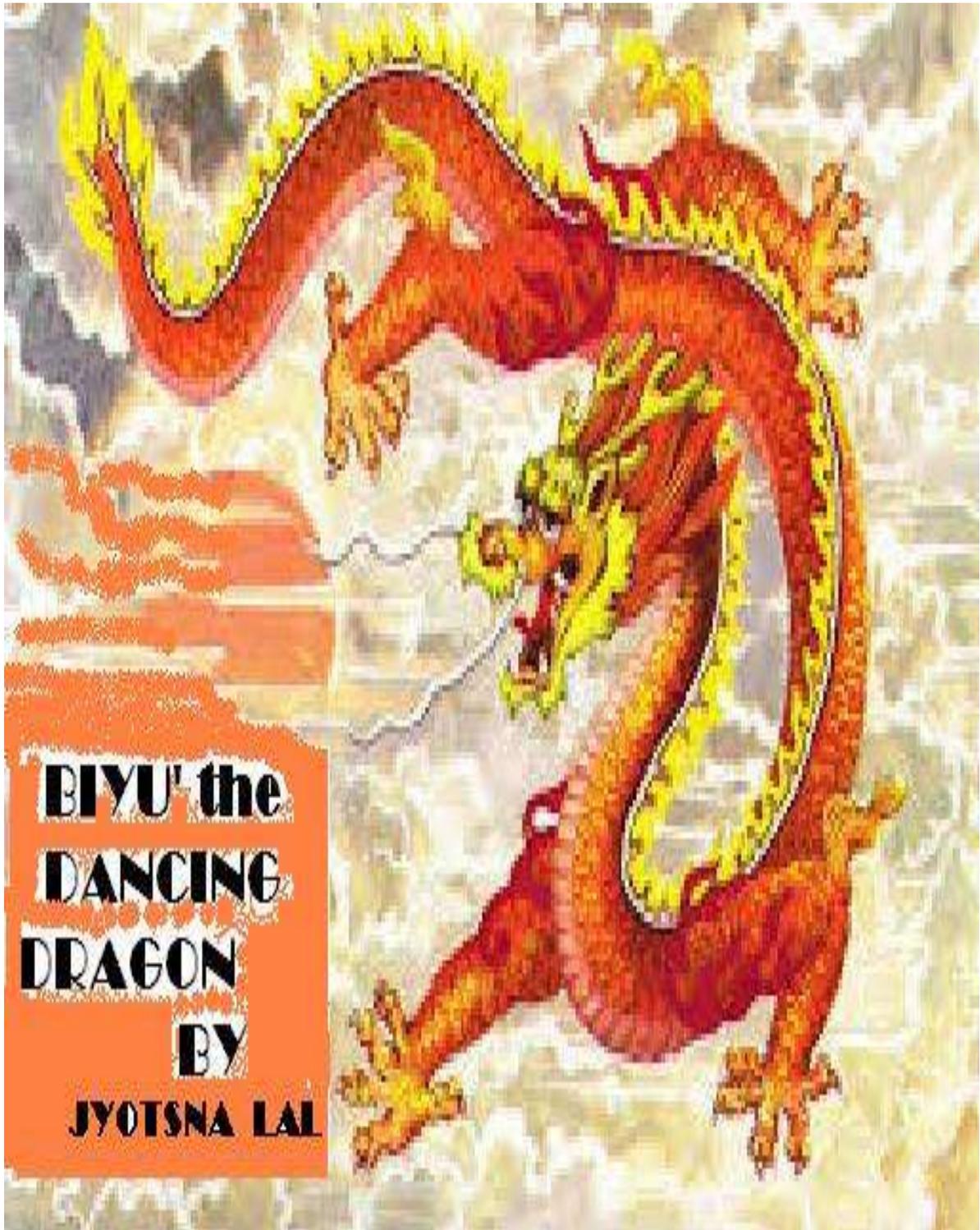


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# *Biyu , The Pink Dancing Dragon* by Jyotsna Lal

## Word from the author

In order to enjoy the story of Biyu, the pink dancing dragon ,  
I strongly recommend reading the love story of  
Meng Chiang-nu and the Dragon Jian Ho , her parents .

