

# The Unlobster



Although Bonny, Ronny, and little Meptang were hatched from the same egg cluster, there was something about Meptang that worried Connie and Don, their mum and dad. Each time he moulted, his carapace lost some of its rich, chitinous luster, his swimmerets shriveled up, and another layer of unseemly hair follicles appeared on his uropods. Don feared that his condition would cause Meptang to be labeled an “unlobster.” The more understanding Connie called it just a phase her son was going through. She changed her tune, however, the day that Meptang threw Ronny into a pot of boiling water, slathered lemon butter all over his tomalley, and ate him! Connie correctly predicted that life in their household would never again be the same!