

LEGEND OF THE DRAGON

"Trial By Fire"

Part One

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In order to retain line numbers and put in notes, it gave us
odd line breaks. Go figure. All notes in red.

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Logline: The Golden Dragon, protector of the Yin and Yang, has passed on and fifteen-year-old Ling Leung believes she is to take his place. However, she is outraged when the honor goes to her twin brother, Ang. Both twins quickly discover that the evil Zodiac Master plans to take the power for himself.

SYNOPSIS: The last Golden Dragon has passed on and a new Dragon must be chosen before evil strikes. Master Chin takes the twins to the secret Temple Of The Dragons (hidden inside the mountain beneath the Dragon Dojo in Hong Kong). At the temple Master Chin presents the Band Of Power to the next Golden Dragon... fifteen-year-old Ang Leung! While Ang's twin sister, Ling, protests, the Zodiac Master attacks. Ang transforms into the Golden Dragon and drives him off. Unwilling to accept second place, Ling disappears leaving Ang filled with apprehension... he's too young and inexperienced... is he really ready to be the Golden Dragon!

CAST LIST

ANG LEUNG/GOLDEN DRAGON is fifteen, handsome and far less serious than his twin sister: Ling. Ang displays a great spiritual strength, which he uses to inject intelligence and creativity in battle. For a young man, Ang is remarkably centered and spiritual. But he's also a modern kid who loves to have fun.

LING LEUNG/SHADOW DRAGON - Ling is fifteen, gorgeous and possessed of superb physical ability. But she is driven by a thirst for power and recognition, which leads her onto the path of evil.

MASTER CHIN - The old Chinese Master of the Dojo, who is always imparting wisdom and challenging his students to think.

BEINGAL - beautiful teenage Tiger Temple Guardian, who grew up with twins training to become a Guardian at Master Chin's dojos.

THE ZODIAC MASTER/WOO YIN FAT - Close to seven feet tall and built like Schwarzenegger, the Zodiac Master is quite an intimidating figure. He draws his power from the darkest Yin. In this episode he will use the Snake Power Band, which will alter his appearance in some scenes.

SNAKE GUARDIAN - long and lanky female temple guardian. Her voice is calm and elegant, but there is a slight hiss to it.
(COUPLE OF LINES)

VARIOUS WARRIORS/HENCHMEN (NO LINES) They are extremely large and wear masks.

YOUNG STUDENTS AT FIRST DOJO (NO LINES)

DIRECTION NOTE: There is a lot of exposition here which could be broken up/lifted by some overlays of imagery ala David Lynch. Perhaps we overlay planets and stars and over earth the Yin Yang symbol - which then becomes consumed (animating the dark Yang taking over the white Yin).

Or perhaps a push in on Master Chin's eye - which match dissolves to the planet Earth, which swirls into the Yin and Yang Symbol - which then swirls to blackness. All the stars go black. Let the shadow be broken by Master Chin entering as if into a spotlight and we're back to 'reality'. The BG comes back up and he says "Beingal, you must return..." etc.

Whatever... let's try and break this up and spell out visually that Earth itself and our Universe is in danger.

	MASTER CHIN	
52	In his absence a great evil threatens the very balance of the universe... the Yin and Yang. Beingal, you must return at once to guard over the Temple Of The Tigers.	52

	BEINGAL	
53	Yes, Master Chin.	53

	MASTER CHIN	
54	A new Golden Dragon must be chosen... before all is lost.	54

Master Chin starts off, exiting scene.

	MASTER CHIN	
55	I must prepare for our journey to the Temple Of The Dragons.	55

ON TWINS AND BEINGAL

Ling is energized, while Ang looks solemn.

	LING	
56	I've been training all my life for this day.	56

	BEINGAL	
	(hesitant)	
57	Uh... so has Ang...	57

Still feeling sad, Ang smiles at Beingal, then his sister.

Chin stops directly in front of the fiery dragon mouth, and then he turns and looks down towards the twins.

MASTER CHIN

89 ... is hidden a shrine. 89

CLOSER

Chin turns towards the fiery mouth and suddenly FLAMES SHOOT OUT <WHOOSHING> around him (not touching him).

