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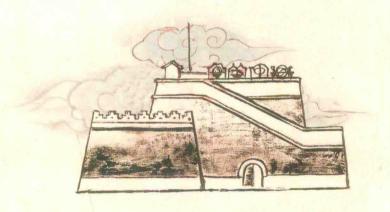




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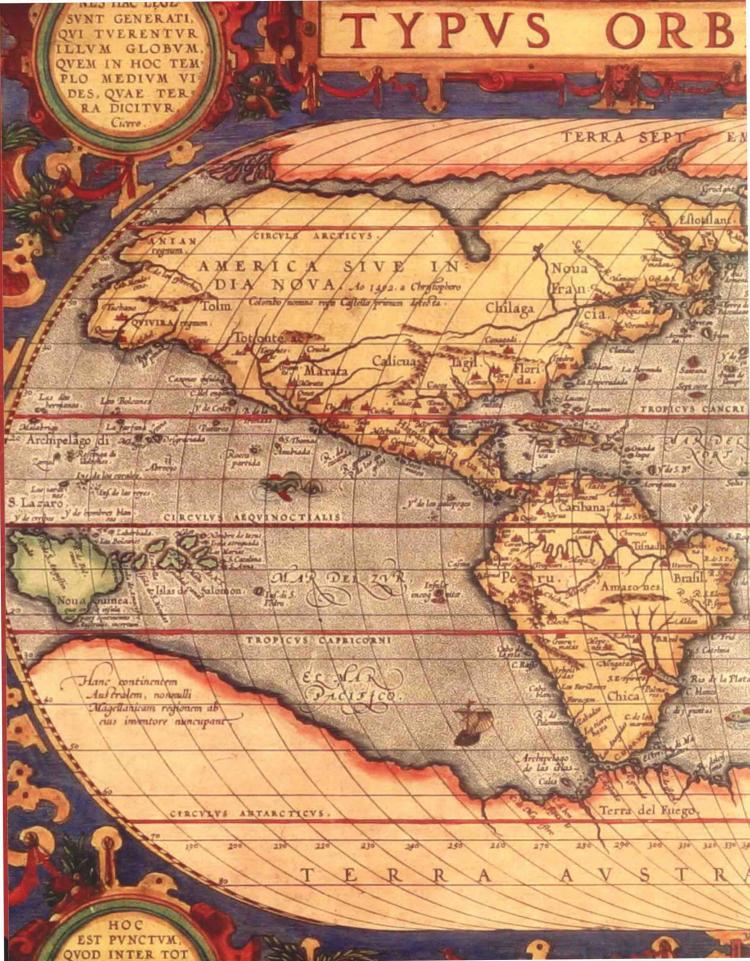
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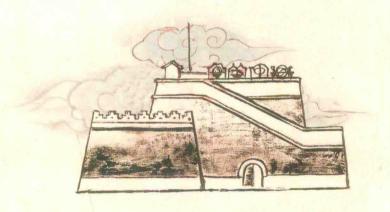




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本书的主人公是刘松龄 (Hallerstein)。 刘松龄是谁? Hallerstein 又是谁? 在中国,很少有人知道刘松龄; 在世界上,Hallerstein的名字也鲜为人知。 只有少数的历史学家、科学家和汉学家知道这两个名字。 然而,刘松龄 (Hallerstein) 却是一位传奇般的人物。 你想知道他的故事吗? 让我们一起回顾他在紫禁城里的那段经历吧。

Liu Songling (Hallerstein) is the hero of this book.

Who is Liu Songling? And who is Hallerstein?

Liu Songling is little known to the general public in China;

Hallerstein is almost completely forgotten by the world.

