

KUNG FU PANDA Lesson1

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Character List

Po/Warrior

Po's Dad

Narrator /Oogway

Shifu

Miscellaneous (Gang Boss, Ninja Cat, Gator, Smitten Bunny, Grateful Bunny, Monkey, Tigress, Zeng)

EXTERNAL VALLEY -- DAY

A MYSTERIOUS WARRIOR treks across the rugged landscape.

NARRATOR: Legend tells of a legendary warrior whose Kung Fu skills were the stuff of legend. The warrior, his identity hidden beneath his flowing robe and wide-brimmed hat, gnaws on a staff of bamboo. He traveled the land in search of worthy foes

INTERIOR BAR

The warrior sits at a table drinking tea and gnawing on his bamboo. The door BLASTS open. The MANCHU GANG rushes in and surrounds him.

GANG BOSS: I see you like to CHEW! Maybe you should chew on my FIST!!

The Boss punches the table.

NARRATOR: The warrior said nothing for his mouth was full. Then, he swallowed.

He swallows.

NARRATOR: And then, he spoke.

WARRIOR: Enough talk. Let's FIGHT!

WHAM! The warrior delivers a punch and the whole gang goes flying.

NARRATOR: He was so deadly in fact that his enemies would go blind from overexposure to pure awesomeness.

The gang members blindly flail about.

NINJA CAT: MY EYES!

GATOR: HE'S TOO AWESOME!

ONLOOKERS swoon.

SMITTEN BUNNY: And ATTRACTIVE!

GRATEFUL BUNNY: How can we repay you??

WARRIOR: There is no charge for awesomeness, or attractiveness.

ONE HUNDRED ASSASSINS appear and surround the warrior.

EXTERIOR BAR

The entire bar swells, packed to the rafters with ninjas.

WARRIOR: KABLOOEY!

The roof EXPLODES and a cloud of ninjas erupts into the sky. Like a tornado, the warrior spins and knocks them all down.

NARRATOR: It mattered not how many foes he faced. They were no match for his [bodacity](#).

The warrior beats up a thousand ninjas, delivering his final blow while doing a split between two trees. The warrior stands amongst a field of [vanquished](#) foes as god-rays shine down upon him.

NARRATOR: Never before had a panda been so feared... and so loved. Even the most heroic heroes in all of China, the Furious Five, bowed in respect to this great master.

MONKEY: We should hang out.

WARRIOR: Agreed.

As the Five salute the warrior, he turns to see more bandits [approaching](#). The Five strike an attack pose. The warrior brandishes a shiny green sword and leaps off the mountain into the sea of bandits.

NARRATOR: But hanging out would have to wait. Cause when you're facing the ten thousand demons of Demon Mountain, there's only one thing that matters. And that's--

In mid air, the Five talk to the warrior in a strange voice.

MONKEY: Po! Get up!

TIGRESS: You'll be late for work!

PO: Whu?

INTERIOR PO'S ROOM - DAY

Po lands hard on the floor. He tries to clear his head and wake up.

PO'S DAD: Po! Get up!

We see his room is filled with various kung fu posters (including a poster featuring all of the Five) and [souvenirs](#), and a wooden version of the Sword of Heroes (the green sword).

Po SIGHS. He attempts to kick himself to his feet but alas, his belly is too worthy a foe.

PO'S DAD: Po! What are you doing up there?

PO: Uh, nothing!

Po hops to his feet, imitating his Kung Fu action figures.

PO: Monkey! Mantis! Crane! Viper! Tigress! Rowrrrr...

OUTSIDE on the balcony of the neighboring house, a pig watering flowers stares at Po. Po tries to play it cool and then quickly ducks out of sight.

PO'S DAD: Po! Let's go! You're late for work!

PO: Coming!

He takes a ninja star from his floor and chucks it at the wall. It bounces off. He throws the star again, but it bounces off again. He picks it up and heads downstairs. He trips and falls the rest of the way.

INTERIOR KITCHEN - DAY

Po falls flat on his face on the kitchen floor. A panda-shaped shadow looms over Po.

PO: Sorry, Dad.

PO'S DAD: Sorry doesn't make the noodles.

Reveal that the shadow is actually caused by a basket being carried by a small DUCK. This is PO'S DAD. Po gets to work, which is not easy since the kitchen's not really made for a panda his size.

PO'S DAD: What were you doing up there? All that noise.

PO: Oh, nothing. Just had a crazy dream.

He gets back to work.

PO'S DAD: About what?

PO: Huh?

PO'S DAD: The dream. What were you dreaming about?

PO: What was I... eh, I was dreaming about uh... heh...

Push in on Po -- is he going to admit his dream? He hides his throwing star behind his back.

PO: Noodles.

THOK. Dad stops chopping vegetables.

PO'S DAD: Noodles. You were really dreaming about noodles?

PO: Uh, yeah. What else would I be dreaming about?

Po hands a noodle bowl to a customer, then realizes his throwing star is sitting in it.

PO: Careful, that soup is... sharp!