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## Chapter 11

### Biyu and Kaiwong

The Pangu first sentient being and creator. In the beginning there was nothing but a formless chaos. Out of this chaos there was born an egg, which remained for 18,000 years. When the forces of Yin and Yang balanced, Pangu emerged from the egg, and set about the task of creating the world. With a swing of his great axe, he separated Yin and Yang. The heavy Yin sank to become the Earth, while the light Yang rose to become the Heavens. Pangu stood between them, and pushed up the sky. At the end of eighteen thousand years, Pangu laid to rest. His breath became the wind; his voice the thunder; left eye the sun and right eye the moon; his body became the mountains and extremes of the world; his blood formed rivers; his muscles the fertile lands; his facial hair the stars and milky way; his fur the bushes and forests; his bones the valuable minerals; his bone marrows sacred diamonds; his sweat fell as rain; and the little creatures on his body, the fleas became dragons, carried by the wind, mites became human beings all over the world.

The Dragon land in the sky, inside clouds. The most powerful Horned dragon Lung were completely deaf. There were nine more Oriental dragon: the celestial dragon, who protects the mansions of the gods, Spiritual dragon creates rain and wind for mankind. the winged dragon has exceptional eye sight, the dragon of hidden treasures, helps keep watch over concealed wealth, the coiling dragon, watches over marine life. The yellow dragon is patron of education. The Dragon King the horned dragon is really four dragons, these dragons keep watch over the four main seas. They could take the form of different creatures, such as beasts or man. Whensoever they did this, they were always the most beautiful and kind of all the species. In turn, humans, could become dragons. Mainly through magic, people could turn into one of these amazing beasts.

There is the Dragon's Gate, where fish can take the challenge to become

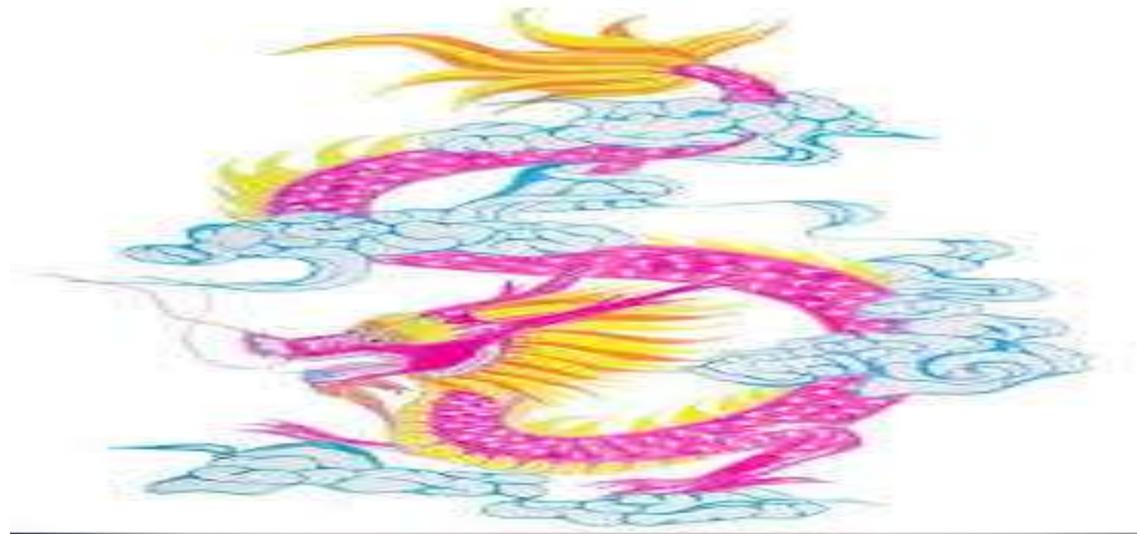
a dragon. They must swim against torrents of water and clear a huge leap, and if they complete this they can become a dragon .This gate is located in the Yellow River at the border between the Shensi and Shansi providences. The transformation from fish to dragon is said to be instantaneous. In addition, the dragons are said to rise from this gate in to the skies in the spring and descend into the waters in autumn. Since dragons lived in China so had five toes when the dragons flew away, they began to lose toes. The farther and farther the dragons flew, the more toes they lost near Korean dragons had four toes, on reaching Japan dragons had three left.

