

BO AND THE SPIRIT WARRIORS

Episode 1: A Warrior is Born

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FADE IN:

Over the following titles:

SHEN (V.O.)

Since the creation of yin and yang, there has been a Spirit World. Filled with magic and myth, it is protected by five Spirit Warriors. But a new evil has risen and a new generation of warriors, called. This is the story of those child warriors and their quest to save us all. This, is the story of, BO AND THE SPIRIT WORLD.

Titles:

Bo and Jen with Fei-Yan as she collapses. Our five kids, as they stand around the warrior exhibition in the Museum and are warped into the Spirit World. Show the expanse of the world and the five zones.

Then onto Bo as she fights a guardian by lifting stones from the ground using her chi power, and hurls them as missiles at the bad guy; Jen as she runs rings around some Shadow Warriors's, whipping them up in a mini tornado that leaves them disorientated; Trix as he 'hears' the forest warn him of danger; Martin whose eyes turns white as he projects them ahead to see around the corner where Hwang lies in wait with an army and finally Vicky who places her hand on a Shadow Warrior, getting him to attack his own.

Staring through his mystic mist, Li sits on his throne in his massive palace. He shoots out energy bolts as he commands Hwang and an army of Shadow Warriors to go after our warriors.

Our kids unite into one big fighting stance, with Bo as leader, as Shen hovers behind them.

The twelve spirit pieces form a circle, glowing and floating above them.

1

EXT. LONDON SKYLINE - DAY

1

Heavy rain clouds dot the grey and purple sky. Thunder rumbles in the distance. It is unnaturally dark.

2

INT. KITCHEN - BO'S FLAT - DAY

2

BO, JEN

Open on the image of A WARRIOR from a publicity flyer.

Pull out to show the words "One week only!" and "Kingsway Museum". The flyer is now flung by BO, frisbee style onto the breakfast table where JEN plays on her DS.

Montage: Bo prepares breakfast.

She takes some juice from the fridge and loads the toaster.

The toast pops up!

BO

Heads up!

Bo HURLS a pair of chopsticks. They nail two slices of newly popped toast dead centre in mid-air. The toast lands on Jen's plate, which knocks her juice and spills a little on the floor. Jen slaps jam on the toast.

JEN

Why can't you be like a normal
sister?

Bo grabs a mop and cleans the floor whilst swinging the end of the mop near Jen, making Jen duck. *

BO

If you don't like my methods, you
know what you can do?

JEN

I know what I'd like to do...

Bo returns to the worktop. Bo struggles to cram several sandwiches into an already full paper bag. *

JEN(O.S.)

(mumbles)

You remember to--

BO

(interrupts)

Pack extra sandwiches for the
museum?! Like I'd forget what a--
(MORE)

BO (cont'd)
(catches her stuffing
her face)
Pig you are...

She trails off, disgusted. Jen sees her expression.

JEN
I don't need you, you know. I can
make my own food.

BO
Crisps don't count, young sister
of mine.

Jen reaches for the bag, but Bo holds it out of reach. She
eyes her wearily.

JEN
What?

BO
Say it or you'll starve today.

JEN
Mum!

BO
SAY IT!

JEN
BO'S MESSING WITH ME AGAIN!

She charges out of the room; with Bo following, rolling
over the worktop.

BO
*That's not the five words I was
thinking.*

3

INT. FEI-YAN'S BEDROOM - DAY

3

BO, JEN

Jen BURSTS into their mother's room, but stops, staring at
the bed. The place looks un-slept.

JEN
Mum?

Bo crashes into her. Heckles her further.

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BO
Come on, Jen, you can do it! "I
bow to the Bomeister"...

She ducks, backs outside.

BO
Bomiester, you rule!

JEN (O.O.S.)
Mum, where are you?

Bo finally clocks the bed and is left uneasy. She follows downstairs.

4 **INT. BOTTOM OF STAIRS - DAY** 4
BO, JEN

Bo comes downstairs and finds Jen. Bo has stopped messing about and now looks perplexed.

JEN
She's not here?

They hear a sound from outside - some kind of crash. Bo shushes Jen, senses on high alert.

BO
(exiting)
Wait here.

5 **EXT. CANAL - DAY** 5
BO, JEN *

The sky is so dark it is more like late afternoon than early morning. A streak of lightening is followed by a large clap of thunder. Bo emerges and shivers, unsure what to do next.

JEN (O.S)
Where is she?

Bo JUMPS.

BO
What part of "wait here" did you not get?

JEN
The part where I have to listen to you.

Bo notices the spooky sky. Another streak of lightening, a distant rumble of thunder.

BO
Come on. Let's go back in.

5A

EXT. BIN AREA - DAY

5A

By the doorway, Bo glances up. The sky looks strange. They hear another crash.