PO'S DAD: Oh, happy day! My son, finally having the noodle dream!

He throws his arms around Po.

PO'S DAD: You don't know how long I have been waiting for this moment.

When Dad pulls out of the hug, Po is now wearing a noodle apron.

PO'S DAD: This is a sign, Po!

Po looks at the apron nervously -- what has he gotten himself into?

PO: Uh...a sign of what?

PO'S DAD: You are almost ready to be entrusted with the secret ingredient of my "Secret Ingredient Soup." And then you will fulfill your destiny and take over the restaurant, just as I took it over from my father, who took it over from his father, who won it from a friend in a game of mahjong.

PO: Dad Dad Dad, it was just a dream.

PO'S DAD: No, it was the dream. We are noodle folk. Broth runs through our veins.

PO: But Dad, didn't you ever, I dunno, want to do something else? Something besides noodles?

PO'S DAD: Actually...

Po looks surprised.

PO'S DAD: When I was young and crazy...

Dad gets a wistful look in his eyes.

PO'S DAD: I thought about running away and learning how to make tofu.

PO: So why didn't you?!

PO'S DAD: Oh, because it was a stupid dream. Can you imagine, me making tofu? (laughs at the thought) No. We all have our place in this world. Mine is here. And yours is—

PO: I know. Is here.

PO'S DAD: No, it's at tables two, five, seven, and twelve.

He loads Po's arms with bowls of soup.

PO'S DAD: Service with a smile!

A GONG sounds in the distance. Po looks out the window at the distant JADE PALACE.

EXTERIOR JADE PALACE - DAY

SLAM ZOOM in towards Palace. End next to palace on an old red panda (SHIFU) playing a FLUTE. He is surrounded by the bushes and trees that nestle between the Palace buildings.

We dolly around from behind the bushes. Stealthy dark shapes move in the foreground.

Back on Shifu, still playing. He seems oblivious.

Five figures explode from the undergrowth simultaneously, diving on Shifu. Shifu moves like lightning - the flute now wielded like a staff - he deflects, blocks, dodges, parries - the attackers go flying - They roll and pick themselves up, turning to face Shifu, who is now standing - poised - ready for their next move.

SHIFU: Well done, students... if you were trying to disappoint me.

He uses his flute to correct the Five's technique.

SHIFU: Tigress, you need more ferocity. Monkey, greater speed.

Each of the Five bows respectfully as their name is mentioned.

SHIFU: Crane - height. Viper - subtlety. Mantis--

Shifu suddenly points the flute at a scared PALACE GOOSE.

ZENG: Master Shifu!

SHIFU: What?!

ZENG: Aah! It's Master Oogway. He wants to see you.

Shifu looks up, concerned.

INTERIOR HALLWAY

Shifu strides purposefully down the hallway, which is lined with palace geese.

INTERIOR SCROLL ROOM - DAY

Candles, incense, and smoke fill the room. The door bursts open, the candles flicker. Shifu enters.

SHI FU: Master Oogway? You summoned me.

He bows. Then looks up without unbowing.

SHI FU: Is something wrong?

Reveal Master Oogway... a wise, old tortoise.

OOGWAY: Why must something be wrong for me to want to see my old friend?

SHI FU: So... nothing's wrong?

OOGWAY: Well, I didn't say that.

Shifu looks up, concerned. Oogway opens his mouth... and blows out a candle. And another candle. And another. Finally, Shifu uses his Kung Fu to blow them all out. Oogway smiles knowingly.

SHI FU: You were saying?

OOGWAY: I have had a vision... Tai Lung will return.

Shifu looks stricken.

FLASHBACK - INTERIOR SCROLL ROOM

Quick, impressionistic images of Shifu battling a large, shadowy figure (Tai Lung).

Vocabulary

legend - 伝説 (でんせつ)

identity - 身元 (みもと)

beneath - の下に (した)

flowing - 流れている (なが)

gnaw - かじる

fist - こぶし

awesomeness - 素晴らしさ (すば)

bodacity - 大胆な (だいたん)

vanquished - 敗者 (はいしゃ)

hang out - すくう

approaching - 近づいている (ちか)

souvenirs - お土産

entrusted - 委託 (いたく)

destiny - 運命 (うんめい)

oblivious - 気づかない (き)

simultaneously - 同時に (どうじ)

poised - 構え (かま)

purposefully - 意図的に (いとてき)

incense - 香 (かおり)

impressionistic - 印象主義の (いんしょうしゅぎ)

Comprehension Questions

1) Who was the warrior in the dream?

The warrior was Po.

2) Where does this story take place?

It takes place in China.

3) Who does Po like?

He likes the Furious Five.

4) What animal is Po? What animal is his dad?

Po is a panda and his dad is a duck.

5) Where does Po work?

Po works in his family's noodle shop.

6) Who is the teacher of the Furious Five?

The teacher of the Furious Five is Shifu.

7) What did Master Oogway have a vision of?

He had a vision that Tai Lung would return.

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