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The Shaolin Temple

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Master,
the three youngsters are still outside.
It's already the fifth day.
It's raining heavily.
If they don't go,
they'll fall from exhaustion
Yes.
Ask the masters here for a discussion
Those 3 guys came for martial arts
They've knelt outside for 5 days.
Though we don't teach outsiders,
They're determined; rules can be changed.
What do you think
No. Great Master is still in the chamber.
This concerns the temple's reputation.
We ought to make the decision carefully.
You're getting weak!
Maybe you should go back.
I must learn in Shaolin how to take revenge
I'll stay or die.
Are all the masters here,
aware of the fact that...
we've knelt there for 5 days
They know it.
They're having a meeting about it.
Can't be decided till Great Master's out.
Sister Wumei,
You should meditate with me in temple
Because of your student Miaozihua,
I'm dealing with Wudong...
hopefully to avoid a massacre.
I understand your idea.
I'm afraid that Miao's son, Fang Shiyu...
won't give up.
I've thought about it.
Calamity is sure;
question is how to avert it!
Shaolin martial art has to be smooth
It has got to be all pervasive
Not stopping even during tough times
Now I should go out from the chamber.
The Great Master is out.
Great Master, the 3 youngsters are here
I'm aware of that

I thought about the temple's future inside.
Learning martial art is forbidden by law,
Shaolin martial arts will come to an end
Soon there'll be great damnation
I just realized after the heavy rain
Though the martial arts here is strong...
it's tough, shielding the government's attack.
To preserve the Shaolin Martial Art,
we have to spread it out to people,
so that it won't be lost through time.
To ensure that it carries on...
we have to get more outside students.
Heixin, open the door of the temple,
Let the 3 young fellows in.
Great Master, if we do this...
anyone can get in and out of this temple
This sacred place will be ruined
We have no choice.
Stand up
I won't if you don't accept me.
Come in first and we'll talk.
Fong Shiyu, Hu Heigan, Hung Xiguan
As students, you must follow the rules
You can't go out
until you've learnt it all
You've knelt outside for 5 days
you guys are really determined
Since you've got into the temple,
you must toss aside your hatred for now.
If you don't follow the rules, you're out.
Manyue, lead them to the South Garden
Yes.
Come, let's go.
Dezhong
Dezhong
Dezhong
Miss Yan Yongchuen...
is an old friend.
I'm meeting her here.
She'll take us to a fishing village nearby
we'll eat and take a rest.
Yongchuen, they're my good brothers
Hu Dedi, Li Sekai,
Fang Dahung, Ma Caixin, MaFuyi

For the foundation of lord Zhen,
we're the only ones left.
Hiding at
Miss Yan's village is fine for now
where else do we find shelter
in this vast world
Lord Zhen sent us to contact Shaolin...
Rebel Qing and restore Ming Dynasty
We can go and stay at Shaolin temple
I agree. I've heard...
Shaolin temple is taking in outsiders
I think we won't be rejected.
Fuyi, you don't wish to go there
It's not like I have a choice.
I'm just thinking,
For those who join the Qing Dynasty,
They're rich and doing well there.
MaFuyi, what's your point
What did I say
We're the only ones left to do this.
Don't argue anymore.
Dedi, you know how to get to Shaolin
This is quite a good idea.
My teacher Wumei is in chambers there.
I can take you there.
Let's go to Shaolin Temple.
We've knelt for 3 days,
we didn't even see a single monk
Lin Guanrau, I'm leaving. It's ridiculous!
Don't care even if I were made God inside
I don't think it's easy to get in Shaolin.
Master.
You have to kneel if you want to learn.
Master, do you remember me
I've been here and met the Great Master.
I had come from Taiwan last time...
Please come in.
They can go in, why can't I?
They're here to see Great Master.
We're too. We want to be his students.
Look at that guy.
Staying in Shaolin temple for 3 years,
we became chefs.
Careful not to fall in and ruin the food

