

OVER THE MOON

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SEQUENCE 0100 - SPACE DOG

FADE UP ON BLACK

Billions of glistening stars.

MOTHER (O.S)

Scientists can tell us many things
about space. They can tell us how
far away the stars are. They can
tell us that space starts one
hundred kilometers above the Earth.

FORMING OUT OF THE STARS - An impossibly huge object lumbers
past, too close for us to see it in its entirety. Is it a
spacecraft? A meteor? No - it seems to have FUR.

MOTHER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

But they can't tell us about the
Space Dog!

SPACE DOG

[BARKING EFFORTS][GRUMBLES]

MOTHER (O.S.)

He likes to chase comets and roll
in the star dust!

Enormous PAWS paddle through the blackness. A gargantuan pink
TONGUE flaps in slow motion.

The SPACE DOG heads for the FULL MOON. His epic jaws open
wide in a state of happy doggie delirium.

MOTHER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

As far as the Space Dog's
concerned, the Moon is just a big,
tempting ball. And almost every
night he takes a bite.

SPACE DOG

[CHOMPING EFFORT]

The gargantuan Space Dog bites the Moon, getting part of it
into his mouth. CHOMP.

WIDER FROM SPACE - it looks like the Moon WANES.

SEQUENCE 0200 - LEGEND OF CHANG'E

A giant foot enters screen and taps the water next to where
the moon is reflected.

EXT. CANAL/WUZHEN WATER TOWN/CHINA - EVENING - THAT MOMENT

The foot belongs to Fei Fei, 5, who contemplates this information from the comfort of her mother's lap.

MOTHER

And that's the real reason the moon
has phases.

Mother brushes Young Fei Fei's LONG HAIR as they gaze up at the waning moon. FATHER shares their picnic blanket. They're a beautiful family, serene and complete.

YOUNG FEI FEI

So, when the Moon is big and round,
that's when the Space Dog doesn't
take a bite?

MOTHER

That's when the Moon Goddess,
Chang'e, makes him spit it out.

MOTHER holds the Chang'e doll up next to Fei Fei.

MOTHER (CONT'D)

BLAH!

MOTHER pretends to spit out the moon. Both Young Fei Fei and Mother [LAUGH] and [SNORT].

FATHER

[LAUGHS] All right, does anyone
want to hear the scientific
explanation?

YOUNG FEI FEI

Sorry baba, I like the Mommy
explanation best!

MOTHER

(teasing, to Dad)
Outnumbered.

YOUNG FEI FEI

Tell me about Chang'e.

FATHER

Again?

YOUNG FEI FEI

Again, again! I love to hear about
the moon goddess! Tell me, momma?

MOTHER unties a SCARF from around her neck that has an image of the Moon Goddess, Chang'e, on it. Mother holds the scarf in front of FEI FEI, using it as a prop as she sings.

(Transition to a 2D animated style)

The story unravels on the scarf's surface - the Chinese mythology of Chang'e and Houyi.

SONG - ON THE MOON ABOVE

MOTHER

LONG AGO - AN ANCIENT STORY
BEAUTIFUL AND KIND CHANG'E
AND A HANDSOME MAN NAMED HOUYI
WERE IN LOVE--

YOUNG FEI FEI

True love?

MOTHER

TRUE LOVE
BUT SHE TOOK A MAGIC POTION
GIVING IMMORTALITY
THEN SHE FLOATED
LEAVING HER TRUE LOVE
AND SHE WAITS FOR HIM
ON THE MOON ABOVE-

(Transition back to CG animation)

Young FEI FEI tugs her Mother's scarf down in front of her to reveal the waning moon.

MOTHER (CONT'D)

And that's where she lives now - on
the Moon, with only Jade Rabbit to
keep her company.

YOUNG FEI FEI

Why?

MOTHER

Because Houyi died here on Earth.

YOUNG FEI FEI

And when she cries, her tears turn
into stardust.

MOTHER

LONGING, HOPING
FOR HER ONE TRUE LOVE
NOW SHE WAITS FOR HIM
ON THE MOON ABOVE

Mother tosses her scarf in the air. It floats up.

YOUNG FEI FEI
FOREVER?

MOTHER
FOREVER.

FATHER
FOREVER.

The scarf falls back down. Father catches it and wraps it lovingly around Mother's shoulders and ties it in place. They share a tender look as Fei Fei watches. She [GIGGLES].

CUT TO:

EXT. WATER TOWN/CHINA - EVENING - A MOMENT LATER

Fei Fei looking up at the moon. She asks her Father-

YOUNG FEI FEI
(To Father)
Baba, do you think Chang'e is real?

FATHER
(indulgent)
If your mother says she's real,
then she is absolutely real.

YOUNG FEI FEI
[GIGGLES]

MOTHER
[LAUGHS] Thank you!

Mother turns to Fei Fei, whispering-

MOTHER (CONT'D)
Look up. Can you see Jade Rabbit?
He's making a potion.

YOUNG FEI FEI
I can see him!

MOTHER
What do you think he's making?

YOUNG FEI FEI
Moooon mush!

MOTHER
Moooon mush!

FATHER
Moooon mush!

They all [LAUGH].

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 0300 - MAKING MOONCAKES

EXT. WATER TOWN - JUST OUTSIDE THE FAMILY MOONCAKE BAKERY

Young Fei Fei runs over the bridge, a paper lantern in tow, making [ROCKET SOUND EFFECTS]. She hops up to tap the nose of a stone lion-

YOUNG FEI FEI
Bunny rocket comin' through!
[ROCKET SOUND EFFECT EFFORTS] Look
at my rocket ship!

She passes in front of the shop. Mother and Father open up the family Mooncake bakery-

FATHER
Slow down little astronaut! You
have space breaks, you can use
them!

Fei Fei runs through the shop. Mother slows her down-

MOTHER
Cool your jets! [LAUGHS]

FEI FEI
Watch out, momma! Baba! [GIGGLES]

MOTHER
How about you help us make
mooncakes today?

She helps tie Fei Fei's apron.

YOUNG FEI FEI
I can?

MOTHER
I think it's about time you learn
how we make our special family
mooncakes.

YOUNG FEI FEI
Yay!

Fei Fei skips into the crowded kitchen.

YOUNG FEI FEI
 Sorry! Excuse me!

Fei Fei's parents and TWO MORE BAKERS work side by side in perfect synchronicity.

SONG - MOONCAKES

MOTHER/BAKERS
 STUFF! ROLL! PRESS! SMACK!
 STUFF! ROLL! PRESS! SMACK!
 SIFT THE FLOUR, LET THE EGGS CRACK
 KNEAD THE DOUGH ON EVERY HOUR
 THEN WE START IT ALL AGAIN

STUFF! ROLL! PRESS! SMACK!
 STUFF! ROLL! PRESS! SMACK!
 FORM THE DOUGH AROUND THE FILLING
 BRUSH WITH EGG AND PLEASE NO
 SPILLING
 WHAT A LOVELY GIFT THEY ARE

Fei Fei props herself up to the counter as Mother places a ball of dough in front of her. She teaches young Fei Fei how to form a mooncake with a rolling pin. She's a natural.

MOTHER
 AND THERE'S TRADITION IN THESE
 MOONCAKES
 AND WE MAKE EVERY ONE WITH CARE
 THEN WE BAKE THEM FULL OF FONDNESS-
 SWEETNESS
 LOFTING THROUGH THE AIR
 AND THERE IS MAGIC IN THESE
 MOONCAKES
 YOU CAN FEEL IT ALL AROUND
 MOONCAKES WHERE THE MAGIC IS FOUND

BAKERS	FEMALE CUSTOMER/MALE CUSTOMER
STUFF! ROLL! PRESS! SMACK!	WE NEED FIVE MORE
STUFF! ROLL! PRESS! SMACK!	OR MAYBE TWELVE
SIFT THE FLOUR, LET THE EGGS	BECAUSE I'VE GOT THE COUSINS
CRACK	COMING AND YOU KNOW
KNEED THE DOUGH ON EVERY HOUR	JUST HOW THEY ARE
THEN WE START IT ALL AGAIN	THEY LOVE THESE CAKES
	SO I THINK YOU BETTER GIVE ME
	TWENTY MORE

INT. MOONCAKE BAKERY/WATER TOWN

Fei Fei goes into the kitchen as a FIVE-YEAR-OLD. Time has passed and she re-enters the bakery, now NINE-YEARS-OLD, carrying boxes of mooncakes.

MOTHER
EACH ONE HOLDS A MESSAGE FROM THE
MOON ABOVE
"CHERISH LIFE AND EVERYTHING YOU
LOVE"

She lovingly pushes Fei Fei's hair behind her ear.

As Mother enters the kitchen area with a bunch of take-out boxes, she suddenly feels faint.

MOTHER (CONT'D)
MAGIC IN THESE MOONCAKES-- Oh...

Father goes to her, making sure she's okay.

FATHER
Oh...

Mother accepts Father's support as they share a tender look between each other.

Fei Fei looks at Mother, worried as Father helps her up-

FATHER
MAGIC IN THESE MOONCAKES

FATHER
Hey...

MOTHER
HIDDEN IN THESE MOONCAKES FOR YOU

EXT. WATER TOWN STREET

Fei Fei pushes a cart, selling Mooncakes in the busy streets of her town. Mother walks ahead of her with a cane, smelling the cherry blossoms hanging from the trees.

FEI FEI
Flaky, sweet and delicious.
Homemade mooncakes!

MALE CUSTOMER #2
Ten please!

FEI FEI
Did you know if you put forty billion mooncakes side-by-side you could reach the moon?

MALE CUSTOMER #2
That's a lot of mooncakes.

FEI FEI

'Course if the moon is at its
furthest point from the Earth,
you'd need four hundred twenty-six
million two hundred thirty-two
more!

MALE CUSTOMER #2

[CHUCKLES] You better get baking.

MOTHER

MAGIC IN THESE MOONCAKES FOR YOU

Mother tickles Fei Fei's nose with a flower as they continue
down the road.

EXT. SPECIAL PLACE- NEW SEASON

The leaves change color and Mother now in a wheel chair. Time
has passed.

Fei Fei and Father help Mother out of her wheel chair and to
the blanket at their special spot.

MOTHER

NOW THE LEAVES ARE CHANGING
SOON THE FESTIVAL BEGINS
SUCH A SPECIAL FEELING

MOTHER

MAGIC IN THESE MOONCAKES
HIDDEN IN THESE MOONCAKES FOR
YOU

FATHER

MAGIC IN THESE MOONCAKES
HIDDEN IN THESE MOONCAKES FOR
YOU

Father and Mother present Fei Fei with a small white bunny
rabbit, BUNGEE. Fei Fei takes the bunny and snuggles it and
the family hugs each other.

EXT. WATER TOWN - WINTER

The roofs of the town are covered by a misty fog.

INT. FEI FEI'S ROOM

Fei Fei lies on her bed, and her door slowly opens. Father
enters her room, sitting on her bed. They hug, sharing a
quiet moment.

EXT. SPECIAL SPOT

Fei Fei and Father are dressed in all black. They release a lotus flower over the water as a tribute to Mother.

INT. FEI FEI'S HOUSE

Fei Fei walks out from behind a curtain with cherry blossoms on it. SHE IS NOW TWELVE YEARS OLD and her HAIR IS SHORT. Her sure movements give her an air of spunky individuality.

Fei Fei takes a glistening, freshly baked mooncake and carries it to the household ALTAR. There is a PHOTO of FEI FEI'S MOTHER.

Fei Fei places the mooncake before her MOTHER'S PHOTO. Her reflection bounces off of the glass framing, showing the close similarities between mother and daughter. Her eyes are glistening with tears, but she summons a brave smile.

FEI FEI
AND THERE ARE MEMORIES IN THESE
MOONCAKES
ALL THE MOMENTS SHARED WITH YOU
ALL THE STORIES THAT YOU TOLD ME-
MAMA
MAKE ME THINK OF YOU
MAGIC IN THESE MEMORIES
FOREVER I HOLD TRUE
MOONCAKES AND THE MEMORIES OF YOU

Fei Fei picks up Bungee, snuggling her. Fei Fei holds a cheery blossom flower, like the one her mom tickled her nose with, and places it on the mooncake below her mother's picture.

CUT TO:

INT. MOONCAKE BAKERY

Fei Fei and Father roll the mooncake dough. They use rolling pins the same way Mother taught her. She leans her head against Father's shoulder.

CUT TO:

EXT. WATER TOWN

The sun rises over the town.

SEQUENCE 0400 - FATHER AND FEI FEI BOND

CUT TO:

EXT. FAMILY MOONCAKE BAKERY

The streets of Wuzhen town are bustling with people.

AT THEIR BAKERY- Fei Fei and Father open their windows for business. Fei Fei hands a customer a box of mooncakes-

FATHER

Here you go.

FEI FEI

Happy Moon Festival!

FEMALE CUSTOMER

Thank you!

She takes out her camera as the family smiles wide -

FEI FEI

Qie Zi!

The camera flashes-

FAMILY

Qie zi!

Fei Fei pins the photo to a board behind her in the shop, filled with many smiling customers all holding their mooncake boxes.

FATHER

Now you're sure you don't want me
to go with you?

FEI FEI

Yeah. I got this, baba.

Father walks past carrying more boxes.

EXT. SIDE OF THE FAMILY MOONCAKE SHOP - CONTINUOUS

Father carries the boxes to Fei Fei's bicycle in the driveway outside. Loading up her bike in the great tempo of best friends--

FEI FEI

Mooncakes?

FATHER

Check. We got bungee cords?

FEI FEI

Check-

FATHER

We have Bungee?

FEI FEI

[CHUCKLES] Check.

Bungee jumps in the front basket, reclining into a comfy spot.

They tighten the gears on her bike together -

FATHER

Alright... Hey, we've got company tonight, so don't be late. Okay?

He gets up, smiling at Fei Fei-

FEI FEI

I'll be back in time.

(noticing oil on his face)

Um [GIGGLES] baba...

She points to her own face, prompting him to realize the smudge. He wipes it off with a [CHUCKLE].

Fei Fei speeds off and Bungee holds on. She nearly knocks down a pedestrian-

FATHER

Careful now!

PEDESTRIAN

(grips his bag) [YELPING]

FEI FEI

Oh, sorry.

Fei Fei rides over a bridge, where two stone lions adjoin the steps. She pats the nose of one for luck, riding into--

EXT. WATER TOWN - FIELD

Fei Fei rides passes a group of people doing Tai Chi square dance.

CUT TO:

EXT. CANOLA FIELDS

Fei Fei stops in the canola field, selling mooncakes to a couple. She continues riding through the field.

TOWNS PERSON
See you next week, Fei Fei!

FEI FEI
Okay, bye!

CUT TO:

A truck backs up to reveal-

EXT. MAG LEV SITE - CONTINUOUS

Railway workers car supplies off a futuristic track. It's a brand new magnetic rail. Fei Fei rides up on her bike.

Seeing RAIL WORKERS on a lunch break--

FEI FEI
Scrumptious mooncakes, fresh for tonight!

RAIL WORKER #1
We'll take four!

FEI FEI
Four?! [SCOFFS] Why not sixteen?

She hands him four boxes-

RAIL WORKER #1
Whoa!

FEI FEI
Well, you fellas must get pretty hungry building the fastest train in the world!

A billboard behind them shows imagery of the epic rail.

RAIL WORKER #1
(Surprised)
You know about the MagLev?

FEI FEI
(Excited)
I heard about it in school -
(MORE)

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

It doesn't even bother with wheels,
floats on electromagnetic fields
like a cushion of air.

(Jumping forward)

Whoosh! Magnetic levitation is the
coolest!