There were many colored dragons , white, red, black, blue, and yellow. Each is born to a different parent. Black dragons are children of a thousand-year-old dragon that is black-gold. They are symbols of the North. caused storms by battling in the air.

Blue dragons are children of blue-gold dragons that are eight hundred years old. They are purest blue colors, and they are the sign of the coming spring. They are they are the symbol of the East. Yellow dragons are born from yellow-gold dragons who are one thousand years or older. are secluded and wander alone. They appear at 'the perfect moment' and at all other times remain hidden. Yellows are also the most revered of the dragons. Red dragons descend from a red-gold dragon who is about one thousand years of age. They are the symbol for the West, and are much like black dragons. They can cause storms in the skies when they fight. White dragons come from white-gold dragons of a thousand years of age. They symbolize the South. White is the Chinese color of mourning, and these dragons are a sign of death.

Jade emperor changed Jian Ho into Zise gechong Long , a singing purple dragon and Meng Chiang-nu into Fen Xiad Long a pink laughing dragon, daughter little Biyu into a Dragon child Long Ertong Zise gechong Long - dragon's head, had a lump called the chi'ih-muh. His horns were thinner near the base of the head and thicker and stronger outwardly being male held clubs in his tail while Meng Chiang Nu had rounder mane. more balanced than the rigid mane of the male.

straight nose and thinner scales a thicker tail being a female held a fan also a wand (or baton) shaped object that they called po-shan. would allow her to fly.



Little Biyu had grown into a magnificent pink dragon .Biyu loved music , flew dancing in the sky with her parents .

In the kingdom of Fukien all was not well, princess Feng had taken the throne with the help of an evil witch. Princess Feng had been bitten by a dragon in her childhood, the venom had penetrated into her heart and she had grown into a selfish vain woman.

Princess Feng loved Kai Wong the artist but his mind was so full of dragons that he paid no heed to her .Feng anger was kindled and heart filled with hatred for all lovers.

With the help of the evil witch turned all young men into silkworms who spun cocoons, ants who collected grains and dogs who guarded her palace. Young girls turned into spiders to weave the silk and honeybees to collect honey.

Soon the sad day dawned when there were only old men and women left in Fukien.The frightened old men and women began to pray to the Jade emperor for saving Fukien from Princess Feng

The Jade emperor sent Biyu on her first goodwill task. The Long Ertong or dragon child flew down to the kingdom of Fukien and landed on the tower where Kai Wong the artist was imprisoned. Kai Wong fell in love with the Long Ertong after all his mind was always full of dragons. Princess Feng came out of the palace in fury because she hated dragons. Biyu scorched and burnt the tyrant princess with her fiery breath. As soon as Princess Feng died, all silkworms, ants and dogs became young handsome men and spiders and honey bees pretty girls. Kai Wong the artist came out of the prison and began to sing a love song. Biyu saw only a skeleton man with a over grown beard, she thought the prisoner had gone crazy. There was much rejoicing in the kingdom of Fukien and Queen mother Leizu sat on the throne.



## Chapter 12

### Biyu's second task

It was the Chinese New Year, a joyous festival of thanksgiving and celebration, wherein the old year is concluded, the new year is ushered in, the ancestors are revered, and the gods are petitioned for good fortune in the year to come. One important aspect of these proceedings is the belief that every family's actions are judged, with appropriate rewards and punishments meted out according to their conduct. The judgment itself, and the concomitant modification of mortal fates, is accomplished by the Jade Emperor, his verdict is determined by the testimony of the Stove God, a humble deity who lives in the family's kitchen for the entirety of the year, witnessing each filial act and minor transgression.

Dong Fa of Fukien . A brutal inhumane and wealthy man who treated his fellow-citizens shamefully, and showed his bad character in damaging their instruments and machines, or any utensils which were used by workers in tilling the soil, manufacturing, fishing, hunting, and other occupations of life.