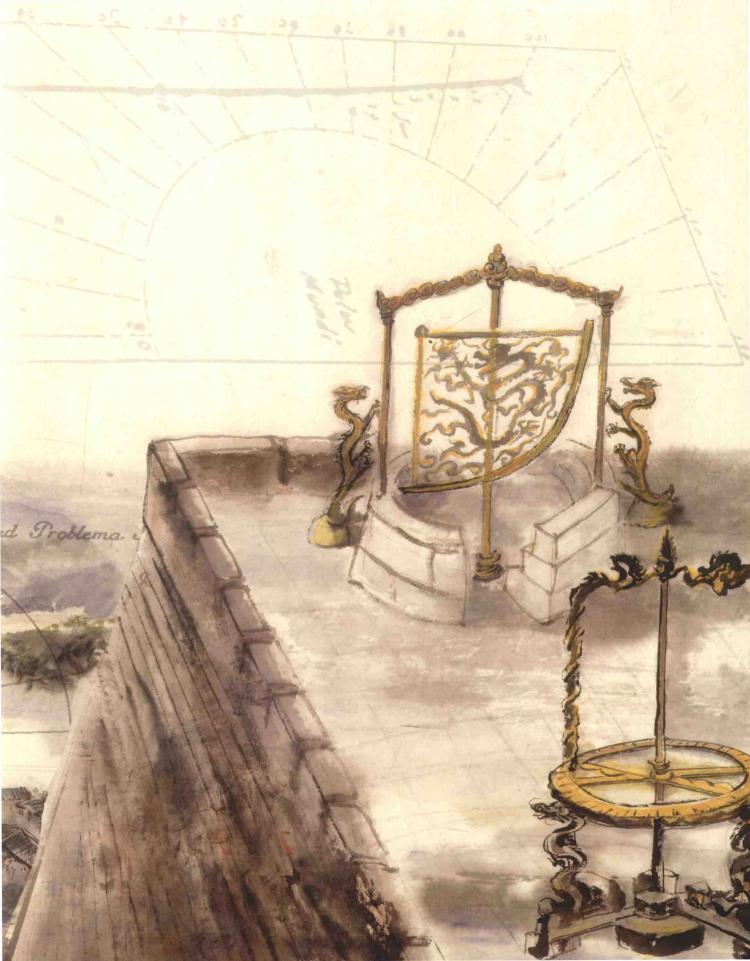
Known by only a few historians, scientists and sinologists,

Liu Songling (Hallerstein) is a legendary man though.

Are you interested in his story?

Now, let's look backward at his experience in the Forbidden City.







Liu Songling, originally known as Augustin Ferdinand von Hallerstein, was born in the town of Mengeš at the outskirts of Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia on August 27, 1703. He was born into an aristocratic family in Mengeš, and his father was a governor of the province of Carniola. In his childhood, Hallerstein was special as he always liked reading and took an interest in science. Deeply absorbed in astronomy, he was keen on watching stars in the sky and the rare northern lights. When he was free, he often stayed in his grandpa's library, reading and keeping track with the latest scientific information.



