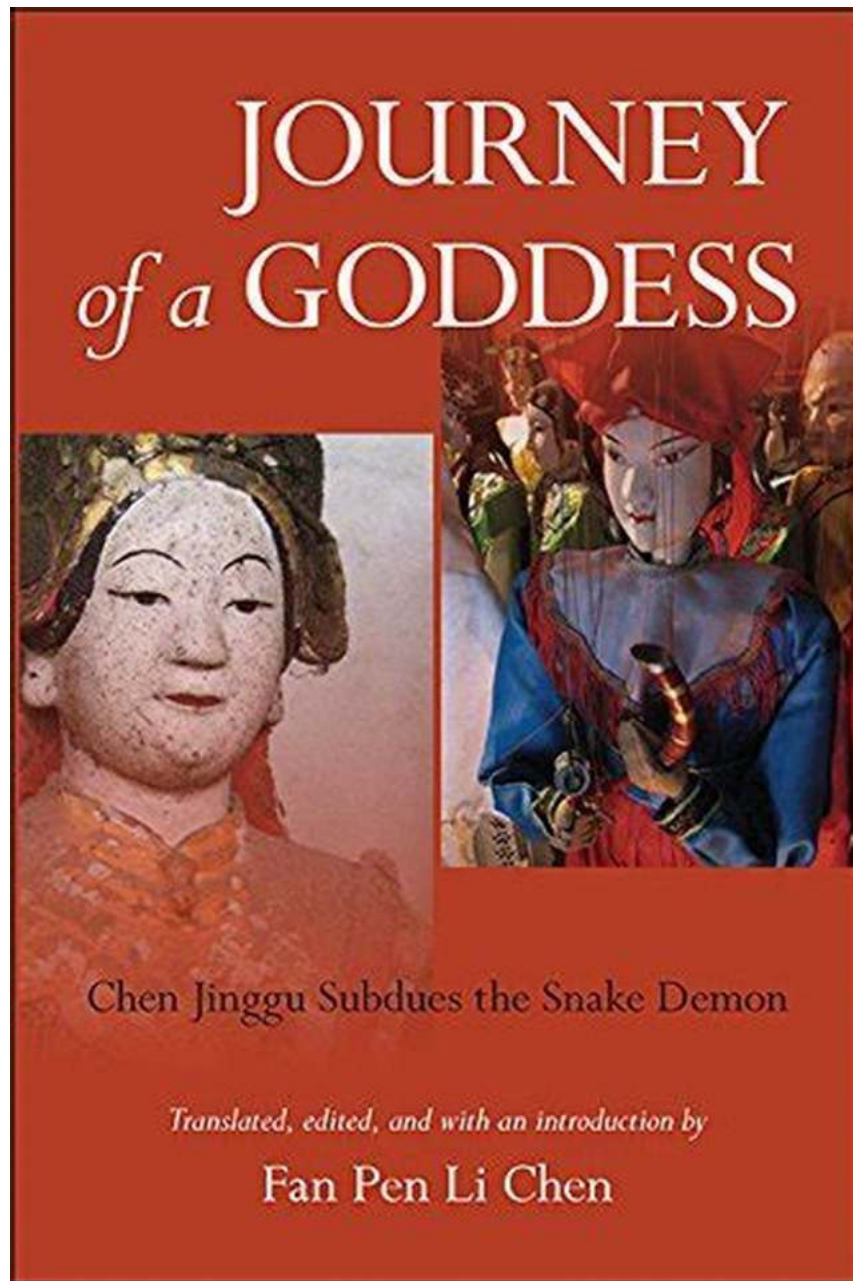


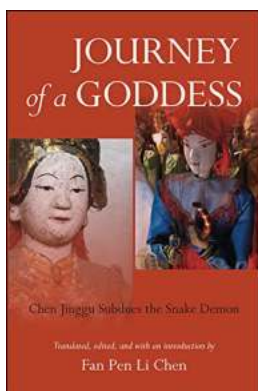
# Chen Jinggu Subdues The Snake Demon: A Battle of Power and Courage



Legends and folklore hold a special place in our hearts, captivating us with mythical creatures, epic battles, and tales of bravery. In Chinese history, one such legendary story is that of Chen Jinggu, a revered female deity who fearlessly faces and subdues a terrifying snake demon threatening the mortal realm.

## The Legend of Chen Jinggu

Chen Jinggu, also known as Lady Linshui, was a powerful Taoist figure who lived during the Tang Dynasty in China. Born with extraordinary abilities, she devoted her life to serving humanity and preserving harmony between the spiritual and physical worlds.



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According to the ancient texts, a colossal snake demon emerged from the depths of a dark cave, wreaking havoc on villages and terrorizing innocent people. With its venomous fangs and hypnotic eyes, the snake demon instilled fear and despair among the locals.

Word of the snake demon's malevolence reached Chen Jinggu, who immediately recognized the threat it posed to innocent lives. Armed with her knowledge of the mystical arts and supernatural powers, she embarked on a treacherous journey to confront the serpent and restore peace.