The workers are impressed.

RAIL WORKER #2

Huh... Did you know that's how it
works?

RAIL WORKER #3

(Mouth full of mooncakes)

Mmhmm...

(then after a beat, shakes
his head)

Nuh uhn.

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 0500 - MEET MRS. ZHONG & CHIN

EXT. OUTSIDE OF FEI FEI'S HOUSE

Fei Fei rides her bike expertly over the bridge and parks it
outside her house.

INT. FAMILY BAKERY - CONTINUOUS

Fei Fei skips into the kitchen, bursting with excitement-

FEI FEI

Baba! I sold all of the mooncakes
tod-

Noticing a pile of fruit on the counter-

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

[SOFT LAUGH] Red dates? We never
use dates. That's not one of mama's
recipes.

FATHER

Well, I thought we'd try something
new in honor of our guest. Fei Fei,
this is Mrs. Zhong.

Father walks over to one corner of the kitchen to reveal MRS.
ZHONG.

MRS. ZHONG
Hi, Fei Fei.

FEI FEI
Hello.

Bungee looks at Mrs. Zhong, feeling the tension.

MRS. ZHONG
It's nice to meet you - [GASP]

Mrs. Zhong's hand inadvertently knocks a bowl full of dates to the floor. She bends to retrieve it, apologizing. Father bends down to help her...

FATHER
Oh!

MRS. ZHONG
Oh no-

FATHER
Don't worry about it. Don't worry about it.

MRS. ZHONG
I'm so sorry.

FATHER
It's okay. I got it, I got it.

He helps her pick up the bowl. Their hands briefly touch. It's an innocently tender moment. Fei Fei stares.

FATHER
Uh... tour! Fei Fei, how about we give Mrs. Zhong a tour of the shop?

MRS. ZHONG
That sounds nice!

FEI FEI
Uh... I'm sorry, I have some homework to do.

FATHER
Oh. Well, we could work on it together later?

FEI FEI
Uh, it's okay.

FATHER

(shares one last look with Fei Fei,
making sure she's okay) All right.
[SOFT LAUGH]

Walking into the shop-

MRS. ZHONG

Ugh, I can't believe I dropped
that.

FATHER (O.S.)

I can't believe you did it either.

MRS. ZHONG (O.S.)

[SCOFFS] Thanks a lot! [LAUGHS]

FATHER (O.S.)

I'm kidding! That's where we make
the mooncakes, and this is where we
sell them...

Fei Fei watches them exit. She stares after them, stricken.
She starts picking up some of the mess when a set of running
feet charge from behind her with a [JUMPING EFFORT]-

Fei Fei [SQUEALS IN SURPRISE], startled to find -

A BOY, 8. CHIN jumps over her.

CHIN

Leapfrog!

He holds up his ping pong paddle and grins at her, as
enthusiastic as a puppy.

FEI FEI

What?!

He crouches over-

CHIN

C'mon! Leap over me.

FEI FEI

No!

CHIN

What? Don't you know leapfrog?

Chin pulls his frog, CROAK, out of his pocket and sets it on
the counter.

CHIN (CONT'D)
Here, watch Croak.

FEI FEI
[GASP]
You can't let a frog loose in here!

Croak hops directly at Bungee. Fei Fei runs and grabs Croak with a [YELL], giving him back to Chin.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
[INHALING EFFORT] Who exactly are you?

CHIN
You just met my mom! I'm Chin. I got fourth place Yanshi City Ping-Pong Club tournament... Should'a been third.

He points at an emblem on his shirt. Croak ribbits.

CHIN (CONT'D)
Oh, oh, oh, and by the way, I have a superpower. (Beat)
Can you guess what it is?

FEI FEI
Super annoying?

CHIN
(Thinks)[GASPS]
I have two super powers!

Fei Fei stares at Chin, horrified.

CHIN (CONT'D)
Look over there. What do you see?

FEI FEI
A wall.

CHIN
To you, it's a wall. To me, it's just something to run through.

FEI FEI
(Deadpan)
You can run through walls?

CHIN
Wanna see?

FEI FEI
(Sardonic)
Why yes, I'd love to.

Chin takes out his ping-pong paddle and puts it on the table along with his frog. He backs up as far as he can get and gestures for Fei Fei to stand back. He gets in a warrior stance-

CHIN
No barriers! Raahh!

Lowering his head like a charging bull, Chin runs straight for the wall and SMASHES INTO IT.

Outside of Fei Fei's house, it shakes. Beat. A flower pot drops and crashes to the ground from the roof.

Back inside the bakery, Chin pops back up on his feet, and then runs up to the wall, putting his hands and face on it-

CHIN (CONT'D)
Woah-hoho. Did you see that? Almost a whole part of me went right through that wall. My molecules opened up.

Fei Fei is speechless looking at this crazy kid. She shares a look with Bungee, picks her up, and leaves the bakery.

CHIN (O.S.)
I could feel them separate... It's like the universe was calling me by name...

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 0550 - HANGING LANTERNS

EXT. COURTYARD/ FEI FEI'S HOUSE - EVENING

Father and Fei Fei string lanterns up in the courtyard.

FEI FEI
Baba, he ran into a wall!

FATHER
Ah ha, eight-year-old boys have a lot of energy. Give him a pass this time.

FEI FEI
"This time?"

FATHER
His mother is very... nice. Yeah? I mean, you should talk to her.

FEI FEI
Why?

Father looks at Fei Fei's anxious face with love.

FATHER
Don't you ever get a little...
(deflates) Well, lonely?

FEI FEI
No, never! Why? Do you?

FATHER
[SIGH]

FEI FEI
I have you. We have each other.

Fei Fei takes out a light bulb and jingles it. It's dead.

FATHER
Uhm. Of course sweetheart, we're always going to have each other... Nothing can ever change that.

He finds a new light bulb and hands it to Fei Fei. She screws in the light bulb and it works.

Father kneels to Fei Fei's level. He's serious.

FATHER (CONT'D)
But... Fei Fei, there is something important I've been wanting to talk to you about. You know how since, uh-

The reality of the situation sinks in for Fei Fei. Before Father can get to what he's trying to tell her-

SEQUENCE 0600 FAMILY DINNER -

AUNTIE LING
Hello! Anybody order twelve big, hairy crabs?

Fei Fei's Aunties, Uncle, and Grandparents enter carrying all kinds of food-

AUNTIE MEI
Move aside, good looking is gonna
start cookin'.

FEI FEI
Hi, Aunties!

She runs to hug them. Father [SIGHS].

AUNTIE MEI
Oh, Fei Fei, you've gotten so big!

AUNTIE LING
(hugging Fei Fei)
Oh ho ho ho, it's so good to see
you.

GRANDMA
Make way for the real cook in the
family.

AUNTIE LING
Take a look!

Opening up the grocery bag showing off a bunch of hairy crabs-

FEI FEI
Oh yeah, my favorite!

Match cut to a bubbling pot filled with veggies and the
crabs.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

The stove bustling with flames dancing below various pots,
bubbling and boiling. Aunties preside over a wok, pouring in
chopped onions and celery. The family works together in
organized chaos, chopping, commenting, frying, stirring-

CHIN (O.S.)
I'm hungry!

AUNTIE LING (O.S.)
That sizzle!

AUNTIE MEI (O.S.)
That's me, hun.

FATHER (O.S.)
Oh ho, I can already taste the
hairy crabs.

GRANDMA (O.S.)
These dumplings, almost as good as
mine...

FEI FEI
[BIG INHALE]
Mmmmm! That's smelling SO good!

GRANDMA
Fei Fei, take a bite of this-
Grandma feeds Fei Fei a dumpling-

FEI FEI
Oh!
(mouth full)
Thanks, Ni ni!

AUNTIE MEI
[LAUGHS] Coming through!

GRANDMA
You're so skinny, hasn't anybody
been feeding you?

Grandpa makes his way through the kitchen.

GRANDPA
The hairy crab is a burrowing crab,
known for its furry claws.

FEI FEI
Hi, ye ye.

Fei Fei is rolling dough to make mooncakes. Mrs. Zhong
carries in a bowl of red dates, approaching Fei Fei-

MRS. ZHONG
Fei Fei, perhaps we can use my red
dates for a second batch?

Mrs. Zhong offers her the bowl. But Fei Fei looks at her in
subtle defiance.

FEI FEI
Mama preferred melon seeds in the
paste.

MRS. ZHONG
Oh, well, my family uses dates
grown in our garden. If you wanna
try one, they're delicious -

FEI FEI

I'm probably allergic to dates.

Mrs. Zhong pauses. Fei Fei gathers a tray of bowls and dishes to set the table outside.

MRS. ZHONG

Oh.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

Besides, we only make them our *special* way here.

As Fei Fei boldly carries her tray towards the patio, staunchly walking away.

MRS. ZHONG

Okay.

Mrs. Zhong stands still, watching in a strained beat.

Father and Uncle carry a table out to the patio.

UNCLE

Your right or my left? Seems like this table gets heavier every year, right?

Aunties set the table with a cloth and a Lazy Susan, filling it up with the dinner dishes. The family chatter continues--

AUNTIE MEI

Ooo, hot plate! Careful.

AUNTIE LING (O.S.)

Make yourself useful -

UNCLE (O.S.)

Ooo, your dumplings smell incredible!

GRANDMA (O.S.)

Do we need more cups?

Fei Fei helps set the table, when Bungee hops up and sits in a seat.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

[SCOFFS] No rabbits at the table. You remember what momma said. Besides, that's my chair.

Bungee, defeated, hops off the chair.

The family continues on with their chatter.

AUNTIE LING (O.S.)
Let me carry that!

UNCLE (O.S.)
You need a hand with that, nai nai?

Father and Mrs. Zhong walk up to the table.

MRS. ZHONG
Oh, the table looks beautiful. Uhm,
where should I sit?

FATHER
Here, sit by me.

Father gestures to Fei Fei's empty seat.

MRS. ZHONG
Oh! Thank you!

FATHER
Of course.

MRS. ZHONG
[GIGGLES]
All right.

Father [CHUCKLES]. Fei Fei stands - frozen - watching her family congregate around this intruder. She is caught in disbelief-

GRANDPA
The hairy crab invades local waters
damaging fishing nets and native
species.

EXT. COURTYARD/FATHER'S HOUSE - LATER

Family dinner in the courtyard. Steaming dishes. Overlapping chatter.

GRANDMA
Oh, look how big and bright that
moon is!

AUNTIE MEI (O.S.)
Oh, could you please pass the
crabs?

As Grandma is talking quietly, next to her Mrs. Zhong points out that Father has some food on his face and they [GIGGLE].

MRS. ZHONG

You have a little bit of, um, sauce
on the side of your...

FATHER

[CHUCKLES] Embarrassing...

They [LAUGH] together. Fei Fei notices from across the table.

GRANDMA

It's gonna be HUGE for the Moon
Festival!

Mrs. Zhong and Father continue to share a moment. Fei Fei
interjects-

FEI FEI

Momma's favorite holiday.

FATHER

... Uh...

Father quickly averts his eyes and takes a long sip of his
drink.

Mrs. Zhong looks over at Fei Fei and smiles warmly.

MRS. ZHONG

(to Fei Fei)

So, your father tells me you're
fond of Chang'e.

Fei Fei glares at Father. This is *their* thing!

Aunties talk across from each other as Grandpa collects a
bunch of crabs between them, overlapping --

AUNTIE MEI

Ugh, poor lady that Goddess! So
lonely up there on the moon. No one
but Jade Rabbit to keep her
company.

AUNTIE LING

Oh, come on! Chang'e loves it up
there alone! That's why she took
both immortality pills instead of
saving one for Hou Yi!

MRS. ZHONG

Actually, according to my mother, I
might be related to Houyi-

CHIN

Hou Yi, the Archer! Cho!

He uses an imaginary bow to LAUNCH CROAK high over the table... and onto Fei Fei's head.

MRS. ZHONG

Chin!

FEI FEI

Augh! [GROANING EFFORTS]

Fei Fei takes the frog off her head and gives it to Father.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

That's not what happened, Auntie!
Hou Yi was off fighting demons -

CHIN

- with his bow and arrow and-!

FEI FEI

(louder to drown out Chin)
-WHEN a robber came and tried to st-

AUNTIE LING

-steal the immortality pills.
[SCOFFS] Yeah, yeah, yeah, she only
put them both in her mouth as a
hiding place... Hm. Not buying it.

AUNTIE MEI

Chang'e floated to the sky, while
her one true love stayed here.
[SIGHS]

AUNTIE LING

And bit the dust.

UNCLE

Now she lives with a rabbit instead
of a husband.

Auntie Ling cracks open a crab violently.

AUNTIE LING

Good choice.

Fei Fei walks around the table, standing up for Chang'e--

FEI FEI

But it wasn't her choice! She
didn't try to leave Houyi behind!

(MORE)

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

She misses Houyi and cries for him every day!

AUNTIE LING

And how do you know that?

GRANDPA

They text. [CHUCKLES]

AUNTIE MEI

Don't tease Fei Fei-

AUNTIE LING

It's just a silly myth.

Auntie Ling is turning the crabs back towards her. Fei Fei's hands get pulled.

FEI FEI

It's not a silly myth. It's real. Chang'e is real.

Fei Fei yanks the susan back causing all the crabs to spill all over the table. Everyone [REACTS].

FATHER

Ah... Fei Fei!

CHIN

Uh oh.

She gets up and leaves the table looking out at the moon-

FEI FEI

She's on the moon right now!
Waiting for her one and only true
love. Waiting...

They all stare at her. Fei Fei looks to her Father for back-up.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

Right, baba?

Father glances at Mrs. Zhong, embarrassed.

FATHER

Uh...

Fei Fei looks down, crestfallen and betrayed.

FEI FEI

Mm... [SIGHS]

She storms out. Father tries to reach out to her, but he's stopped.

GRANDMA
Just give her a minute.

INT. FEI FEI'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Fei Fei makes her way into the house and overhears-

AUNTIE LING
She's at the top of her class, but
she still believes in Chang'e?

SQ 700 LAST TRUE BELIEVERS

Fei Fei runs up to Bungee's basket. She picks up Bungee and brings her up against her heart.

FEI FEI
It's you and me, Bungee. We're the
last true believers.

Bungee looks at Fei Fei with big eyes.

A small object drops from somewhere and bounces off Fei Fei's head.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
Ah!

Another thing bops her on the head.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
Ow!

Chin is sitting in the rafters, bouncing a PING-PONG BALL with a paddle and pops it at her.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
Ugh, not really in the mood!
[EXASPERATED SIGH]

Chin hangs by his knees from the rafters, startling Fei Fei.

FEI FEI
[GASPS]

CHIN
Know what I am? A BAT!

FEI FEI
Yeah, a *dingbat*.

CHIN

Well, I hope you like dingbats,
because you're going to see a whole
lot more of me!

Chin falls off the rafters and hits the ground with a thud-

CHIN

Whoa! Ugh.

But he gets up un-phased.

FEI FEI

(Under her breath) Not if I can
help it.

CHIN

Haven't you heard? We're gonna be
brother and sister!

Fei Fei freezes. Horrified.

FEI FEI

What?

CHIN

My mom and your dad are getting mar-

FEI FEI

Don't say it! Don't!

Fei Fei turns and starts up the stairs. MRS. ZHONG comes out
of a nearby hallway as Chin runs in the opposite direction.

MRS. ZHONG

Hi Fei Fei.

FEI FEI

Hello.

Fei Fei stops and slowly turns toward Mrs. Zhong.

MRS. ZHONG (CONT'D)

I didn't want you to miss dessert.

