

## Kung Fu Panda Lesson3

### Character List

Po                                      Shifu                                      Commander  
Zeng                                      Po's Dad  
Miscellaneous (Crowd, Tigress, Furious Five)

#### INTERIOR TOURNAMENT RING - DAY

Oogway closes his eyes and raises his hand as ceremonial DRUMS start to play.

#### EXTERIOR TOURNAMENT RING - DAY

Po struggles with something, his back turned to us. Reveal he has tied a load of fireworks to a chair. He hops on and lights the fuse.

PO'S DAD: Po?!

Po's Dad rushes over and tries to blow out the fuse.

PO'S DAD: What are you doing?

PO: What does it look like I'm doing? Stop! Stop! I'm going to see the Dragon Warrior!

PO'S DAD: But I don't understand. You finally had the noodle dream.

Po looks uneasy.

PO: I lied. I don't dream about noodles, Dad!

He looks at the fuse... almost all gone... Po holds onto the chair for dear life, closes his eyes, and braces himself for liftoff.

PO: I love kung fuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu-

Po finally opens his eyes... He's still on the ground. The fuse was a dud. Po falls face first into the dirt. He looks away, embarrassed. Po's Dad holds out his apron.

PO'S DAD: Come on, son. Let's get back to work.

PO: Okay

Po sighs, starts to reach for the apron, then-- BOOM! The rockets ignite, propelling Po into the stadium wall.

PO'S DAD: Oh! Come back!

Po's rocket chair blasts him into the sky amid a shower of fireworks.

CROWD: Oooh! Aaahh!

Po climbs up and up...until the rockets die out and the chair loses power...

PO: Uh oh...

Oogway's arm sweeps down the line of the expectant Five... Po falls towards the center of the ring... The tension builds as the Five wait to see who will be picked. Then... SMASH! Po lands and kicks up a huge dirt cloud, obscuring the ring.

#### INTERIOR ARENA

PO sees the Five looking down at him, appalled. Po comes round slowly, getting his bearings. He looks around and sees Oogway. Strangely, the old turtle is smiling.

PO: What's going on? Where...uh? What are you pointing--?

He looks up. An awful realization starts to dawn. Po GULPS. He is desperately embarrassed.

PO: Oh. Okay. Sorry. I just wanted to see who the Dragon Warrior was.

He tries to shuffle his butt out of there, mumbling apologies.

OOGWAY: How interesting.

TIGRESS: Master, are you pointing at...me?

OOGWAY: Him.

PO: Who--?

Po tries moving out of the way of Oogway's finger, but it keeps following him.

OOGWAY: You.

PO: Me?

Oogway grabs Po's hand and holds it up for all to see.

OOGWAY: The universe has brought us the Dragon Warrior!

PO: What?

FURIOUS FIVE: What??

SHIFU: What???

PO'S DAD: WHAT????

The pig bangs the gong. The crowd goes wild! They cheer! They scream! [Confetti](#) falls! A [palanquin](#) is carried past Shifu.

SHIFU: Stop! Wait! Who told you to--?

Po stands there, utterly stunned, his mouth hanging open. He is abruptly lifted up out of shot. Cut to the Palace Geese straining. Po is being lifted with great effort on the palanquin. He is carried off. Shifu elbows his way urgently through the thronging crowd to get to Oogway.

SHIFU: Master Oogway, wait! That flabby panda can't possibly be the answer to... our problem. You were about to point at Tigress. That thing fell in front of her. That was just an accident!

OOGWAY: There are no accidents.

Oogway smiles [benignly](#) as we hear an off-screen CRASH! The camera adjusts to reveal the palanquin has collapsed under Po. Shifu looks at Oogway. Oogway just smiles.

A squad of burly pigs rushes in and hoists Po, the palanquin, and the Geese onto their shoulders, and they head off for the Jade Palace. Stunned, Shifu watches them go. Behind him, the Five approach and bow.

TIGRESS: Forgive us, Master. We have failed you.

Shifu spins around.

SHIFU: No. If the panda has not quit by morning, then I will have failed you.

Confetti flutters through the air as the celebration continues around them.

EXT. PRISON -- NIGHT

A huge prison is carved into the side of a frozen mountain. Fifteen stories of iron and rock. No windows. One door -- locked, bolted and sealed tight. Rhinoceros guards in armor patrol the perimeter.

Zeng, the palace goose, flies into frame and a Rhino Sentry spots him in the distance. He lands, sliding on the ice and crashing into the gate. The rhinos point their spears at him.

ZENG: Wait wait wait! I bring a message from Master Shifu.

CLANG! The doors creak open. The terrified goose peers in.

INTERIOR PRISON -- A MOMENT LATER

COMMANDER: What?!?! (reading) "Double the guard?! Extra precautions?! Your prison may not be adequate!"

The Goose is quaking in fear. Stern Rhinos surround him, staring daggers at him. The Commander snaps the scroll shut.

COMMANDER: You doubt my prison's security?

ZENG: Absolutely not. (then) Shifu does. I'm just the messenger.

COMMANDER: I'll give you a message for your Master Shifu. Escape from Chogun Prison is impossible!

The Goose is awed by the cavernous prison.

ZENG: Whoa.

