

Kung Fu Panda Lesson6

Character List

Po	Shifu	Oogway
Tigress	Mantis	
Miscellaneous (Crane, Monkey, Viper, Zeng)		

INTERIOR JADE PALACE (Continued)

Po looks excited.

PO: Alright! Let's go!

The Five exchange worried looks.

SHI FU: (to Po) Step forth.

Po doesn't even finish the step as Shifu whirls him around and throws him to the floor pinning his arm behind him.

SHI FU: The true path to victory is to find your opponent's weakness and make him suffer for it.

PO: (delighted) Oh, yeah!

Shifu whips Po around again.

SHI FU: To take his strength and use it against him.

Again, this time Shifu holds Po by the nose.

SHI FU: --until he finally falls, or quits.

Po is totally inspired.

PO: But a real warrior never quits. Don't worry, Master, I will never quit!

At his breaking point, Shifu flings Po into the air and then leaps at him with a flying kick.

EXTERIOR. TRAINING HALL – CONTINUOUS

Po crashes out of the door and tumbles down the steps. The Five watch him fall.

TIGRESS: If he's smart, he won't come back up those steps.

MONKEY: But he will.

VIPER: He's not gonna quit, is he?

MANTIS: He's not gonna quit bouncin', I'll tell ya that.

Cut WIDE as Po continues to tumble.

INTERIOR BUNKHOUSE – EVENING

Close on Po, who grimaces.

PO: Aaaa...whoohoo...EEEE...hee-hee... I thought you said acupuncture would make me feel better.

Mantis pops up from behind Po holding a handful of needles and sticks Po again.

MANTIS: Trust me, it will. It's just not easy finding the right nerve points under all this—

PO: Fat?

MANTIS: Fur, I was gonna say fur.

PO: Sure you were.

MANTIS: Who am I to judge a warrior based on his size? I mean -- look at me.

Po looks for Mantis...

MANTIS: I'm over here.

...But Mantis is now on his other shoulder. He jabs another needle into Po.

PO: Ow!

VIPER: Maybe you should take a look at this again.

Viper is holding a [diagram](#) of acupuncture [meridians](#) (onto which someone has overlaid a drawing of a panda.)

MANTIS: (re: diagram) Oh! Okay.

Quick cuts to Monkey [meditating](#) in his room and Crane doing [calligraphy](#) in his. Po's yelps distract them.

PO: Ow! Don't... (laughing) Stop it, stop-- Yow! I know Master Shifu's trying to inspire me and all, but if I didn't know any better, I'd say he was trying to get rid of me.

Po chuckles. The others look at each other and chuckle awkwardly.

MANTIS: I know he can seem kind of heartless—

He [violently](#) jabs another needle in Po.

MANTIS: But, ya know, he wasn't always like that.

VIPER: [According to](#) legend, there was once a time when Master Shifu actually used to smile.

PO: No.

MANTIS: Yes.

Cut to Tigress out in the hallway. She can hear them talking.

VIPER: But that was before...

PO: Before what?

Tigress enters.

TIGRESS: Before Tai Lung.

Crane's shadow is [silhouetted](#) on the wall.

CRANE: Uh yeah, we're not really supposed to talk about him.

TIGRESS: Well, if he's going to stay here, he should know.

PO: (trying to ease the [tension](#)) Guys, guys. I know about Tai Lung.

Tigress turns to Po.

PO: He was a student, the first ever to master the thousand...

Tigress approaches Po and leans in towards him.

PO: (nervously trailing off)...scrolls of... kung fu... and... then he turned bad... and now he's in jail.

Tigress shakes her head at the panda's ignorance.

TIGRESS: He wasn't just a student.

EXTERIOR. TRAINING HALL

FLASHBACK. Shifu peeks out of the Training Hall and finds a baby leopard cub on the steps.

TIGRESS: Shifu found him as a cub. And he raised him as a son.

Baby Tai Lung pulls on Shifu's whiskers.

TIGRESS: ...and when the boy showed talent in Kung Fu...

Baby Tai Lung punches the training dummy across the floor.

TIGRESS: ...Shifu trained him.

Shifu teaches Baby Tai Lung how to punch.

TIGRESS: He believed in him. He told him he was destined for greatness.

Hard cut to a full-grown Tai Lung demolishing a training dummy.

TIGRESS: It was never enough for Tai Lung. He wanted the Dragon Scroll. But Oogway saw darkness in his heart and refused. Outraged, Tai Lung laid waste to the valley. He tried to take the scroll by force. And Shifu had to destroy what he had created.

Tai Lung ransacks a village on his way up to the Jade Palace. He crashes through the doors, running towards a waiting Shifu and Oogway. Shifu leaps at Tai Lung to deliver a kick.

TIGRESS: But how could he?

Seeing only baby Tai Lung running towards him, Shifu pulls his kick short. Tai Lung counters with a devastating strike and Shifu crashes to the ground holding his broken leg.

Tai Lung leaps for the scroll, but Oogway stops him with strikes at his pressure points. He falls to the ground in a heap.

TIGRESS: Shifu loved Tai Lung like he'd never loved anyone before...

Young Tigress in the training hall strikes the dummy in the same manner as Tai Lung. Shifu corrects her form. Nothing more. Young Tigress looks crestfallen.

TIGRESS: ...or since.

The sad, young Tigress cross-dissolves to adult Tigress.