FEI FEI

Oh, um...

MRS. ZHONG

I saved you a special mooncake from
my hometown... *without* dates.

Mrs. Zhong hands Fei Fei a SMALL TIN BOX.

FEI FEI
(politely)
Uh... Thank you.

Suddenly, we see Chin run behind Mrs. Zhong towards the kitchen area.

CHIN
NO BARRIERS! Uuugh!

There is a crash followed by a ping-pong ball bouncing into the hallway.

MRS. ZHONG
(to Fei Fei)
Oh, Chin can be rambunctious at times. But after a while you get used to him.

Fei Fei nods. Auntie calls out from the other room-

AUNTIE MEI (O.S.)
Zhong! Get over here before I kick everyone's butt at Mahjong.

MRS. ZHONG
[CHUCKLES] Oh ho, yes. We'll see!

Mrs. Zhong walks back into the kitchen to rejoin the festivities. Fei Fei flees up the stairs to her room.

SEQUENCE 0800 - BUNGEE JUMP

INT. FEI FEI'S ROOM - THAT MOMENT

Holding the present, Fei Fei rushes into her bedroom, and slams the door behind her.

FEI FEI
"Get used to him?" I'll never get used to him! What's so "special" about your mooncake?

Fei Fei tosses it into her desk drawer and slams the drawer.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
I don't want IT... Urgh! And I don't want YOU.

Fei Fei flops down on her bed, holding her Chang'e DOLL close to her heart.

FEI FEI

Urgh. I just want things back the way they were. [SIGH] He used to believe in Chang'e! He said she was absolutely real! But now he's changed. [QUIET HUFF] If baba could only believe again, he would never marry that woman. He-he would remember everything. He would remember you.

With a [PAINED SIGH], Fei Fei takes her mother's scarf off her bed post and pulls it over her head.

She closes her eyes, smelling the scent of her Mom on the scarf, remembering everything good... Opening her eyes, moonlight glows through the fabric.

THROUGH FEI FEI'S OPEN WINDOW -

A BEAM OF MOONLIGHT BEGINS TO SHINE into her room. Bungee stares at the moonbeam - AND JUMPS OUT OF FEI FEI'S WINDOW.

Fei Fei runs to her window and calls after the rabbit.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

Bungee!

She runs downstairs. Grabbing her sneakers, she goes out the front door to chase after Bungee.

SEQUENCE 0850 FOLLOW THE LIGHT

EXT. WATER TOWN - NIGHT - THAT MOMENT

FEI FEI

[RUNNING EFFORTS]

Fei Fei races through the town and down an alley filled with hanging laundry, looking for Bungee.

Match cut to hanging leaves, Bungee leads Fei Fei to her special spot at the dock.

EXT. SPECIAL PLACE - CONTINUOUS

Bungee approaches the edge of the dock where a crane sits perched on a post.

SEQUENCE 0900 - ROCKET TO THE MOON

Fei Fei approaches the crane. As she gets closer, the crane takes off into flight-

The moon pokes out from behind the clouds.

Looking out over the water...

FEI FEI
Mama... Why is this happening?

She kneels on the edge of the dock, reflecting.

SONG - ROCKET TO THE MOON

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
(Sings)
I LOOK UP IN THE HEAVENS
AND I CAN SEE YOUR FACE...
YOUR GENTLE EYES IN MOONLIGHT
I FEEL YOUR WARM EMBRACE

Fei Fei hugs herself tightly-

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
WE WERE THE PERFECT FAMILY
BABA YOU AND ME
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT HE'D FIND
SOMEONE NEW
AND NOT REMEMBER YOU

Bungee cuddles up next to Fei Fei on the dock.

FEI FEI
OF ALL THE TALES YOU TOLD ME
CHANG'E WAS WHAT I LOVED
SHE LOST HER PRECIOUS HOUYI
THEN FLOATED UP ABOVE
SHE WAITS FOR HIM FOREVER
SO BABA, WHY CAN'T HE?
IF I CAN PROVE TO HIM HER TALE IS
TRUE
HE'LL REMEMBER YOU

She gently pushes a lotus flower in the water.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
I know Chang'e is up there. But how
can I prove it? She's 384,400
kilometers away. What am I supposed
to do?

Fei Fei watches the CRANE FLY IN FRONT OF THE MOON.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

FLY AWAY
CHANG'E ARE YOU CALLING TO ME?
FLY AWAY
ARE YOU UP THERE LOOKING AT ME?
CAN YOU SEE WHAT NOBODY SEES?
CAN YOU HEAR MY VOICE UP ON THE MOON?

FLY AWAY
WISH I HAD THE WINGS TO TAKE ME
HIGH AWAY
TO A PLACE WHERE NO ONE DOUBTS ME
AND I'D WALK
ON A LUNAR DUNE!
COULD I FIND A WAY TO GET THERE SOON?
BUILD A ROCKET TO THE MOON?

She climbs the willow tree nearby, looking up at the moon-

CUT TO:

EXT. WUZHEN TOWN

Fei Fei rides her bike through the city.

FEI FEI
I WOULD FLY BEYOND THE STARS
TO KEEP MY FAMILY
IF I DID I'D SHOW MY FATHER LOVE
LASTS ALL ETERNITY
I WOULD PROVE TRUTH'S IN THE HEART
NOT ONLY WHAT YOU SEE
MAKE HIM SEE

EXT./INT. PAGODA

Fei Fei climbs the stairs to the top of the tallest pagoda in her town.

FEI FEI
COULD I DISCOVER A WAY TO BREAK THROUGH?
WHAT COULD A GIRL LIKE ME POSSIBLY DO
BUILD ME A ROCKET -
IMAGINE THE VIEW
OH HOW I WANT TO -

FLY AWAY
CHANG'E I AM COMING TO YOU
HIGH AWAY
BABA, I WILL PROVE IT TO YOU
I'LL BE FREE OF ALL GRAVITY
(MORE)

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
HEY, CHANG'E I'M GONNA BE THERE
SOON
IN MY ROCKET TO THE MOON!

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 1000 - BUILDING THE ROCKET

INT. FEI FEI'S ROOM - MONTAGE

The tower that Fei Fei stands on cross dissolves to an image of a rocket.

Various quick cuts and time lapse:

- CLOSE ON - a tablet, Fei Fei watches a video of a rocket being launched into space and then swipes through pictures of various rockets and a lunar rover.

- She tacks a self portrait on top of the Chang'e poster in her room, making it look like they are taking a selfie.

FEI FEI
Bungee, we're gonna prove she's
real!

- She takes a string and tacks it from a drawing of a rocket to a poster of the moon.

- Papers fill Fei Fei's bedroom walls with equations. A small hand drawn rocket flies across the notes on her wall and crashes. Another flies completely off the paper, and takes a nose dive. The third flies over the drawing of her which ducks and then shares a look with the poster of Chang'e.

- A time lapse shows her drinking boba while writing out equations, eating top ramen while reading a thick book, crumpling paper while various take-out boxes build up all around her.

- She rips down a bunch of notes off her wall with a [SIGH].

- At her computer she reads a complex text. Overwhelmed she bangs her head down on the keyboard with a [SIGH], causing gibberish and the letter "G" to populate the entire blank page.

- She flops on her bed over and over, [GROANING] each and every time.

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - MONTAGE

Father and Mrs. Zhong are working on something in the kitchen. Fei Fei goes up to Father showing him her tablet and asks-

FEI FEI

Baba, uh... I-is it okay if I buy some things for this... science project?

Father approves the purchase on the tablet-

FATHER

Um... Sure.

FEI FEI

Thanks!

Chin leans in to see, but Fei Fei pulls it away from him.

CUT TO:

INT. FEI FEI'S ROOM - MONTAGE

On her computer Fei Fei fills up her shopping cart with all sorts of things, a space helmet, moon boots, screws; etc.

CUT TO:

EXT. FEI FEI'S HOUSE - MONTAGE

A delivery man comes to the door at Fei Fei's house with a giant stack of packages.

DELIVERY MAN

Here you go.

Father is confused-

FATHER

Uh, I didn't order anything.

Fei Fei runs up and grabs them before he can say anything.

FEI FEI

Thank you.

A pizza man comes with pizza - before he can say anything Fei Fei comes back outside and grabs the box.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

Thank you!

Fei Fei runs inside. Father, Mrs. Zhong and Chin all lean in the door frame watching her.

INT. FEI FEI'S ROOM - MONTAGE

She opens one of the boxes and starts assembling a small rocket in her room.

CUT TO:

EXT. FIELD - MONTAGE

IN QUICK CUTS - Fei Fei goes about BUILDING HER ROCKET. Building something under the cover of night.

- She launches an experimental rocket, it explodes.

- Another experiment, it also explodes and she's knocked over with a thud.

FEI FEI

Oof!

- Another experimental rocket. Fei Fei presses a button, but nothing happens. Bungee throws a rock at it and the rocket launches into the sky. It looks like it works, then it slowly falls back down to the ground... and explodes in a cloud of dust, knocking her over again.

CUT TO:

INT. FEI FEI'S ROOM - MONTAGE

Fei Fei flops on her bed. She rolls herself up in her blankets like a burrito, [GROANING].

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL - DAY

Fei Fei sits in a classroom. Her teacher is giving a lecture on poetry. She is working on the same SPACESHIP DRAWING.

TEACHER

...by one of the most famous poets
in the Tang and Song Dynasty...it
will be part of your quiz...

Frustrated, Fei Fei [GROANS], scribbling out the drawing when a hand takes it from her-

TEACHER
 Something you want to share with
 us, Fei Fei?

The teacher picks up her DRAWING with contempt.

FEI FEI
 No.

TEACHER
 Today you are Number 1 in class,
 but maybe tomorrow you'll be Number
 30. There's no doodling allowed.

The Teacher confiscates the spaceship drawing and tacks it up on the wall. It rotates direction and is directly in line with a poster of the MAG LEV TRAIN.

ON FEI FEI - making an exciting connection between the Mag Lev and her sideways rocket.

SONG - ROCKET TO THE MOON (Reprise)

FEI FEI
 MAGNETIC LEVITATION
 FRICTIONAL CESSATION
 THAT'S THE KEY
 F IS FORCE OF COURSE
 AND G IS ALWAYS GRAVITY

Fei Fei walks out of the classroom door...

MATCH CUT TO:

INT. FEI FEI'S BEDROOM

She dances around her chair, equations floating around her-

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
 POWER - LIFT - DURATION
 GYRO NAVIGATION - THAT COULD BE...
 THE THRUSTERS ARE STARTING,
 I'LL BE DEPARTING SOON...

- A small drawing of a rocket on a track takes off and crashes into the poster of the moon on her wall.

- Using tracing paper she covers the rocket with a bunny design, inspired by Bungee.

CUT TO:

EXT. WATER TOWN - MONTAGE

She rides town with an old car door tied to her bike with a bunch of parts in tow.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
CANDLES MAKE A PAPER LANTERN FLY -
SO TELL ME WHY CAN'T I!

EXT. JUNK YARD - MONTAGE

- Fei Fei gathers pieces to build her rocket, an old laundry machine door, various scraps, etc.

INT. FEI FEI'S ROOM - MONTAGE

- She maps out her design on graph paper.

EXT. FIELD - MONTAGE

- She places all of the scraps and pieces out methodically.

EXT. FIELD - MONTAGE - DAY

- She constructs a large rabbit lantern to conceal her rocket.

FEI FEI
ASTRONAUTS THEY RISE ABOVE THE SEAS
SO WHY NOT ME!
WITH EACH PIECE THE PUZZLE
TURNS MY HOPE INTO REALITY
LOOK AND SEE

EXT. FIELD - MONTAGE - NIGHT

- She continues constructing the large rabbit lantern.

EXT. CANOLA FIELDS - MONTAGE

- She tows the giant rabbit behind her bike passing through town.

EXT. MAGLEV SITE/THE LAUNCH - MONTAGE

- She pulls the rabbit onto the track she's built at the mag lev site.

- She attaches magnets along the track.

INT. FEI FEI'S ROOM - MONTAGE

- Fei Fei grabs her backpack off her bed.

INT. FEI FEI'S HOUSE - MONTAGE

- Fei Fei grabs her moon boots and heads out the front door. Chin pokes his head out from around the corner, curiously watching her.

EXT. MAGLEV SITE/THE LAUNCH - MONTAGE

- She rips the papier-mâché off the rocket's main window, gets into her rocket and buckles in Bungee to her seat and fits a helmet onto her head.

FEI FEI
I CAN HAVE LIFT OFF AT
ONE MORE DEGREE
COUNT DOWN IS STARTING AND
SOON THEY WILL SEE
I THINK I'VE GOT IT -
I'M GOING TO BE FREE
SO HOLD ON BUNGEE!

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
FLY AWAY
CHANG'E I AM COMING TO YOU
HIGH AWAY
BABA, I WILL PROVE IT TO YOU
I'LL BE FREE OF ALL GRAVITY

- She takes out a family photo of Father, Mother and herself and places it on the dash of the rocket as motivation.

- She flicks a few switches in her cockpit and secures her helmet.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
HEY CHANG'E
I'M GONNA BE THERE SOON
IN MY ROCKET TO THE MOON!

She raises her hand and hits the launch button-

SEQUENCE 1100 - MALFUNCTION

EXT. MAGLEV SITE/THE LAUNCH -- CONTINUOUS

With a great thud the rocket lurches backwards, then slowly forward.

Fei Fei and Bungee brace, expecting to zoom forward. Outside a snail inches by even faster... Back in the cockpit, Bungee jerks forward in her seat trying to make it go! Slowly the speedometer numbers increase, and the rocket creeps down the track.

Then a HUM starts to build the magnets engage, the numbers increase: 1, 2, 5, 9, 21, 25, 28... Fei Fei smiles, it's working-

The MagLev speeds right above Fei Fei's rocket. At first, it passes, but then the rocket catches up--

THE SPACESHIP RIPS DOWN THE TRACK AT AN INSANE SPEED!

HURTLING DOWN THE TRACK-

266, 297... The numbers increasing, Fei Fei hits another button and the wings shoot out as the rabbit cover slides off revealing a full blown ROCKET- 487... 502...

The rocket LIFTS OFF THE TRACK AND UP INTO THE SKY!

INSIDE THE COCKPIT Fei Fei SLAMS another button-

IN THE NIGHT SKY: Fireworks explode, providing extra propulsion in a beautiful exclamation.

On her tablet she sees the earth below her-

FEI FEI
[LAUGHING] I did it! I did it!

The rapid climb starts to slow... and slow... until all forward momentum stops. A small burst at the back of the rocket, then they STALL. There's a moment of weightlessness -

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
Uh oh.

THE SPACESHIP STARTS FREE-FALLING BACK TO EARTH!

An [EAR PIERCING SCREAM] cuts the air. From behind the seats, CHIN POPS HIS HEAD OUT, wearing a helmet.

CHIN
We're gonna die!

FEI FEI
Chin?!?

CHIN
[SCREAMS]
HIIIIIIIIII FEI FEI!

FEI FEI
You dingbat! I didn't calculate
your extra weight!

They both [SCREAM].

BUT SUDDENLY - a bright gleaming moonbeam shoots down from
the sky and catches the space ship from plummeting back to
earth. It's suspended in mid-air-

CHIN (O.S.)
[GASPS] Are we dead!?

FEI FEI
Whaaaa...

CHIN
What's- What's happening?!

SEQUENCE 1150 - OH BOY

WIDER - The Spaceship is RIDING ON A MOONBEAM and they're
going BACK UP! The moonlight is a TRACTOR BEAM.

FEI FEI (O.S.)
We're... we're going up!

