

MONKEY: Tigress, you gotta try this.

Tigress looks up from her meal.

TIGRESS: It is said that the Dragon Warrior can survive for months at a time on nothing but the dew of a single ginkgo leaf and the energy of the universe.

On the others for a beat. Then Po shrugs.

PO: I guess my body doesn't know it's the Dragon Warrior yet. I'm gonna need a lot more than dew. And, uh, universe juice.

Po laughs. He picks up his bowl and takes a giant gulp. When he lowers the bowl, we see a noodle hanging from his face -- it looks like a moustache. Mantis snickers.

PO: What?

MANTIS: Oh, nothing... Master Shifu!

The rest start laughing. Po realizes he's wearing a noodle moustache. He plays it up.

PO: (imitating Shifu) You will never be the Dragon Warrior, unless you lose five hundred pounds and brush your teeth!

The Five LAUGH.

PO: (imitating Shifu) What is that noise you're making? Laughter? I never heard of it!

The Five keep LAUGHING. Po reaches over and grabs two empty bowls and holds them up like ears.

PO: (imitating Shifu) Work hard, Panda. And maybe, someday... you will have ears like mine.

As the rest of the Five laugh, Tigress sneaks a moment to smell Po's soup. Leaning towards the bowl, she suddenly looks up and stops. The Five also look up and stop laughing. Reveal Shifu has entered behind Po. He is holding Oogway's staff.

PO: (normal) Ears. It's not working for you? I thought they were pretty good.

Po looks at the stone-faced Five. Tigress jumps to her feet.

MONKEY: It's Shifu.

PO: Of course it's Shifu. What do you think I'm doing?

He finally notices Shifu standing there, doing a slow burn. Embarrassed, he places the soup bowls on his chest like a bra.

PO: Ooh! Master Shifu!

Po slurps up the noodle moustache. Monkey can't help but [snicker](#).

SHIFU: You think this is funny? Tai Lung has escaped from prison and you're acting like children!

PO: What?

SHI FU: He is coming for the Dragon Scroll, and you are the only one who can stop him.

The bowls fall off. A beat as this sinks in... then Po starts to laugh.

PO: And here I am saying you got no sense of humor. I'm gonna stop Tai...

Shifu just stares at him, deadly serious.

PO: What? You're serious? And I have to-- uh, Master Oogway will stop him! He did it before, he'll do it again.

SHI FU: Oogway cannot, not anymore.

They notice Shifu holding Oogway's staff. They know what this means. They are saddened by the news.

SHI FU: Our only hope is the Dragon Warrior.

TIGRESS: The panda?

SHI FU: Yes, the panda!

TIGRESS: Master, please. Let us stop Tai Lung. This is what you've trained us for.

SHI FU: No! It is not your destiny to defeat Tai Lung. It is his.

He dramatically points at Po... but Po is gone.

SHI FU: Where'd he go?

Shifu throws up his hands in frustration and heads after Po.

EXTERIOR. BUNKHOUSE DAY

Super wide shot as Po runs away from the compound. Closer as he continues running. He checks over his shoulder, turns back... Shifu lands right in front of him.

SHI FU: You cannot leave! A real warrior never quits!

PO: Watch me!

He tries to maneuver around Shifu, but is redirected back.

PO: Come on! How am I supposed to beat Tai Lung? I can't even beat you to the stairs.

SHI FU: You will beat him because you are the Dragon Warrior!

He pushes Po back with the staff.

PO: Ow! You don't believe that! You never believed that! From the first moment I got here, you've been trying to get rid of me.

Shifu pokes him again, this time causing Po to fall on his back.

SHI FU: Yes. I was. But now I ask you to trust in your master as I have come to trust in mine.

PO: You're not my master. And I'm not the Dragon Warrior.

Po shoves the staff away and gets up.

SHI FU: Then why didn't you quit? You knew I was trying to get rid of you, and yet you stayed.

PO: Yeah, I stayed. I stayed because every time you threw a brick at my head or said I smelled, it hurt. But it could never hurt more than it did every day of my life just being me.

Po looks down at the Valley, then turns back to Shifu.

PO: I stayed because I thought if anyone could change me, could make me... not me, it was you. The greatest kung fu teacher in all of China.

SHI FU: But I can change you! I can turn you into the Dragon Warrior! And I will!

