

In 1953, a baby boy was born in Beijing.  
Beijing is the capital city of China.  
This baby was called Xi Jinping.  
His first name sounds like "she"!





Little Xi had a little brother and two big sisters. China used to be very poor, and people didn't have enough food. As a child, he saw how poor the people were.





When he became a teen, he  
moved to another part of China,  
Shaanxi (it sounds like "shan-she").

Xi moved to Shanxi to work with farmers. While there, he lived in a cave. He had to work very hard and learned about the farmers' lives.





Then, Xi went back home to Beijing, where he went to college to study chemistry.



In 1987, he married a singer named Peng Liyuan ("pung lee you-en"). They had a daughter together, and all still live in Beijing today.

Xi did a number of jobs to help his country.

A stylized illustration of a man with dark hair, seen from behind, looking out over a city at night. In the foreground, a large red sign with white Chinese characters is visible. The city skyline features traditional pagoda-style buildings with colorful roofs and modern skyscrapers with illuminated windows. The sky is dark with some light spots.

During his life, he focused on improving the lives of Chinese people.

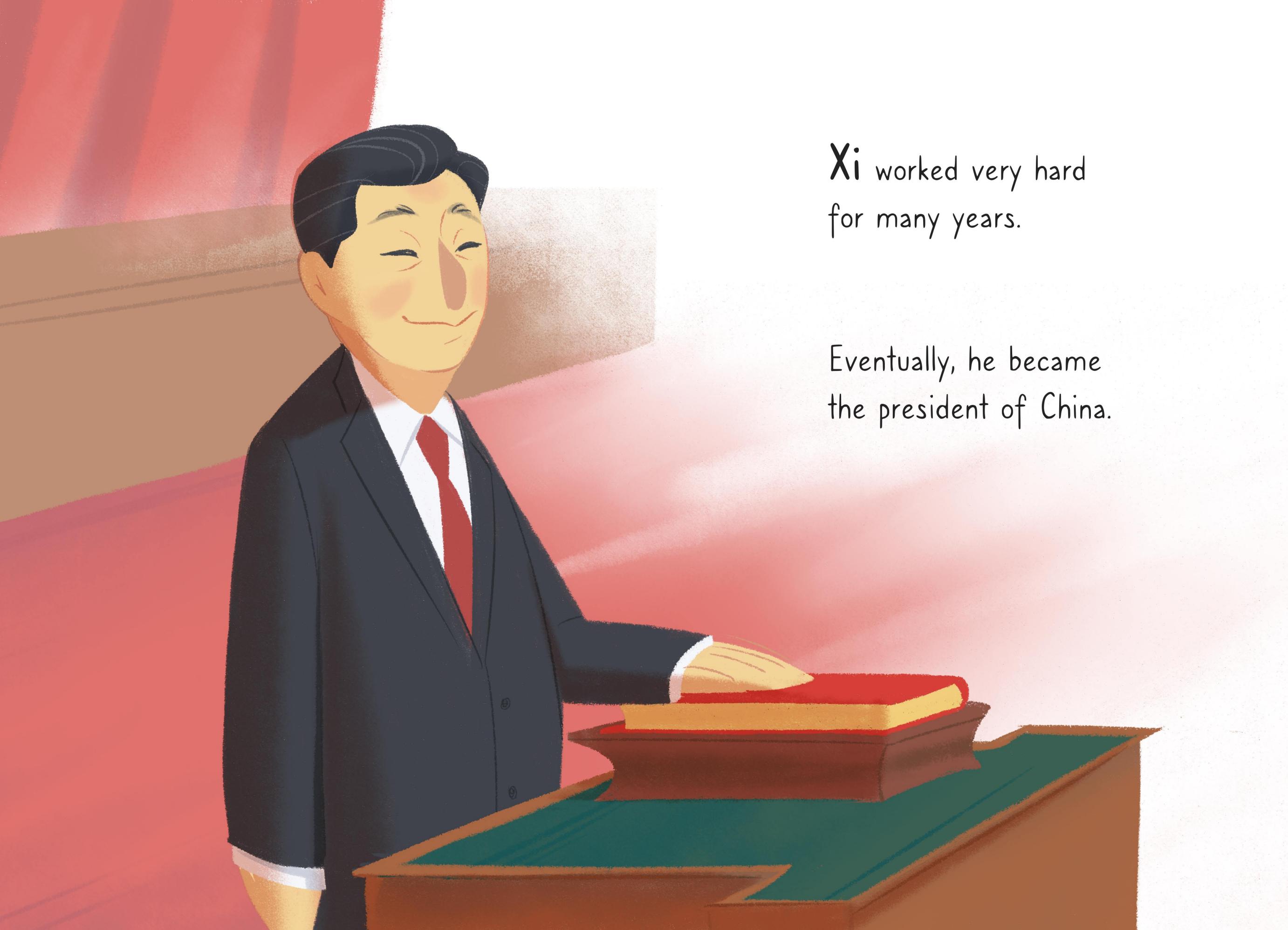


**First**, he strengthened the army  
and made it very powerful.

Then, he helped to improve China's  
nature and economy. Then, he helped  
China to host the Olympics.