Aren't you hungry?
My stomach is rumbling
However we can't eat this rice.
Is it poisonous?
Why don't they just let us in
This is to test how determined we are.
Please go back.
We came here to learn. What's up
You need to suffer a lot to learn here...
way beyond starving for 3 days.
You can't even tolerate this,
don't even talk about martial arts
Forget about getting into the temple.
You always have good thoughts.
I'm always wiser than you.
Shaolin Ten Style Fist set
You've done it for some time, show me.
Master
Master, sorry, I'm late.
Don't come if you're going to be late.
Master, I won't do it again.
Master, I've been here for a long time,
but I haven't learnt anything.
Please have mercy on me.
Tiger style.
Crane style
The 2 styles have lots of variations
You're not as hard working as he is.
That's enough. Go make fire in kitchen.
I haven't got it yet.
Everyone has different potential.
I ask you to light fire, you do so.
Can I get both styles by making fire?
How do you know you can't?
When did you come here?
Just now.
How long have you waited outside?
I didn't wait.
Fang Shiyu.
Fang Shiyu.
Don't be lazy.
Just making fire, why does it have to be me?
Tiger style
I'd rather be killed than be humiliated

Please go back.
Master, they're Zhen Chengong's people
They're wanted and are not yet monks
Staying here, the government will notice
You mean we should kick them out?
Tell them
They are Zhen Chengong's people
change into monk apprentice's clothes
Yes.
How many people still want to get in?
only 3 left. They're determined.
Hope they're really here to learn.
They all are.
Manyue, help them to get up.
Yes.
Go, I'd rather die if I can't get in.
Buddha, please have mercy.
We're new here. I'm Fang Shiyu.
Huang Xonghan, Lin Guangrau, Zhu Dao
It seems you've suffered a lot.
Finally I got my wish fulfilled.
Brother Fang is in the temple.
You must have learnt a lot already.
It depends.
I've been making fire here.
Lin Guangrau, Zhu Dao, go to the library.
Huang Xonghan, go to the kitchen.
Good. You're my co-worker now.
Learning to be a good chef isn't that bad.
Can martial arts be learnt in a library?
Who knows
We're here now; Should be okay, I guess
We'd better get some sleep
Gotta get up before dawn.
Can't learn anything if you're late.
Taking care of the books is important.
only one person can be in charge.
I'll teach body-lifting to the other
Who would like to take care of books?
Zhu Dao, please give me a chance
I'll be grateful to you my whole life
You have to open all the books.
Then, flip the pages constantly.
Do you understand?

Yes, I understand.
You follow me.
Master, there're no words in the book.
It's just whether you can or cannot see
I observed you when you just got here
You've got potential for body-lifting
Thank you, master.
Tie it on.
Each weighs 15 catties each,
there is 60 catties of iron
Don't take it off until I say so.
Jump.
Don't stop jumping.
Have you just been making fire all along?
Not really.
What then? Cooking people for eating!
Can you get out of my way?
You're so unreasonable.
Nothing is with reason here anyway
He's not learning anything here.
Don't care about him.
If you don't keep stirring,
you'll be hit if the congee gets burnt
Even masters and Shaolin monks
everybody got hit before, really
Master, I'm having a hard time here,
can you please help me out?
The congee is burnt!
Keep turning the pages, don't be lazy.
Turn
Jump
Master, I won't be lazy again...
Don't give me a hand
oh my, I won't be lazy again!
Look, am I doing it right
Brother Wu, how do you do the crane style?
What martial art should we learn here?
Great Master knows our potential...
and strong points, you shouldn't ask me
I should learn the Tiger and crane style.
Is it wrong to ask again?
The rule says we can't teach each other
You're not a good pal...
In the garden over there,

Hu Dedi, Cai Dezhong, the 6 guys,
They're practicing there, let's see..
Let's go.
I can't feel my legs anymore.
Are you still going?
It's the same for me, look..
You're just drying books, how come?
I think we're still gaining something.
What are you guys doing here?
Go on
What are you doing/
Don't you want to do martial arts/
I'll continue to practise.
What's the matter here?
Brother Ma, this is the Tiger style
Don't under estimate it.
Come on.
Stop.
We can do it again if you want.
I'll definitely come
Admitted that Fang Shi Yu can't beat you
someday, you might not be his match
Good, I'll look forward to that day.
You be careful.
Let's go.
Master, every night at this hour,
you'll come and teach me?
I don't care about him.
I'll be waiting here anyway.
I almost learnt body-lifting.
Where is Lin Guangyao
Maybe he left after he was through
Get down.
Your Majesty
Gu Beizi
General Shin, how are you?
I'm good.
It must be tough for you in Shaolin.
It's an honor
to work for the king and you.
The king hates Shaolin temple.
I've heard, since last year,
they took in lots of outsider students.
The king was angry when he heard.

