

Kun Yi lives near the Li River in China. Fishing is a tradition in Kun Yi's family. Long ago, Kun Yi's grandfather fished with cormorants. Now Kun Yi is learning from his father how to fish with birds, too.



Kun Yi's father knows each bird by name. He tells Kun Yi that he is now old enough to take responsibility for caring for the birds. It is time for Kun Yi to help train them, too. Kun Yi must learn to allow the birds to have a share of the fish. He must never be greedy and take more than his share.

tradition an old and special way of doing things

responsibility being trusted with something