

Borrowing Arrows with Straw Boats

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Zhuge Liang quietly asked Lu Su for help,/ requesting twenty boats with thirty soldiers each.// They covered the boats with green cloth/ and tied over a thousand bundles of straw / on both sides.// On the third day before dawn,/ they approached the river in these boats/ in the middle of thick **fog**.// As they neared Cao Cao's army on the northern bank,/ Zhuge Liang ordered the soldiers / to beat drums and shout.//

Cao Cao was unable to understand the situation,/ so he gathered over ten thousand soldiers/ to shoot arrows at the river.// By dawn,/ the boats were filled with arrows,/ and Zhuge Liang ordered a **retreat**.// Only then did Cao Cao realize he had been **deceived**.// In this way,/ Zhuge Liang completed the task of making arrows.//

周瑜は/諸葛亮の才能を見たことで / 常に機会を狙っていた / 彼を排除するための// ある日 / 公務を口実にして/周瑜は諸葛亮に要求した / 10 日以内に 10 万本の矢を作るように// 意外なことに / 諸葛亮は了解した / 3 日しか必要ないと主張しながら//

諸葛亮はこっそりと魯肅に助けを求めた / 30 人ずつ兵士を乗せた 20 隻の船を要請していた// 彼らは緑色の布で船を覆った/ それから 1000 束以上のわらを縛り付けた / (船の) 両脇に// 3 日目の夜明け前 / 彼らはこれらの船で川に近づいた / **濃霧**のまっただ中で// 北岸にいる曹操軍に近づくと/諸葛亮は兵士たちにこう命じた / 太鼓を叩いて叫べと。//

曹操はその状況を把握できていなかった / そのため、彼は 1 万人以上の兵士が集めた / 川に向かって矢を放つために// 夜明けまでに / 船は矢で満たされた / そこで諸葛亮は**撤退**を命じた// そのとき初めて、曹操は自分がだまされていたことに気づいた。// こうして / 諸葛亮は矢を作る仕事を完成させた。//

Vocabulary and Phrases

upon ~ing	~することで	military	軍事、軍隊 / 軍の
talent	才能	fog	霧
constantly	常に、絶えず	retreat	撤退
opportunity	機会、好機	deceived	だまされた
seek > sought	求める		
eliminate	排除する、除去する		
pretext	口実		
demand	要求した		

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【Listen & Fill Blank】

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【Q&A / A&Q】

Question 1: Why was Zhou Yu eager to get rid of Zhuge Liang?

Question 2: Write down the preparations Zhuge Liang made before approaching Cao Cao's army?

Question 3: Why did Cao Cao gather 10,000 soldiers to shoot arrows at the river when Zhuge Liang came with only 600?

Ask 1: Zhuge Liang についての質問を英語で書いてください。

Ask 2: Cao Cao についての質問を英語で書いてください。

Ask 3: 本文について知りたいことを英語で書いてください。

Sample Answer 1:

Because Zhou Yu was jealous of Zhuge Liang's talents.

Sample Answer 2: -

Prepared 20 boats with 30 soldiers each.

-Covered the boats with green cloth and fastened more than a thousand bundles of straw on every side.

Sample Answer 3:

Because Cao Cao could not see clearly due to the thick fog, and the sounds of drum and shouting led him to suspect a major attack.

Sample Question 1:

Why did Zhuge Liang agree to make 10,000 arrows within 10 days?

What is the relationship between Zhuge Liang and Lu Su ?

Sample Question 2:

Is Cao Cao suspicious by nature?

How many soldiers did Cao Cao have?

Sample Question 3:

Is this story based on real events?

How was Zhuge Liang able to predict the thick fog?