



DOUGLASS Leezeana

WHAT HAPPENED TO JUNIPER BIEL?

BREAKING NEWS



JUNIPER BIEL IS MISSING!

16 Year old area resident, Juniper Biel, has gone missing on the night of November 4th. Her parents are very worried about her.

She may have left the house late at night in the middle of the great wind storm, and it is possible that she is wounded or has been taken.

Juniper is described by all that know her as a good Christian girl, who earned straight A's in school, and was planning to go to college.

If you see her, please contact the police.

LARGE WIND STORM TEARS THROUGH TOWN, CAUSES HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGE!

The storm that came through town on the evening of November 4th downed multiple trees and tore off parts of Ms. Chen's roof.

There was slight damage to the church, and one of the windows of the local laundry was broken by flying debris.

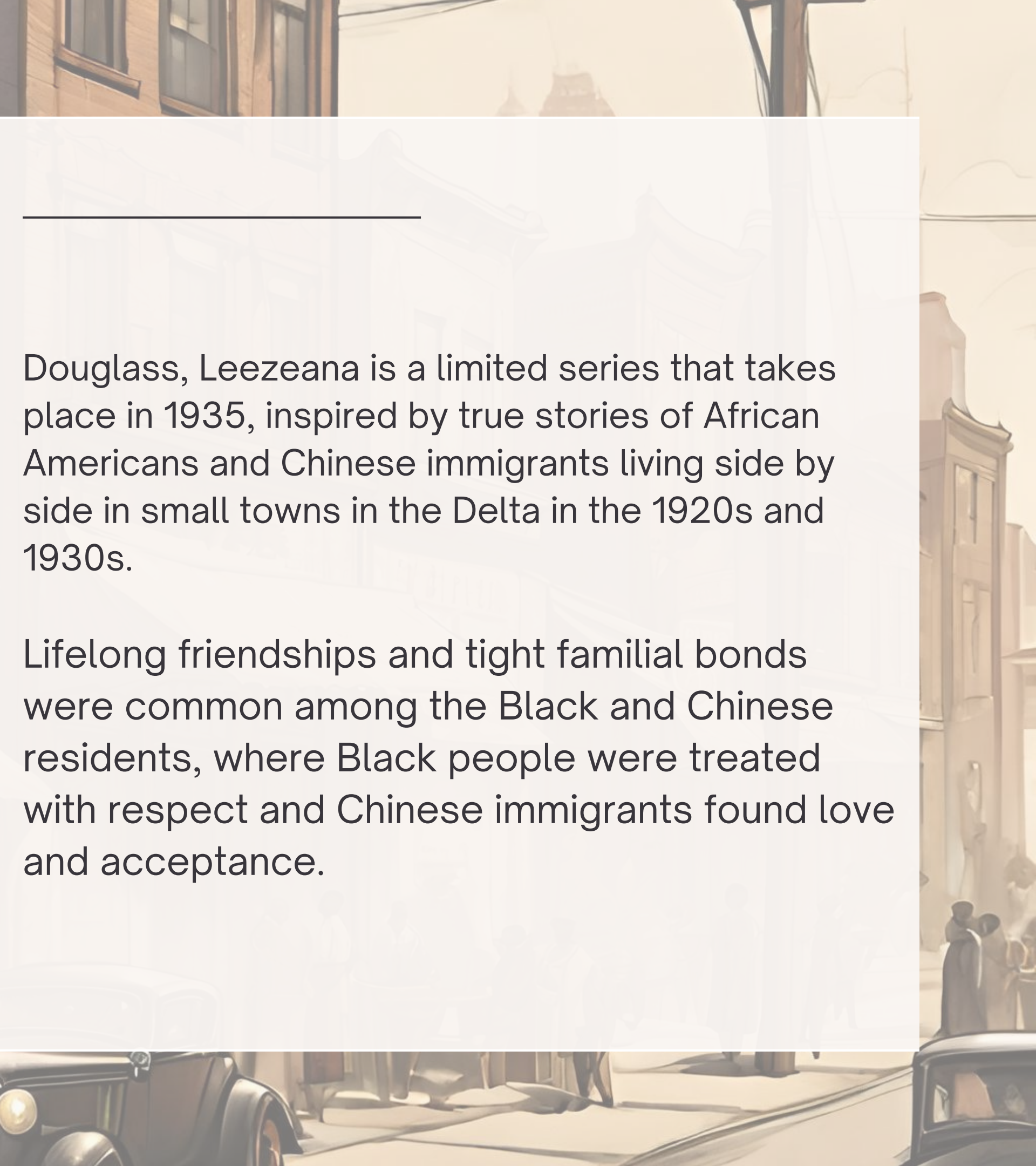
Please be extra careful when moving through town, there are two missing dogs on the loose.

