

Kung Fu Panda Part 9

Character List

Po	Shifu	Tai Lung
Tigress		
Miscellaneous (Monkey, Viper, Mantis)		

INTERIOR SCROLL ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

CLOSE-UP of the Dragon Scroll. Po stares at Shifu – then looks up at the Scroll. Then back at Shifu –

PO: You really believe I'm ready?

SHIFU: You are, Po.

They look at each other. This is a big moment.

Oogway's staff hangs in a rack surrounded by candles. As Po and The Five stand by, Shifu carries the staff over to the reflecting pool. Shifu bows his head, then, eyes still closed, he raises the staff up above his head. Po and the others watch, expectantly. The peach blossom petals rise in a flickering, spinning cloud up from the pool. The gentle tornado rises up around the ceiling carving that holds the Dragon Scroll. The petals loosen the scroll from the dragon's mouth and it falls. At the last second, Shifu reaches out with the staff to catch the scroll on the end of it. He turns to Po, holding it out.

SHIFU: Behold. The Dragon Scroll... It is yours.

PO: Wait, what happens when I read it?

SHIFU: No one knows, but legend says you will be able to hear a butterfly's wing-beat.

PO: Whoa! Really? That's cool.

SHIFU: Yes. And see light in the deepest cave. You will feel the universe in motion around you.

PO: Wow! Can I punch through walls? Can I do a quadruple back flip? Will I have invisibility—

SHIFU: Focus. Focus.

PO: Huh? Oh, yeah... yeah.

SHIFU: Read it, Po, and fulfill your destiny. Read it and become... the Dragon Warrior!

PO: Whooaa!!!

Po takes a deep breath. Then he grasps the tube and tries to pull the top off it. It doesn't budge. He strains at it.

PO: It's impossible to open.

He strains again. He tries to bite it off...

PO: Come on baby. Come on now...

Shifu SIGHS and holds out his hand. Po passes him the tube. Shifu pops the end off effortlessly and passes it back to Po.

PO: Thank you. I probably loosened it up for you though... Okay, here goes.

He glances at the Five. They look on in awe. Monkey gives him the `thumbs up.' Po starts to unroll the scroll, the golden light bathing his face. Across the scroll we see Shifu, excited that he is witness to history... On Po's face as he finishes opening the scroll. Then –

PO: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!

Shifu looks concerned. The Five look concerned. Po looks utterly terrified.

PO: It's blank!

SHIFU: What?

PO: Here! Look!

Po tries to show Shifu the scroll. Shifu covers his eyes and turns his head away.

SHIFU: No! I am forbidden to look upon—

But he can't help himself. He takes a peek. Then he GRABS it off Po. He turns it around, then upside down. He closes it and opens it again, astonished.

SHIFU: Blank? I don't...I don't understand.

Shifu turns away, contemplative. What can this mean?

PO: Okay. So like, Oogway was just a crazy old turtle after all?

SHIFU: No. Oogway was wiser than us all.

Po sits heavily on the floor, dejected.

PO: Oh, come on! Face it. He picked me by accident. Of course I'm not the Dragon Warrior. Who am I kidding?

The Five don't argue.

TIGRESS: But who will stop Tai Lung?

CRANE: He'll destroy everything...and everyone.

Shifu puts the scroll back in its container and seals it. He looks oddly calm as he turns around.

SHIFU: No, evacuate the Valley. You must protect the villagers from Tai Lung's rage.

TIGRESS: What about you master?

SHIFU: I will fight him.

PO: What?

SHIFU: I can hold him off long enough for everyone to escape.

PO: But Shifu, he'll kill you.

SHIFU: Then I will finally have paid for my mistake.

The Five and Po look devastated.

SHIFU: Listen to me, all of you. It is time for you to continue your journey without me. I am very proud to have been your master.

Shifu salutes them and turns away. Po is heartbroken. Crane steps forward and kindly puts a wing around Po, pulling away.

Po resists for a moment, then lets the Five lead him off.

EXTERIOR VALLEY

The Five arrive at the base of the stairs.

TIGRESS: We've got to get them out safely.

Monkey picks up a small child.

MONKEY: Come, little one. Let's find your mama.

TIGRESS: Viper, gather the southern farmers. Mantis, the north. Crane, light the way.

They split up and begin helping the villagers evacuate. Po is left by himself. He makes his way through the bustling town.

JR SHAW: (skeptically) Look, it's the Dragon Warrior.

Po approaches the Noodle Shop

PO: Hey, Dad.

PO'S DAD: Po!

Seeing Po, Po's Dad hurries over and wraps his arms around his son. Po bends down to reciprocate the hug, as Po's dad pulls away, having fastened an apron around Po's waist.

PO'S DAD: Good to have you back, son

PO: (listlessly) Good to be back

Po's Dad goes back to packing things up.

PO'S DAD: Let's go Po. So, for our next shop, it's time to face it -- the future of noodles is dice-cut vegetables, no longer slices.

Dad starts to walk off, unaware that Po isn't following.

PO'S DAD: Also, I was thinking, maybe this time we'll have a kitchen you can actually stand up in. Hmm? You like that?

He turns and notices that Po hasn't moved. He walks to Po sympathetically.

PO'S DAD: Po, I'm sorry things didn't work out. It just... wasn't meant to be.

Po slumps against the cart.

PO'S DAD: Po, forget everything else. Your destiny still awaits. We are noodle folk -- broth runs deep through our veins.

PO: I don't know, Dad. Honestly, sometimes I can't believe I'm actually your son.