INTERIOR BUNKHOUSE – EVENING

Everyone is quiet in the moment.

TIGRESS: And now he has a chance to make things right, to train the true Dragon Warrior. And he's stuck with you: a big, fat panda who treats it like a joke.

Po makes a googly-eyed face.

PO: Doieeeee...

TIGRESS: (charging at Po) Oh! That is it!

Mantis pops up and halts Tigress.

MANTIS: Wait! My fault! I accidentally tweaked his facial nerve.

Po falls face first to the floor, revealing his back is covered with needles.

MANTIS: And may have also stopped his heart.

INTERIOR TRAINING HALL – NIGHT

Shifu is sitting in meditation, fidgeting incessantly.

SHIFU: Inner peace. Inner peace. Inner peace.

He finally opens one eye.

SHIFU: Would whoever is making that flapping sound, quiet down!

Satisfied with the silence, Shifu nods and resumes his meditation.

SHIFU: Inner...

BOOM. Zeng drops in from the ceiling.

SHIFU: Oh, Zeng. Excellent. I could use some good news right now.

ZENG: Uh...

EXTERIOR JADE PALACE GROUNDS – EVENING

Oogway stands under the peach tree, deep in thought. Shifu rushes in, emerging from the mist, extremely agitated.

SHIFU: Master! Master!

OOGWAY: Hmmm?

SHIFU: (out of breath) I have-- it's-- it's very bad news.

OOGWAY: Ah, Shifu. There is just news. There is no good or bad.

SHIFU: Master, your vision...your vision was right. Tai Lung has broken out of prison. He's on his way!

OOGWAY: That is bad news...

He turns to face Shifu and stares at him, eyebrow raised.

OOGWAY: ...If you do not believe that the Dragon Warrior can stop him.

SHI FU: The panda? Master, that panda is not the Dragon Warrior. He wasn't even meant to be here -- it was an accident!

OOGWAY: There are no accidents.

SHI FU: Yes, I know. You've said that already. Twice.

OOGWAY: Well, that was no accident either.

SHI FU: Thrice.

OOGWAY: My old friend, the panda will never fulfill his destiny, nor you yours, until you let go of the illusion of control.

SHI FU: Illusion?

OOGWAY: Yeah. Look at this tree, Shifu. I cannot make it blossom when it suits me, nor make it bear fruit before its time.

SHI FU: But there are things we can control.

Shifu kicks the tree and a peach falls to his feet.

SHI FU: I can control when the fruit will fall.

A peach falls on his head and Oogway chuckles. Shifu tosses the peach in the air, leaps up, and splits it with a chop.

SHI FU: And I can control—

Shifu punches the ground, creating a hole and places the seed in it.

SHI FU: --where to plant the seed. That is no illusion, Master.

OOGWAY: Ah, yes. But no matter what you do, that seed will grow to be a peach tree. You may wish for an apple, or an orange... but you will get a peach.

SHI FU: But a peach cannot defeat Tai Lung!

OOGWAY: Maybe it can. If you are willing to guide it, to nurture it. To believe in it.

Oogway covers the seed with dirt.

SHI FU: But how? How? I need your help, Master.

OOGWAY: No, you just need to believe. Promise me, Shifu. Promise me you will believe.

SHI FU: I... I will try.

Comprehension Questions

- 1) What does Po tell Shifu that makes Shifu angry?
- 2) What did Mantis do to try to help Po feel better?
- 3) What did Tai Lung master?
- 4) How did Shifu meet Tai Lung?
- 5) Why did Tai Lung become bad?
- 6) What do you think Zeng will tell Shifu?
- 7) What illusion does Oogway say that Shifu must let go of?

Vocabulary

inspired - 元氣 <small>げんき</small> づける	breaking point - 極限 <small>きょくげん</small>	grimaces - しかめっ面 <small>つら</small> する
acupuncture - 鍼治療 <small>はりちりょう</small>	diagram - 図表 <small>ずひょう</small>	meridians - 経路 <small>けいろ</small> の
meditating - 瞑想 <small>めいそう</small> している		calligraphy - 書道
violently - 激 <small>はげ</small> しく	according to - による	silhouetted - シルエット
tension - 緊張 <small>きんちよう</small>	ignorance - 無知 <small>むち</small>	destined - 運命 <small>うんめい</small>
outraged - 激怒 <small>げきど</small>	pressure points - 圧点 <small>あつてん</small>	crestfallen - 落胆 <small>らくたん</small> した
googly-eyed - ぎょろ目 <small>め</small>	incessantly - 絶え間なく <small>たえま</small>	emerging - 初期段階 <small>しよきだんがい</small> の
agitated - 興奮 <small>こうふん</small>	illusion - 錯覚 <small>さっかく</small>	

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- 1) What does Po tell Shifu that makes Shifu angry?
He tells Shifu that he will never give up.
- 2) What did Mantis do to try to help Po feel better?
He did acupuncture to try to help Po feel better.
- 3) What did Tai Lung master?
He mastered the thousand scrolls of Kung Fu.
- 4) How did Shifu meet Tai Lung?
He found Tai Lung as a cub.
- 5) Why did Tai Lung become bad?
He was angry that Master Oogway wouldn't let him become the Dragon Warrior.
- 6) What do you think Zeng will tell Shifu?
Zeng will tell Shifu that Tai Lung had escaped.
- 7) What illusion does Oogway say that Shifu must let go of?
He says he must let go of the illusion of control.