FAVOR CHIN AND FIERY DRAGON MOUTH

Chin reaches between the flames into the statue's mouth, where we see the GOLDEN POWER BAND OF THE DRAGONS in the flames. The flames <WHOOSH> back into the dragon's mouth (returning to the way they had been earlier).

The twins stare up as Master Chin turns back towards them, holding out the band.

MASTER CHIN

90 Concealed inside each of the twelve 90
 shrines is...

CLOSER ON CHIN

Holding up the GOLDEN BAND BEARING THE DRAGON SYMBOL.

MASTER CHIN

91 ...a sacred band. 91

ANGLE ON THE HOODED COBRA WATCHING THEM FROM THE SHADOWS

CLOSE ON TWINS

Ang reverent, Ling greedy anticipation.

LING

92 The Power Band of the Dragons... 92

FAVOR CHIN

Holding up the band, Chin moves towards the awaiting twins.

NOTE: Tom, you might wish to add a bit of visual hocus pocus to this next speech of exposition. Perhaps have ghost like silhouettes of 'past warriors' on a DX and they sort of swirl/suck/meld into the band's jewel.

93 MASTER CHIN 93
 Containing the essence and skills
 of a thousand past dragons! Honored
 warriors who dedicate their lives
 to protecting the universal
 balance... the Yin and Yang!

CLOSER ON THREE

Chin stops one step above the twins, holding the band high.
 Ling is mesmerized by it, Ang humbled.

94 MASTER CHIN 94
 Now the band of power must be
 joined with the next Golden Dragon...
 the new protector.

95 LING 95
 (stepping forward)
 I am ready, Master.

96 MASTER CHIN 96
 No, my child, it is not your
 destiny.

Ling is stunned. Ang looks confused.

97 LING 97
 What are you saying!? I've proven
 I'm the best fighter!

FAVOR CHIN AND ANG

Master Chin turns to Ang and holds out the band to him.

EFX - THE BAND takes on a glow when held in front of Ang.

98 MASTER CHIN 98
 Perhaps, but your brother Ang is
 the chosen one.

Ang frowns, taking a step back. Ling explodes.

99 ANG 99
 There must be some mistake... I can't
 be the Golden Dragon.

100 LING 100
 The power belongs to me! I've
 earned it!

NOTE: Big note for Rick, Sean & Bob. If I was looking for a place to pad out this script, it'd be here.

MASTER CHIN
 (sotto to Ang)
 104 Do not move 104

ANG
 105 But— 105

MASTER CHIN
 106 Trust. 106

FAVOR LING AND ZODIAC MASTER AND WARRIORS

LING
 107 Who dares enter the Temple Of The 107
 Dragons!? My temple!

Zodiac Master smiles a truly evil smile.

ZODIAC MASTER
 108 Ah, it appears this little girl is 108
 the next Golden Dragon.
 Congratulations, my dear.

LING
 (defiant)
 109 That's right! And who are you? 109

FAVOR CHIN HO

He faces the Zodiac Master, still keeping Ang behind him.

MASTER CHIN
 110 One of my students, I fear... he is 110
 Woo Yin.

ZODIAC MASTER
 111 Woo Yin no longer exists... I am The 111
 Zodiac Master, Lord Of The Darkest
 Yin!

ON ZODIAC MASTER

He touches the Snake Power Band on his arm. Note, I'd keep
 this guy on the move. Slowly encroaching closer and closer...
 slowly... slowly. Menacing rather than standing there
 pontificating.

ZODIAC MASTER
 112 I have won the Power Band Of The 112
 Snakes. Now I shall claim the
 ultimate power... the power of the
 Dragon!

The Largest Warrior is about to connect a kick, but Ling leaps to one of the statues and kicks off it and back into the Largest Warrior. - WHAM - driving him to the ground!

LING/LARGEST WARRIOR
(exertion and impact
GRUNTS)

She springs up and leaps through the air towards-

THE ZODIAC MASTER

--who turns just as Ling ENTERS and he backhands her with such power she is driven o.s.