Dad is taken aback.

PO'S DAD: Po, I think it's time I told you something I should have told you a long time ago...

PO: Okay.

Dad pauses dramatically.

PO'S DAD: The secret ingredient of my secret ingredient soup!

Po feigns excitement.

PO: Oh.

PO'S DAD: C'mere! The secret ingredient is... nothing!

PO: Huh?

PO'S DAD: You heard me. Nothing. There is no secret ingredient!

PO: Wait wait...it's just plain old noodle soup? You don't add some kind of special sauce or something?

PO'S DAD: Don't have to. To make something special, you just have to believe it's special.

Po looks at his father with dawning realization. He picks up the Scroll. For a moment, Po stares at his reflection on the scroll, then he smiles serenely. He gets it now.

PO: There is no secret ingredient...

Po turns back to look at the palace.

EXTERIOR. JADE PALACE - DAWN

At the top of the stairs, Shifu looks upon the Valley, awaiting his fate. With a gust of wind, Tai Lung appears before him.

TAI LUNG: I have come home, Master.

SHIFU: This is no longer your home. And I am no longer your master.

TAI LUNG: Yes. You have a new favorite. So where is this...Po? Did I scare him off?

SHIFU: This battle is between you and me.

TAI LUNG: So. That is how it's going to be?

SHIFU: That is how it must be.

They fight. At last. Tai Lung punches Shifu clean through the doors of the Jade Palace. Tai Lung enters.

TAI LUNG: I rotted in jail for twenty years because of your weakness!

SHIFU: Obeying your master is not weakness!

TAI LUNG: You knew I was the Dragon Warrior! You always knew...

Dissolve to FLASHBACK.

A young Tai Lung looks expectant. Oogway shakes his head.

TAI LUNG: But when Oogway said otherwise, what did you do? What did you do?!

Tai Lung looks to Shifu who averts his eyes and the past dissolves into the present.

TAI LUNG: NOTHING!

Shifu takes a Kung Fu stance.

SHIFU: You were not meant to be the Dragon Warrior! That was not my fault!

TAI LUNG: NOT YOUR FAULT?!

Enraged, Tai Lung knocks over the Kung Fu [artifacts](#) and throws them at Shifu.

TAI LUNG: WHO FILLED MY HEAD WITH DREAMS?! WHO DROVE ME TO TRAIN UNTIL MY BONES CRACKED?! WHO DENIED ME MY DESTINY?!

Shifu dodges each attack.

SHIFU: It was never my decision to make!

Tai Lung pulls Oogway's staff from the shrine.

TAI LUNG: It is now.

They fight. Tai Lung pins Shifu down with the staff

TAI LUNG: Give me the scroll!

SHIFU: I would rather die.

They struggle for a beat until finally, the staff splinters into a hundred pieces. Shifu looks back at the pieces and a [flutter](#) of peach tree petals fly by. Caught off guard, Shifu gets kicked by Tai Lung into a column.

Shifu climbs the column to the [rafters](#). Tai Lung follows and sends them both crashing through the roof. Lightning flash. [Grappling](#) in mid-air, Tai Lung gets his hands around Shifu's throat as they crash back through the roof.

They kick apart. Shifu crashes to the floor and lands hard. Tai Lung bounces off the wall and throws a lantern to the floor. Flames go everywhere. Tai Lung's arms are aflame as he charges at Shifu.

TAI LUNG: All I ever did, I did to make you proud! Tell me how proud you are, Shifu! Tell me! TELL ME!

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- 4) What does Po's dad put on him when they hug?
- 5) What is the secret ingredient of the Secret Ingredient Soup?
- 6) What does Tai Lung go to the palace to get?
- 7) What does Tai Lung want Shifu to tell him?

Vocabulary

reflecting - <small>はんしゃ</small> 反射	expectantly - <small>くびなが</small> 首を長くして	behold - <small>み</small> 見よ
budge - <small>うご</small> ちょっと動く	strains - <small>ひんしゅ</small> 品種	bathing - <small>もくよく</small> 沐浴
terrified - <small>きょうふ</small> 恐怖	forbidden - <small>きんだん</small> 禁断の	dejected - <small>らくたん</small> 落胆
evacuate - <small>ひなん</small> 避難する	devastated - <small>こうはい</small> 荒廃	resists - レジスト
bustling - <small>にぎやかな</small>	reciprocate - 交換する	fastened - 固定
packing - <small>こんぼう</small> 梱包	unaware - <small>し</small> 知らない	dawning - <small>あけがた</small> 明け方
sympathetically - <small>どうじょう</small> 同情して	dramatically - <small>げきてき</small> 劇的に	rotten - <small>くさ</small> 腐った
realization - <small>じつげん</small> 実現	serenely - <small>おだ</small> 穏やかに	artifacts - アーティファクト
expectant - <small>よき</small> 予期している	dissolves - <small>ようかい</small> 溶解	
grappling - ひっかけるもの		

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He gives him the Dragon Scroll.
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Nothing was written on the Dragon Scroll, it was blank.
- 3) What does Shifu tell the Furious Five to do?
He tells them to evacuate the valley.
- 4) What does Po's dad put on him when they hug?
He puts Po's apron on him.
- 5) What is the secret ingredient of the Secret Ingredient Soup?
The secret ingredient is nothing.
- 6) What does Tai Lung go to the palace to get?
He goes to the palace to get the Dragon Scroll.
- 7) What does Tai Lung want Shifu to tell him?
He wants Shifu to tell him he is proud of him.