Once when he was building a guest hall in his house, he hired BoaChang of his village, well known as a skilled sculptor, to carve some figures on pillars and beams; but when the artist had finished his work Dong Fa refused to pay him the stipulated sum. The sculptor remonstrated and the dispute was finally settled by a lawsuit against Dong Fa who for this reason began to scheme for revenge.

Some time later, the people in a nearby village intended to have some statues carved for their temple, and having heard of BoaChang's fame, invited him to compete for the task.

Dong Fa thought his opportunity had come, so he hired a man to join BoaChang's party. While on the way, this villain, following the instructions of Dong Fa, spoiled the instruments of the sculptor and

absconded without being discovered. When Bo aChang on his arrival could use none of his tools he was unable to compete with the native sculptors, whereby he lost his employment and became quite destitute.



Since Dong Fa continued in his evil practices, his son Shen was afraid of his father but his daughter-in-law Fai warned him that unless he reformed, heaven would certainly visit the family with misfortune; but Dong Fa resented her words and drove her from his home charging her with impudence, and disobedience.

The Jade emperor summoned Biyu and gave her second goodwill task to punish Dong Fa. Before Fai was more than a mile or so away from the house, there came a sudden terrific outburst of thunder and lightning, and she hid herself in the near by woods. Then she saw a scarlet dragon come out of the black clouds and enter Dong Fa's residence. The building was completely wrecked, everything inside destroyed and every living thing instantly killed. No member of the family escaped, except the daughter-in-law Fai who had been driven out. Heaven favored her and she lived a long and prosperous life. Scarlet dragon was the fire spitting pink dragon Biyu.

## Chapter 13

### Jade Emperor Rewards Biyu

The Jade Emperor had originally been a mortal man named Zhang Denglai, a soldier in the army of Zhou Dynasty who lost his life in the bloody civil war with the ruling Shang family. In the afterlife, he () waited on the "Terrace of Canonization" alongside many other victims of this conflict for their appropriate posthumous rewards. These honors were being doled out by Jiang Ziya, the brave and resourceful commander who had led the rebel forces. Gradually each of the lofty positions in the celestial hierarchy was filled, with only the office of the Jade Emperor, "which Ziya was reserving for himself," remaining.

When offered the post, Jiang Ziya paused with customary courtesy and asked the people to "wait a second" (deng-lai) while he considered. However, having called out deng-lai, an opportunist, Zhang Denglai, hearing his name, stepped forward, prostrated himself, and thanked Jiang for creating him the Jade Emperor. Jiang, stupefied, was unable to retract his words; he was, however, quietly able to curse Zhang Denglai, saying "Your sons daughters will cheat you

The Jade Emperor and his wife Wang Ma, and had many sons and daughters Tzu-sun Niang-niang a fertility goddess who grants children to needy couples, Yen-kuang Niang-niang ,a goddess who provides individuals with good eyesight, and Zhi Nü was the favourite daughter of the Jade Emperor ; weaver girl responsible for weaving colorful clouds in the heaven. Every day, the beautiful cloud maiden descended to earth with the aid of a magical robe to bathe. One day, a lowly cowherd named Niu Lang spotted Zhi Nü as she bathed in a stream. Niu Lang fell instantly in love with her and stole her magic robe, which she had left on the bank of the stream, rendering her unable to escape back to Heaven. When Zhi Nü emerged from the water, Niu Lang grabbed her and carried her back to his home.

When the Jade Emperor heard of this matter, he was furious but unable to intercede, since in the meantime his daughter had fallen in love and married the cowherd. As time passed, Zhi Nü grew homesick and began to miss her father. One day, she came across a box containing her magic robe that her husband had hidden. She decided to visit her father back in Heaven, but once she returned, the Jade Emperor summoned a river to flow across the sky (the Milky Way), which Zhi Nü was unable to cross to return to her husband. The Emperor took pity on the young lovers, and so once a year on the seventh day of the seventh month of the lunar calendar, he allows them to meet on a bridge over the river.

