

# Journey to the West

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## Chapter I

*[Intro: Music] [The stage is black.]*

*[Narrator's voice over the loud speaker]*

**Narrator:** In the last days of the Animal Age, the few remaining *Mangabey* monkeys gathered together in an East African rainforest. The Monkey King named Subodhi stood on top of a large rock to address his remaining one hundred subjects.

*(Lights fade on. The setting is in a rainforest with many trees and wildlife surrounding the area. Heavy rain falls and thunder clashes. Subodhi stands on a rock center stage. Subodhi is the only monkey that is clothed. He is in silk white robes. He has a long white beard and his face shows his old age. Monkeys gather around him awaiting his speech. The monkeys hum a tribal song in unison. Then go silent once their king is ready to speak.)*

*[Sound: heavy rain and thunder]*

**Subodhi:** I had a vision. I called you here to warn you. The end of OUR world is near.

*(The monkeys yell in a panic.)*

**Subodhi:** The world is controlled by a mysterious force called MAN.

**Caesar:** Great King Subodhi. There were three earthquakes recently. Was it a sign?

*(The monkey Sun Wukong enters left stage and listens in to the speech.)*

**Subodhi:** Those were not earthquakes. The Jade Emperor has forsaken us by giving the demon called Man the power of fire and chaos. At the beam of light at dawn, we must start our journey and cross the rain forest to a peaceful and beautiful Paradise in the west.

*(The monkeys panic.)*

**Wukong:** *(laughing hysterically)* ...What a ridiculous idea!

*(The monkeys gasp then mumble in shock by the reaction of Wukong. Subodhi and Caesar are both surprised to see Wukong and give each other a startled look.)*

**Caesar:** *(angrily)* Wukong! Show respect when speaking to the king.

**Wukong:** Why...Sure, if you go to paradise you will be happy for a few years. Maybe even a few generations...But the same problems will persist in the future.

**Subodhi:** Perhaps...How did you escape from the mountain? I thought the Jade Emperor trapped you inside for eternity?

**Wukong:** *(laughing hysterically)* You can never keep a good monkey down. The Buddha made a deal with me.

*(The monkeys awe in amazement.)*

**Caesar:** Be quiet Wukong.

**Subodhi:** Let him speak Caesar...Why would the Lord Buddha make a deal with you?

**Wukong:** I was near death pleading to the gods for my life...Then the Buddha spoke.

*(Buddha's voice echoes from the heavens. The monkeys listen in amazement.)*

*[Buddha's voice echoes on the loud speaker.]*

**Buddha:** Wukong. You must lead the monkeys west. I will grant you the powers of the universe. An army of demons cannot defeat you.

**Wukong:** So Buddha gave me super powers to protect you.

*(The monkeys pause for a moment and gasp in disbelief.)*

**Subodhi:** So what do you propose Wukong?

**Wukong:** Our solution is...to live forever.

*(A sudden pause occurs among the monkeys then they all burst in laughter.)*

**Subodhi:** How do you suppose we do that?

**Wukong:** Instead of going to Paradise...We will raid the Jade Emperor's palace and eat all the peaches from the Royal Garden. One peach will give you...eternal life.

*(A sudden pause occurs among the monkeys all sigh in disappointment.)*

**Caesar:** Stop talking nonsense.

**Wukong:** It's true. I was there.

*(The monkeys make a noise in disbelief. Wukong takes out a peach seed to show the monkeys.)*

**Wukong:** I ate one. See. I have the seed right here.

*(The monkeys jump over each other to try and get a good look.)*

**Subodhi:** Wukong, such big claims need big proof...

**Wukong:** I shall prove it.

*(Wukong clears his throat then takes out his sword from his holster and places it above his head.)*

**Wukong:** I will try to slice my head open.

*(The monkeys are horrified and let out a big gasp.)*

**Caesar:** That's insane!

**Subodhi:** Let him try... Monkeys start digging the grave hole.

**Wukong:** Don't dig a grave hole. Just watch.

*(Wukong slams his sword against his head. The sword gets stuck in his head. The monkeys yell in amazement. Subodhi laughs hysterically as Caesar looks on disturbed. Wukong walks toward the monkeys to show them his wound as the monkeys back away horrified.)*

**Wukong:** Well, I didn't think it could pierce my skin. But I don't feel a thing.

*(Wukong takes the sword out of his head and heals instantly.)*

**Subodhi:** I knew you ate the eternal peach from my vision. You are very strong and very powerful. And I know the sword cannot hurt you. But until you learn responsibility, love and compassion the effects of the peach will not be one hundred percent. The sword should have shattered like glass when it hit you...

*(Subodhi stops suddenly and listens to noises in the forest.)*

**Subhodi:** Silence I hear something.

*(Subodhi listens closely. The monkeys stand still waiting in silence. Wukong rolls his eyes in agitation in a pouting posture.)*

*[Sound of a large explosion]*

*(Trees fall and the land shakes. Monkeys run in circles in a panic.)*

**Subodhi:** Demons have invaded. We must go west!

*[Sound: Gun Shots]*

**Subodhi:** I've been hit

*(Subodhi makes a loud scream in agony.)*

**Caesar:** Get the king to safety!

*(Caesar and the monkeys carry Subodhi left stage.)*

*[Wukong down-center stage]*

**Wukong:** Everyone hide. The demons will pay!

*(The monkeys make panic noises.)*

*[Gunshot sounds]*

*(Gun shots from all directions hit Wukong but they do not hurt him. Wukong just laughs. The monkeys' disbelief turns into amazement as they watch on.)*

**Wukon:** Is that all you got?!

*[Soldiers enter from both down-right and down-left stage.]*

*[Note: Use as many actors as possible to showcase the number of the soldiers. The*

*director must choreograph an epic fight.]*

*(Hundreds of soldiers in steel armor with swords jump from the bushes and attack. Wukong uses his sword and fights them with superior fighting skills and defeats everyone one by one. The fight ends with soldiers lying everywhere. Wukong stands down-center stage as the monkeys all gather around him cheering him on.)*

**Caesar:** *(in amazement)* I can't believe it. You are powerful.

*(Subodhi limps out of breath to Wukong.)*

**Subodhi:** *(dying)* Our species must survive. You must lead the journey to Paradise. Lead the others through the rainforest. We are the last of our kind. We must escape. You are now the king...

*[Loud speaker]*

**Narrator:** For the first time in his life Wukong pushed aside his arrogance and addressed someone else as king.

**Wukong:** *(grieving voice)* Yes my Lord.

**Subodhi:** You must go west. Beware of the demon called MAN.

*(Subodhi falls to his death and lays permanently asleep. Caesar checks for any life signs but nothing. The monkeys all cry in sadness.)*

**Caesar:** The Monkey King is dead!

**Wukong:** *(in agony)* Why! Why! Why!

*(Caesar stands up.)*

**Caesar:** *(shouting)* Long live the new king!

*(Then Caesar kneels to Wukong.)*

**Monkeys:** Long live the king!

**Caesar:** What is our next action my Lord?

**Wukong:** I made a deal with the Buddha and a promise to Subodhi to lead you west. AND WE WILL GO WEST to the Jade Emperor's palace and eat every peach in his garden! We will bring Subodhi back from the dead and live for eternity! We will rule the heavens and make it our paradise. Who is with me?!

*(The monkeys make a soldiers grunt in unison. Then hum a tribal song as to prepare for battle.)*

**Wukong:** I am immortal! I am the Monkey King!

*[Lights fade to Black]*

**The end of Chapter One**

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