BO
Go inside, Jen.

Bo peers towards the bins and sees a figure collapsed there. Bo makes a move in the direction of the figure.

JEN
Don't Bo...

Bo doesn't reply. She edges closer. She reaches the FIGURE, who has fallen in such a way that their face is obscured by long black hair. Behind her, Jen hops from foot to foot, agitated.

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JEN
Bo don't.

A flash of lightening causes them to jump. Suddenly a hand reaches out, grabs Bo. Thunder sounds, Jen shrieks!

BO
Mum!

It's FEI-YAN, but very badly injured as though from an exhausting battle. FEI-YAN stares around her with glazed eyes. Around her neck, we glimpse an amulet.

FEI-YAN
Help me home. Hurry.

6

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

6

BO, JEN, FEI-YAN

Bo helps FEI-YAN onto her couch.

BO
What happened mum? What happened?

Fei-Yan breathes heavily, as if every breath is costing her. She looks at a complete loss and doesn't answer. Bo rushes out of the room. Jen grabs Fei-Yan's pale hand.

JEN
Are you cold?

She helps her into a cardigan (NB. This will be a cardigan that has a small embroidered swallow on it). Bo rushes back in with a cordless phone.

BO
(into phone)
Yes, an ambulance to 40 Ashdale -

FEI-YAN
NO! Hang up the phone.

BO
But mum--

FEI-YAN
Do it now, Bo!

Bo disconnects the call. Stares worriedly at her mother.

BO
OK, Mum, what is going on?

Fei-Yan breaks eye contact.

FEI-YAN
I just need some rest and I'll be fine.

Bo clearly doesn't believe her.

BO
Right. I'll call the school -
we're staying here with you.

Fei-Yan exhales painfully.

FEI-YAN
Well, maybe just for one day. It will be nice to have you home with me.

Bo smiles, relieved, but Jen's face falls. She picks up the flyer.

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JEN
(disappointed)
Yeah, we don't have to go to the Chinese warriors thing.

FEI-YAN seems suddenly alert.

FEI-YAN
That's today, Jen? The museum?

BO
I'll google 'warriors' for my
course work. It's no big deal.

A light goes back into Fei-Yan's eyes.

FEI-YAN
No. You must go.

BO
Not with you like this! Maybe
Jen can go -

FEI-YAN
No, it must be both of you. I
need you to look after her.
(off their anxious look)
You can always call if you're
worried.

The kids are hesitant, but they are wired to be obedient.

BO
Are you sure, Mum?

JEN
She said it's OK Bo!

BO
I don't know...

FEI-YAN
Wait.

She hesitates about something, then makes up her mind. She takes her amulet from around her neck and hands it to Bo.

FEI-YAN
Please - wear this.

JEN
What about me?

Fei-Yan takes an amulet from a box and hands it to Jen. Jen looks at it, then puts it on.

FEI-YAN
These are amulets. They are our
family heirlooms and a sign of
greatness.
(at Bo)
(MORE)

FEI-YAN (cont'd)

There are only three others left
in the world, so you must take
good care of them.

BO

I don't understand. Why--

FEI-YAN

Just put them on, please.

(brightly)

And when you come home, I'll be
back on my feet - I'll make you
some Dragon beard candy!

BO

But -

JEN

Dragon beard candy! So, are these
like, good luck charms?

FEI-YAN smiles sadly.

FEI-YAN

Yes. That's right.

7

INT. MAIN ENTRANCE - MUSEUM - DAY

7

BO, JEN, VICKY, TRIX, MARTIN, NS TEACHERS, NS SCHOOL
CHILDREN, NS TICKET MASTER

Bo and Jen arrive at the Museum among a mass of CHILDREN as there are many other school trips occurring at the same time. Bo spots a sign indicating the 'Special Exhibition - One Week Only - Ancient Chinese Warriors!'. She toys with the amulet around her neck, still pondering its significance.

BO

Let's get this over with.

JEN

I'm starved.

Rolling her eyes, Bo tosses a sandwich from the paper bag at her.

Moving through the hoard, we see a pretty but over the top girl, VICKY. She has accessorised and styled her outfit to be as 'street' as she can, hair braids and all. Just visible round her neck is an amulet. Vicky texts madly on her iphone - way bored of this place already.

She passes by another kid, TRIX, hovering near the canteen, as Teachers marshal the various school children in and out of the exhibition. He snatches the remaining food from finished plates, chewing hungrily.

He accidentally bumps into MARTIN - a meek looking boy - and we glimpse what looks like the round edges of another amulet around Trix's neck. Trix hurries off, blending in with the nearest CROWD which happens to be the one with Bo and Jen inside.

