I forgot my umbrella, a Chinese short story for HSK 2

In Chéngdū it rains a lot, and Hán Tāo always forgets his umbrella. So he buys a new one, every time. How many does he have now?

你住的地方常常下雨吗？我有一个伞的故事！
Nǐ zhù de dìfang chángcháng xià yǔ ma? Wǒ yǒu yí ge sǎn de gùshi!
Does it rain a lot where you live? I have an umbrella story!

我住在成都，成都常常下雨。我有一个问题：我总是忘了带伞。
Wǒ zhù zài Chéngdū, Chéngdū chángcháng xià yǔ. Wǒ yǒu yí ge wèntí: wǒ zǒngshì wàngle dài sǎn.
I live in Chéngdū, and in Chéngdū it rains a lot. I have one problem: I always forget my umbrella.

早上出门的时候，天气很好，我就不带伞。下午就下雨了。
Zǎoshang chūmén de shíhou, tiānqì hěn hǎo, wǒ jiù bú dài sǎn. Xiàwǔ jiù xià yǔ le.
When I go out in the morning, the weather is good, so I don't take an umbrella. In the afternoon, it rains.

所以我就去商店买一把新伞，二十块。每次都是这样。
Suǒyǐ wǒ jiù qù shāngdiàn mǎi yì bǎ xīn sǎn, èrshí kuài. Měi cì dōu shì zhèyàng.
So I go into a shop and buy a new umbrella. Twenty kuài. Every time.

上个月，我看了看门后面，数了数我的伞。有多少把？你猜！
Shàng ge yuè, wǒ kànle kàn mén hòumiàn, shǔle shǔ wǒ de sǎn. Yǒu duōshao bǎ? Nǐ cāi!
Last month I looked behind my door and counted my umbrellas. How many? Guess!

十一把！家里有十一把伞，可是我还常常淋雨。
Shíyī bǎ! Jiā li yǒu shíyī bǎ sǎn, kěshì wǒ hái chángcháng lín yǔ.
Eleven! Eleven umbrellas at home, and I still get caught in the rain all the time.

我朋友说：“放一把伞在包里，一直不拿出来。”这个主意不错。
Wǒ péngyou shuō: “Fàng yì bǎ sǎn zài bāo li, yìzhí bù ná chūlai.” Zhège zhǔyi búcuò.
My friend said: “Put one umbrella in your bag and never take it out.” Not a bad idea.

第二天早上，我把一把黑伞放进了包里。我觉得自己很聪明。
Dì èr tiān zǎoshang, wǒ bǎ yì bǎ hēi sǎn fàngjìnle bāo li. Wǒ juéde zìjǐ hěn cōngming.
The next morning I put a black umbrella in my bag. I felt very clever.

那天，我一直看天。你觉得下雨了吗？
Nà tiān, wǒ yìzhí kàn tiān. Nǐ juéde xià yǔ le ma?
All that day I kept looking at the sky. Do you think it rained?

没有。一整天都是大太阳。
Méiyǒu. Yì zhěng tiān dōu shì dà tàiyáng.
No. Bright sun all day.

第二天是晴天，第三天还是晴天。我的包很重，两个星期都没下雨。
Dì èr tiān shì qíngtiān, dì sān tiān háishi qíngtiān. Wǒ de bāo hěn zhòng, liǎng ge xīngqī dōu méi xià yǔ.
The next day was sunny, and the day after was sunny too. My bag was heavy, and it didn't rain for two weeks.

两个星期以后，我想：好吧，这个月不会下雨了。
Liǎng ge xīngqī yǐhòu, wǒ xiǎng: hǎo ba, zhège yuè bú huì xià yǔ le.
After two weeks I thought: OK, no more rain this month.

我把黑伞从包里拿出来，放在门后面，跟另外十把在一起。
Wǒ bǎ hēi sǎn cóng bāo li ná chūlai, fàng zài mén hòumiàn, gēn lìngwài shí bǎ zài yìqǐ.
I took the black umbrella out of my bag and put it behind the door, with the other ten.

那天下午五点，我从地铁站出来。你猜，怎么了？
Nà tiān xiàwǔ wǔ diǎn, wǒ cóng dìtiězhàn chūlai. Nǐ cāi, zěnme le?
That afternoon at five, I came out of the subway station. Guess what happened?

下雨了。下得非常非常大。
Xià yǔ le. Xià de fēicháng fēicháng dà.
Rain. Very, very heavy rain.

我走进地铁站旁边的商店。商店的阿姨跟我很熟。
Wǒ zǒujìn dìtiězhàn pángbiān de shāngdiàn. Shāngdiàn de āyí gēn wǒ hěn shú.
I walked into the shop next to the subway station. The woman in the shop knows me very well.

她什么也没问。她把一把伞放在我前面，我给了她二十块。
Tā shénme yě méi wèn. Tā bǎ yì bǎ sǎn fàng zài wǒ qiánmiàn, wǒ gěile tā èrshí kuài.
She didn't ask me anything. She put an umbrella in front of me, and I gave her twenty kuài.

她问："第十二把？"我说："第十二把。"
Tā wèn: "Dì shí'èr bǎ?" Wǒ shuō: "Dì shí'èr bǎ."
She asked: "Number twelve?" I said: "Number twelve."

所以现在我有十二把伞。今天早上我出门的时候，天气很好。
Suǒyǐ xiànzài wǒ yǒu shí'èr bǎ sǎn. Jīntiān zǎoshang wǒ chūmén de shíhou, tiānqì hěn hǎo.
So now I have twelve umbrellas. This morning, when I went out, the weather was good.

现在下雨了。十二把伞，都在家里。
Xiànzài xià yǔ le. Shí'èr bǎ sǎn, dōu zài jiā li.
Now it's raining. And all twelve umbrellas are at home.

Words in the story

伞 sǎn *umbrella*	一把伞 yì bǎ sǎn *one umbrella (把 is the measure word for an umbrella)*	下雨 xià yǔ *to rain*
总是 zǒngshì *always*	忘了带 wàngle dài *forgot to bring*	门后面 mén hòumiàn *behind the door*
数 shǔ *to count*	淋雨 lín yǔ *to get caught in the rain*	主意 zhǔyi *idea*
聪明 cōngming *clever*	一整天 yì zhěng tiān *all day*	太阳 tàiyáng *the sun*
晴天 qíngtiān *a sunny day*	重 zhòng *heavy*	另外 lìngwài *the other*
地铁站 dìtiězhàn *subway station*	熟 shú *to know well*	

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