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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NARRATOR (CONT'D)

But Wei became even more ill. And three days later, she died. Wu was in despair. Life didn't make sense without Wei.

Wu prays over her motionless body. Wu carries her body to the sage. The sage gives Wu a map and Wu sets off on a journey.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

Wu took Wei in his arms and went to see a sage on the mountain. And he asked the sage, please revive my wife. But the sage could do nothing. The sage told Wu to gather four elements from the Qunlun Mountains to make a magic elixir. With this elixir Wu could make Wei come back to life. And so Wu began his journey through the mountains.

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2 GAME START: MENU 2

TITLE: SUMMER

3 GAME PLAY. WALK THROUGH. SUMMER: MOUNTAINS. EXT. DAY 3

Wu walks through the mountains. He has to find eight pieces of jade to create the , which represents Summer.

Wu also has to pass a water wheel, jump over some rocks and cross a river using the branches of a willow.

Then he has to find a hidden ladder and climb it. When he collects all the jade, he goes to the first puzzle to solve.

4 GAME PLAY. PUZZLE SOLVING.

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The player has to solve the Vermillion Bird sliding block puzzle. After solving it, he collects the bird's feather.

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5 VIDEO. MEMORY REVEALED. EXT. MOUNTAINS

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Wu looks into the water.

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<u>First memory revealed</u>: 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.

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TITLE: FALL

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

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.

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

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8 VIDEO. MEMORY REVEALED. EXT. MOUNTAINS

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Wu looks into the water.

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

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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.

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TITLE: WINTER

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

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.

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10 GAME PLAY. PUZZLE SOLVING.

Player has to solve the Turtle Snake sliding block puzzle. After solving it, Wei collects a piece of the tortoiseshell.

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11 VIDEO. MEMORY REVEALED. EXT. MOUNTAINS

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Wu looks into the water.

Third memory revealed:

Wei outside the house. She directs her arms to the sky. Clouds start to form. Wei becomes very weak. The rain start to fall. Wei continues to become very weak under the rain.

NARRATOR

The goddess realized that she must sacrifice her powers to help her husband revive the land from the droughts knew she would be severely punished. But she decided to take the risk. And so she made it rain.

Wu is happy with the rain. 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 sickly. Wu prays over her weak body. Wu carries her dead body to see the sage.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

The crops revived, the mills began to work again and her husband was happy. However, the goddess became very ill. So ill that her husband thought she was dead. He took her body to a sage and the sage told Wu to search four herbs in the mountains to make an elixir to revive her.

After watching Wei's memory in the water, Wu releases ink get from his body. This ink will be used to draw the next season.

TITLE: SPRING

12 GAME PLAY. WALK THROUGH. SPRING. MOUNTAINS. EXT. DAY

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

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13 GAME PLAY. PUZZLE SOLVING.

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Player has to solve the Dragon sliding block puzzle. After solving it, he collects a piece of the Dragon scale.

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14 VIDEO. MEMORY REVEALED. EXT. MOUNTAINS

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Wu looks into the water.

Fourth memory revealed:

Wei is not dead. She wakes up next to the sage. Wei gets up and flies to the mountains.

NARRATOR

The goddess waked up and realized she was not dead. Her husband was gone and she was left alone with the sage. The sage knew she was not dead because her body smelled like rain and flowers. The goddess left the sage and went immediately to the mountains. Her name was Wei.

Now Wu has the four elements he needs to make the elixir. But he becomes ill in the mountains.

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15 END OF GAME PLAYING

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VIDEO. END OF THE GAME. EXT. MOUNTAINS

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NARRATOR

After finding the four elements to make the elixir, Wu becomes very weak. Wei finally found him almost dead. She takes the four elements and creates an elixir for Wu. Having already discovered that Wei is a goddess, he says he does not want to live if he cannot be with her. So he smashes the elixir on the ground and refuses to drink it. And then, magically, winter turns into spring and hundreds of butterflies appear in the meadow. (MORE)

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NARRATOR (CONT'D)

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

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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.

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THE END