Horribly flustered, Martin has lost his entrance ticket and is frantically searching for it. We can see he wears an amulet as well. Finally he locates his ticket but the TICKET MASTER isn't even looking at him. Kids jostle him inside without paying him any mind - Mr Invisible.

8 **INT. EXHIBITION - MUSEUM - DAY** 8
BO, JEN, VICKY, MARTIN, TRIX

Bo and Jen are standing in front of an exhibit of five sets of fierce CHINESE WARRIORS in their armour.

BO
(reading sign)
These are models of the five
warriors believed to have guarded
China centuries ago.

JEN
B.J.C?
(off her questioning
look)
Before Jackie Chan.

BO
You have no culture, you know
that?

Bo's POV: She studies the first set of armour from the helmet to the chest - and shoots back up. C/U on the WARRIOR'S neck.

BO
That's the same as our amulets!

9 **INT. FEI-YAN'S KITCHEN - DAY** 9 *

Fei-Yan lies awkwardly on the couch, obviously in great pain. She tosses and turns and then rears up.

FEI-YAN
Good luck, my children!

Spent and terribly weak, she lies back down on the couch and quickly falls unconscious.

10 **INT. EXHIBITION - MUSEUM - DAY** 10
BO, JEN, VICKY, MARTIN, TRIX

Jen stares at the WARRIORS, at their amulets, stunned.

JEN

But she said there were only
three others in the world.

BO

(gesturing at exhibit)
Those must be fakes.
(grins)
Made in China.

Camera pans around the exhibit to show Trix, Martin and Vicky on each side. Vicky's amulet reveals itself, just as Trix and Martin reach inside under their shirts and fish out - THE SAME AMULETS. They all realise at the same time and, for one split second, stare at one another, mystified.

Suddenly red beams SHOOT OUT from each of the five kids amulets. Vicky FREAKS, flinging up her hands.

VICKY

Not the face! Not the face!

The beams meet and EXPLODE, blinding the kids with red light. When the light disappears, the kids have vanished and no one has noticed a thing.

10A

EXT. INFINITE VOID - DAY

10A

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We travel with Bo as she hurtles towards the spirit world. She is both thrilled and terrified.

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INT. SHEN'S CAVE - SPIRIT WORLD - DAY - STAGE 6 - B

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BO, JEN, VICKY, MARTIN, TRIX, SHEN

The red light fades, revealing the kids, standing in a circle, facing each other. They are in a dark cavern, with galleries and caves, the size of a house with glowing blue walls. An enormous scroll-shelf covers one side, while wooden carved paper panels section off other small areas.

JEN

What happened?

Bo hugs her in relief.

BO

I don't know. You OK?

She spies the others, pulls Jen behind her. They step away from the other kids.

BO
(to Vicky)
You were in the museum.

VICKY
But where are we now?

BO
You don't know either?

They spy Trix, wide-eyed, investigating the cave.

JEN
Maybe he does?

Trix shakes his head, no, before going back to his search.
Bo stares around her in fear and some wonder.

VICKY
It's like...we're in China or
something.

BO
This can't be real. Maybe it's
another exhibit! Somehow, we
ended up in another display...

She rushes over to the shelves to touch them.

BO
But...they seem so real?

She steps back to regard them when she hears a crunch sound
from behind them. She realises someone is trying to hide
there.

BO
What's that? Come out of there!

Martin shuffled out nervously.

MARTIN
(whispers)
Please, don't hurt me!

Vicky goes up to him.

VICKY
We're not gonna hurt you! You're
all right, mate!

MARTIN
The museum, where did it go?

VICKY
(remembering)
That's right.
(MORE)

VICKY (cont'd)

We were there, then there was
that red light--
(eyes wide in panic)
How's my face?! Do I look
normal?

TRIX

(looking up and down)
Define normal.

A beat before Vicky realises she is being mocked.

VICKY

Oh, so now he speaks.

BO

THE AMULETS! We were looking at
them when that red light
exploded.

Bo reveals hers and Jen's amulets. Vicky's mouth drops open
as she displays hers. Ditto, Martin and Trix.

JEN

Our mum said it's a family
heirloom.

Suddenly, a light appears on the cave wall. The kids shrink
back as a glowing face appears - the face of an ancient
Chinese Dragon. They stare at this extraordinary sight.
Some of them back away...Bo is transfixed.

BO

What -

SHEN

Greetings!

This is even more amazing. The kids stare at Shen,
completely astounded.

Shen takes a moment to compose himself, then gestures at
each of the kids.

SHEN

Greetings Warriors: Vicky, Trix,
Martin, Jen and Bo, the One True
Warrior. My name is Shen and I am
the last of my kind.

The kids gape stupidly.

BO

Where are we?

Vicky waves her hands in the air.

VICKY

It's gotta be a projection.