INSIDE THE COCKPIT - Fei Fei and Chin are agog. They look out
the window in awe.

WIDER - the Spaceship ENTERS SPACE. Fei Fei and Chin stare
out the window at the strange beauty. The reflection of the
round earth passes over the window.

CHIN
Whoa.

FEI FEI
What in the world...

They know they've left gravity behind when CROAK JUMPS ON FEI
FEI'S FACE.

She lets out a [SCREAM]. Chin [GIGGLES], Croak ribbits-

FEI FEI

Chin?!

Chin floating around-

CHIN

Zero Gravity Man!

Fei Fei holds him back-

FEI FEI

Get down here! This is no time to
mess around!

DIAPERS suddenly float past-

CHIN

Grandpa's diapers?!

FEI FEI

It's a long flight.

She grabs them and tucks them into her jacket.

CHIN

Ew!

SUDDENLY - a strange CLANGING SOUND. It ROCKS the spaceship.
Chin lets off a [SCARED EFFORT].

Chin and Fei Fei look up through the observation dome and TWO
LION FACES are looking down into the spaceship!

FEI FEI

AHHHH!

CHIN

AHHHH!

WIDER - TWO TEENAGE WINGED LIONS fly with the spaceship up
the moonbeam trail to the MOON.

CHIN

FEI FEIIIIII!

The "TWLs" bat the spaceship around like kittens with a
mouse. The spaceship bounces from side to side inside the
path of the moonbeam like a bowling ball in a lane.

Fei Fei, Chin, and Bungee roll around inside, [GASPING] and
[SCREAMING].

A TWL bats the spaceship too hard, AND IT SPINS OFF THE
TRACTOR BEAM.

Floating rapidly off course. The TWLs chasing but only
managing to push it farther away from the tractor beam.

The spaceship flips end over end towards the Moon. IT'S ON A COLLISION COURSE!

Fei Fei and Chin tumble inside as the surface of the Moon rapidly approaches. They're coming in WAY TOO FAST!

Fei Fei throws her body protectively over Chin and Bungee.

FEI FEI

Brace!

They continue to [SCREAM].

SEQUENCE 1200 TWLs

EXT. THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THE MOON - THAT MOMENT

The Spaceship CRASHES into the Moon, somersaulting down a ridge end over end, until it breaks in half into a crater.

Everything inside the spaceship, INCLUDING THE CREW, SPILLS OUT in the LOW-GRAVITY ENVIRONMENT - ANGLE ON FEI FEI - she lies in the lunar dust, unconscious, next to Chin, also unconscious. Bungee lies unconscious in her lap. CROAK peeks out of Chin's pocket.

CROAK

[CHOKING EFFORTS]

He passes out.

The TWL's spot them. They open their huge jaws and BREATHE BLUE MIST on their faces. The kids, rabbit and frog all come to, [BREATHING] in the lunar atmosphere, and [COUGHING] up the mist.

FEI FEI

Mm... Wha- What's happening? My camera...

Fei Fei reaches for her camera, which lay right in front of her, and grabs it. The TWLs bite the scruff of their spacesuits and lift them up in their jaws, like mother cats carrying kittens.

SEQUENCE 1250 - TRAVEL TO THE PALACE

WIDER - ABOVE THE LUNAR SURFACE - CONTINUOUS

TWL's airlift Fei Fei, Chin, Bungee, and Croak across the lunar landscape in their jaws. Soaring over craters, further and further.

FEI FEI

(Quietly)
Bungee, where are they taking
us...?

EXT. THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON - CONTINUOUS

WIDE FROM SPACE - the TWLs fly out of the light and towards
THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON. DARKNESS envelops them. But then -

FROM FEI FEI'S EYES - APPEARING IN THE DISTANCE like a
brilliant jewel - a SPECTACULAR CITY glows and shimmers
with NEON COLOR. She [SIGHS IN WONDER].

FLYING THROUGH THE CITY - CLOSER

Lunaria very gently rotating like the arms of a galaxy
with buildings all sizes and shapes and colors. The closer we
get to the center, the more solid it becomes, glowing with
light.

Suddenly, one of the TWL's flips Chin on their back. Fei Fei
follows suit.

CHIN

Waaah?! Whoa! Oof!

FEI FEI

WHOA! Oof!

The children [LAUGH IN AMAZEMENT]. The TWLS take them on a
roller coaster-like ride through the other worldly city and
all the way up to the top of the tallest building. They
thread what looks like a moon-shaped spire and zoom all the
way down to a platform-

CHIN

Whoa! Ha ha ha ha ah! [LAUGHTER]

FEI FEI

[GIGGLES] Whoa!

CHIN

Woohoo!

EXT. CHANG'E'S PALACE - CONTINUOUS

Landing. The TWLS take Chin and Fei Fei up to CHANG'E'S
PALACE - a glittering, humongous, building - all lit up -
with a moon at the top.

Chin falls over and the other gives Fei Fei a big sloppy lick.

CHIN

Wha? Oof!

Fei Fei walks over the ledge, marvelling over the beautiful vista.

FEI FEI

Wow... [SIGHS IN AMAZEMENT]

CHIN

Whoa...

The doors to Chang'e's palace open behind her and an ENORMOUS MOONCAKE - like a three-foot wheel of cheese - ROLLS UP to them. It immediately splits into THREE MOONCAKES - with arms and legs, friendly feminine faces. They are Chang'e's special handmaidens, the LUNETTES.

BLUE LUNETTE

Welcome!

PINK LUNETTE

Welcome!

YELLOW LUNETTE

Welcome! [GIGGLES]

FEI FEI

Talking mooncakes?!

BLUE LUNETTE

Hurry, come on! She's expecting you!

PINK LUNETTE

Come on! Let's go!

BLUE LUNETTE

Follow us this way!

PINK LUNETTE

Follow us!

SEQUENCE 1300 - WELCOME TO LUNARIA

INT. LUNARIAN PALACE ENTRYWAY

Fei Fei and Chin enter into a completely dark room, the only sounds are of their feet tapping as they make their way inside. Chin trips over the doorway -

CHIN

Oof!

The Lunettes [GIGGLE] behind them, running ahead-

PINK LUNETTE

Watch your step!

YELLOW LUNETTE

(whispers)

You're gonna love this!

BLUE LUNETTE

Oh, I can't wait!

INT. GRAND HALL - CONTINUOUS

A faint sound starts to grow as a sparkling light begins to form ethereally in front of Fei Fei and Chin. It's someone singing, a cappella-

CHANG'E

I'M THE LIGHT EVERY NIGHT IN YOUR
WORLD-

ARE YOU READY TO WATCH ME BE

LEGENDARY-

CUS I'M...

A figure begins to appear in shadow, a woman.

Fei Fei looks on in disbelief, could this really be?

FEI FEI

(to herself)

Chang'e?

CHANG'E

(Whispers)

Ultraluminary.

She raises her hands and small forms of glowing light rise around Fei Fei and Chin.

CHANG'E HERSELF. The GODDESS. The LEGEND. She brings her hands down as a BEAT DROPS. Curtains fall revealing a POP CONCERT.

LUNARIAN

(shouting from the crowd)

Chang'e!

SONG - ULTRALUMINARY

A massive crowd of LUNARIANS dance around this giant concert hall. Chang'e sings from behind the glitter curtain--

She snaps. The curtains part. Fei Fei is shocked. She stumbles backwards, mesmerized.

CHANG'E (CONT'D)
 YOU WISH ON ME IN MY GLITTER LIGHT
 FIRST STAR YOU SEE TONIGHT
 SO WISH AWAY WISH WITH ALL YOUR
 MIGHT
 UPON THIS RADIANT SIGHT

LUNARIANS
 [CHEERING]

CHANG'E (CONT'D)
 THE STARS IGNITE
 THEY FLAME FROM DUST
 BORN OUT OF GRAVITY AND FORCE -
 THEY COMBUST
 AND THOUGH THEY TRY IN RIVALRY
 THEY'LL NEVER SHINE BRIGHT AS ME

Chang'e passes right in front of Fei Fei, who is stunned. Is this really her?

CHANG'E
 I'M THE LIGHT
 EVERY NIGHT IN YOUR WORLD - EH
 YOU REVEL IN THE GLORY OF MY BEAUTY
 YA READY TO WATCH ME BE LEGENDARY?
 'CUZ I'M ULTRA-LUMINARY

CHANG'E/LUNETTES
 WHOA - WELCOME TO LUNARIA
 WHOA - SO SPECTACULARIA
 WHOA - SUPER SINGULARY
 'CUZ I'M SO VERY VERY
 EXTRAORDINARIA

LUNARIANS
 [CHEERING] Wow! Woo!

Fei Fei actively scanning for any familiar pieces of her Mother's story. She looks up and notices a green rabbit managing the technical booth. This is JADE RABBIT.

CHANG'E
 THE COSMIC SHINE OF MY FINE DISPLAY
 CAN TURN THE NIGHT TO DAY
 I HEAR THEY SAY THAT THE MILKY WAY
 CAN'T HELP BUT ENVY ME

(MORE)

CHANG'E (CONT'D)
 I AM THE BRIGHTEST STAR
 SUPERB SPECTACULAR

IT WAS A DESERT ON THE MOON WHEN WE
 ARRIVED
 GATHERING ALL OF MY TEARS,
 HEARTBREAK AND SIGHS
 JADE MADE A POTION IGNITE AND
 TURNED THE NIGHT
 TO A RADIANT CITY OF LIGHT
 FROM TEARS I RISE
 I RISE

Like a shooting star, Chang'e rises and flies over Fei Fei and the Lunarians. Fei Fei runs after her, pushing through the crowds. She needs to meet her-

LUNETTES
 I'M THE LIGHT
 EVERY NIGHT IN YOUR WORLD - EH
 YOU REVEL IN THE GLORY OF MY BEAUTY
 YOU READY TO WATCH ME BE LEGENDARY?

CHANG'E
 'CUZ I'M ULTRA-LUMINARY

The music is contagious, Chin, Croak, and Bungee all dance-

LUNARIANS/LUNETTES/CHANG'E
 WHOA - WELCOME TO LUNARIA
 WHOA - SO SPECTACULARIA
 WHOA - SUPER SINGULARY

LUNETTES/CHANG'E
 'CUZ I'M SO VERY VERY
 EXTRAORDINARIA

The Goddess strikes an incredible pose with pyrotechnics exploding on either side of her.

SEQUENCE 1400 - MEET CHANG'E

The crowd roars! Overcome with emotion, Fei Fei throws herself at the Goddess, hugging her legs in [LAUGHTER].

FEI FEI
 Hmm!

Everyone else [GASPS] at her boldness--

But Fei Fei's elated. She tilts her head up, looking up at Chang'e with a nervous smile.

CHANG'E

Huh. What butcher cut your hair?

FEI FEI

[NERVOUS LAUGHTER] I did.

Fei Fei senses that something's not right, and backs away. Chang'e crouches to her level framing Fei Fei's face with her hands-

CHANG'E

Hmmm... You have a round face, you need length. And you have a rogue eyebrow right... *there*.

Blue Lunette whips out some tweezers and plucks the eyebrow.

FEI FEI

Ow!

CHANG'E

Improved!

PINK LUNETTE

So much better!

Chang'e sits on a large moon shaped throne-like seat and offers each of her hands to an attending LUNETTE. They start giving her a manicure.

CHANG'E

All right, Unfortunate Hair Girl. Consider yourself welcomed. You may now give me the Gift.

FEI FEI

Um... I'm sorry, but I didn't bring you a gift.

CHANG'E

[LAUGHS] Of course you brought me the gift. Why else would I have sent my lions to bring you here from Earth?

FEI FEI

Those were yours?! They're so cool and you sent them for me!

CHANG'E

Well of course. You were given the one thing I need to bring Houyi back.

FEI FEI

Houyi!? [GASPS] I knew you've never given up on him; that's what I was telling my dad! You see, I'm in an urgent situation, I came a long way I- I- built a rocket on my own... I mean--

Chang'e leans over-

CHANG'E

(to Pink Lunette)

She's talking, but it's not about the Gift.

PINK LUNETTE

No, Goddess.

FEI FEI

What I mean is, you're the one who believes that love never dies! Everybody knows that about you.

ON CHANG'E - her expression revealing fleeting vulnerability before she shuts it down again-

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

My dad used to believe that too... But now I'm afraid he's giving up. If I could just have a photo to prove to my dad that you're REAL-

CHANG'E

Pictures. She wants pictures.

Everybody wants *pictures!*

(to Fei Fei)

Does this look like a photo op to you?

Chang'e strikes an amazing pose.

FEI FEI

(Timid)

Um... yes?

CHANG'E

Then do it fast.

Fei Fei [GASPS]. She leans in rapidly and grins with a [GIGGLE] while Chang'e doesn't budge. SNAP of the camera, got it! She reaches for the photo, but Chang'e takes it back.

CHANG'E

Ah-ah! No gift, no photo.

FEI FEI

But I don't know what IT is. You
can have anything of mine that you
want--

Chang'e drowns Fei Fei out with [MOCKING BLABBER] before
firming up, insistent.

CHANG'E

I don't want "anything!" I want THE
GIFT!

Croak jumps out of Chin's pocket and lands on Chang'e's face.
The Lunettes look on in fear.

PINK LUNETTE

[FEARFUL EFFORTS]

BLUE LUNETTE

[FEARFUL EFFORTS] Oh...

Chin [GIGGLES], trying to hold it back-

FEI FEI

(Through gritted teeth)
CHIN!

Chang'e peels the frog off her face. She has had enough.

CHANG'E

[CLEARING THROAT]
Clearly you've lost my Gift. I
sense it's on my Moon somewhere.
And I suggest you go find it!

She holds out her hand and a hologram of a moon with dust
leaving the bottom of it appears. It's a very thin sliver-

CHANG'E (CONT'D)

Let's stop playing games. There's
only a sliver of moon left. When
the last moon dust falls, it will
be too late to bring Houyi back.

We have a ticking sound. Chang'e shuts her palm, the
projection disappearing into moon dust. She turns to the
assembled Lunarians.

CHANG'E (CONT'D)

Lunarians! I announce a
competition! Anyone who finds and
brings me the gift will get their
wish granted!

The Lunarians [CHATTER EXCITEDLY]. Chang'e turns back to Fei Fei, her eyes narrow.

CHANG'E (CONT'D)
If you bring it to me first, you'll
get your photo.
(Addressing the crowd)
Good luck and GOD SPEED, FIND IT!

Fei Fei, not wasting a moment, turns and runs out of Chang'e's palace. She's eager to find the gift.

LUNARIANS
[EXCITED WALLA]

To Jade:

CHANG'E (CONT'D)
She'll get me that gift and Jade,
your potion is the final piece we
need to bring Houyi back. And you
will be ready, won't you?

Jade waves his paw, like it's nothing. As soon as Chang'e turns her back, he averts to a nervous expression & [SCARED EFFORTS].

The Lunarians turn and run. A CROWD CRUSH carries Fei Fei towards the palace exit.

FEI FEI
Let me through, please!

SEQUENCE 1550 - Find the Gift

EXT. PALACE - CONTINUOUS

CHAOS outside the palace. Fei Fei pushes her way through the crowd of Lunarians.

Lunarians getting into small space ships, taking off in search of the gift.

Fei Fei runs up to a lunarian getting into its vehicle-

FEI FEI
Hey, um! Can I get a-

The ship zooms off-

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
Ride?

LUNARIAN

Pardon!

Fei Fei continues on, she has to find that gift-

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
[EXHALES] The gift... It has to be
at the crash site! What could it
be!?

Chin tries to catch up-

CHIN

Wait up!