Yes.
Since last year, lots of outsiders got in.
Even now, there's a group every month.
about 10 to 18 people.
These outsiders, are they good?
All of them are strictly chosen,
If I want to get rid of Shaolin temple,
what do you think I should do?
For all these years,
I've been thinking about this matter.
Shaolin has a good foundation
We almost got the whole world
why can't we defeat Shaolin temple?
Gathering the soldiers isn't a bad idea,
but maybe among the monk apprentices,
we should have spies.
Also, utilize my status in the temple
to go against the smarter ones.
I think it'll be easier that way.
You've been in Shaolin for a long time
I really long to see Shaolin martial arts
You want to test my ability?
No, I wouldn't dare to
Shaolin martial art is great,
we have to cleanse them thoroughly.
May I be excused
Come and see me whenever there's chance.
Stop there.
Don't chase.
Even if you get there, you won't win.
He'll kill if he's forced.
May I ask who are you?
You two were monk apprentices before
Yes, I'm Hu Dedi.
This is my best friend Cai Dezhong.
I'm Wu Mei
Master Wu Mei
Great Master asked me...
to practise here till the right time.
Seeing you tonight is indeed a sign
What do you usually practise?
I practise 3-sectioned staff.
I practise fists.
I'll teach you fist and whip set

But after you've learnt it,
you have to work for me.
Thank you, master.
What can I do for you
I only had 2 female students all my life
Miao Zuehua and Yan Yongchuan
Miao has followed me for a long time.
Her husband was
killed by one of WuDang's men
They have a son, Fang Shiyu
I've heard he is in the temple now.
That's right
The rules of Shaolin temple are strict.
He's urging to take revenge,
if he disobeys the rules in Shaolin,
please help him out.
Yes, we will.
Yan Yongchuen is my new student.
Before I can teach her anything,
I was asked to come here.
Yan Yongchuen is my good friend.
Good. There will be damnation.
Maybe I can't see you after that.
After you leave the temple,
you must teach this fist set...
to Yan Yongchuen.
Yes, master.
This fist set is designed for girls.
It's emphasis is on close attack,
and can hurt people at close range.
Even on a small table,
they can see who's the winner.
once your enemy gets close,
they can't win over you.
Zhu Dao
I have something to tell you. Come.
Yes.
Master, how can I go up without stairs
Can't you just jump up
Jump
I don't know whether I can make it.
Master, I...
Your body-lifting has got foundation.
Keep practicing

till you don't leave any marks on the books
Just put in more force,
you can easily jump to the top.
Come, let's go and see Lin Guangrau
Master, you mean I'm better than...
He can't win you even with out the iron
Winners can't win everything,
losers won't lose it all. Got it
Yes, I understand.
Crane style
I'll challenge Ma Fuyi again today.
Certainly beat him this time
The shadow on the wall last night,
showed me the whole Tiger-crane style
It's too bad I never know
which master he is
I think you guys are better than me.
They're adding more iron on Lin's leg
Zhu Dao is even better,
his body-lifting is getting higher
There's no need to talk about Wu Heigan.
You've learnt the Tiger-crane style
It's only me,
I've only cooked for a whole year...
and learnt nothing.
Even if I'm bad, that's enough punishment
You came again, not afraid of being hit
How many times have you been hit?
Not too much, only once amonth.
just 17 or 18 times.
Good, once more tonight.
I'll be hit again.
Stop.
Master.
It's just testing skills, why hit so hard?
Hard, that's nothing.
That's nothing
Yes, I was hit 17 or 18 times,
everytime is like this.
It's only his first time.
Fang Shiyu, who allows you to misbehave
Me, misbehave
I fight with him every month,
many people know.

Get out! If I see it again,
you'll be hit and be kicked out of here.
MaFuyi,
I've been watching you.
Follow me.
Yes.
I'm thinking that...
MaFuyi is sneaky.
It's strange that Master Heixien...
favors him a lot.
Master Heixie
You said we should follow the flow
Though Shaolin's foundation is strong,
still hard to
fight the Qing troops, right
Master.
I just need to speak it out.
I think you're not used to the life here,
you aspire a luxurious life style, right?
Good.
There is luxury in front of you,
only if you'll do what I say.
Master.
Don't tell this to anyone.
Come here whenever there's a chance,
I'll teach you alone.
Yes.
The last step is called 'Flying Dragon'
Good. Dezhong's fist set is ready.
After it's passed onto Yan Yongchuen,
let's hope she promotes it.
She's smart. She won't disappoint you.
They just told me
about Master Heixien and Ma Fuyi.
I want some advice from you.
You're just too suspicious.
I shouldn't say too much.
Great Master understands everything.
Bad time cannot be avoided;
instead of fighting, just follow the flow
So, I don't ask and I listen much,
waiting for the badtime to be over.
Please take good care of yourselves.
Yes.