JEN

He called us warriors, Bo!

TRIX

How do you know our names?

BO

Will someone please tell me
what's going on?!

Shen stares at each of the kids.

SHEN

You are in The Spirit World.

MARTIN

Spirit World?!

VICKY

Then - are we dead?

SHEN

No, you are very much alive.

BO

But...if this is real, then what
are we doing here?

SHEN

Since time began, The Spirit
World has existed beside the
Substantial World, the one you
call home. Drawing mystical
strength from the ancient Spirit
Pieces, our world has lived in
harmony for centuries but now it
is in great danger.

MARTIN

Danger?

BO

What danger?

VICKY

Whatever it is, it's your danger,
not my danger!

SHEN

That precious jade stone was
recently left in my care.

He gestures to a jade stone set in a plinth.

VICKY

That thing? Looks like a green
rat.

SHEN

A spark can start a fire that
burns the entire valley. It is a
Spirit Piece - deadly in the
wrong hands.

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TRIX

Why would we be in this Spirit
World?

JEN

Yeah. We're supposed to be on a
school trip.

SHEN

Courage, like gold, may be found
anywhere.

BO

And we need to get back - our
mum's sick. She needs us home!

Bo flings her arms out, emphasizing her point...and a BLAST
of ENERGY flies out from her hands and into the cave wall.

TRIX

Whoa!

JEN

What did you do?!

Bo stares at her hands.

BO

(EXCITED AND PLEASED)

Wow!

Then she realises how strange this power is.

BO

(WORRIED)

What was that about danger?

SHEN

There are many things about the
spirit world you will find
strange and mysterious...

Establish Li's palace DMP. We fly over the fire world and
find Li's palace.

12A

EXT. LI'S BALCONY - DAY - STAGE 6

12A

We find Li cogitating on the balcony. He turns and goes into the palace.

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INT. LI'S PALACE - DAY - STAGE 5

13 *

LI, HWANG

In a palace, with striking columns and carved walls, a man in warrior armour, HWANG, kowtows. Li approaches and sits on an elaborate throne.

LI

Arise, Hwang.

Li is dressed in the same type of armour as Hwang, though Li's is much more showy.

LI

It seems they have arrived.

HWANG

Master Li, we should get them now. If we are fast we can crush them before they even know why they are here.

LI

Good thinking, dear Hwang.

Hwang glows from the compliment.

HWANG

I live to serve, master.

LI

I hope that proves to be so.

Hwang stiffens.

HWANG

You still question my loyalty?
After all I have done for you?

LI

Of course not. My good friend -

HWANG

Maybe you would prefer to locate the Spirit Pieces yourself, if you cannot trust me?

LI

You know I cannot leave this palace!

Li's expression turns benevolent.

LI

I...apologise dear friend. You know how frustrated I become. My injuries torment me. So please, go. You have my full support as always.

HWANG

As you wish, master Li.

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Hwang vanishes into darkness. Li's expression hardens, benevolent no longer.

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INT. SHEN'S CAVE - DAY - STAGE 6 - B

BO, JEN, VICKY, MARTIN, TRIX, SHEN

14

Bo and gang are listening to Shen's historical explanation.

SHEN

Li stole all the twelve spirit pieces in order that he could rule the spirit world alone - but the spirit world does not give up its power so lightly, and before Li could prevent it, these same pieces were scattered across all the realms of the spirit world. But tirelessly the forces of Li search for these pieces - so we must hurry, to gather them before he does!

BO

Who is this Li person?

SHEN

He himself was once a spirit warrior, a guardian of the spirit pieces. He was tempted to use their power for evil.

JEN

And if he gets these Spirit bits back?

SHEN

Pieces. He will control all of the Spirit World.

VICKY

That's very sad and not to sound all-about-me, but can you just tell me how that piece-thingy can get me home?

SHEN

The question is not how you can go home, but how you can save the universe - if Li locates the Spirit Pieces, there will be no home for you to return to!

VICKY

Well that may be your question but it wasn't mine! I want to go home!

SHEN

None of you can return until the quest has been fulfilled!

Vicky's eyes narrow.

VICKY

What do you mean we can't leave?

JEN

What, ever?

SHEN

You require all twelve Spirit Pieces to go home.

Shocked silence all round. Suddenly Vicky pounces, grabs the Spirit Piece from the plinth, which starts to sink down once the piece has been removed.

VICKY

Well I'll be taking this then.

There is a terrible grinding noise and they realise that a stone door in the entrance is starting to close! Vicky heads towards it, grabbing Martin.

VICKY

(to Martin)

Come on, mate, I'll look after you!

SHEN

Come back! That piece has more power than you can ever imagine-

VICKY

(to Shen)

When you wanna help me get back, we can talk!