Fei Fei [GROANS]. Chin holds up Croak in Fei Fei's face-

CHIN (CONT'D)
We'll help you find it!

FEI FEI
I don't want your help!

Chin keeps blocking her way-

CHIN

First, we find the gift and then we-

FEI FEI
I said I don't want your help.

CHIN

But I just wanted to-

She takes him by the shoulders and places him behind her. All
of Fei Fei's disappointments in life now merging at once--

FEI FEI
I never wanted you on this trip!

CHIN

But I-

FEI FEI
I never even wanted you in my life!

CHIN

You can't talk to your brother like
that.

FEI FEI
You're NOT my brother.

CHIN

But I could become your brother.

FEI FEI

You will NEVER be my brother.

Fei Fei turns and walks away, exasperated. She lets off a [DEEP SIGH]. Bungee looks at Chin, and then Fei Fei...

Chin stands frozen, upset. He turns back towards the palace against the tide of the crowd. Bungee, feeling bad, hops after him--

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

Bungee? (beat) Ugh. I don't have time for this!

As others push between them, crossing frame. Bungee catches up to Chin-

Fei Fei dashing through Lunaria for any vehicles she can find-

FEI FEI

Will anybody help me?! Guh!

It's as if all the vehicles are already on their way. She spots three vehicles that resemble motor scooters below the platform she is on-

Three chicken-shaped Lunarians rev their engines, proceeding to leave the vicinity of Chang'e's palace.

Fei Fei realizes this might be her last chance, so she takes a few steps back, shakes her hands, pumping herself up and runs full speed off the edge of the platform.

FEI FEI

[PUFFING BREATHS][JUMPING EFFORT]
Hm, hm, hm!

She flings herself over the edge and lands on the wheel of biker chick Bill's bike -

FEI FEI

Whoooa! Oh! Wha?! Woo! [STRUGGLING EFFORTS]

BILL

[SCREAMING EFFORTS]

Bill's bike spins and turns around. Fei Fei grabs on to the handle bars.

FEI FEI
Could I get a ride?!

Bill picks Fei Fei up by the scruff of her jacket and dangles her over the side of his bike-

BILL
Biker Chicks only.

FEI FEI
Ahhh! WAIT! I know where the gift is!

The other two chicks, GRETCH and LULU, give each other a look.

BILL
Well... alright.

GRETCH
Follow the leader!

Bill places Fei Fei in the driver's seat of his bike. She hesitates for a moment, then-

FEI FEI
Okay.

They zoom off in the distance.

CUT TO:

EXT. PALACE ENTRY PLATFORM -

CHIN
(to Bungee)
I'd be a great brother.

Bungee looks at Chin empathetically when Chin notices a group of moon guards marching in front of the hall. He notices the PINK LUNETTE carrying the photo of Fei Fei and Chang'e-

CHIN
[BIG GASP]
I just have to get that photo!
C'mon Bungee.

SEQUENCE 1560 - HALLWAY OF SHOOTING STARS

CUT TO:

INT. PALACE -- THAT MOMENT

Chin and Bungee sneak around the palace corridor as a group of moon guards march nearby. He peeks out from behind one of the columns and leans over to Bungee-

CHIN
You take that one and I'll take the rest! Easy peasy.

Chin ducks away, leaving Bungee terrified.

He runs into the middle of the hallway, confident -

CHIN
HA!

UNTIL A BUNCH OF SHOOTING STARS zip around him, trapping him!

CHIN (CONT'D)
Wha, wha?! [SCREAMING] WHOA WHOA
WHOA WHOA!

He lets off another [SCREAM], [WHIMPERING].

CHANG'E ENTERS from the top of the long hallway, approaching with the MOON GUARDS and PINK LUNETTE.

CHIN (CONT'D)
Whoa!

SHOOTING STAR
[GRUNTS]

CHIN
What are these things?

One of them zap Chin-

CHIN (CONT'D)
Ow!

CHANG'E
Palace Security.

It flies back up to the never ending ceiling-

CHIN
Whoa...

CHANG'E
What are you doing here?

CHIN

I want the photo for my sister!

Chang'e looks down at Chin, annoyed-

CHANG'E

Well, I want the gift.

CHIN

Well, I know where it is!

CHANG'E

Oh, you do? Bring him to the
interrogation chamber.

A portal-like door magically appears out of nowhere, right in front of Chin, and it looks ominous. Terrified, Chin tries to resist-

CHIN

Uh... is she taking me in there?
Because I won't go.

The door to the room magically opens, emanating a blinding light --

CHIN (CONT'D)

I won't, I won't -

A ping-pong table floats down and lands square in the center of the room.

CHIN (CONT'D)

I'm in!

Croak pops out of his pocket and ribbits, he's in. As Chin rushes in, he trips over the doorway with an [EXCITED YELL].

CHIN

Oof!

Bungee watches Chin enter the mysterious portal.

SEQUENCE 1700 -PING PONG & CHANG'E LOSES IT

INT. INTERROGATION ROOM- THAT MOMENT

Chin runs up to the ping-pong table, his greatest pastime.

CHANG'E

How about a game? You like games?

CHIN

You know it.

CHANG'E

Tell you what - if you win, I'll
give you this photo.

Chin's eyes widen--

CHANG'E (CONT'D)

But if I win, you tell me where the
gift is.

CHIN

Deal.

Chang'e smiles, lifting her paddle, as her gown transforms to
an awesome track suit.

CHANG'E

We'll play by Lunaria rules!

The table, Chang'e, and Chin start floating.

CHIN

Wooah. Whoa!

STARTING A MATCH. Both in position, each fighting for the one
they love. The room transforms into a sort of futuristic
arena-

Chin tries to gain his balance as he floats up to the edge of
the table.

CHIN (CONT'D)

Whoa!

SONG - HEY BOY

CHANG'E

WELCOME TO MY GAME - SWEET CHIN
YOU THINK THAT YOU'RE SO FAST -
WELL YOU BETTER THINK AGAIN
I'M THE BEST I'M THE QUEEN OF
LUNARIA
AND MY SERVE IS SPECTACULARIA

Chang's hits the ball with immense speed and gets a point. It
only gets worse as the moon goddess flaunts her skill.

CHANG'E (CONT'D)

OH CHO, ANOTHER POINT FOR ME

CHIN
[REACHING EFFORT][GROWLS]

CHANG'E
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT OF THIS
MISERY
POOR CHIN, I DON'T WANT A RIFT -
BUT IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO TELL ME
THE LOCATION OF THE GIFT
SEE, I AM A LEGEND AND I ALWAYS WIN
THE STARS IN THE COSMOS THEY BOW TO
MY WHIM

CHIN
Uh! Ah! Ow!

CHANG'E
COME ON CHIN I'M RUNNING OUT OF
TIME
I'LL KEEP YOU HERE FOREVER 'TIL YOU
GIVE ME WHAT IS MINE

CHIN
Guh! Ah! [GROANS]

LUNETTES
HEY BOY, DON'T YOU HOLD BACK
IF YOU DO YOU BETCHA, QUEENIE'S
GONNA GETCHA
HEY BOY, BETTER TALK SOON
OR NEVER LEAVE THE DARK SIDE OF THE
MOON

It seems like Chin is no match for Chang'e but he holds his own.

CHIN
FEI FEI IS MY SISTER
AND I THINK THAT SHE'S THE BEST
I'VE GOT A SUPER POWER - I'M A CUT
ABOVE THE REST

CHANG'E
[YAWNS]

CHIN
SHE NEEDS A PICTURE THAT'LL PROVE
YOU'RE REAL
I'LL BREAK THROUGH WALLS AND SEAL
THIS DEAL

CHANG'E
[GASPS]

CHIN
I'LL SMASH IT, POP IT, TOP IT, AND
IN THE END, I'LL WIN IT

CHANG'E
[GRUNTS]
I'M LOSING MY PATIENCE
I'VE NO TIME FOR THIS
THIS LITTLE NUISANCE IS MINE TO
DISMISS

CHIN
FEI FEI SAYS THAT I'M ANNOYING, AND
MAYBE THAT'S A SIGN OF ANOTHER
SUPER POWER AND SA!
THIS GAME IS MINE!

CHIN (CONT'D)
Cho!

CHANG'E
Sa!

CHIN
Pa!

CHANG'E
Hah!

Chin finds his confidence, and puts Chang'e to her match, the two volleying back and forth intensely with [EFFORTS].

CHIN
I'M FASTER THAN A COMET
I'M A ROCKET THROUGH THE GALAXY
I'M IN YOUR FACE AND PFFT, PFFT,
PFFT
AND YOU AIN'T CATCHING ME

A string of ping pong balls smack Chang'e in the face, followed by a wet SMACK from Croak.

CHANG'E
Ugh!

CHIN
AND SOON I'LL HAVE THAT PICTURE
AND YOUR HOUYI WILL JUST HAVE TO
PFFT
IF YOU WEREN'T SO SELFISH HE'D HAVE
IMMORTALITY

Chin returns the ball multiple times, gaining points.

LUNETTES

HEY BOY HEY BOY
GIVE ME WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR
HEY BOY, HEY BOY --

CHANG'E

YOU WILL TELL ME WHAT I NEED!

Chang'e hits the ball with extreme force, but Chin catches it on his paddle. The ball spins, gaining immense force, crashing Chin into the wall behind him.

CHIN

You know what I heard?! You're a
3,000 year old lady who ate BOTH
immortality pills! Now you live
alone FOREVER!

Chin launches the ball. It flies up in the sky and falls, hitting the corner edge of the ping-pong table. Chang'e reaches, but the ball goes over her paddle and she misses it.

The score reads in Chin's favor.

CHIN

I win!

Chin gives Croak a high-five. Furious, Chang'e lifts the table and launches it down to the floor with a [FRUSTRATED YELL], the pieces disintegrating. Chin lands next to it.

Chang'e turns away-

CHANG'E

No one's leaving until I get that
Gift!

She walks out of the room.

The portal SLAMS behind her. Chin calls out:

CHIN

Hey! What about the photo?!

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 1750 CHANG'E AND JADE RABBIT

INT. CHANG'E'S PRIVATE CHAMBER - A FEW MOMENTS LATER

Chang'e paces back and forth, flopping on her bed-

CHANG'E

That little ping pong poo is no
use, and we're running out of time!
UGH! This is our ONLY chance.

The Lunettes hover nearby, [MURMURING AMONGST THEMSELVES
ANXIOUSLY]-

BLUE LUNETTE

Please try to stay calm. You don't
want to cause another meteor
shower...

PINK LUNETTE

Do yoga with us!

BLUE LUNETTE

Calming breath in...

The Lunettes all breathe in and do a yoga pose.

BLUE LUNETTE (CONT'D)

And calming breath out...

Yellow Lunette tips over and rolls off her little mat.

YELLOW LUNETTE

Oh! Whoa boy!

CHANG'E

I'm calm. I'm calm...

BLUE LUNETTE

Uh oh.

YELLOW LUNETTE

[NERVOUS EFFORT]

She can't hold it in, clouds and lightning start forming
around her head. She starts to sob. As she cries her tears
sprout into new little Lunarians.

LITTLE LUNARIANS

[GIGGLE]

CHANG'E

I'm caaaaaalm... Waaaa! [CRYING]

PINK LUNETTE

Oh, goddess!

CHANG'E

I'm... so... calm....

Chang'e continues crying as Jade Rabbit enters and shoos out the baby Lunarians.

CHANG'E (CONT'D)

I know the gift is somewhere near,
I can feel it!

Chang'e notices him-

CHANG'E (CONT'D)

Oh... Hi Jade...

She reaches for Jade, pulling him into a hug.

CHANG'E

(To Jade)

Well, at least the potion is
working...

Jade looks at her sheepishly.

CHANG'E

I'll never see Houyi again, will I?
[SIGHS SOMBERLY]

Chang'e gets up and walks to her balcony, sparks flying around her head.

BLUE LUNETTE

Oh...

PINK LUNETTE

Oh.

YELLOW LUNETTE

[NERVOUS WHINES]

CHANG'E

[BLOOD-CURDLING SCREAM]

She looks out over her balcony and in the distance meteors begin to rain down.

The Lunettes huddle together, letting off [PANICKED WHIMPERS], forming one big mooncake.

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 1800 METEOR SHOWER

EXT. THE RIDE TO THE LIGHT SIDE OF THE MOON - NIGHT

Fei Fei drives-

A CLUSTER OF FIREBALL FLASHES appear in front of them as they drive up to a massive crater-

LULU

Ahhh, looks like the moon goddess
is astronomically upset.

GRETCH

When she's mad this road's a
suicide mission.

BILL

Kid, let's wait it out.

FEI FEI

No! We're going! Follow me!

The chicks follow Fei Fei into the crater. Meteors rain through the atmosphere and hit the surface of the moon in front of them; BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

GRETCH

WHOA?!

BILL

Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa!

Fei Fei and the chicks weave their way through just barely dodging as the meteors explode brilliant colors.

FEI FEI

Go left!

All the chickens all [SCREAM] as they follow Fei Fei, narrowly avoiding being smashed.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

Right! Okay, now left!

Fei Fei maneuvers the bike just in time as Bill's face ends up inches from the ground-

BILL

[SCREAMING EFFORTS] WHOA WHOA!

FEI FEI

We gotta get through THAT canyon!

Fei Fei leads them directly in the path of the biggest meteor yet-

GRETCH
[CHICKEN CLUCKING NOISES]

LULU
AYAYAYAYAYAYAY!

BILL
WHOA! We're not gonna make it!
[SCREAMS]

FEI FEI
Don't be such a chicken!

She punches it at the last second and they are launched over the explosion from the meteor.

BILL (CONT'D)
[PANICKED YELLS]

GRETCH
AHHH!

LULU
AHHH!

BILL
AHHH!

They expertly land on the other side of the canyon all in one piece.

Looking out to the horizon of the moon-

BILL
[SCARED WHIMPERS]

FEI FEI
Let's get that gift!

The chicks rev their engines and drive off leaving the crater in their dust. [HOOTING] and [HOLLERING]!

BILL
Woohoo-hoo-hoo!

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 1850 - ESCAPE FAILS

INT. PALACE PING PONG ROOM

Chin tries to get out of the room by running at the wall multiple times but it's no use.

CHIN
NO BARRIERS! RAHHHH!

He hits the wall out of breath and wobbly, [PANTING]. Croak sits nearby watching, shaking his head "no"

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 1900 - CRASH SITE & LUNAR LUNCH

EXT. CRASH SITE/BRIGHT SIDE OF THE MOON

The bikers approach the crater where Fei Fei crash landed.

PANNING - the CRASH SITE. The SPACESHIP lies in pieces, strewn across the lunar surface.

FEI FEI
There it is! Over there! My rocket ship!

MOONCYCLES convening down into the crater--

They approach the crash site. Fei Fei sees her broken rocket--

FEI FEI
(Out of breath)
Oh, my rocket ship...

BILL
What a mess.

Fei Fei finds the picture of her perfect family; mom, dad and her tucked in the rubble. She picks it up.

GRETCH (O.S.)
What's this gift look like anyway?

OFF Fei Fei's determined expression -

FEI FEI
I'm not sure. Let's just spread out. We'll find it.

Fei Fei walks around the carnage and up to what used to be her rocket, which now resembles a small house.

A small creature approaches atop what appears to be a lunar rover. It has her helmet on, making funny breathing noises. Through the visor, colors dance and flash... What is this thing?

FEI FEI

Huh?

GOBI

[WEIRD BREATHING NOISES] Kooophaaa,
pehhh, kaahhhh...

The creature stumbles as the lunar rover progresses, giving a surprised yelp --

GOBI

Ah! Whoa, whoa, whoa!

