



A
PANDA
in the
**BAMBOO
FOREST**

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CHAPTER 4

Playtime

Each day Ming grows stronger and bigger. Over the past three months, he has become more playful too.





There are no other cubs for him to play with, so he plays with his mother.

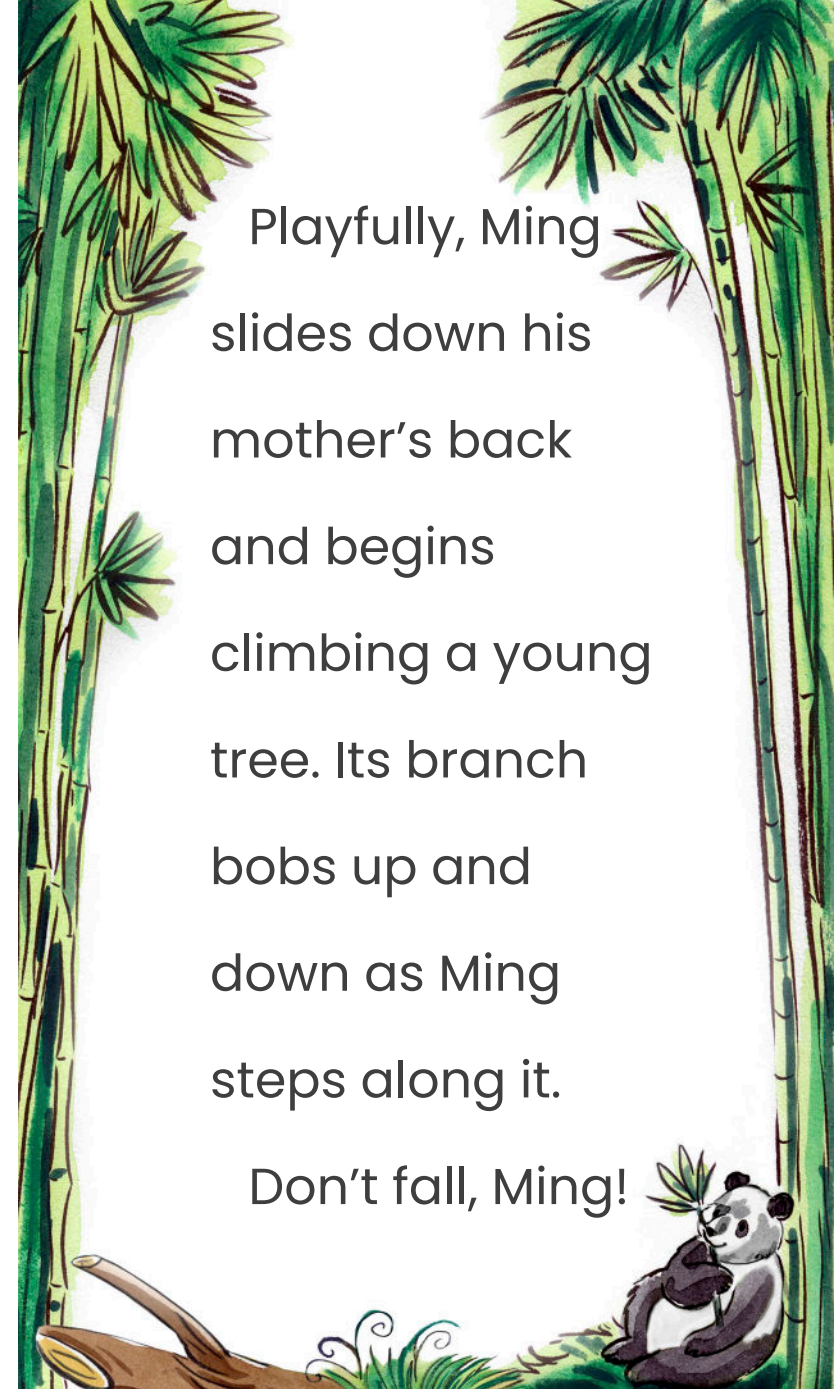
He loves to climb! He climbs up Chun's arm and onto her belly.

Hold on, Ming!

Chun is on the move. Ming clings to his mother as she walks along a thin path in the thick forest. It is time for Ming to eat bamboo too. She takes him to a fresh clump of shoots.







Playfully, Ming
slides down his
mother's back
and begins
climbing a young
tree. Its branch
bobs up and
down as Ming
steps along it.

Don't fall, Ming!



Oh no! His hind foot slips, but
he grabs the branch with his
front paws.





It is time for Ming to come down. Chun reaches up to help him. Then she plops him into a pile of leaves.

The first thing for Ming to know about eating bamboo is how to bite the long bamboo pole with his front teeth. His mother shows him. She picks up one and bites it.



Her strong teeth and jaw split the bamboo, and Chun pulls it apart down the middle. Then she peels the green outer layer and eats the inside.



She chews and waits as Ming finds a stick and gives it a try. He shows his playful side and rolls onto his back while biting the stick.





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In the bamboo forests of China, there lives a giant panda named Chun and her little cub, Ming. Winter is coming, and Ming and Chun must leave their home high in the mountains for warmer parts of the forest. Come explore the world of Chun and Ming as they migrate down the mountain, meeting new friends and having adventures.