Vicky and Martin leg it out just as the stone is about to seal the exit!

SHEN

Stop! You do not know what you
are doing! It is not safe!

But the door closes!

15

INT. TUNNEL - DAY - STAGE 6 A/B

15

VICKY, MARTIN

Vicky and Martin run towards the end of the tunnel, where
there is some foliage.

VICKY

Through here! Come on!

Suddenly, they drop out of shot down a marble chute - Vicky
screams, pulling Martin in with her!

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INT. VIRTUAL MARBLE TUNNEL - DAY

16

VICKY, MARTIN

Vicky and Martin tumble through a long and dark, twisting
marble chute, SCREAMING the whole way down.

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EXT. MARBLE CHUTE - SUNSET - STAGE 6 - A

17

VICKY, MARTIN

Vicky and Martin are flung unceremoniously into a dense
forest. They land on their butts in the middle of a
clearing filled with enormously thick bamboo with trunks
the size of great oaks.

VICKY

Check out the location! This
place is amazing!

MARTIN

It's like...it's...it's like -

Vicky rushes over to a tree.

VICKY

Look at the XL bamboo!

She runs her fingers over the heightened size of the
bamboo, then freezes.

VICKY

Think everything here is jumbo
sized?

MARTIN

You mean, like animals?

VICKY
Or spiders.

She shudders. Scared, Vicky turns round - and now she sees a vista of the world, which we now pull back and reveal...

18 **EXT. WOOD WORLD - SUNSET**

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DMP of wood world.

19 **EXT. FOREST MAZE - SUNSET - STAGE 6 - C**

19

HWANG, LI

Hwang, dressed in his armour, is laying out peasant clothes. Li's voice sounds inside his head.

LI (V.O.)
It is time! Since they are but
fledglings, you will only need
your cunning!

HWANG smiles - and suddenly raises his hands - ZAP! and magically, the suit of armour he was wearing is laid out on the ground, and Hwang is now wearing the peasant clothes. He smiles and moves off...

20 **INT. SHEN'S CAVE - SUNSET - STAGE 6 - B**

20

BO, TRIX, JEN, SHEN

Trapped in the cave, Bo, Jen and Trix are unharmed but terrified. Bo pushes her shoulder against the giant door.

BO
I can't shift it!

JEN
(to Bo)
Have you tried, you know.

She gestures with her hands.

BO
Oh yeah!

Jen and Trix duck as Bo hurls another chi blast at the door but because she hasn't mastered her power yet, it goes in the wrong direction and ricochets against the cave walls - ONCE away from Bo - TWICE on to a cave wall and THREE TIMES, back to Bo! Superfast, Jen KNOCKS Bo aside, saving her from being hit by the chi.

BO
That worked!

JEN

Did you see that! *DID YOU SEE THAT?!* I can run superfast!

SHEN

Congratulations Jen. You have discovered your Spirit Power.

JEN

Spirit Power?!

Jen is so excited that she runs round and round the dark cave, but unable to see clearly, she BUMPS into the wall, CRASHING into Trix, sending him flying.

TRIX

Watch it!

JEN

I didn't mean--

Trix holds his hand out -

TRIX

It's fine. Just. Stay there.

BO

But why have we got any powers at all?

SHEN

As a spirit warrior, you possess mighty gifts. But you will need these and all your courage if you are to return home.

BO

But -

SHEN

There is no time to lose! Vicky and Martin are in terrible danger.

Bo looks at Trix and Jen. They nod in agreement.

BO

OK. But how will we get out?
We're trapped?

SHEN

Before the tiger attacks, he must believe that he can roar.

Shen stares into Bo's eyes, urging her to greater efforts. Bo turns back to the door.

JEN
Watch out everyone!

Bo blasts the door open!

SHEN
GAR YOW!

JEN
Don't you mean "go now"?

SHEN
"GAR YOW"! It is what we say as a
sign of encouragement, a sign
that we will conquer!

The Dragon vanishes suddenly and now the warriors are left
on their own with the door open. Bo stares at them, full of
serious intent.

BO
We need that spirit piece if
we're to have any chance of
getting back to mum. Come on.

21 **EXT. BAMBOO FOREST CLEARING - NIGHT - STAGE 6 - A** 21
VICKY, MARTIN, HWANG

Having found themselves a tiny clearing, Vicky carefully
perches on a large rock. She holds the piece up in front
of her.

VICKY
(slightly desperate)
Home! Take me home!...Oh come
on, work already! How can this
stone be worth so much? It don't
even sparkle!

MARTIN
Appearances, aren't always--

VICKY
I want to go home. I want to go
home now!

Nothing.

VICKY
Where's a pair of ruby slippers
when you need them!