He lands in Fei Fei's arms with a [GRUNT]. The small creature lifts up the visor revealing himself, this is GOBI.

What is he exactly? He's a sweet-faced, four-foot tall creature who's a cross between a frill-necked lizard and a split-flap time table. His scales can change colors.

GOBI

Hi, I'm Gobi. What's your name?

FEI FEI

I- I'm... Fei Fei.

GOBI

I'm Gobi, what's your name?

Fei Fei blinks, at a loss for words.

GOBI (CONT'D)

I feel like we're talking in a circle. I actually used to be a nervous talker, and I think that's what's really great about me is that, like, I'm so self-aware about my nervous talking. So I got to slow it down, relax, and just breathe. I'm checking my pulse right now... (pause) Ah! Serenity achieved.

FEI FEI

Who are you? WHAT are you?

GOBI

Tsk! I happen to be Chang'e's most trusted advisor. Very high-level, uh, member of the court!

(MORE)

GOBI (CONT'D)

I mean, not like a court jester,
but definitely a member of the
court, like, really high up. I'm
basically indispensable.

FEI FEI

Then what are you doing all the way
out here?

Gobi gets yanked as the lunar rover trudges along with his
cape.

GOBI

Whoa whoa whoa -- Hey!

FEI FEI

Wait! Is that THE lunar rover...
with my parachute?

GOBI

I dunno.

He hops out of Fei Fei's arms, yelling out at the traveling
rover -

GOBI (CONT'D)

Oh, you can take my cape! But I'm
keeping these sweet moon pants. Dig
it!

He wiggles his hips, flaunting grandpa's diapers.

FEI FEI

[EXASPERATED LAUGH]

Gretch suddenly notices Gobi-

GRETCH

What's he doin' here?

GOBI

What?!

He shuts the vizor on his helmet and hides behind Fei Fei.

BILL

I wouldn't be talking to that one
if I were you.

LULU

Yeah, he was kicked out of the
palace by the goddess.

Lulu swipes the helmet off Gobi's head.

GOBI

Ah!

FEI FEI

Hey, easy!

GOBI

Don't listen to them, these
Lunarian chickens got a *little*
scrambled up, hehe... It-it's fine.
(whispering)
It is not fine. They are bad
eggs...

GRETCH

Uh uh! Look who's talking.

BILL

Yeah... You little green glow worm!

He pecks Gobi on the top of the head-

GOBI

Ow!

Fei Fei interrupts-

FEI FEI

Hey!

LULU

[CACKLES]

FEI FEI

Quit wasting time, we have to find
the gift for Chang'e!

GOBI

Chang'e? Chang'e! Oh oh! I wanna
help. Can I help? I'd love to help.
Did I mention I can help?

The chicks rummage through the crash site. Lulu starts
ripping the rainbow color piping off the rocket.

LULU

Ooh hoho!

FEI FEI

No, no, no, no, no--!

LULU

Oh! Who do I look like?! Who do I
look like?

Lulu wraps the piping around her waist like a skirt as she badly sings as if she is Chang'e-

LULU
(sings) Woah, oh- oh- EGG-
straordinaria! [CACKLES]

FEI FEI
[ANNOYED GROAN]

Fei Fei finds her Chang'e doll inside part of the rocket in what looks like a little shrine-

FEI FEI
[SOFT BREATH]

GOBI
[ANGELIC SINGING]

Fei Fei reaches for the doll,

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
My Chang'e doll!

GOBI
Oh, yeah, she's amazing. I can't
help but break into song when I see
her!

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
(to herself)
A gift my momma gave me.

Fei Fei turns around, sharing her discovery with the chickens.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
This must be it!

BILL
(Smirking) Yeah... must be.

At Bill's look, Fei Fei's smile shifts into discomfort. She senses something is wrong.

GRETCH
Thank you!

Gretch snatches it out of Fei Fei's hands. Fei Fei lunges at her trying to get the doll back.

FEI FEI
Hey, WAIT!

GRETCH
Sorry newbie.

Gretch and Lulu play keep away from Fei Fei with the Chang'e doll.

Fei Fei tries to get it from Lulu but she holds Fei Fei back and taunts her waving the Chang'e doll over her head.

LULU
(mockingly) Oho, I'm sorry!

FEI FEI
Give-it-back!

Gobi climbs up onto Lulu's back and starts trying to pull it out of her hands.

GOBI
[PULLING EFFORT]

LULU
Hey! Watch it!

GOBI
Ah!

Bill grabs Gobi by his "moon pants."

BILL
That's enough out of you!

With a [YELP], Gobi rips himself out of his diaper. Bill, grossed out, tosses the diaper aside.

BILL
Ew...

Lulu pushes Fei Fei down into the lunar surface with a [CACKLE]. The biker chicks head to their bikes.

They start revving their engines.

They're not slowing down or turning back. Fei Fei RUNS after them, but it's no use tripping and falling-

FEI FEI
No! That's mine! COME BACK!

BILL
Whoever gets it to the goddess first gets their wish granted!

Gretch [LAUGHS MANICALLY]. Fei Fei and Gobi are alone, stranded, with no choice but to walk.

FEI FEI
You can't leave me here!

SEQUENCE 2000 - MEET GOBI

Fei Fei runs after the biker chicks, determined. She climbs up the crest of the crater with a [GRUNT].

FEI FEI
I'm going to get that gift, and bring it to Lunaria!

GOBI
Lunaria?

They jump down the side of the crater-

GOBI (CONT'D)
Well, you'll need a guide! And guess what? This guy used to both work and live in the palace.

FEI FEI
[JUMPING EFFORTS] As soon as I get that gift back, I'm taking it to Chang'e.

GOBI
Oh, oh, oh, oh pleeeeeease let me help you bring a gift to the Goddess!

FEI FEI
No.

GOBI
Please?

FEI FEI
No.

GOBI
Please?

FEI FEI
No!

GOBI
Pleeeeeeeeee-

FEI FEI

Nooooo!

GOBI

Let me finish, -eeeeeeeeeeee-

FEI FEI

Okay okay! Just stop making that noise!

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 2100 - RABBITS

INT. HALLWAY/PALACE

A palace hallway. UNIFORMED MOONCAKES march in formation down the corridor.

JADE RABBIT heads down the hallway. Bungee spots him and watches as he thumps a pattern and a secret passage in one of the columns opens. Bungee follows in after Jade, just before it closes.

INT. LABORATORY/CHANG'E'S PALACE - CONTINUOUS

Bungee slides down the entrance and sees Jade Rabbit using a mortar and pestle grinding out a SPARKLING POWDER. This is his apothecary chamber; bubbling brews and Lunarian lab equipment surround him.

Bungee looks on, impressed until it explodes in his face. She [GIGGLES] at him, but then knocks something over. Startling Jade Rabbit who bumps into his mortar which starts to teeter over.

Bungee scurries over and stops it from falling just in time. She looks up. JADE RABBIT, ears up, looking right at her. She stares back at him. They have instant chemistry.

Jade Rabbit goes back to his mortar trying to ignore Bungee. He has important work to do. As Bungee comes closer, Jade stumbles back and accidentally tosses a mixture into the air. It turns into magical dust that lands on Bungee's nose. She [GASPS]. She breathes it in, then [SNEEZES]. LASERS SHOOT OUT OF HER EARS!

NEWLY WEAPONIZED, she hops to Jade Rabbit and gives him a little nose rub kiss - *thank you*.

Jade Rabbit is newly recharged with the energy from his crush on Bungee and looks back at his powder. He uses magic and now the potion GLOWS! It's ready! It works!

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 2200 - MOON FROGS

EXT. DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

Gobi continues to talk-

GOBI

But my whole point is I'm a nervous talker and I'm starting to work on that. I realized, 'wow I am talking really fast,' and I thought to myself, 'you should relax.' So I've been working on slowing it down and breathing and -- uh oh - AH!

Gobi's tongue is in knots from all his talking-

He gets tangled in his own tongue and falls backwards into a crater.

GOBI (CONT'D)

Oo! Uh! Ah... Sometimes it causes me to get a little tongue tied. Ugh! I hate it when this happens.

Fei Fei, shaking her head, helps Gobi untangle his tongue.

Gobi [SLURPS] his tongue back into his mouth.

SUDDENLY - The GROUND underneath Fei Fei and Gobi's feet begins to SHAKE and RISE. Gobi lets out a [HIGH PITCHED SCREAM]. They're getting higher and higher.

GOBI

Whoa!

FEI FEI

Oof!

They tumble off, Gobi giving a [GUTTURAL GRUNT], revealing--

A group of gigantic MOON FROGS- as big as a bus - that were nesting inside a crater.

They let out a chorus of croaks.

FEI FEI
Gobi... what's happening? Please
tell me they're not hungry.

GOBI
They're not hungry!

The LEAD FROG zaps his tongue at Fei Fei and Gobi, prompting
them to run.

GOBI (CONT'D)
I'm lying! They're VERY hungry!
I've NEVER seen them this ravenous!
Ahh! Run away!

Fei Fei and Gobi hop and dodge the moon frogs' zapping
tongues. Gobi is grabbed for a split second, but Fei Fei
snatches and yanks him back quickly.

GOBI (CONT'D)
They're going to Lunaria Lake to
feed!

FEI FEI
Hey, hey! I know this game!
(Beat)
Sorry about this-

Fei Fei GRABS Gobi's tongue (*not that sorry*)--

GOBI
[TONGUE OUT EFFORTS]

She uses it as a lasso to hook onto one of the frogs.

GOBI
Ah!

Gripping Gobi, pulling them both UP - onto the back of the
Frog.

FEI FEI
Whoa!

GOBI
[SCREAMS]

FEI FEI
Whoo! We should catch up to those
biker chicks in no time.

GOBI
[SLURPING EFFORTS]

Gobi slurps his tongue back into his mouth. RIDING THE FROG -- They hold on as The Moon Frogs soar through the low-gravity landscape all around them. A moment to breathe.

GOBI

Woo! That was a bonding experience!
Do you feel close to me, because I
feel closer to you - I feel like
this is amazing! Besties forever,
uhn, forever, uhn, forever - uh uh
uh uh, chicka chicka -

Gobi lets off a [BLOW-HORN SOUND]. He [SLURPS] his tongue back in his mouth. Fei Fei [GIGGLES] as Gobi strikes a pose.

GOBI

Huh?!

He [SIGHS] as he settles in.

GOBI (CONT'D)

Good times, good times...

FEI FEI

So, why were you living by
yourself?

GOBI

That's a personal question...

Gobi takes a beat, then finally divulges..

GOBI

But, since you and I are like
family now [LAUGHS TO HIMSELF] I
can tell you. It happened a long
time ago. The Goddess exiled me
from Lunaria because of a song I
sang to her.

FEI FEI

She exiled you over a song?
She's nothing like mamma said she'd
be... Mamma said she was kind and
gentle, graceful as a swan landing
on a quiet lake.

GOBI

She was all those things, until
Houyi died. [SIGHS] And then she
just pushed us all away.

FEI FEI
Once you lose the person you love
the most.

GOBI
It changes you.

FEI FEI
Yeah.

GOBI
After I sang that song, the Goddess
disappeared. All the lights in
Lunaria just went out. We call it
the big darkness.

He hangs his head. The two of them sit beside one another on
the frog, each in their own lonely worlds.

FEI FEI
That song... will you sing it for
me?

Gobi looks at her, unsure. He lets off a contemplative hum.

GOBI
Ah, I don't know. The acoustics
aren't good when you're singing on
top of a frog...

FEI FEI
Pleeeeeease?

GOBI
Ah, touché.

Gobi [CLEARS HIS THROAT] and begins to sing-

SONG - WONDERFUL

GOBI
DO YOU EVER HUG YOUR SCALES?

FEI FEI
Huh?

GOBI
SHAKE YOUR TAIL AND MAKE A LIGHT
SHOW -

FEI FEI
You asked her that?

GOBI
A DANCE OF COLORS AND HUES

Gobi takes Fei Fei by her hands and starts to dance with her on the top of the moon frog.

FEI FEI
What are you doing?

GOBI
WELL, I DO
HERE, RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES -
A BRIGHT KALEIDOSCOPE SURPRISE!

FEI FEI
Gobi...

GOBI
NO MOMENT IS THE SAME
- AND THAT IS WONDERFUL - UL
DO YOU EVER WATCH THE EARTH?
LOUNGE AROUND AND SEE IT FLOATING -

FEI FEI
I don't lounge.

GOBI
A SWIRL OF WHITE CLOUDS AND BLUE

FEI FEI
Nope.

GOBI
WELL, I DO.
IT CHANGES EVERY DAY - IT SPINS AND
TURNS AND TWIRLS AWAY
IT JUST KEEPS ROLLIN' ON
AND THAT IS WONDERFUL - HEY, HEY

FEI FEI
I just want things to go back to
how they were.

GOBI
LOOK AT THE WORLD SURROUNDING YOU
ALL POSSIBILITY
EVERY MOMENT WE HAVE IS A CHANCE AT
SOMETHING NEW... YEAH
TO GLOW
TO GROW

The frogs light up in a spectacular display.

Fei Fei sits, curling up. She's not ready to hear the message of Gobi's song. Gobi touches her chin, looking into her eyes-

GOBI (CONT'D)
DO YOU EVER FEEL AFRAID?
CURL UP WHEN YOU ARE HURTING -
AND HOLD YOUR MEMORIES TIGHT TO YOU
YEAH, ME TOO -
IF YOU RELEASE THE PAST
YOU'LL MOVE AHEAD AND BLOOM AT LAST
THE HEART GROWS
AND IT KNOWS
YOU CAN GLOW - YOU'RE WONDERFUL

FEI FEI
So... that's the song you sang to
her?

GOBI
No... It was another song.

FEI FEI
Gobi-

GOBI
Yeah, that's the song.

They [LAUGH]. The group of moon frogs approach Lunaria in the distance.

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 2300 - POTION WORKS

INT. CHANG'E'S PALACE

CLOSE ON: the slimming crescent of the Lunar Clock hologram in her hand. Chang'e paces in front of a portrait of her and Houyi. She [SIGHS]. The Lunettes look on worried. Butterflies bring Chang'e's robe and drape it over her shoulders. She sings softly to herself-

SONG - YOURS FOREVER

CHANG'E
XU NI SHENG SHI SHI
WU JUE QU DE AI
ALWAYS AND FOREVER
IN THIS HEART OF MINE

She puts the robe on, images of two birds on either side of the sleeves featured prominently-

Chang'e [SIGHS] to herself as the Lunettes watch, heartbroken for her.

LUNETTES
[SNUFFLE][WHIMPER][SAD EFFORTS]

Jade Rabbit's footsteps quietly approach-

CHANG'E (CONT'D)
Jade?

He hops in delighted with himself.

CHANG'E
What's going on with you?

Beaming with pride, he holds up the glowing potion. Chang'e kneels down to him, taking it, her eyes glow with the reflection of the potion- mouth agape in disbelief.

CHANG'E
Oh, it worked! You've-you've done
it and just in time!

LUNETTES
[QUIET EXCITED WALLA AS THEY GATHER
AROUND JADE]

CHANG'E
Now I just need that gift.

Chang'e and Jade looking back at the portrait of Houyi.

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 2400 - SMASHED DOLL

EXT. OUTSKIRTS OF LUNARIA

Fei Fei and Gobi ride on the back of their Moon frog, approaching Lunaria.

FEI FEI
[GROANS] Why did I ever let those
bikers into my life?

Suddenly, Gobi spots them -

GOBI
[GASPS] There they are, ha!

