

## 456.22 楚王英女 – Chu king's daughter Ying

Lu Shaoqian could handle amulets of the immortals.

Ying, the young daughter of king of Chu had an illness caused by demons, and so Shaoqian was called upon.

Still a few Li away from his destination, Shaoqian made a stop for night lodging. At night a man approached, riding a soft turtle shell carriage, coming out from a cavalry crowd of a thousands. The man called himself "Count venerated", and greeted Shaoqian. Then he invited him in for a few cups of wine, and the dishes arrived on a series of tables.

Upon separating he said: "The illness of Chu king's daughter, I caused it. If you, sir, will be kind enough to turn around and go back, I shall thank you using a sum of two hundred thousands."

Shaoqian accepted the money, turned back, and came to Chu using a different route in order to perform the healing.

The people of the household crowded In front of the girl's chambers, and yet one could hear a voice saying: "Shaoqian is cheating your father!" This was followed by a sound of wind blowing towards northwest. Upon looking, they saw a basin full of blood. The girl stopped breathing, but at midnight she revived.

The king ordered his people to search for the wind, and on the north western part of the city wall they found a dead snake, several Zhang in length. With a hundred thousand small snakes lying dead next to it. Later on a warrant arrived at the various regions saying that on the same month and day a sum of two hundred thousands coins belonging to the minister of agriculture was gone, and there were several reports of missing things out of the belongings of top rank officials.

Shaoqian documented the sum of money in the books, and sent a report. The emperor marveled upon this.

**Taken from "Liu Yi Zhuan"<sup>23</sup>**

23 "Liu Yi Zhuan" did not survive to present time, and the text in Taiping Guangji was used, among the rest, to for it's reconstruction in his book 古小說鈎沈.