A Lost Butterfly In Shanghai

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A white butterfly bewitched into the city
finds a hidden flower growing in a crack of a grey stone on Handan Lu Lane.
A gray-haired street peddler, a daughter of Guanyin, stops her heavy cart to see the flutter of a flower and the bright wing of an urban butterfly.

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