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Small Surpassing: Receipt; beneficial to determine; possible for little service, but not possible for great service. The sound left by the flying bird is not proper for ascent but is proper for descent; greatly² auspicious.

Initial Six:

The flying bird brings inauspiciousness.

Six in the Second:

Surpassing his grandfather, meeting³ his grandmother⁴;
Not reaching his lord, meeting his servant⁵;
there is no trouble.

Nine in the Third:

Not surpassing him, but repelling⁶ him,
following which someone injures him⁷;
inauspicious.

Nine in the Fourth:

There is no trouble.
Not surpassing him, but meeting him;
to go is dangerous, there necessarily being a revolt.⁸
Do not herewith determine permanently.

Six in the Fifth:

The dense clouds do not rain from our western pasture⁹;
the duke shoots¹⁰ and takes the skin¹¹ in the cavern.

Elevated Six:

Not meeting him, but surpassing him;
the flying bird is netted¹² in it;
inauspicious.
This is called calamitous¹³ imperfection.¹⁴