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Do you know the story of shadow puppetry? Well, it has 21 to do with an emperor in the Han Dynasty.

More than 2, 000 years ago, in the Han Dynasty a favorite concubine（妃子）of Wu Emperor 22 because she had a terrible disease. The emperor missed her so much that he also became serious ill. But no doctors could help him. And he was getting 23 . One day, a minister（大臣）happened to see children playing with dolls. The shadows of the dolls on the floor were clear and 24 . He could even see the children moving their fingers quickly. Seeing these shadows, the smart minister suddenly came up with a(n) 25 . He made a cotton puppet of the concubine and painted it. As night fell, he invited the emperor to 26 a puppet show behind a white cloth. The emperor was 27 and became interested in it from then on. This story was recorded in the official 28 book by *Sima Qian*. This is believed to be the beginning of shadow puppetry.

Shadow puppetry was very popular during the *Tang*（618—907）and *Song*（960—1279）dynasties in many parts of China. They were first made of paper models, later from the 29 of donkeys or oxen. That’s why their Chinese name is *pi ying*, which means shadows of leather.

Today, with TV, computers and smart phones, few young people are interested in it. In 50 years, perhaps the puppet show will 30 like other traditional art forms such as *Nuo Drama*（傩戏）. What can we do to change this situation?

21．A．nothing B．anything C．something D．everything

22．A．died B．killed C．fell D．hurt

23．A．better B．weaker C．more tired D．more worried

24．A．beautiful B．mysterious C．lively D．lonely

25．A．decision B．puppet C．schedule D．idea

26．A．look B．act C．play D．watch

27．A．bored B．tired C．pleased D．relaxed

28．A．science B．history C．art D．story

29．A．hair B．feather C．bone D．skin

30．A．disappear B．live C．destroy D．spread