HUGE STORM SALE AT GAO GENERAL STORE!



LOGLINE: Teenager Ruby Henderson finds herself in mortal danger when she investigates the murder of her best friend while navigating life as a Black girl growing up in an African American – Chinese immigrant town in the Delta in 1935.

It's a new world in the town of Douglass, where no one feels safe. Strange happenings intertwine with young love and loss, family ties, and mystery as strong-willed Ruby is determined to solve the mystery of her friend's murder, ultimately bringing her face to face with the worst of human nature.



Douglass, Leezeana is a limited series that takes place in 1935, inspired by true stories of African Americans and Chinese immigrants living side by side in small towns in the Delta in the 1920s and 1930s.

Lifelong friendships and tight familial bonds were common among the Black and Chinese residents, where Black people were treated with respect and Chinese immigrants found love and acceptance.



Douglass, Leezeana is a genre bending, hour long historical coming of age story grounded in the disappearance of a teenage girl, and woven through with lore derived from African and Chinese mythology.

Despite the timeframe, very little of the story is about racial violence, instead focusing on joy, family ties, strong friendships, and the love of a lifetime.

MAIN CHARACTERS



RUBY HENDERSON (Black, female, 15) is an only child, wide eyed and shielded from a lot of the harsh realities of the world by her loving, but strict, parents.

Smart, tough, and stubborn, her inquisitive nature tends to get her in trouble. Her desire to solve the mystery surrounding her friend, Juniper's disappearance is a source of concern for those around her.



GAO CHENYU (Chinese, Male, 15) is a dutiful son, and adores both of his quirky parents. A good student, quiet at school and athletically gifted, he dreams of getting a scholarship to go to college out west.

Chenyu is tougher than he looks and doesn't back down from confrontation. He is Ruby's protector and boyfriend, and vows to look after her in the wake of her friend's disappearance.

MAIN CHARACTERS



KING HENDERSON (Black, Male, 30s) is Ruby's father, a pillar of the community, and a highly successful pig farmer with his own land who doesn't tolerate guff from anyone, often answering his door while holding a shotgun.

He is a loving husband, a true friend, and a protective father. Although he isn't formally educated, he is wise, and has a strong sense of right and wrong.



GAO LAI (Chinese, Male, 30s) owns the local general store, and is King's best friend. Affable and highly superstitious, he also holds Buddhist services for the community in his home. He loves his wife deeply, but the bonds of his marriage are occasionally tested by his overbearing mother.

He is a stabilizing force in the community, and together with King, keeps the town running smoothly.

MAIN CHARACTERS



EMMA HENDERSON (Black, Female, 30s) is Ruby's mother, a stay-at-home wife and mother who is staunchly supportive of her husband. She always shows a united front with King in public, even if she has doubts in private.

While happy with her life, she occasionally wonders if there's more outside the confines of Douglass. Emma will do whatever she has to in order to protect those she loves.



GAO MI (Chinese, Female, 30s) is a midwife and a purveyor of Chinese medicine. Extremely intelligent, and a fount of random information, Mi is caring, nosy, and quick to harmlessly gossip. Mi is extremely close to Emma, and often refers to her as her sister.

Mi is caring and intuitive, and her empathy often gives her an almost supernatural sense of coming trouble.

MAYA

The Husky

A valued member of the family, she is protective and intuitive. Her protective nature will come in handy many times throughout the series.



SET PIECES



THE MYTHOLOGY

The vast majority of the mythology in the series is derived from real African and Chinese mythology figures.





The Pilot

Strange events begin happening at the high school when a sinister new headmistress arrives in town.