She tucks it back into her jeans. They hear a noise ahead
and see Hwang dressed in a peasant tunic.

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HWANG

Greetings.

Vicky eyes him suspiciously.

VICKY

Did dragonface send you? You tell
him we're so not coming back.

HWANG

Dragon? There is only one dragon
left in the world and I am afraid
that I am too lowly to know such
an esteemed creature.

Vicky snorts.

VICKY

If you met him, you wouldn't
think he's so great. All he does
is whinge and order you about.
I've already got one moany old
mum you know?

MARTIN

(whispers)

Do you think, we should be,
telling him this?

But Vicky ignores him.

VICKY

All I want is to go home. You'd
think the stupid jade would do
that wouldn't you?

HWANG

Jade?

VICKY

(to Martin)

Yeah! What's the point of a
Spirit Piece if you can't make
wishes with it?

HWANG

(amazed)

You have one of the twelve Spirit
Pieces? I have never even *seen*
one before, they are so precious.

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VICKY

It's nothing special. See.

She holds it up for him to examine...

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EXT. FOREST MAZE - NIGHT - STAGE 6 - C

22

BO, JEN, TRIX

Bo, Jen and Trix are rushing towards the forest but they hit upon a path. They can either head straight or follow the path into a forest.

TRIX

Which way?

BO

Jen, use your power, go see if you can find them!

Jen grins and SPEEDS off, only to return a second later with a red apple.

BO

Did you find them?!

JEN

No, but I found this!

Bo snatches the apple from her.

BO

You're meant to be looking for Vicky and Martin!

They carry on past the forest.

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EXT. FOREST CLEARING - NIGHT - STAGE 6 - A

23

VICKY, MARTIN, HWANG

Vicky holds the Spirit Piece in front of Hwang's face. He stares hungrily at it.

HWANG

You were right. It isn't very spectacular after all. Maybe it feels different.

He reaches for it, his eyes gleaming...

HWANG

(absently)

How did you get the piece from the other three?

His fingers touch the edges of the stone but suddenly Martin LEAPS forward, but Hwang SNATCHES the Spirit Piece! Martin grabs Vicky, yanking her away from Hwang.

VICKY

What is your childhood trauma?!

MARTIN

We didn't say there were five!

VICKY

What?

MARTIN

He said "*from the other three*"?!
We never said there were five of
us!

Game over, Hwang drops his facade.

HWANG

You are not quite as brainless as
you seem.

Vicky and Martin look at Hwang, realising something is
wrong.

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EXT. FOREST MAZE - NIGHT - STAGE 6 - C

BO, JEN, TRIX, SHEN, LI (V.O), HWANG (V.O)

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Bo, Jen and Trix freeze, hearing the commotion. Bo charges
into the forest.

TRIX

Bo, wait!

Jen speeds after her. Trix shakes his head, infuriated. On
the ground, he has spotted something. It's Hwang's suit of
armour. Puzzled, he touches it. To his amazement, he
starts to 'hear' voices emanating from the armour.

HWANG (V.O.)

(horrified)

What have I done, master Li!

LI (V.O.)

You have done what I ordered you
to do, Hwang!

HWANG (V.O.)

But they were spirit warriors!
They did not deserve to suffer
such a cruel fate!

LI (V.O.)

How else were we to get the
spirit pieces!

In terror, TRIX drops the armour. And then reflected in
its steel, SHEN suddenly appears.

SHEN

This is your spirit power, Trix.
You can hear scenes of the past
from the things that witness
those scenes...

TRIX

But -

SHEN

Now go! Help your friends!

Shen disappears, leaving TRIX astounded. He runs on ahead.

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EXT. BAMBOO FOREST CLEARING - NIGHT - STAGE 6 - A

HWANG, MARTIN, VICKY, BO, TRIX, JEN, LI (V.O)

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HWANG suddenly waves his arms and - now he's back to
wearing his armour!

HWANG

Thank you for the Spirit Piece.
Now, goodbye.

Hwang BLASTS VICKY and MARTIN. Martin and Vicky DIVE for
cover behind a large bamboo tree!

VICKY

What was that?!

Martin looks around the tree back at Hwang. He fires off
another blast. Martin dodges back and the blast impacts the
tree. Branches and leaves fall around them.

VICKY

We're in trouble aren't we?

MARTIN

Big trouble.

HWANG raises his arms to deliver another chi blast -

HWANG

I will toy with you no longer!

A razor chi slices through the tree, splitting it asunder.
The two halves fall aside, exposing a quaking Martin and
Vicky, who turn sheepishly to face Hwang.

Hwang runs at them and launches himself into the air,
preparing to deliver a massive blast.

But suddenly, Hwang hears a roar, and looks beyond his
victims. It is Bo, flying in to meet him! She unleashes her
own massive chi blast, that hits Hwang square in the chest.