He even went to Iowa in the United States, to learn about American farmers!



A stylized illustration of Chinese President Xi Jinping. He is shown from the waist up, wearing a dark blue suit, a white shirt, and a red striped tie. He has a thoughtful expression, with his eyes closed and a slight smile. He is seated at a dark brown wooden desk. On the desk in front of him are several thick books with yellow and red spines. The background is a soft-focus landscape with rolling hills under a warm, orange and pink sky.

Xi worked very hard  
for many years.

Eventually, he became  
the president of China.

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When he became president, he told people about the Chinese Dream.

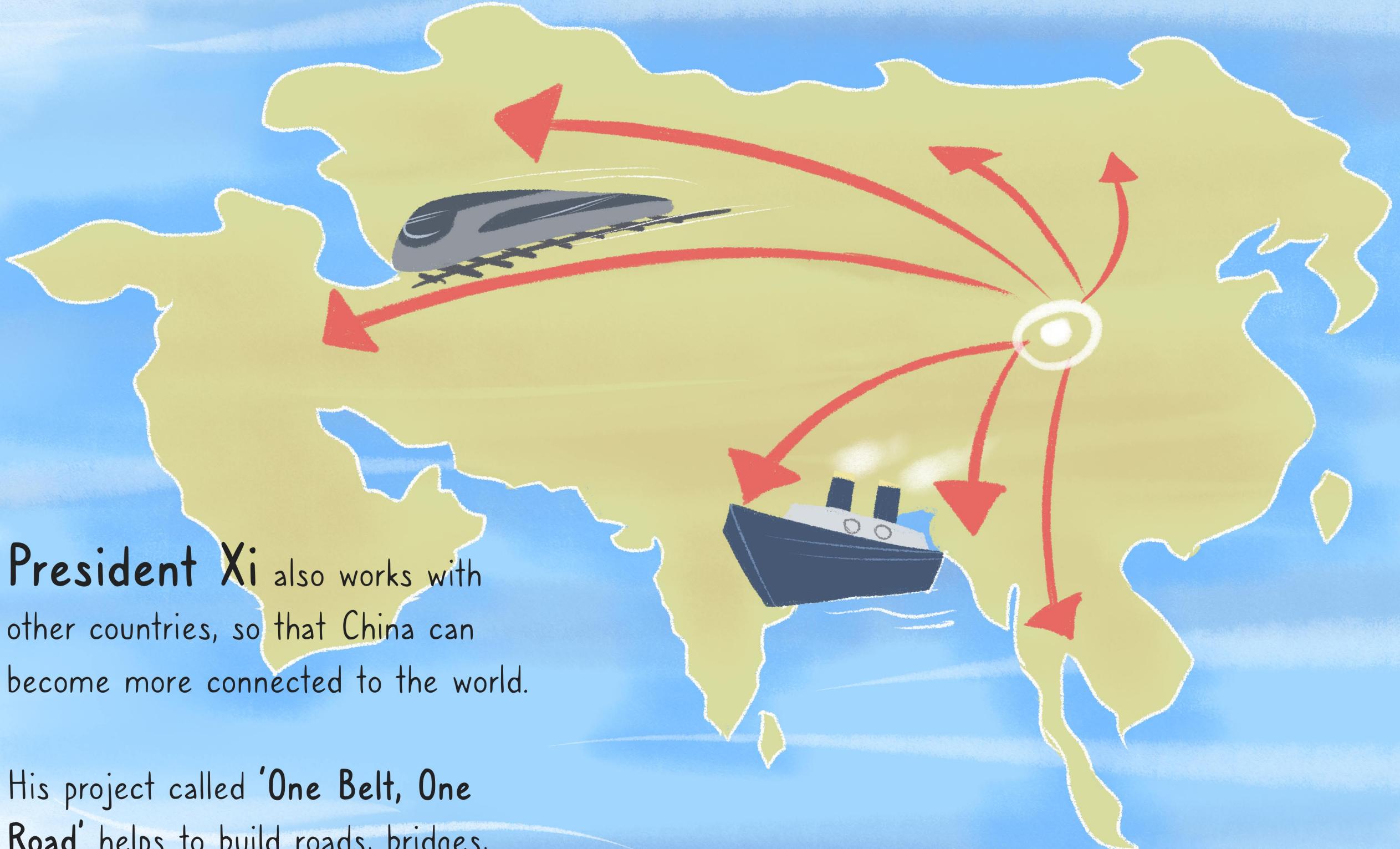
This means that Chinese people can work hard to make their lives better, and work hard to make their country rich and strong.