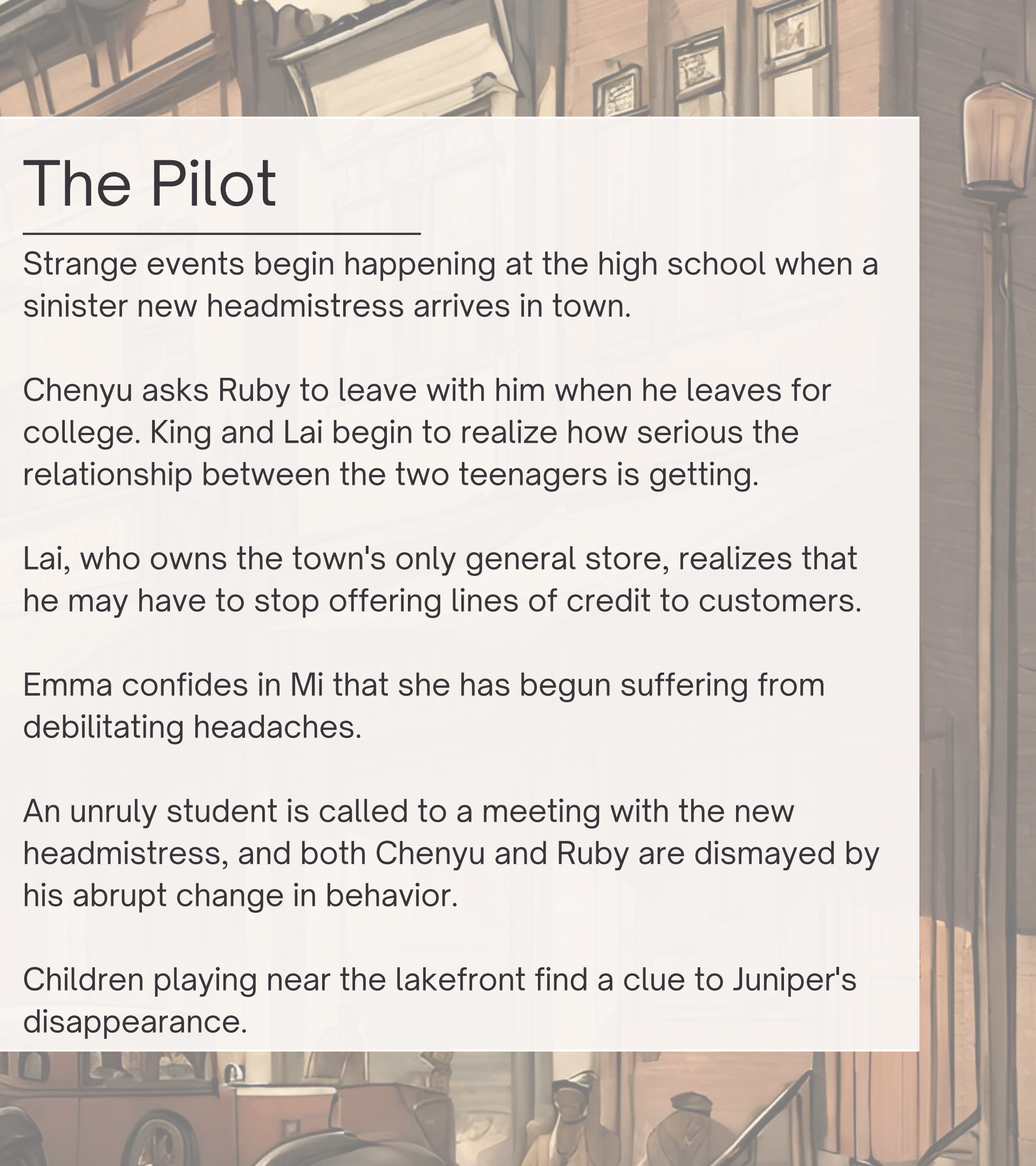
Chenyu asks Ruby to leave with him when he leaves for college. King and Lai begin to realize how serious the relationship between the two teenagers is getting.

Lai, who owns the town's only general store, realizes that he may have to stop offering lines of credit to customers.

Emma confides in Mi that she has begun suffering from debilitating headaches.

An unruly student is called to a meeting with the new headmistress, and both Chenyu and Ruby are dismayed by his abrupt change in behavior.

Children playing near the lakefront find a clue to Juniper's disappearance.



The background of the slide is a stylized illustration of a traditional Chinese building with a multi-tiered, tiled roof. The building is rendered in warm, earthy tones of brown and orange. To the left, a dark, gnarled tree branch reaches into the frame. The overall style is reminiscent of traditional Chinese ink wash painting but with a more modern, illustrative feel. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box on the right side of the image.

The Season

Emma's headaches become vivid visions that appear to be from Juniper's perspective.

King and Lai have to make a stand after Chenyu gets into a fight with a white teenager.

Tensions rise when a crowd of teenagers from the neighboring town make incursions into Douglass to use the school's field after theirs is damaged by the storm.

Ruby and Chenyu find themselves in danger as they get closer to exposing Juniper's murderer.

Chenyu has to come to Ruby's rescue when she is cornered by the killer.

Chenyu and Ruby happily reunite 18 years after they're separated by war and illness.

Thank You.



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