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Millions of water hyacinth plants live in the canals along the Mekong Delta near Nep's village. Nep thought that she knew everything there was to know about the plant - how it gets stuck in her father's canoe propeller, how to cook it, and games you can play with it. When she sees her mother drying and weaving the stems of the plant, she becomes curious.

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