The goose looks over the bridge's edge. The prison goes down a long ways. The commander hits the goose on the back.

COMMANDER: Impressive, isn't it?

A feather from the goose drifts down the prison.

ZENG: Yes, very impressive. It's VERY impressive.

COMMANDER: One way in, one way out, one thousand guards, and one prisoner.

ZENG: Yes, except that prisoner is Tai Lung...

AT THE ELEVATOR

COMMANDER: Take us down.

Several guard rhinos winch the goose and the commander down. The commander grabs the chain and shakes the elevator, trying to scare the goose.

ZENG: What are you doing?!

The commander just laughs. The elevator finally lands, sending an echo throughout the prison.

AT DOORS -A number of doors unlock, one after the other. Finally, a drawbridge is lowered out onto an island.

ZENG: Oh my...

COMMANDER: Behold, Tai Lung.

ZENG: I'll um...I'm just gonna wait right here.

COMMANDER: It's nothing to worry about. It's perfectly safe.

He shoves the goose out ahead of him.

ZENG: Oof!

COMMANDER: Crossbows! At the ready!

ZENG: Crossbows?!

They approach TAI LUNG, a giant, muscular snow leopard bound in a giant piece of tortoise shell armor and chains. He barely registers signs of life. The commander walks right up to him.

COMMANDER: Hey, tough guy, did you hear? Oogway's finally gonna give someone the Dragon Scroll and it's not gonna be you!

The goose can't believe it.

ZENG: What are you doing?! Don't get him mad.

COMMANDER: What's he gonna do about it? I've got him completely immobilized.

The Commander stomps on Tai Lung's tail. We hear a crunch. The goose flinches. But Tai Lung does not react.

COMMANDER: Awww. Did I step on the witty kitty's tail? Awww.

Tai Lung doesn't move. His eyes stare coldly straight ahead.

ZENG: I'm good. I've seen enough. I'm gonna tell Shifu he's got nothing to worry about.

COMMANDER: No, he doesn't.

ZENG: Okay, I'll tell him that. Can we please go now?

The Commander starts to walk back to the elevator. The goose hurries after him. The goose's feather flutters into frame. We follow the feather as it lands right in front of Tai Lung. HIS EYES OPEN. Tai Lung grabs the feather with his tail.

INTERIOR JADE PALACE - HALLWAY

The palace doors open to reveal Po on the palanquin, hundreds of villagers behind him.

CROWD: (chanting) Dragon Warrior! Dragon Warrior!

Po is ushered in and the doors close. He is alone. He runs back to the closed palace doors.

PO: Wait a second! Hello? Uh...I think there's been a slight mistake. Everyone seems to think that I'm, uh...

Po finally realizes where he is.

PO: Whoa. The Sacred Hall of Warriors. No way! Would you look at this place!

He rushes up to a display of armor.

PO: (GASP) Master Flying Rhino's Armor! With authentic battle damage!

He rushes up to a green sword, making sure not to touch it.

PO: (GASP) The Sword of Heroes! Said to be so sharp you can cut yourself just by looking-- OW!

He stares at a black spot on the wall.

PO: (GASP) The Invisible Trident of Destiny!?

He admires a painting.

PO: (GASP) I've only seen paintings of that painting...

Po runs around the room, amazed by all the ancient kung fu artifacts. Something special catches Po's eye.

PO: (loudly) Nooo! Ohhhh!

He runs over to it.

PO: The legendary Urn of Whispering Warriors! Said to contain the souls of the entire Tenshu army. (calling into vase) Hellooo?

SHI FU: Have you finished sight-seeing?

Po GASPS.

### Vocabulary

ceremonial- ぎしき 儀式

ignite- はっか 発火する

tension- -きんちよう 緊張

bearings- ほうこうかんかく 方向感覚

benignly- やさ 優しく

sealed - ふういん 封印された

precautions - ちゅういじこう 注意事項

winch - ウインチ

authentic - ほんもの 本物の

fuse- どうかせん 導火線

amid- の 中で

obscuring- いんぺい 隠蔽

confetti- かみぶぶき 紙吹雪

stories - かい 階

perimeter - しゅうい 周囲

adequate - じゅうぶん 十分な

immobilized - こていか 固定化した

uneasy- ふあん 不安な

expectant- よき 予期している

appalled- がくぜん 愕然とし

palanquin- かご 駕籠

bolted - ボルト

sentry - ほしろう 歩哨(ほしろう)

impressive - いんしょうてき 印象的な

ushered - まくあ 幕開け

### Comprehension Questions

1) How did Po finally get into the arena?

He used fireworks to get into the arena.

2) Who did Master Oogway pick to be the Dragon Warrior?

He picked Po

3) What does Shifu plan to do after Po gets picked?

He plans to make Po quit.

4) Why was the commander angry at Zeng?

The commander was angry at Zeng because Zeng's letter said his prison wasn't adequate.

5) How many prisoners are held at Chogun Prison?

There is only one prisoner at Chogun Prison.

6) What did Tai Lung say when the commander told him that Oogway was going to give someone else the dragon scroll?

He didn't say anything.

7) What does the Urn of Whispering Warriors contain?

It contains the souls of the entire Tenshu army.