Huang Xonghan, come to Great Master Room
out of Lin ,Zhu, and Huang
Huang has got the most potential,
but he's not calm enough.
So he needs to be trained in the kitchen
Now, it's time.
You should teach him Shaolin Staff set
Yes
Now, even you're the teacher,
He may surpass you in the future.
Great Master, you mean I ...
Shaolin staff is soft yet powerful.
It's hard to get the balance.
For the past 2 years,
He's stirring congee with the staff,
like drawing circles
He controls his arm very well.
Finally, I understand why you did that.
Catch this.
Why did you wake me up at this hour?
You forgot why we're here
Never. I'm here to learn martial art.
You and me need to take revenge.
I think we learnt enough for that.
I've mentioned about leaving,
but it seems the masters won't agree.
We...
We'll force our way out.
But... in that Wooden Men Alley,
can we fight our way out
I don't know.
That's why I'm here to talk about it.
I've made up my mind.
We have to sneak out for revenge.
We can't let anyone know.
Let's do it.
We'll fight our way out tomorrow.
This Wooden Men Alley seems normal.
once you're in, you'll know about it.
oK. I'll go in.
You switch on the machine, I'll report.
Who got in the alley
Fang Shiyu, Wu Heigan.
Someone went into the alley.

Must be them who seek revenge
and went into the Wooden Men Alley
Fang Shiyu
Let's check it out.
Let's go.
The machine has been switched on.
It seems they haven't done it yet.
It's a sin to enter by force in the alley.
You hide inside the alley with MaFuyi
Have no mercy.
We must keep them here no matter what.
This is Master's order. Don't hesitate.
one who shows mercy, will be a betrayer.
Hurry up!
Lead them to hide in the secret passage.
Yes
Which way should we go
We're here already, whatever.
Each of us picks one. Go!
U-turn road
Go back or you'll suffer.
Thanks for the advice,
but I need to go out for revenge.
Have mercy, Buddha.
What's happening inside the alley
Master, please give us advice.
Go back.
Fang Shiyu.
Fang Shiyu, you still have today
Brother Ma, just ask them to return.
I want him to suffer.
Master Heixien said that...
it doesn't matter if we kill him.
Why don't you come and help
Go.
Fang Shiyu ,you deserve it.
Watch out!
Let's block him from the front.
Brother Ma, you want to kill him
or are you just following the order
What rubbish!
Master.
How is it
Fang Shiyu, Wu Heigan are inside.

Then we...

Brother Li, Brother Fang, Father Ma

How about we go into have a look, too

OK.

Master, please have mercy.

Master, please give us advice.

He wants to kill me.

Entering the alley doesn't deserve death.

There's 'U-turn Road' in the alley

It's to give people a chance to go back.

Shut up!

You ignore rules of the temple.

Master is powerful in martial art,

Please advise us, we want to help.

Let's go.

Come on

Little master, I must leave Shaolin.

Why did you bring me here?

Crawl out from here, you can get out...

just near the exit of Wooden Men Alley.

You ask me to crawl out from dog hole

A great guy should be flexible.

Besides...

there's something wrong with Heixin,

You can't stay in the temple anymore.

Thank you for your advice.

Hit me here with your fist, harder.

Why?

I have my plan. Come on, quick.

Run.

Quick. Go fast

Fang Shiyu, time for you to die!

Though you could get past 8 wooden men,

you can't get through me, the last stage.

I won't die.

Brother Ma, he's not likely to get out,

how about stopping the machine?

No. Just let him die in the alley,

to warn the people about coming in here.

Master, please advise me.

Fang Shiyu, quickly get out.

Thanks for your help. See you.

I'm still alive!

What is this place?