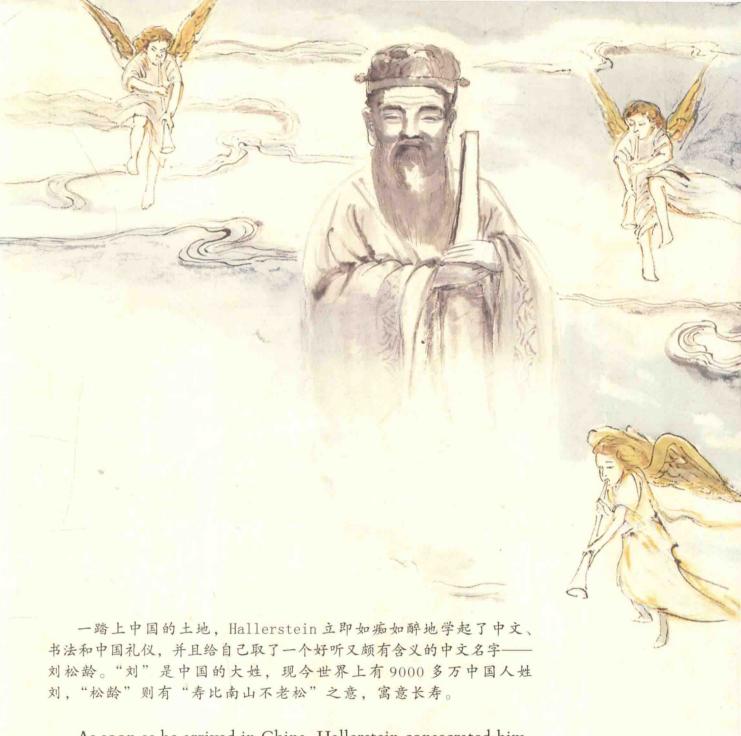




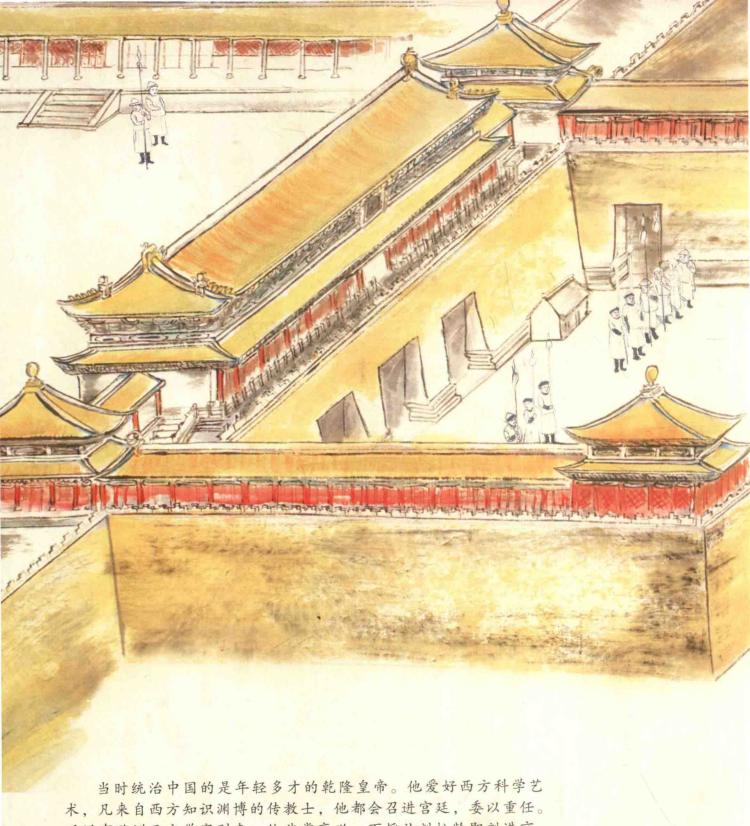
Hallerstein was brought up in a religious family and also inspired by the missionary experiences of Matteo Ricci and Johann Adam Schall von Bell in China. He tried his best to acquire scientific knowledge and intended to do missionary work with the help of European science. He first studied philosophy in the Jesuit Collegium of Ljubljana, then mathematics, astronomy and theology in Vienna and Graz. Several years after his graduation, his wish to leave for missions in China came true. In 1735, Hallerstein sailed for China from the port of Trieste in Italy. Eventually, he reached Macau in 1738 after a long and difficult sea voyage of three years.







As soon as he arrived in China, Hallerstein consecrated himself to the study of Chinese language, calligraphy and etiquette, and gave himself a beautiful and meaningful Chinese name— Liu Songling. "Liu" is a popular Chinese surname, shared by about 90 million Chinese people around the world, while "Songling" means "longevity" as shown in the Chinese saying, "Enjoy a life as long as the pine tree in the Mountain Nanshan."



听说有欧洲天文学家到来,他非常高兴,下旨让刘松龄即刻进京。

刘松龄从欧洲带来了最新的天文观测技术, 他因渊博的天文 学和数学知识而大受乾隆皇帝的赏识, 很快就被正式任命为钦天 监监正,掌管天文学和数学,官至五品。



Emperor Qianlong, the young and talented ruler of China at that time, was interested in Western science and art. He would keep knowledgeable missionaries in the leading positions at his court. After hearing of the arrival of the European astronomer, he was so pleased that he summoned Liu Songling to Beijing at once.

Liu Songling introduced the latest astronomical observation technology from Europe. Because of his outstanding performance in astronomy and mathematics, Liu Songling was nominated as President of the Board of Astronomy and Mathematics, ranking a mandarin of the fifth grade.

1744年乾隆皇帝下诏书,让钦天监修订和补充其祖父康熙皇帝当政期间编撰的天文学专著《灵台仪象志》。在戴进贤和刘松龄的主持下,中外天文学家经过八年的努力,共同完成了这项浩大的工程。乾隆皇帝将其命名为《仪象考成》,并亲自撰写了一篇序言。《仪象考成》全书共32卷,包含了当时中西方天文学家观测的科学成果。《灵台仪象志》中记载了1319颗星,而《仪象考成》中则记录了3083颗星。

In 1774, Emperor Qianlong ordered to revise Lingtai Yixiang Zhi, an astronomical book compiled in the reign of Emperor Kangxi, his grandpa. The project was started under the supervision of Ignatius Kögler and Liu Songling, and completed after eight years of efforts of astronomers in China and abroad. The revised book Yixiang Kaocheng, entitled and prefaced by Emperor Qianlong, was composed of 32 volumes. It included the research findings of the Chinese and Western astronomers at that time. Lingtai Yixiang Zhi kept a record of 1,319 stars, while its revised edition, Yixiang Kaocheng, consisted of 3,083 stars.