Another one of Xi's major accomplishments was fighting corruption.

Corruption is when government officials use their power to make money instead of helping people. Xi fired many politicians for being corrupt, and even sent some to jail.





President Xi also works with other countries, so that China can become more connected to the world.

His project called 'One Belt, One Road' helps to build roads, bridges, and ports for boats in other countries.



Of course, President Xi isn't a perfect leader. Most people believe he has too much power. In many countries, someone can be president for 4 or 5 years. But President Xi will be the leader of China for his whole life!

Because he is so powerful, he can do many good things. But he can also do many bad things.

When will Xi stop leading China?

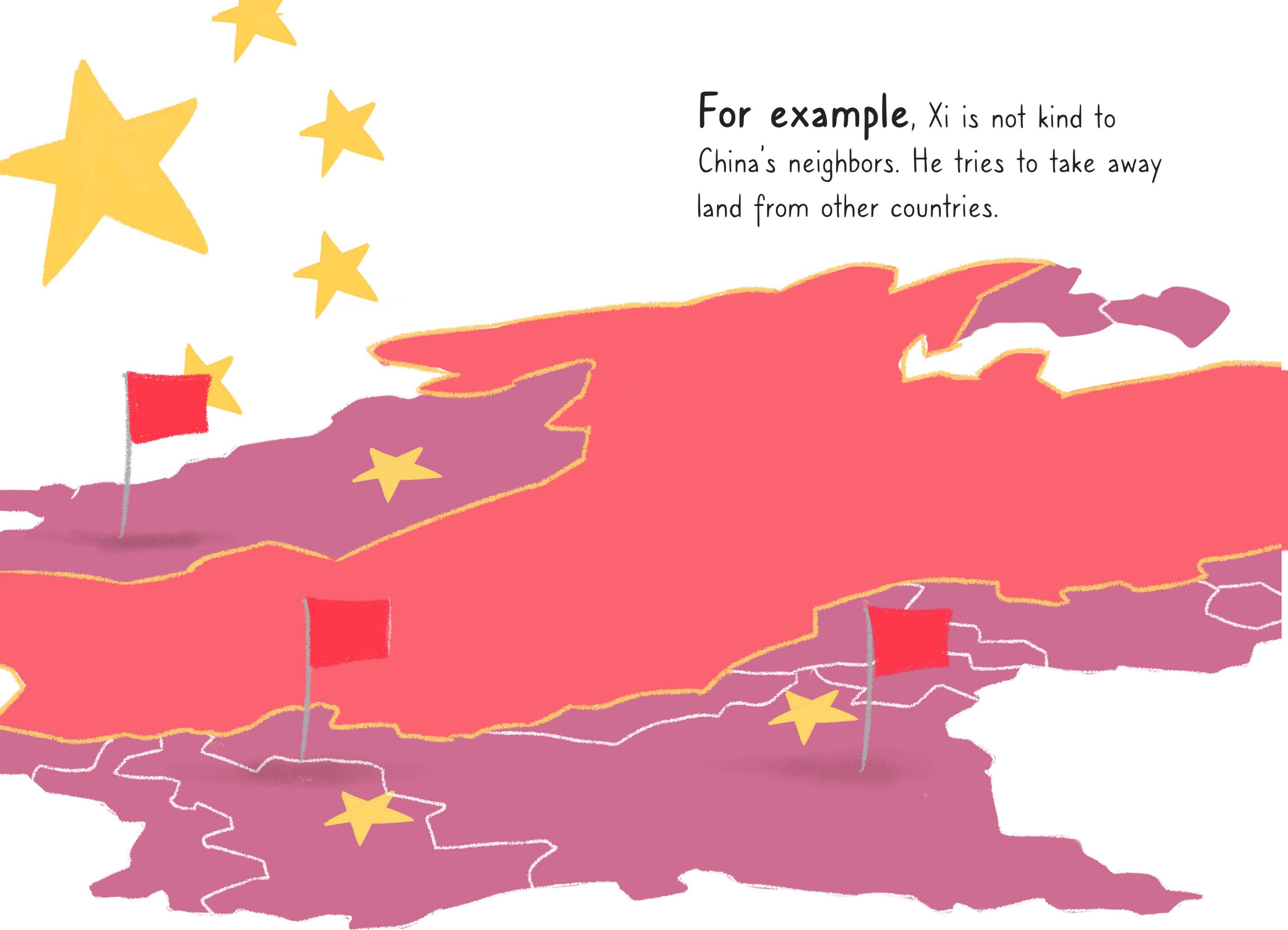
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For example, Xi is not kind to  
China's neighbors. He tries to take away  
land from other countries.