Hwang is thrown backwards high into the trees, to ricochet between two trunks before crashing back down to earth amidst a shower of broken branches and leaves.

Bo lands beside Vicky and Martin, Tim and Trix now arriving and bringing up the rear.

VICKY

Finally! What'd you do, wait for a bus to get here?

Hwang staggers to his feet, dusting himself off.

HWANG

Not bad, not bad. But there are still lessons that you need to be taught.

Hwang cultivates chi. Bo steps back. Hwang lets loose a blast. The warriors duck to avoid it. Hwang lets loose another blast, low this time, which the warriors leap up to avoid!

VICKY

Ahh!

Frustrated Hwang cultivates another huge amount of chi. Bo looks around her feet, searching for something to help. Hwang blasts out his chi towards Bo who kicks up a fallen piece of hollow bamboo and uses the open end to catch Hwang's chi blast. She deftly swings the bamboo around in one fluid movement and sends the chi blast out the other end, returning to Hwang! Hwang steels himself against the blast, which impacts against his chest, knocking him back a little.

BO

(to Hwang)

I think you'll find I'm a fast learner.

VICKY

Bo, he's got the Spirit Piece!

BO

Well which idiot let that happen!

VICKY

You're gonna play the naming game now?

MARTIN

Look, he's lost it!

Hwang glances at his belt, the spirit piece is gone! He looks around for it.

BO
Quick, find it!

The warriors look for it. Hwang spots it on the ground, where he fell from the tree. Jen follows his line of sight, sees the spirit piece and super-speeds, snatches it up and whizzes back to Bo's side.

JEN
Got it!

Furious, Hwang starts to build up a massive amount of Chi. He's clearly going to go WAY over the top! The team realises this isn't good! The ground at Hwang's feet starts to vibrate, leaves and twigs rattling.

BO
Let's go.

Bo leads the team as they run off. Except Vicky, who looks at Hwang's strange movements.

VICKY
Do you know how silly that looks?

BO
Vicky, come on!

Vicky looks back at Hwang. His whole body seems charged with energy. The broken bamboo branches levitate around Hwang and point towards Vicky.

Vicky's smug look drops and she sprints after Bo.

Hwang flicks his wrist and the bamboo stalks shoot through the air towards Vicky and impale themselves first in front of her, then - as she spins to escape - behind her too, caging her in.

Hwang advances and gestures, making the tops of the stalks gather together, swiftly forming an inescapable bamboo wigwam cage around Vicky, who SHRIEKS!

Bo hears, and turns to look back. The others stop too.

HWANG
(calling to Bo)
Aren't you forgetting something?

Bo and the others return to the clearing.

HWANG
A trade. The girl for the Spirit Piece.

Bo looks at the piece, then Vicky. Decision time.

JEN

Bo?

BO

We can't just leave her.

JEN

*Why not? What about Mum! I want
to go home!*

Trix puts a restraining hand on Jen's shoulder.
Reluctantly, Bo throws the spirit piece to Hwang, who
tractor beams it into his grasp.

HWANG

That was your first error. A true
Warrior would put the world
before his friends. My master Li
would never make such an
elementary mistake.

Trix suddenly recognizes the armour and recalls the earlier
voices...

HWANG (V.O.)

(horrified)

What have I done, master Li!

LI (V.O.)

You have done what I ordered you
to do, Hwang!

HWANG (V.O.)

But they were spirit warriors!
They did not deserve to suffer
such a cruel fate!

...and finally Trix understands what it means.

TRIX

No. Maybe that's why he sends
his minion Hwang to do his dirty
work!

HWANG

(furious)

...Minion! I am Li's General!

He leaps away, magically. Bo is gutted at losing the spirit
piece. She is about to say something but Vicky cuts in with
her hand.

VICKY

Don't think this makes us BFF's
now!

BO

*The words you're looking for are
"thank you"! Seriously, where
was that girl raised?*

Bo turns away.

MARTIN

(to Trix)

How...how'd you know all that?
The minion stuff...you, you
really got to him!

TRIX

(casually)

Superman, superpower.

JEN

Superpower?

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TRIX

Yeah, I can hear -

VICKY

You got a superpower as well!
WHAT ABOUT ME?

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EXT. BAMBOO FOREST - NIGHT - STAGE 6 - A

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BO, FEI-YAN

Wearily, Bo sinks to the ground, clutching her amulet.

FEI-YAN (O.S.)

Bo...

Bo looks up.

BO

Mum!

Tries to fling herself around her mother's legs, but she goes right through her.

FEI-YAN

I am so sorry for all of this my child.

BO

Why can't I touch you?
(sudden realisation)
Mum...you haven't--

She trails off, unable to complete the sentence.