We're out of Shaolin Temple.
These men besides Ma Dedi,
all helped Fang and Wu to get out.
Please punish them hard?
oK... I'll take your suggestion
Good.
Each of you, face the wall for 3 months.
Wu Dedi.
Zai Dezhong.
Le Sekai.
Fang Dahong.
Ma Chaoxin.
Zhu Dao.
Huang Xonghan.
I thought Master Heixin is practicing
You think it's not fair,
do it for 6 months
Manyue is also one of them.
No, I'm not.
I forced Wu Heigan to see Great Master
but he's powerful and good,
he hit me and then he ran away.
It hurts...
Manyue, a monk can't lie.
I didn't lie.
You didn't make the right judgement,
sweep the library floor for 3 months.
Thank you, master.
Little master, it's almost 3 months;
In these 3 months, I'm bored to death.
They're still on their punishment.
It's good that
the new comers talk about...
what Wu and Fang did in Guangzhou.
Little master,
C'mon hurry. Get a rope and pull me up.
You don't need a rope.
You'll be free if you have no burden.
What burden am I carrying
I could hardly walk when I got here.
But now, I've almost forgotten
Master, can I take off the iron tiles?
Fine
Huang Xonghan, it's you!

It must have been tough for you.
Let's go. Can't stand this place anymore.
I'm here to tell you something.
All the suffering one bears does pay off
What's up
Fang Shiyu is in his home town
He killed his enemy Lui Laohu.
Wu Heigan is in Guangzhou.
He's a good fighter there.
Someone might come to check anytime. Go on
Tomorrow is the last day anyway
Talk to you then.
oK. Talk to you then.
Your Majesty
Everyone here is one of us,
you can say what ever you want.
Yes.
The king gave me the ''Zhennam'' army,
plus Dezhang's best artillery
If we can't destroy Shaolin temple,
I'll have no face to come back.
The monks will sacrifice to defend,
Can't defend for a longtime.
our army is as fast as lightning
won't even give them a chance to rest.
We'll open the door once the army's here
The army posted at the front door...
will be led by Gu, Qin, Dezhang
That way the power could be focused
I'll poison the monks discreetly
The monks will be too weak to retaliate
After everything's done,
you'll be appointed as General.
Thank you,your Majesty.
Can't tell anyone until we're there,
so that Shaolin won't be prepared.
Yes.
Yes
What's the matter
The other night outside Heixin's room,
remember seeing a masked fellow
Just a while ago I again saw that man
It seems they put something in the well
Could it be poison

I didn't see clearly.
Is he Master Heixin
I need to inform the Great Master.
Master Heixin is a senior of the temple.
We're just being a bit suspicious.
How can we tell Great Master
That...
Just tell the close brothers,
Watch out, everybody.
What happened
Come here.
Many of Qing Army soldiers walked past!
I wonder where they're going?
Let's corner one and ask about it.
Where are the soldiers going?
You betrayer.
Look at me, I'm just a citizen.
We're going to Shaolin temple.
You liar. That's not true.
You're not punished yet for leaving
you have guts to come here again!
Master, this is true.
The Zhennam Army of 4000 soldiers,
led by Manguai King to destroy Shaolin
Qing army is at the bottom of the hill
I'm afraid they'll attack.
I did know that damnation is inevitable
Hope I could at least have half a day,
so the spirit of the temple can be kept
Great Master, Please evacuate everyone
Shutup.
Great Master, one more thing;
on our way here,
we inquired of the troops
We had heard that, in Shaolin temple...
there're spies from earlier on.
What are you doing
You are the spy!
Run, quickly
I'll go in; come after you finish with him
of course.
Great Master.
The army has got in, we...
We got poisoned by the betrayers,

we lost our power, we'll depend on you.
Be sure to promote Shaolin martial arts
Spread it wide throughout the country.
I've decided to die here.
Great Master...
I've already decided. Run, go on!
Shaolin is finished. Surrender or die,
or you'll end up like this monk.
Have they surrendered?
So, you're the betrayer,
you poisoned us!
Master, do it,
get rid of one more obstacle.
Go.
Get the artillery here.
Yes.
Ma Fuyi is the traitor.
Don't let him escape
Go on. Catch him
Stay calm, we'll fight our way out.
The General is trapped up there.
Get the archery troops here.
Yes
After him!
How heavy are you
About 120 catties.
only 8 iron tiles.
What are you saying
If I can't go out, I'll die here with you.
You...
Shoot the fire arrows
Run.
Run.
Shaolin is finished,
but the martial art lives on.
We're planning to go back to our hometown,
heading east of Guangdong.
and contacting survivors who escaped this.
We'll go north
to make some connections...
for the next plan to rebel Qing Dynasty.
Let's go.