Although some people don't like President Xi Jinping, many people in China really love him. They even call him 'Uncle Xi'.

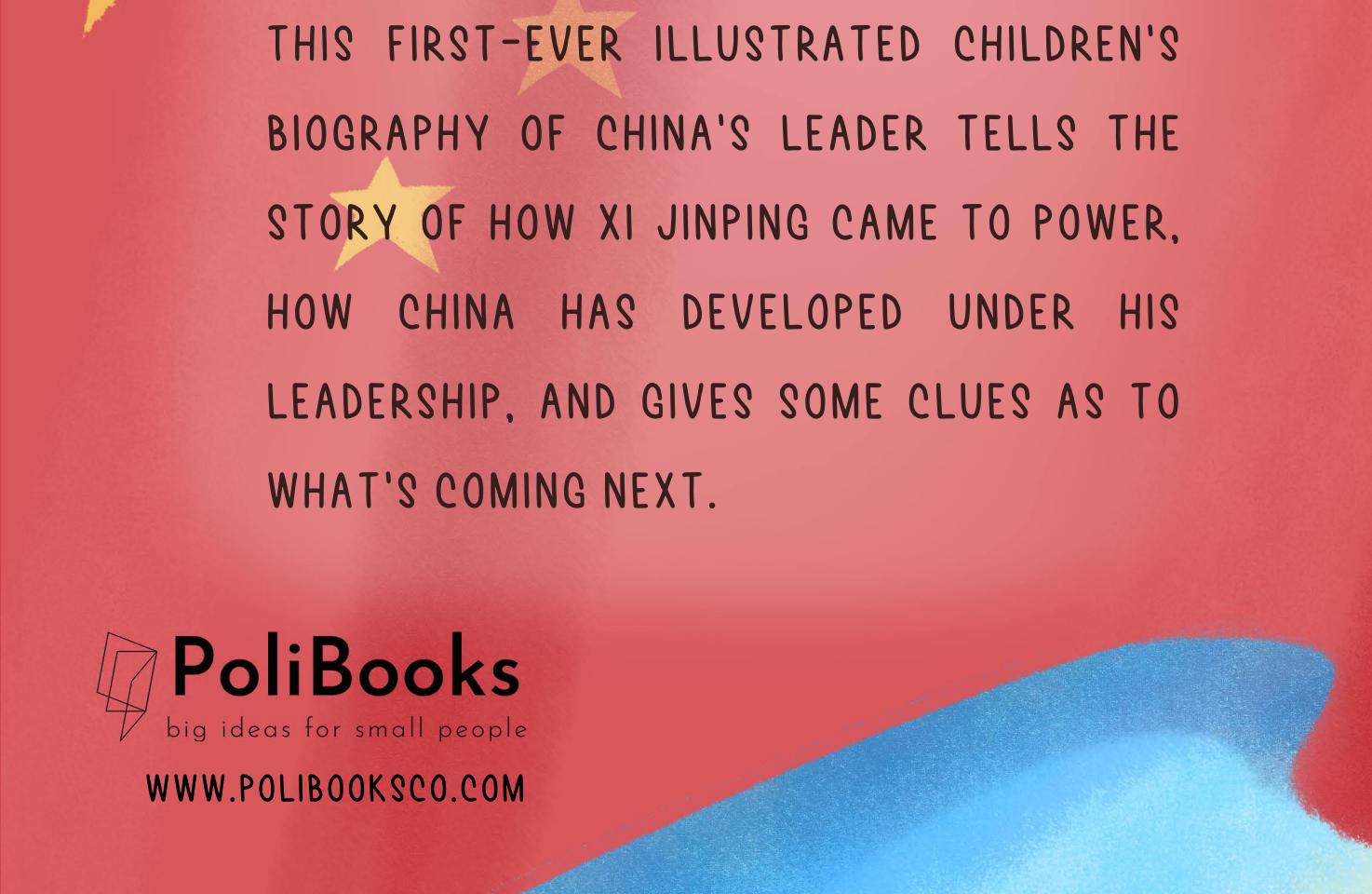
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What do you think Uncle Xi be known for? Will he be known for helping the Chinese people, or for hurting China's neighbors?



XI JINPING IS THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL PERSON (ACCORDING TO FORBES), AND ALSO ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL.



THIS FIRST-EVER ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S BIOGRAPHY OF CHINA'S LEADER TELLS THE STORY OF HOW XI JINPING CAME TO POWER, HOW CHINA HAS DEVELOPED UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, AND GIVES SOME CLUES AS TO WHAT'S COMING NEXT.

# Xi Jinping: China's Leader

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