

and begged him to save his life. The Master said, "Very well. There are two sets of supernatural tricks that you can learn which will counter the effects of the three shocks. One is a set of six tricks, and the other is a set of seventy two."

Sun thought about it and, and decided, "I prefer more to less, so please let me learn the set of seventy two." The Master agreed, and taught him the tricks.

Sun worked very hard, and over the period of a year, mastered the seventy two tricks. He was so good that now he could move to levitate and fly about. The Master asked him how he was doing. Sun told him that he could now fly. The Master told him to show how he flew. Sun levitated himself and moved about in the air.

The Master laughed, and said, "This is not flying! You are just doing what fairies can fly thousands of miles in an instant. What you are doing is just crawling around in the cloud."

Sun begged, "Master, please do not leave me inexperienced. Please teach me how to fly for real."

The Master said, "Well, you are a monkey, so I will show you a flying technique that befits a monkey. It is called 'somersault fight'. It will enable you to fly one hundred and eight thousand miles with one somersault." The Master gave the magic charm which enabled the flight, and Sun diligently memorized it. After a while he was able to fly in a flash.

One day Sun was talking with his fellow disciples, who asked him to show what he had learned. Sun said, "Just do what you want me to be." One of his friends said, "Why not turn yourself into a pine tree?" Whoosh! Sun turned himself into a huge pine tree.

His friends were very impressed and they applauded. When the Master heard the commotion, he came out to see what was going on. He scolded everyone for the noise, then took them aside and told him, "You should now leave here. What you have done is not good. It inspires envy, and envy can lead to jealousy. You will no longer be safe here."

Sun protested, "But Master, I have spent more than ten years here. Where can I go?"