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PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
Zhuāngzĭ	庄子	Also known by his personal name Zhuang Zhou 庄周, Zhuangzi was the philospher's name and the name of the book he is credited with writing. The book is also referred to as The Second Book of the Dao.
Dá Shēng	达生	Understanding Life, the chapter from The Zhuangzi from which this idiom was taken
Shēn Gōng Guǐ Fǔ	神工鬼斧	Uncanny workmanship, superlative workmanship, the work of the gods. Can also be expressed as Guǐ Fǔ Shén Gōng 鬼斧神工
Shén	神	goddeity or some immortal being
Gōng	エ	Worker or a skill
Guĭ	鬼	ghost or spirit
Fǔ	斧	axe or hatchet
Warring States Period	战国时代	The final part of the Zhou Dynasty, lasting from the estimated death of Confucius in 479 to 221 BC
chéngyǔ	成语	A Chinese idiom or slang
Zĭqìng	梓庆	The main character in this story, Craftsman Qing or Master Qing
Shandong province	山东省	Coastal province in the north of China
State of Lǔ	鲁国	A long-lasting Zhou Dynasty State located in the southern part of Shandong Province (Qi to the north).
Jù	鐻	Wooden stands used for ceremonial Chinese bells
Zhou Dynasty	周朝	China's final Bronze Age Dynasty, lasted 1046 to 221 BC. The Western Zhou lasted 1046 to 771 BC. The Eastern Zhou (Spring and Autumn and Warring States eras) lasted 770 to 221 BC