PO: C'mon, Tai Lung is on his way here right now. And even if it takes him a hundred years to get here, how are you gonna change this... (indicate belly) ...into the Dragon Warrior? How? How? How?!

In frustration, Shifu yells out the answer.

SHI FU: I don't know!!! (then, resigned) I don't know.

PO: That's what I thought.

Shifu walks away, leaving the path open to Po.

EXTERIOR. JADE PALACE – NIGHT

Tigress stands in the moonlight outside the palace. She has seen what just transpired between Shifu and Po. She turns away, a look of resolve on her face... and LEAPS. She flies through the air, finally landing on a rooftop in the valley below. She looks back up at the palace.

TIGRESS: This is what you trained me for.

She takes off running. The other four are right behind her.

VIPER: Tigress!

She keeps going and they give chase.

TIGRESS: Don't try and stop me!

The chase continues through the village.

VIPER: We're not trying to stop you!

TIGRESS: What?

VIPER: We're coming with you!

Then...the others join her. Tigress smiles. They leap off into the night.

EXTERIOR. JADE PALACE – EVENING

Night dissolves to dawn. Shifu sits under the peach tree. He stirs, hearing KUNG FU NOISES from the training hall. He goes to investigate.

INTERIOR TRAINING HALL – DAWN

Shifu looks inside -- it's empty. The NOISES continue from somewhere else -- the bunkhouse.

INTERIOR KITCHEN – DAWN

As Shifu turns the corner he sees Po's shadow as he performs some amazing Kung Fu. Entering the kitchen, Shifu finds Po is stuffing his face with food. Seeing Shifu, he stops mid-munch.

In silence they eye each other. Shifu surveys the room -- broken lock, smashed doors, unhinged cabinets. Po belches.

PO: (mouth full) What? I eat when I'm upset, okay?

Shifu gets a glimmer in his eye. He has an idea.

SHIFU: Oh, no need to explain. I just thought you might be Monkey – he hides his almond cookies on the top shelf.

Shifu calmly exits and hides just outside the doorway, waiting to see if his hunch is correct. KLUMP! KLONK! THUNK! Shifu peeks back inside and finds Po perched atop the high shelves jamming more cookies into his mouth. Po notices Shifu walking back in.

PO: (mouth full) Don't tell Monkey.

He glances back down at Shifu, whose disbelief turns to a wise smile.

SHIFU: Look at you.

PO: Yeah, I know. I disgust you.

SHIFU: No no, I mean... how did you get up there?

PO: I don't know. I guess I-- I don't know. I was getting a cookie...

He looks at the cookie and then can't help but eat it.

SHIFU: And yet you are ten feet off the ground and have done a perfect split.

PO: No, this... this is just an accident.

He and Po stare at each other for a beat. Then... WHOOMP! Po slips and crashes to the kitchen floor. A cookie rolls over to Shifu. He picks it up

SHIFU: There are no accidents. Come with me.

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Vocabulary

lousy- ^{ひじょう} 非常に ^{きたな} 汚い	tipper- ^{わたすひと} チップを渡す人	incredulous- ^{かんたん} 簡単に ^{しん} 信じない
ladles- ^{おたま} お玉	ingredient- ^{せいぶん} 成分	snickers- ^{わら} 笑う
frustration- ^{よっきゅう} 欲求 ^{ふまん} 不満	compound- ^{かごうぶつ} 化合物	redirected - ^リ ダイレクト
transpired - ^{はんめい} 判明する	resolve- ^{かいけつ} 解決	unhinged- ^き 気の ^{どうてん} 動転した
glimmer- ^{ひかり} チラチラする光		

Comprehension Questions

- 1) What happened to Oogway?
He disappeared in a cloud of peach blossoms.
- 2) What do the Five say Po is good at?
He is good at cooking.
- 3) Who does Po imitate?
He imitates Master Shifu.
- 4) Who does Master Shifu say must stop Tai Lung?
He says that the Dragon Warrior/Po must stop Tai Lung.
- 5) Why didn't Po leave when Shifu was trying to make him leave?
He didn't leave because he hoped Shifu would make him better.
- 6) Where does Tigress go after she sees Po and Shifu talk?
She goes to fight Tai Lung.
- 7) What does Po do that makes Shifu think he can learn kung fu?
Po eats all the locked up and hidden food in the kitchen.