

Section 1: The scroll opens in the early morning with a small procession of donkeys carrying fuel in baskets. Led by one woodsman, and followed by another, the donkeys are just about to turn left so they can cross the bridge and so lead the viewer into the scroll. The trees along the path have not yet begun to bud, suggesting it may be winter or early spring.

The four seals appearing on the right edge were placed on the scroll in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and identify it as belonging to the imperial collection of the Qing dynasty.