

CHAPTER TWO

The cobra's egg

'Hello, Mowgli!' says Tabaqui. 'How are you?'
'I'm angry with Baloo,' says Mowgli. 'I'm not a child!'



'No, you're not!' says Tabaqui. 'But men are brave. Are YOU brave, Mowgli?'

'Yes, I am!' says Mowgli.

'Can you steal the cobra's egg?' asks Tabaqui.

'Yes, I can!' says Mowgli.



Mowgli sees his friend Rikki Tikki.

'I can steal the cobra's egg,' says Mowgli.

'I'm brave!'

'That's not brave,' says Rikki Tikki. 'The cobra is dangerous!'





But Mowgli does not listen to Rikki Tikki. He goes far into the jungle and looks for the cobra and her egg.

Mowgli sees the cobra. She is sleeping next to her big white egg. Mowgli walks slowly. He is very quiet but the cobra sees him.





'Oh no!' thinks Mowgli. 'What can I do?'
Mowgli plays his flute to the cobra. The cobra listens. She is not looking at her egg and Mowgli steals it.