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## Brave teen creates

A long battle with cancer inspires Oscar to produce a picture book, writes **Miranda Yeung**

During his two-year battle with cancer, Oscar Fung Ho-ching often felt hungry due to the side-effects of chemotherapy and other treatments.

He craved for more food soon after finishing a big bowl of noodles. Still, he became very weak, and at times, he couldn't even stand up.

But the bespectacled boy was not dispirited. Instead, he regarded those undesirable reactions as alternative "inspirations", which in turn gave birth to an English illustrated book, *The Lion's Menu*. It was published early this month with the help of Make-A-Wish Hong Kong.

"Because I was always hungry, I thought of food all the time," recalled Oscar, 16. "I imagined being a greedy lion, thinking what to eat every day. I was so bored in hospital that I poured all these ideas into drawings."

Now healthy and talkative, it's hard to imagine that Oscar didn't have any hair and was just skin and bones not so long



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