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Peng's Vase: A Chinese Folktale

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Dreamy illustrations, muted to resemble aged paintings, bring new life to this Chinese folktale about the rewards of honesty. An old emperor has no children to inherit his throne, so he devises a challenge to choose an heir: the children of the city will be given a single seed to plant and care for, returning in one year with what they have grown. Try as he might, Peng can't get his seed to grow: will he return to the emperor with nothing?

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