Fei Fei spots the Chang'e doll on the back of Bill's bike.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)
There's my doll!

GOBI
Don't worry. I got this.

Gobi shoots his tongue out, trying to snatch it off!

But instead his tongue LATCHES onto Bill's back, causing him to lose control of his vehicle.

BILL
[STARTLED STUTTERING]

GOBI
(tongue out)
Uh oh. AHHH! [SCREAMS]

FEI FEI
[SURPRISED EFFORT]

He zooms forward, yanking Gobi and Fei Fei off of their moon frog, skimming the lake below.

BILL
Wha-wha?! Hey! Oh, whoa-oh!

Bill zooms up towards Lunaria, the doll falling off the back of his bike, hitting Fei Fei in the face but she's holding on to Gobi-

Bill loses control of the bike and he falls too!

BILL
Wo wo woah woah woooah!

They all free fall. Fei Fei [YELLS], reaching for her doll. Gobi [SCREAMS].

BILL
[PANICKED LOUD CLUCKING]

Gobi lands directly on the bouncy roof of one of the buildings in Lunaria.

GOBI
Oh... [SIGHS IN RELIEF]

Bill, missing the building, pulls Gobi off the building with him.

GOBI
WAHHHHHHHHH!

Gobi lands on a Lunarian.

LUNARIANS
[WHIMPER IN FEAR] [GASP]

Everyone gasps, then the drops turn into many little Lunarians.

LITTLE LUNARIANS
Yay!

GOBI (CONT'D)
Aww, hey little guys.

[SCREAMING], Fei Fei lands on a different roof. The bikers circle close to the doll.

FEI FEI
[CLIMBING EFFORTS]

GRETCH
Where is it?

Fei Fei jumps from roof top to roof top. She slides down the side of the building grabbing on to tendrils that fan out from the bottom of the building.

FEI FEI
[JUMPING EFFORT] Oof! [GASPS]
[SCREAMING]

The doll falling fast, Fei Fei grabs it! She [SIGHS IN RELIEF].

Lulu snatches it out of her hands.

LULU
Ayayayaya! Ha ha ha AH!

Not looking ahead where she's going, Lulu flies into one of the gummy-like buildings, riding uncontrollably in circles.

LULU (CONT'D)
Ayaya?! Ayaya?!

The doll falls, bouncing off a few buildings. Gretch grabs it.

FEI FEI
Gah!

Fei Fei lets go of the building she is hanging from and grabs onto the edge of a passing space ship with an [EFFORT], then falls and jumps from building to building.

She spots Gretch coming closer to her, runs and then takes a massive LEAP directly onto Gretch's bike. She tries to grab the doll but Gretch holds on. The bike skids on a very dangerous energy strip-

GRETCH

Ah! Are you nuts!?
It's mine!

FEI FEI

Give it back!

Ahead of them the dangerous energy strip is slicing a huge round building-like shape that they are DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF-

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

HEY! Ugh! URGH!

Gobi, running on a near by building, watches in concern and fear.

GRETCH

Get your grubby mitts off [GASP]!

Fei Fei holds on as Gretch bails with a [SCREAM]. Fei Fei goes directly into the colliding energy strips that explode with a [BRACED YELL].

From afar it looks as though everything near the small explosion has been completely destroyed; Fei Fei, the vehicle and the doll.

Gobi and a crowd of Lunarians look on in horror.

GOBI

[GASPS] No!

A sickening silence.

The Biker Chickens look down in shame and zoom off, all three on one bike.

BILL

Guess there's no gift now.

Gobi runs to the site of the explosion-

GOBI

Fei Fei? You can come out, they're gone now.
Come out, Fei Fei. I'll do anything to make you okay, anything! What do I have to do?

Silence, then -

FEI FEI

Look up!

Fei Fei hangs from the top inside of the globe-shaped building. Gobi [SQUEALS] and lights up. After Fei Fei hops down, Gobi hugs her leg tightly. She [LAUGHS]. Out of the corner of her eye, Fei Fei spots her smashed up doll, and is horrified.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

Oh, no...

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 2500 - THE AMULET

EXT. STREET/LUNARIA

Fei Fei sits on a bridge overlooking Lunaria Lake, her head in her hands, lower than low. Gobi sits beside her.

FEI FEI

[SIGHS] I've lost everything now.

Gobi rummages in Fei Fei's backpack, taking out its contents.

GOBI

Not everything. You still have this... and this... and...

He loses grip of what he was holding and it floats away. So he pulls something else out of her bag - a map.

GOBI

This! And you're alive... That's a plus.

FEI FEI

That gift was my only chance to stop my father from getting re-married.

GOBI

Re-married? Your mother is-- I
mean, is she... gone?

FEI FEI

[SIGH] Now I'm stuck here. The gift
is gone, and my dad will marry that
awful woman with her horrible boy!

GOBI

What horrible boy?

FEI FEI

A ridiculously annoying boy.

GOBI

Nobody likes annoying creatures!
They are the worst!

FEI FEI

He's always making faces--

GOBI

UGH!

FEI FEI

He plays leapfrog all the time--

GOBI

Bleh!

FEI FEI

He thinks he can hang upside down
like a bat and run through walls--

GOBI

Teh!

FEI FEI

And he's always interrupting me--

GOBI

Let me finish-- he plays leapfrog?
Is that where you got the idea for
us to ride on those frogs?

FEI FEI

No! I mean, not really.

GOBI

And he hangs upside down like a bat, like you did when you almost got scorched? Is that where you got that idea?

FEI FEI

No! Ugh. Anyway, I can't stand him.

GOBI

I can't stand him either. (beat)
Did you say he can run through walls?

FEI FEI

Forget it, all right?

GOBI

I would love to have a brother. Y'know, but then again, I've been alone for a thousand years. How many years have you been alone?

FEI FEI

Four.

GOBI

Well, give it time. You might change your mind.

Fei Fei sinks into her gloom.

GOBI

I think Miss Grumpy-Pants is hungry. Why don't we eat something? Everything looks better when your tummy's full. Ooo! There's a tasty map right here.

Gobi tears the map with his beak and eats it.

GOBI

Hm, mmm, delicious. Have some map.

Fei Fei takes a MOON CAKE from the tin that Mrs. Zhong gave her. She takes a desultory bite.

FEI FEI

Hm.

GOBI

Yech, I can't believe you eat moon cakes. That's barbaric.

FEI FEI

These mooncakes don't have feelings.

Fei Fei takes another bite and HITS something with her tooth.

FEI FEI

Ow! What's this?

Fei Fei pulls out a BROKEN PIECE OF METAL from the moon cake. It has engravings on it.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

Looks like the broken half of something. [SIGHS] Chin probably found it somewhere and thought it would be funny to bake it into a mooncake. I told you he was annoying.

Gobi looks closely at the metal bit.

GOBI

Wait a minute - why does this look familiar?

Gobi holds the metal piece up for inspection. It lines up with a SYMBOL adorning a building across the street; the same symbol that's all over Lunaria.

GOBI

Nope - never seen it.

Fei Fei takes the metal bit in her hand and also holds it up against the symbol on the building across the street. The FORCED PERSPECTIVE shows that the half-piece of metal forms a WHOLE with the symbol.

FEI FEI

This half forms a whole with that symbol.

Their jaws drop open. They stare at the metal piece. They stare at each other. Gobi starts glowing from the inside. Then they EXPLODE with joy -

FEI FEI

This Amulet, Gobi! It's the gift!

Gobi [LAUGHS]. They look out at Lunaria towards the clock above the palace. A tiny sliver is left.

FEI FEI
[GASP] There's still a chance.
We've gotta get this to Chang'e!
Come on!

Fei Fei grabs Gobi-

GOBI
Ahh!

And they take off.

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 2600 - DELIVERING THE GIFT

INT. CHIN'S HOLDING ROOM/PALACE - THAT MOMENT

CHIN
We need to help Fei Fei!

Chin backs up three steps and takes a runner's stance. He squints, leans in, and lets out his war cry:

CHIN (CONT'D)
NOOO! BARRIERS!!!! RAHH!

He runs straight at the wall again and this time he GOES THROUGH IT without a scratch.

HALLWAY - THAT MOMENT

Chin finds himself in the hallway. He looks around, more than a little surprised.

CHIN (CONT'D)
Oo... [GROANS] I did it!

BUNGEE steps out from behind a column. Her ear tips are glowing and SMOKING.

CHIN (CONT'D)
Bungee?

Chin gapes at her:

CHIN (CONT'D)
Maybe we did it.
(Admiring her ears)

Croak and Bungee share a fist bump.

INT. PALACE THRONE ROOM

With the company of Jade, Chang'e stares at a hologram of the moon, anxious.

CHANG'E

If she's coming with the gift, it
has to be now.

EXT. OUTSIDE THE PALACE - THAT MOMENT

Fei Fei and Gobi jump from roof to roof through Lunaria heading towards the palace, landing at the entrance and making their way inside-

INT. HALLWAY OF SHOOTING STARS/PALACE - THAT MOMENT

ENTERING THE HALLWAY - the Shooting Stars sense Bungee and Chin. THEY ATTACK! In a rapid-fire display of skill, BUNGEE USES HER LASER EARS to zap the Shooting Stars, detonating them mid-air before the comets can strike them. CHIN WIELDS HIS PING-PONG PADDLE, hitting the comets away.

CHIN (CONT'D)

Rah! Zap! Gotcha! Ha ha!

They're a great duo.

INT PALACE HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Chin and Bungee continue fighting off the shooting star guards.

FEI FEI

Chin?!

Chin spots Fei Fei, running towards her -

CHIN

Fei Fei! Oh my gosh, I'm so happy
to see you!

FEI FEI

You're okay!

Chin dives into telling Fei Fei about all of his adventures in the palace-

CHIN

It was so crazy! The poles were all
moving, and then I was surrounded -

Bungee hops into Fei Fei's arms, her ears sparking. Fei Fei, ecstatic, holds up the amulet proudly -

FEI FEI
[LAUGHS] Look! We got the gift!

CHIN
Wow!

Gobi meets Chin as they run to the throne room-

GOBI
Hi, I'm Gobi!

CHIN
Rad. I'm Chin.

GOBI
Double rad, I just returned from a thousand years in exile. I wonder if I'll run into anyone I know--

Just then he gets tackled by moonguards. The amulet slips out of Fei Fei's grasp -

CHIN
Gobi!?

FEI FEI
[SCREAMS] The amulet!

Gobi reaches above him amongst the chaos, attempting to catch the precious object. The amulet clatters across the floor. He misses it.

GOBI
Fei Fei, get it!

Fei Fei clamors for the amulet, retrieving it. Chin goes back to pull Gobi out of the grip of the moonguards when the Lunettes hurry up to them-

GOBI
No, no, no! Leave me be!
[STRETCHING EFFORTS]

CHIN
[PULLING EFFORTS]

BLUE LUNETTE
We're almost out of time!

Gobi pops out of the moonguards grasp-

GOBI
Oh, thank you!

YELLOW LUNETTE
Oh, hurry, come this way!

They pull Fei Fei and Chin to the throne room.

SEQUENCE 2700 - HOUYI REUNION

INT. PALACE THRONE ROOM

The doors to Chang'e's banquet hall open-

BLUE LUNETTE
Goddess, it's here!

Fei Fei runs up the stairs to meet Chang'e. A crowd of Lunarians are already gathered. Chang'e turns and makes her way down the stairs to meet Fei Fei.

Fei Fei presents Chang'e with the amulet.

CHANG'E
[GASPS] Fei Fei...

FEI FEI
[PANTING] I think this is the gift
you're looking for.

Chang'e BEAMS.

CHANG'E
Of course, the other half of the
Amulet!

Chang'e accepts the gift and makes her way up to the center of the hall where Jade waits for her. Before she proceeds with the ritual, she looks back at Fei Fei gratefully. The two share a meaningful look.

CHANG'E
Our two halves can make us whole
again. Now you can come back to me.

Chang'e connects the two halves of the amulet and places it in the center of an ornate pedestal, not dissimilar to something in Jade's rabbitory.

Faint music begins as Chang'e uses Jade's potion, sprinkling it on the amulet and something elemental begins to happen. Everyone watching. The amulet RISES into the air.

Grass begins to grow in the hall. ON FEI FEI- amazed at what she's seeing. She looks down at the ground. The banquet hall floor starts sprouting grass and wildflowers. The pillars turn into great trees, and the hall transforms into a magical forest.

[SINGING AN INCANTATION], Chang'e floats in the air as a LUMINOUS wave of smoke transforms her back to her human likeness. She settles back to the ground, stepping into the forest.

AROUND THE ROOM - everyone holds their breath.

As if reciting her vows, Chang'e begins to sing-

SONG - YOURS FOREVER (Reprise)

CHANG'E
XU NI SHENG SHENG SHI SHI
WU JUE QU DE AI
ALWAYS AND FOREVER
IN THIS HEART OF MINE

She waits for a response. As a faint figure becomes slightly transparent, light shines through him. Out of the mist that seems to be forming, she hears his voice-

HOUYI
XU NI SHENG SHENG SHI SHI

CHANG'E
Houyi?

HOUYI
WU JUE QU DE AI...

As Chang'e steps closer to Houyi, Fei Fei looks on, beaming with hope.

CHANG'E
ALWAYS AND FOREVER
IN THIS HEART OF MINE
LONGER THAN THE HEAVENS
AND THE STARS THAT SHINE

CHANG'E
XIANG SI QING NAN NAI
YUAN YU NI TONG ZAI
I AM YOURS, I AM YOURS
FOREVER

HOUYI
XIANG SI QING NAN NAI
YUAN YU NI TONG ZAI
I AM YOURS, I AM YOURS
FOREVER

Houyi reaches to touch her face, caressing it sweetly, but he already begins to disappear. He offers a bittersweet smile. Chang'e immediately pulls away.

HOUYI

Chang'e, I cannot stay. You have to
move on.

Chang'e looks at him in disbelief. Is this a dream? Is she
losing him again?

CHANG'E

But how? [PANICKED BREATHING] No--!

HOUYI

Our love is forever.

Their hands now separate as he begins to disappear-

CHANG'E

Please don't leave me again! HOUYI!

He continues to disappear. For him, it wasn't a return, it
was his attempt at saying goodbye.

Fei Fei realizes this, watching - heartbroken for the
goddess.

FEI FEI

Oh, no...

Chang'e bows her head, fragile and human size. The wind picks
up. Something is happening.

THE SOUND of WIND fills the Great Hall. Everything is going
dark and stormy.

AROUND LUNARIA - the CITY LIGHTS GO OUT. Within seconds, the
entire city is plunged into darkness.

GOBI

It's the darkness!

LUNETTES

[FEARFUL WHIMPERS]

The inner light that usually glows inside Gobi and the other
Lunarians starts to fade, making them weak-

GOBI

Oh no.

The LIGHTS extinguish.

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 2800 - CHAMBER OF EXQUISITE SADNESS

INT. SPACE FULL OF GLOWING STARS - MOMENTS LATER

Chang'e floats, motionless-

Fei Fei, Chin, Gobi, Bungee, and Jade Rabbit stand at the end of a hallway.

It's as if INFINITY BEGINS at the end of this hallway. No ceiling, no floor, no walls - just black space, glittering with MILLIONS OF DIAMOND-POINTS OF LIGHT, hanging in the darkness like crystals on a chandelier.

They stop and stare, awestruck.

FEI FEI

Oh... What is this place?

BLUE LUNETTE

The Chamber of Exquisite Sadness.

YELLOW LUNETTE

It's impenetrable.

PINK LUNETTE

Only the goddess has ever gone in there.

FEI FEI

Let me try...