LING
(pained CRY)

ON LING

She <SLAMS> into the wall, slumping into a dazed heap.

LING
(impact CRY - pained
GROAN)

ON ZODIAC MASTER FG - CHIN BG (IN FRONT OF ANG)

Ang moves into view and the Zodiac Master suddenly sees Ang wearing the band and the Zodiac Master laughs.

	ZODIAC MASTER (scoffing, laughing)	
122	So the boy hiding behind his master thinks he is the next Golden Dragon!	122

	MASTER CHIN	
123	A youthful body serves as temple to the soul of a mighty dragon.	123

	ZODIAC MASTER	
124	We shall see!	124

The Zodiac Master starts towards Ang.

ON ANG AND CHIN

Chin bows to the boy.

	MASTER CHIN	
125	You know what you must do. Now go with honor.	125

In an explosion of FX Zodiac Master is transformed into his snake mode (as seen earlier), his mouth opens to reveal his lashing snake tongue.

ZODIAC MASTER/SNAKE AND ANG/GOLDEN DRAGON

Zodiac Master/Snake stretches his body (Matrix style) then begins attacking the less steady Golden Dragon - who blocks and dodges, his speed and confidence building.

ZODIAC MASTER/ANG/GOLDEN DRAGON
(attack CRY exertion
GRUNTS thru next shots)

ANG/GOLDEN DRAGON

He does a spinning kick, knocking the Zodiac Master/Snake back long enough for Ang/Golden Dragon to do a back flip back towards Master Chin.

ON MASTER CHIN

Ang/Golden Dragon lands near Master Chin.

	ANG/GOLDEN DRAGON	
131	He's powerful. It may take more warriors to defeat him.	131

	MASTER CHIN	
132	There is no problem... you possess the power of a thousand warriors.	132

FAVOR ZODIAC MASTER/SNAKE

Ang/Golden Dragon charges. But as he approaches, the Zodiac Master/Snake suddenly thrusts his arm upward and his body lifts into the air and he actually FLIES over the surprised Ang/Golden Dragon.

Zodiac Master/Snake spins around in the air and he lands behind Ang/Golden Dragon, grabs him and-

CLOSER ZODIAC MASTER/SNAKE AND ANG/GOLDEN DRAGON

--flips Ang/Golden Dragon up and o.s.

	ZODIAC MASTER/ANG/GOLDEN DRAGON	
133	<fighting CRIES>	133

ON ZODIAC MASTER/SNAKE AND ANG/GOLDEN DRAGON

Ang/Golden Dragon lands and uses his motion to vault back and sail into Zodiac Master's stomach.

ANG/GOLDEN DRAGON
 (sotto, to himself)
 152 Of course... Okay, you can do this... 152
 or fry trying...

He thrusts his hands towards the o.s. Zodiac Master.

ANG/GOLDEN DRAGON
 153 DRAGON FIRE! 153

A <CRACKLING> BLAST OF DRAGON FIRE SHOOTS FROM ANG/GOLDEN
 DRAGON GLOVED HANDS OVER CAMERA down towards--

ZODIAC MASTER - forcing him to dive for cover.

OTS ANG/GOLDEN DRAGON -

As he leaps towards the warriors holding Chin.

ANG/GOLDEN DRAGON
 154 Let him go! 154

ON ANG/GOLDEN DRAGON AND WARRIORS

The warriors release Chin to try and defend against
 Ang/Golden Dragon, who rapidly delivers three kicks, sending
 the warriors sailing o.s.

WARRIORS
 155 < impact GRUNTS > 155

ON ZODIAC MASTER

His warriors crash down around him.

WARRIORS
 156 < impact GRUNTS > 156

ZODIAC MASTER
 157 You may have won this round, young 157
 dragon, but next time I will be
 ready! (taunting) Will you...?

Zodiac Master suddenly pulls some small black discs from his
 belt and hurls them to the ground where they EXPLODE into
 SMOKE BOMBS. He and warriors disappear in the smoke.

ON SCENE

Ang/Golden Dragon rushes to Ling, who staggers unsteadily to
 her feet.

