The Fox Spirit in Strange Tales from a Chinese Studio

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The fox spirit blurs the line between human and non-human, blending the mysterious and the mundane.

- Catching the Fox
- Subduing the Fox

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Catching the Fox Summary

- A cunning fox spirit, cat-sized with yellow fur and green snout
- Captured by Sun Weng but escapes through transformation
- Reflects the image of the fox as endlessly elusive and magical

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Subduing the Fox Summary

- The fox seduces a court official, draining his vitality
- A doctor uses an aphrodisiac to force the fox to reveal itself
- Fox dies after intercourse violence, desire, and fear converge

- " → "enchant" / "bewitch"
- " → "draining his vitality"

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- "struggling in vain", "coquettish"
- "no sound for a long time"

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- Fox spirits are projections of human desire and fear, often disguised as affectionate yet deceptive women.

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