Chin bangs on the barrier between the hallway and the chamber.

BLUE LUNETTE

I told you, you can't go in -

Fei Fei gradually holds her hand up to TOUCH the barrier, BUT FOR HER - her arm CAN GO THROUGH THE WALL.

The others FREEZE. Alarmed. Stunned.

PINK LUNETTE

[GASPS]

BLUE LUNETTE

[GASPS] But how?!

GOBI

How did you do that?!

PINK LUNETTE

No, no, no! If you go in there, you may never come out again.

GOBI

You may never go home again.

She pulls her hand BACK.

Fei Fei holding in hesitation. A long pause. Contemplating what this means. She takes a deep breath, places her hand BACK THROUGH - THEN STEPS THROUGH COMPLETELY.

GOBI

Wait!

CHIN

Fei Fei!

YELLOW LUNETTE

[GASPS] Oh...

INT. CHAMBER OF EXQUISITE SADNESS - THAT MOMENT

Entering the seemingly infinite blackness, surrounded by sparkles of light. The floating diamonds now tangible. She lets out a heavy breath.

She approaches Chang'e-

FEI FEI

Chang'e? It- it's me... Fei Fei?
Bad Haircut Girl. I'm here to bring
you back.

Chang'e's eyes open, noticing Fei Fei.

Fei Fei's face begins to show pain. She pushes on, trying to get closer to Chang'e. Something clutches at her soul. With every step, she is becoming SADDER AND SADDER.

There's a mournful wind. The air is cold.

The diamond lights begin to arrange themselves into PIXILATED IMAGES around Fei Fei - like mini-constellations. A SHAPE APPEARS- it's Fei Fei's MOTHER with a 9 YEAR OLD version of herself. Mother pushes this young Fei Fei's hair behind her ear. The young Fei Fei reaches out to MOTHER as Mother slowly fades and becomes distant-

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

(anguished)

Mom?

Mother reaches out to Fei Fei-

MOTHER

Fei Fei.

FEI FEI

Momma!

The young Fei Fei kneels in grief, pulling at her long hair, and then chopping it off with scissors.

ON FEI FEI - she stumbles backwards, feeling a stab of pain. She sinks to her knees. She curls into the fetal position.

Chang'e takes notice, HORRIFIED by what she's seen.

Back outside Gobi, Chin, and the rest look on immensely worried:

GOBI

Over here! Fei Fei! This way!

BLUE LUNETTE

I was afraid of this. She's stuck now.

Bungee uses her laser ears to try and break through the barrier, but it doesn't work. She collapses-

CHIN

No! Bungee!

BUNGEE

[PAINED EFFORT]

Chin runs to the barrier, banging on it-

CHIN

Fei Fei!

WITH FEI FEI AND CHANG'E -

Chang'e nudges Fei Fei. Fei Fei opens her eyes. They are filled with pain.

CHANG'E

What are you doing here? You don't belong here.

Fei Fei looks up at Chang'e.

FEI FEI

But I do belong here.

Chang'e sees the grief in Fei Fei's eyes.

CHANG'E

You can't stay here. You'll only
end up lonely for all eternity,
like me.

Chang'e lifts Fei Fei's face.

CHANG'E (CONT'D)

You have to move on.

FEI FEI

How?

SEQUENCE 2900 - LOVE SOMEONE NEW

Fei Fei blinks, trying to understand -

CLOSE ON Fei Fei - as Chang'e begins to SING.

SONG - LOVE SOMEONE NEW

CHANG'E

I KNOW YOU'RE FEELING SADNESS
I SEE IT IN YOUR EYES
THE PAIN IS OVERWHELMING
WHEN A LOVED ONE DIES
BUT IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LET GO
AND SET YOUR HEARTACHE FREE

Chang'e lifts her eyes and SEES SOMETHING-

CHANG'E

FOR THERE'S A LIFE THAT'S WAITING
THERE FOR YOU -
IF YOU CAN LET LOVE THROUGH

Chang'e is staring at something through the invisible wall.

CHANG'E (CONT'D)

IF YOU CAN GIVE LOVE
YOU WILL FIND YOUR FAMILY
THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE
LIKE IT WAS BEFORE
AND IF YOU GIVE LOVE
YOU'LL NEVER LOSE LOVE
IT ONLY GROWS - MORE AND MORE
NO NEED TO BUILD A ROCKET
FOR YOU CAN NOW BE STRONG
THE THINGS THAT YOU'VE BEEN
SEARCHING FOR
HAVE BEEN HERE ALL ALONG
AND THOUGH IT HURTS TO MISS HER
HER SPIRIT'S ALWAYS NEAR

(MORE)

CHANG'E (CONT'D)
SO TRUST THAT SHE WILL ALWAYS BE
WITH YOU
AND LOVE SOMEONE NEW

FEI FEI LOOKS where Chang'e is looking and sees -
CHIN -- on the other side of the transparent barrier,

CHIN
(to himself)
...no barriers...

HE CHARGES DOWN THE HALLWAY. And he's headed for the
INVISIBLE WALL!

ON FEI FEI - TRANSFIXED. She starts walking through the
chamber towards Chin.

ON CHIN - CHARGING AT THE WALL his heart pounding, his face
showing fierce love.

CHIN
(Battle cry)
I WANT MY SISTER!

THE WALL SHATTERS! CHIN PASSES THROUGH THE WALL!

ON CHIN - He floats STRAIGHT FOR FEI FEI. She runs forward,
grabbing him and pulling him down. They embrace.

FEI FEI
Chin!

CHIN
Oof!

FEI FEI and CHIN hug, clinging to each other.

FEI FEI
[LAUGHTER]

CHIN
Am I still a dingbat?

FEI FEI
Yes, but you're MY dingbat.

CHIN
Can we go home now?

FEI FEI
Yeah...

But Fei Fei isn't ready to leave. She turns to Chang'e.

FEI FEI

Wait. What about you?

CHANG'E

I think it's too late for me. Houyi
is not coming back.

FEI FEI sees the Lunarians gathering around the Chamber of Exquisite Sadness.

FEI FEI

THE GIFT IS NOT THE ANSWER
AND YOU ARE NOT ALONE
FOR LOVE IS ALL AROUND YOU
A LOVE YOU'VE ALWAYS KNOWN
AND THOUGH IT HURTS TO MISS HIM
HIS SPIRIT'S ALWAYS NEAR
THE HEART GROWS
AND IT KNOWS
YOU CAN GLOW
YOU'RE WONDERFUL

CHANG'E takes this all in. Gobi looks towards Chang'e with hesitation - unsure if it's all right to move forward. She smiles and he races forward-

Chang'e holds her arms out, slowly, the rabbits, the Lunettes, and all the lunarians start to approach, then more Lunarians join faster, stumbling over each other to reach Chang'e. They all embrace in a tumble of arms, paws, scales and crumbs.

ON GOBI - he throws himself at Chang'e's feet. Recognizing him, she pulls him up and hugs him. He glows.

The Chamber of Exquisite Sadness transforms into the Chamber of Exquisite Joy!

WIDE - FROM SPACE

ONE by ONE the LIGHTS of Lunaria GO BACK ON.

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 3100 - CELEBRATION AND GOODBYES

EXT. THE PALACE - LATER

It's a CELEBRATION. THRONGS OF HAPPY LUNARIANS cheer as CHANG'E COMES OUT OF THE PALACE FOR THE FIRST TIME. They chant Fei Fei's name. Laughter, applause, goodbyes!

LUNARIANS

[CHEERING] [CHANTING] Fei Fei! Fei Fei!

Surrounded by Fei Fei and Chin, Gobi and the rabbits, Chang'e looks genuinely happy.

Gobi chokes back tears with Fei Fei.

GOBI

Remember when we chased those mean chickens? Yeah, they were mean! Remember when you lassoed a frog with my tongue? Remember when we said goodbye?

FEI FEI

You mean like, right now?
[CHUCKLES]

GOBI

Yes.

Fei Fei hugs Gobi consoling.

GOBI

Goodbye Fei Fei.

ANGLE ON BUNGEE AND JADE RABBIT - The rabbits are huddled up together.

Fei Fei kneels down.

FEI FEI

If you wanna stay... you can.

Bungee looks torn between Jade Rabbit and Fei Fei.

Fei Fei strokes Bungee's ears. She picks up Bungee and hugs her-

FEI FEI

I'll be okay... You have a new life now. Go.

Bungee licks Fei Fei's hand and runs to Jade Rabbit.

Fei Fei, misty eyed, says to herself-

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

Goodbye Bungee.

Jade smooches Bungee on the cheek and her ears shoot out lasers. Fei Fei [GIGGLES].

CHANG'E

Thank you for bringing me the gift,
Fei Fei.

Chang'e finally hands Fei Fei the long forgotten photo from before. Fei Fei takes it.

FEI FEI

I wish it had given you everything
you wanted.

CHANG'E

It did. The real gift was you.

ON Fei Fei, glowing.

Chang'e gestures to her Winged Lions. They fly down to the palace and pick up Fei Fei and Chin to begin their journey home.

CHIN

[LAUGHTER]

FEI FEI

[LAUGHTER]

Gobi waves-

GOBI

Bye, Fei Fei! Besties forever! For
ever! Forever! Chick-a Chick-a
Forever! Chick-a Forever! Chick-a
Chick-a. Forever! Chick-a Chick-a.
Forever!

Chin waves back-

CHIN

Bye bye!

SEQUENCE 3200 - RETURN HOME

The TWLs fly over the lake as Moon Frogs watch them fly away. Croak ribbits to the frogs below.

The TWLs fly past the Space Dog who is chewing on the international space station. Fei Fei and Chin [LAUGH], taking joy in the flight home.

WIDER - the TWLs enters Earth's atmosphere protecting Fei Fei and Chin. Like a rocket on re-entry.

Fei Fei takes out the picture of her and Chang'e and it catches fire. Gradually, she lets it go - and the flaming particles turn into stars.

WIDER - Earth is approaching.

EXT. WATER TOWN -

A flaming meteor passes over Water Town that disappears in the distance.

CUT TO:

EXT. WATERTOWN STREET- NIGHT

Heavy fog sits in the air. Fei Fei carries a sleeping Chin, who [YAWNS] on her back. She makes her way over the familiar bridge by her house where the two stone lions adjoin the steps. Patting one on the nose.

She approaches her house with the light on. It's good to be home. Father sits at the front door and stands up when he sees her. Fei Fei smiles.

DISSOLVE TO:

SEQUENCE 3400 - FAMILY DINNER 2

INT. FEI FEI'S HOUSE - ONE YEAR LATER

Photos on the mantle of Fei Fei, her Mother and Father, next to a photo of Chin winning third place in a ping-pong tournament, next to a wedding photo of Father and Mrs. Zhong.

INT. KITCHEN

Back to the hubbub of the family now enjoying another Autumn Moon Festival. A chow puppy runs through the kitchen-

FEI FEI
Outta the way space dog!

Fei Fei guides him to his bed in the corner, and he chomps down on his pillow.

Grandpa stands in the middle of the kitchen.

GRANDPA
Eating hairy crabs has been called
a life changing experience.

Fei Fei joining Mrs. Zhong in the kitchen-

FEI FEI

Zhong Ayi, can I help you with that?

MRS. ZHONG

Oh! Well of course.

Mrs. Zhong smiles, pulling an arm around Fei Fei as they head out with plates of food, shoulder to shoulder.

MRS. ZHONG

You know the moon festival is my favorite night of the year. My Nai Nai always told me the circle of a mooncake is the symbol of a family coming together. Hm?

They both smile.

CUT TO:

EXT. COURTYARD/ FATHER'S HOUSE

Mrs. Zhong and Father both pat on the chair next to them for Fei Fei to sit.

UNCLE

Huh, the table's already out there! Whew!

GRANDMA

Now be careful, it's hot.

AUNTIE MEI

Ah, the setting is magnificent! [GIGGLES] Just a feast for the eyes...

FATHER

Fei Fei sit here-

MRS. ZHONG

Come sit by us.

Before she can sit Croak jumps on the chair!

FEI FEI

Chin...

MRS. ZHONG

Chin! Get the frog off the chair!

He pokes his head out from under the table.

CHIN

Sorry!

Chin takes the frog off her chair and she sits.

MRS. ZHONG

Be careful! If he does that again,
he may end up as your sister's next
science experiment.

FATHER

Don't tell him that!

FEI FEI

[LAUGHTER]

Dad tousles Fei Fei's hair and they all [LAUGH].

Grandma looking out toward the moon covered in clouds

GRANDMA

It's the Moon Festival and... No
moon!

AUNTIE MEI

Chang'e must be so sad, hidden
behind those clouds, dreaming of
her one true love.

AUNTIE LING

Oh come on, don't start that again!

AUNTIE MEI

Start what?! It's romantic!

Fei Fei's perspective... All the voices of the family; *Pass me the crabs! More rice, please. etc.* slip to the background as our musical score rises above them. She's now seeing the same family, but with new eyes.

Grandpa misses the crabs on the rotating Lazy Susan. Fei Fei notices - spinning it back to him. They share a smile.

GRANDPA

[CHUCKLES PROUDLY]

Arguments continue, Grandma notices Chin creating a catapult with his chopsticks-

GRANDMA

No playing with your food at the
table.

Uncle tries to steal some food from Auntie-

UNCLE

Oo. Can I, uh... are you gonna eat that?

AUNTIE LING

Not now, we're talking about Chang'e!

UNCLE

[LAUGHS]

They still have the same complications, weirdness, and rowdy honesty... But now it's all an endearing picture of love. Fei Fei takes it all in.

CUT TO:

SEQUENCE 3300 - THE WHITE CRANE

EXT. SPECIAL SPOT A hazy sky.

The clouds part to reveal THE MOON... which casts light down onto the upturned face of a quietly sitting Fei Fei. Father sits near her. She smiles.

FATHER

Looks like the moon has decided to come out for us after all... What do you think Jade Rabbit's making tonight?

She leans into him-

FEI FEI

Mooooon mush.

FATHER

Mooooon mush.

They [LAUGH], Fei Fei [SNORTS].

FATHER (CONT'D)

You laugh just like your momma.

FEI FEI

I know baba.

FATHER

Should we head back?

FEI FEI

I'll be right there.

She gazes at the moon. It's magical and quiet.

She dips her feet in the water.

Giant cranes glide in formation low over the canal.

A HUGE, FULL MOON is still faintly visible in light of dawn.

Fei Fei takes off her mother's scarf and looks at Chang'e-

She holds on to the scarf in a tight embrace. Behind her - a great flapping of WINGS. Fei Fei looks up. A Giant Crane lands on the post at the edge of the dock. She ruffles her feathers and looks at Fei Fei with kind eyes.

Fei Fei sits up. For a moment, they just gaze at each other.

The bird cocks her head in the friendliest way. Fei Fei cocks her head back, mirroring the crane with a [SOFT LAUGH]. A smile spreads across her face. Fei Fei ties her scarf around her neck as the crane takes off, rustling Fei Fei's hair. She [GIGGLES], then stands, basking in the moonlight, in this quiet moment to herself.

Suddenly a ping-pong ball bounces off her head.

FEI FEI (CONT'D)

Ugh!

CHIN

Ha ha ha!

Chin [LAUGHS]. Fei Fei [LAUGHS] too, chasing him-

FEI FEI

All right you dingbat!

CHIN

Mom! Fei Fei's chasing me!

FEI FEI

No I'm not!

MRS. ZHONG

Chin!

FATHER

Fei Fei!

MRS. ZHONG

Stop chasing your sister!

The camera moves up to the moon as the music swells, following a flock of cranes flying up towards the night sky.

-END-