Wrestling â€” Leon Rattigan:

## Chapter 8 : Bette Bao Lord (Author of In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson)

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