Chen Jinggu's journey took her deep into a dense forest, haunted by eerie whispers and ominous shadows. Her determination, however, remained

unwavering as she delved further into the unknown.

## **A Battle of Power**

Upon reaching the snake demon's lair, an intense battle ensued. The creature struck with lightning speed, coiling around Chen Jinggu, attempting to squeeze out her life force. But she stood firm, refusing to succumb to fear or the serpent's deadly grip.

Chen Jinggu called upon her celestial allies, harnessing the power of the Tao to defend against the relentless onslaught. Her movements were fluid, a harmonious dance between her mortal form and divine energy. With each strike, she weakened the serpent's defenses.

The serpent, sensing its impending defeat, unleashed its venomous fangs, hoping to poison Chen Jinggu and drain her strength. But she skillfully countered, weaving a spell that transformed the snake demon's venom into harmless drops of water.

As the battle waged on, the surrounding forest quaked and shook, as if in tune with the elemental forces at play. Chen Jinggu's determination and unwavering focus began to penetrate the serpent's heart, exposing its vulnerability.

## **Victory and Peace**

Finally, after a fierce struggle, Chen Jinggu struck the serpent demon with a decisive blow, causing it to falter and collapse in defeat. Its malevolence turned to weak cries of surrender, echoing through the air.

Chen Jinggu then used her powers to seal the serpent demon deep within the earth, imprisoning it forever. The villages rejoiced, celebrating their newfound freedom from the snake demon's tyranny.

From that day forward, Chen Jinggu became a symbol of courage, strength, and unconditional love. Temples and shrines were erected in her honor, and the legend of her battle against the snake demon was passed down through generations, inspiring countless people to face their own fears and overcome adversity.

## **Lessons from Chen Jinggu**

The story of Chen Jinggu's encounter with the snake demon reminds us of the inherent power within us to face any challenge, no matter how daunting it may seem. It teaches us that bravery, resilience, and a deep sense of purpose can triumph over darkness and evil.

Moreover, Chen Jinggu's tale serves as a reminder of the significance of protecting and nurturing our world. It emphasizes the delicate balance between humanity and nature, urging us to embrace our responsibility in preserving harmony and safeguarding our planet.

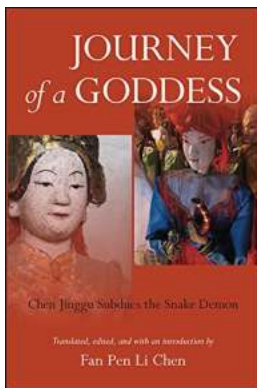
So, whenever you feel overwhelmed by obstacles or discouraged by the chaos around you, remember Chen Jinggu's victorious battle against the snake demon. Allow her strength and unwavering determination to inspire you to persevere and create positive change in your own life and the lives of others.

## **Inspiration from Ancient Tales**

Chen Jinggu's saga is just one among countless captivating legends that have been passed down through generations. These tales not only entertain and intrigue but also offer valuable lessons and insights into the human condition.

Let us continue to explore and cherish these ancient stories, allowing them to ignite our imagination and fuel our longing for wisdom and inspiration. Through

the power of folklore, we can connect with our roots and discover the timeless truths and timeless heroes that live deep within us.



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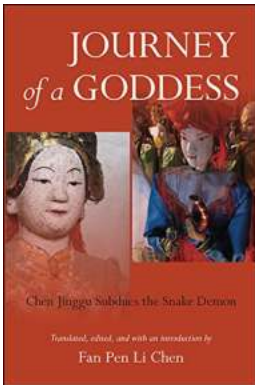


This book offers the first translation into English of the Chinese novel Haiyouji, as well as excerpts of a marionette play based on the cult lore of the goddess Chen Jinggu (766–790), a historical shaman priestess who became one of Fujian's most important goddesses and the Lüshan Sect's chief deity. The novel, a 1753 reprint of what is possibly a Ming dynasty novel, was both a popular fiction and a religious tract. It offers a lively mythological tale depicting combat between the shaman goddess and a snake demon goddess. Replete with the beliefs and practices of the cult of this warrior goddess, the novel asserts the importance of Shamanism (i.e., local religious beliefs) as one of the four religions of China, along with Confucianism, Buddhism, and Daoism. To further develop the links between literature and local religion, Fan Pen Li Chen includes translations of two acts from a Fujian marionette play, Biography of the Lady, featuring the goddess.



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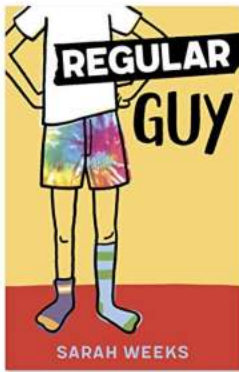
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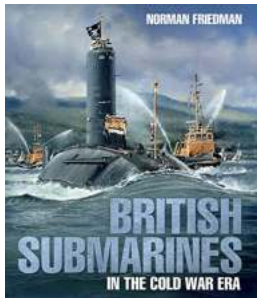
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