

SHUIMO

WATER & INK

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1 VIDEO. EXT. MOUNTAINS

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TITLE: SPRING

Wu works in the fields. Wu counts coins on his hands. He walks in a lovely meadow on a sunny day. He watches a burst of butterflies erupts in the meadow. Wu notices Wei sitting and staring at her foot. Wu comes over to Wei and she is surprised.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

A long, long time ago, deep in the Chinese mountains, there was a farmer called Wu. Wu was young and poor and working on the land was the only life he knew. One beautiful spring day, Wu found himself in a lovely meadow, full of butterflies. He also saw a girl who Wu thought was the most beautiful girl on Earth. The girl, named Wei was hurt and he approached to help her. She seemed surprised, as she didn't expected to be seen.

They look into each other's eyes. Wu and Wei bow to each other.

NARRATOR

When they looked into each other's eyes, it happened. They fell in love. Soon they got married. Wei became the joy of Wu's life.

Wu sits at a kitchen, unhappy. He picks up some dry dirt and looks up to the sky.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

The drought made the soil dry and hard. No plants could grow. Wu was desperate, but Wei told him not to worry. The goddess of Water would help.

Wu runs out of the house excited. It is raining! Wu hugs Wei. Wei is sitting in bed with a hot water bottle on her head. Wu tries to feed her, but she turns away the food. She is sick.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

Wei was right. The next three days it rained without stopping. The grain could now be taken to the mills and Wu was happy again.

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First memory revealed: Wu sees Wei as a goddess in the clouds. She experiences her water powers, making some rain or creating water showers over her fellow goddesses. They laugh and play together.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

A long long time ago, there was a young and beautiful goddess. She had the power to control water and was very curious about the humans' world. But she knew she would be punished if she met a human.

Wei watches down below and sees butterflies on the ground. Wei's mother points down towards Earth angrily. Wei sneaks away from her mother. Wei descends from the clouds.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The goddess knew that it was dangerous for her to go to Earth. But one day she saw a beautiful meadow full of butterflies and she couldn't turn away. Even knowing she could be punished, she flew down to Earth to see this marvel with her own eyes.

After watching Wei's memory in the water, Wu must release some ink from his body. This ink will draw the next season.

FUSION TO:

TITLE: FALL

6 **GAME PLAY. WALK THROUGH. FALL. MOUNTAINS. EXT. DAY** 6

Wu walks through the mountains. He has to find eight pieces of jade to form the Tiger, which represents Autumn. When he collects all the jade, he goes to the second puzzle to solve.

7 **GAME PLAY. PUZZLE SOLVING.** 7

The player has to solve the Tiger puzzle by scrolling the puzzle. After solving it, he collects the tiger's whisker.

CUT TO:

8 **VIDEO. MEMORY REVEALED. EXT. MOUNTAINS** 8

Wu looks into the water.

Second memory revealed: Wei chases butterflies in the meadow. She trips and injures her foot on a branch.

She stands up and sees Wu (she is no longer invisible). They look into each others eyes. They smile for each other. Wei looks to the sky, then give her hand to him.

NARRATOR

While the goddess was happily playing with the butterflies in a meadow, she saw Wu. She got distracted by him and hurt her foot. He noticed her and came over to help her. When they looked into each other's eyes, they fell in love. She knew she was forbidden to fall in love with a human. But she loved him so much that decided not to return to Heaven.

Same sequence of Wu's story: Wu and Wei bow to each other in a wedding ceremony. Wu is sitting at a kitchen, he is full of despair.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

Weeks later, the goddess and the young man married and she was the happiest she had ever been. Her life was so much better here than in Heaven. But their happiness turned to misfortune. It was the growing season and not a drop of rain on the soil. With no crops, the mills were closed and her husband was desperate.

After watching Wei's memory in the water, Wu let released some ink from his body. This ink is used to draw the next season.

CUT TO:

TITLE: WINTER

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GAME PLAY. WALK THROUGH. WINTER. MOUNTAINS. EXT. DAY

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Wu walks through the mountains. He has to find eight pieces of jade to form the Turtle and the Snake, which represents Winter. When he collects all the jade, he must solve the third puzzle.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

Wu and Wei are magically transformed into butterflies and fly together into the sky.

CUT TO:

As the narrator speaks, we see the images he describes: Wei finding Wu in the mountains, making the elixir, offering to him, Wu smashing the elixir on the ground, the elixir magically turning winter into spring, the meadow of butterflies appearing. Wu and Wei becoming butterflies and flying to the infinite and blue sky.

CUT TO:

THE END