Zhi Nü is the star Vega in the constellation of Lyra east of the Milky Way, and Niu Lang is the star Altair in the constellation of Aquila, west of the Milky Way. Under the first quarter moon (seventh day) of the seventh lunar month (around August), the lighting condition in the sky causes the Milky Way to appear dimmer, hence the two lovers are no longer separated in that one particular day each year. The seventh day of the seventh month of the Chinese lunar calendar called Qi Xi, which is a day for young lovers. When it rains on that day, it is Zhi Nü's grateful tears on the occasion of her too-brief reunion with her husband.

On the ninth day of the first lunar month, the Jade Emperor celebrates his birthday. On this day, Daoist temples hold a Jade Emperor ritual "heaven worship" at which priests and laymen prostrate themselves, burn incense, and make food offerings. On day of heaven worship offered to the celestial monarch attests to his perceived power:

The Jade Emperor and his wife Wang Ma summoned Biyu in the the court and gave her a boon, to ask for anything she wanted.

Biyu was enchanted by beauty of young men and women of Fukien, she wanted to become a young damsel

“Change me into a beautiful girl! Heavenly Father!”

The celestial monarch became worried, he knew Biyu was a innocent child who did not know the evil ways of men

‘I will make you a beautiful girl, my dragon child on two conditions,

first condition you can interchange into human and dragon only by immersing yourself in water and second condition you will speak to no human man or woman as a girl.”

Remembering how he lost his daughter Zhi Nü , he put a invisible shield around Biyu and changed her into a dumb beautiful girl.



The happy dragon child flew down to the kingdom of Fukien.

## Chapter 14

### Biyu meets Prince Hei



In ancient times there were no unified countries just petty states or kingdoms ruled by evil men who murdered their brothers for the throne, sometimes put their fathers in prison .The Kings fought all the times for petty reasons , plundered and killed the poor farmers ofcourse had the luxury of a hundred wives and concubines.

The kingdom of Khotan was no different. The old king had many queens and children. One of the queens was princess Taoqi who was forever plotting for her son Hei who wanted to be the crown prince. Hei was devious and ambitious youngman The handsome rogue had proposed to Princess Feng in the hope of becoming Queen Consort. Princess Feng had been in love with Kaiwong the artist and had rejected him dashing his high hopes.

Every one in Khotan knew about the death of Princess Feng and the actions of the scarlet dragon. Prince Hei approached the evil witch who had helped Princess Feng . The witch in exchange of a bottle of Prince Hei blood gave him the magic reed pipe which was hidden in the dragon horn by Jian Ho the guardian dragon the father of Biyu.

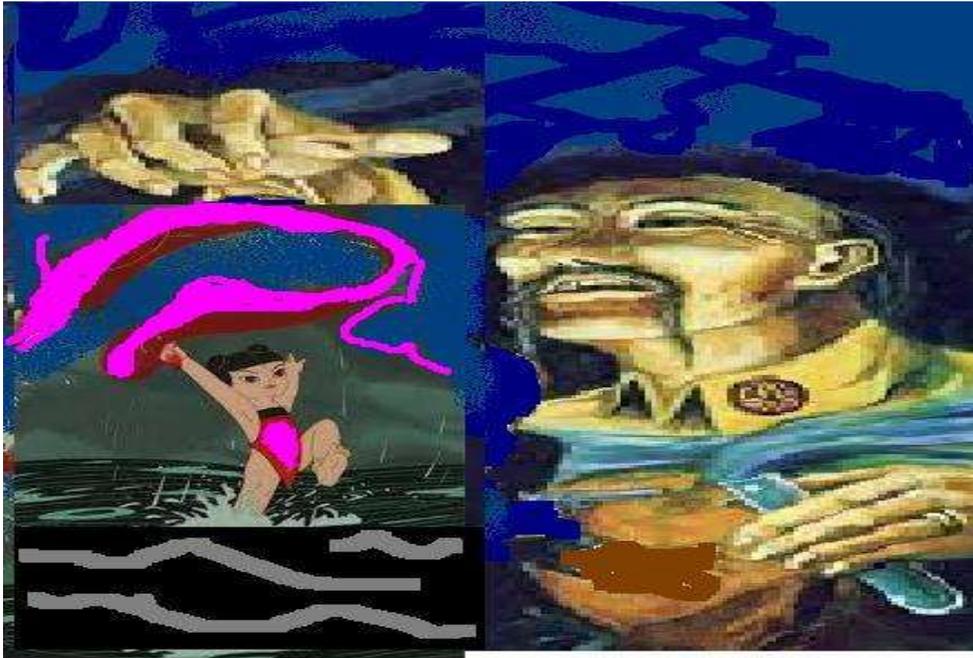
One night Prince Hei was sitting in a small military outpost near the border, he saw a golden pink dragon flying overhead in the sky and then dive down . Hei got up and began to trek towards the spot, he