FEI-YAN

No, I am still alive, though I am fading fast. I need the Spirit Pieces to live.

BO

Mum, please, what is going on here? I don't understand any of this! Why are we here? Why us?

FEI-YAN

You must listen to Shen, Bo. He is on our side. He will guide you.

FEI-YAN flickers then becomes translucent.

FEI-YAN

We are all connected Bo. Save the world, find the Spirit Pieces only then can you come back to me.

Fei Yan fades...

On Bo's perplexity.

CUT TO:

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EXT. BAMBOO FOREST - DAY - STAGE 6 - A

BO, JEN, VICKY, MARTIN, TRIX, SHEN

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Bo wakes. She joins the rest of the warriors, who are dejected by a pool of water.

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SHEN (O.S.)

Those are some very glum faces staring back at me.

Shen has appeared on the water's surface.

BO

I'm sorry Shen but we failed. Li has got the first spirit piece.

SHEN

You may not have the piece, but you have gained so much more.

The kids are startled.

SHEN

Yesterday, you were children. Today you have become warriors.

VICKY

Speaking of which, what about my superpower?

TRIX

And what about Martin's?

SHEN

To gather the fruit, you must enter the orchard.

VICKY

So, like - I'm getting one as well?

MARTIN

(awed)

We're all the new Spirit Warriors?

Shen nods. The others gape in amazement.

SHEN

Li now has the first of the spirit pieces. Eleven more remain. But should he acquire them all, then his power over not just the Spirit World, but the entire universe will be complete. You have no time to rest. Even as we speak, Li is planning his next move.

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EXT. LI'S PALACE - DAY

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DMP establishing Li's palace.

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INT. LI'S PALACE - DAY - STAGE 5

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LI, HWANG, NS SHADOW WARRIORS

The spirit piece matrix. The piece Hwang won, the RAT PIECE, is placed by Li into its position. It immediately takes its place, glowing, and now the matrix starts to spin behind Li's throne!

LI

So, with the piece of the rat our journey begins! Soon the other animals will follow; and when all the pieces are united, I - or rather we, shall rule the spirit world! You have done well, my friend!

HWANG

I am glad to serve you, master,
Li!

LI

Excellent, Hwang, but you will
need help in your task,
especially if the Warriors learn
to master their powers. I will
put these under your control.

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Li focuses on his RING.

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LI

LAY!

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Shadow splinters spread out from the shadow of Li's hand
and race across the floor.

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LI

Hui!

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The shadows rise up and form an army of terrifying warrior
figures.

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LI

These are the Nian. They are
yours to control.

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Hwang regards his new army. Then there is an horrendous
sound.

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HWANG

Master?

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LI

Come.

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He leads the way to the balcony.

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INT. PALACE BALCONY - DAY - STAGE 5

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LI, HWANG

We see the Dark Tomes reveal their clue.

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LI

It begins.

HWANG

What is this writing, master?

LI

The words of the Dark Tomes
reveal themselves. The ancient
wisdom of both the Spirit and the
Substantial world are written in
these tomes.

(MORE)

LI (cont'd)

As one spirit piece is rescued,
so the Dark Tomes reveal how we
may capture the next.

HWANG

So our task is simple -

LI

The Dark Tomes are enigmatic;
they do not give of their wisdom
lightly -

HWANG

But even so -

LI

And this wisdom is revealed in
the Light Tomes just as now it is
revealed to us.

HWANG

The Light Tomes - and in whose
possession are they?

LI

Shen, the water dragon!

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EXT. RAVINE - DAY - STAGE 6 - D

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BO, JEN, VICKY, MARTIN, TRIX, SHEN

The Light Tome is also revealing its clue in the pool of
water...The kids are huddled around.

SHEN

...When the bell rings it's time
to play. Fair means not foul will
win the day...

BO

So if we solve this riddle, then
find each Spirit Piece, we can
save mum and go home?

SHEN

(nods)

Are you all agreed, warriors?
Will you take on this challenge?

The others nod and Bo intervenes to clarify.

BO

Yes, we're ready.

SHEN

Good. Our worlds and your
mother's life now lie in your
hands.

VICKY

Gee, pressure much?

SHEN

In future, you need only call my
name and anywhere you can see
yourselves, there I will be.
Congratulations, you are now the
Spirit Warriors!

VICKY, MARTIN, JEN and TRIX move off, but BO stays a little
longer.

BO

What did you mean earlier? When
you called me the One True
Warrior?

SHEN

That is just the question the One
True Warrior *would ask*.

He vanishes. Bo turns to find the other warriors waiting
for her. She smiles, punches the air:

BO

Gar Yow!

TRIX/VICKY/JEN/MARTIN

Gar Yow!

FADE OUT.