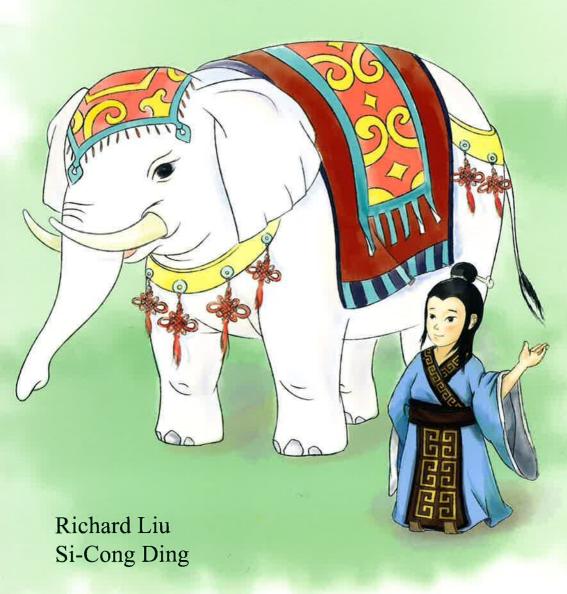


Cao Chong and the Elephant



About two thousand years ago, there were three kingdoms in China – Wei, Shu, and Wu. Each kingdom was ruled by a powerful warlord.

One day, Cao Cao, ruler of the Wei kingdom, received an elephant as a gift from Sun Quan, ruler of the Wu kingdom.

Cao Cao was excited by this wonderful gift. He led his youngest son, Cao Chong, along with all of his ministers to see the elephant arrive.



"This elephant is really big," said Cao Cao. "I want to find out how much it weighs. We need to build a house that is strong enough to keep the elephant."





"This elephant is huge," said his ministers. "We do not have scales big enough to weigh it."



Cao Cao was a powerful man. Because the ministers wanted to please their ruler, they began to discuss the problem of how to weigh the elephant.

