

having sworn by cutting a live cock's head off, that Chang was the person who had stolen his jewels, he obtained an escort of soldiers to arrest Chang and with these the Ta-jin attacked the island, having given secret instructions to seize Koong-See, and kill Chang without mercy.

The peaceful inhabitants of the island were quite unprepared; but Chang having refused the party admittance, was run through the body, and mortally wounded. His servants, who were much attached to him, fought bravely to defend their master; but when they saw him fall, they threw down their weapons and fled. Koong-See, in despair rushed to her apartments, which she set on fire and perished in the flames. The gods—(so runs the tale) cursed the duke for his cruelty with a foul disease, with which he went down to his grave unfriended and unpitied. No children scattered scented paper over his grave ① but in pity to Koong-See and her lover, they were transformed into two immortal doves, emblems of the constancy which had rendered them beautiful in life, and in death undivided.

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① It is a great reproach to be childless in China—twice a year relations sprinkle or burn scented paper upon the graves of their ancestors.

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