remembered there was a lake in that direction. The witch had told him that dragons are magical beasts who make rainfall and create rivers. The jungle path was arduous, vines and creepers tried to stop Hei entangling his body but he laboured on and finally reached the huge placid lake.

The night was quiet and the silver moonlight was reflected on the lake surface. The dragon was nowhere in sight , stretched his neck and scanned the lake. Hei was a patient man , hid behind a large boulder and waited. As Hei's eyesight became adapted to the darkness, he saw someone swimming in the deep waters,

Soon Hei saw a beautiful girl emerge from the waters of the lake.

Prince Hei was filled with desire to possess the beautiful girl . He got up and began praising her beauty.



Innocent Biyu blushed and smiled at the handsome young prince , the evil prince reached and took her in his arms ,instantly his hands were burnt.The devious young man atonce recognised the dragon. He took out the reedpipe and began to play a melodious tune, enchanting the innocent Biyu who began to dance to the magical music . Prince Hei began walking towards the royal palace, the dancing Biyu followed the evil prince into a windowless room . By this time Biyu was exhausted by the continous dancing and fainted. Prince Hei carefully padlocked the prison cell after placing some fruits . He didnt put any water inorder to prevent Biyu from changing back into a dragon.Biyu regained consiousness in the prison cell , she wept silent tears , the Jade Emperor had taken away her voice. Biyu couldnot cry for help since she was dumb but the sheild was protecting her. Biyu was Prince Hei's prisoner for one month ,each day was a nightmare.

Prince Hei had brought his father the old King into prison room , who was caught in the spell of the dancing girl .The old King ran and caught the dancing Biyu in his arms and began to kiss her. Suddenly he was on fire ,his entire body was burnt badly, somehow the old King dragged himself out of the prison cell.

The old King couldnot stop desiring the dancing girl, seven nights the same story was repeated .

Prince Hei played the trump card , he promised to remove the sheild from the dancing girl if his father the old King made Prince Hei the crown prince ,the future ruler of the kingdom of Khotan .

The old King of the kingdom of Khotan had gone crazy with his desire for Biyu and had lost all reason , so the next morning he swathed his burnt body and covered bandages with silken royal robes . He sat on the throne in front of his ministers and entire royal court summoned Prince Hei and declared him the crown prince.

The same story was repeated for one month ,each day was a nightmare for both the old King and Biyu. The old King of the kingdom of Khotan was so badly burnt ,that he couldnot get out of his bed and the crown prince Hei was now the commander and ruler.

Every night Hei played the reed pipe until Biyu fainted with exhaustion, she had grown weak due to lack of water

Biyu knew she willnot be able to survive much longer so she began to plan as her hatred for men grew day by day.

One night as soon as Hei began to play the reedpipe Biyu fell on the prison floor , began to writh in pain ,tricked by these action Heistopped playing and ranout of the room . He thought the dragon was dying and forgot to lock the door.

As soon as he left, Biyu followed him out and locked the door behind her and hid in the corridor . Luckily a bucket of water was left there by one the palace guards. Thirsty Biyu drank the water and soon emptied the bucket.

She sleathly made her way out of the dungeon and search for water She entered the palace yard and jumped into the water fountain.



Immediately Biyu into a scarlet dragon ,she was so angry that she appeared scarlet with fire coming out of her nostrils .  
In her anger , Biyu burnt the entire royal family and palace , she flew away into the clouds . The kingdom of Khotan became a part of Fukien .  
Biyu did not go back to Fukien nor met the artist Kai Wong who was writing lovepoems for her .

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