# Kung Fu Episode Guide

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#### **Pilot**

Season 1 Episode Number: 1 Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Wednesday April 7, 2021

Writer: Christina M. Kim
Director: Hanelle M. Culpepper

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan)

Guest Stars: Valencia Budijanto (Brenda Hao), Vincent Cheng (Older Man), Colin

Foo (Fortune Teller), Angie Ip (Tour Group Leader), Althea Kaye (Tai Chi Lady), Sunghee Lapell (Older Woman), Tristan Liu (Tony Kang), Rebecca Olson (Sabine), Rene Wang (Cindy Hao), Nicholas Wong (Teahouse Owner), Theresa Wong (Doctor), Johnny Wu (Chinese American

Man), Cynthia Zhou (Herb Shop Owner), Megan Hui (Biyu)

Production Code: T13.22851

Summary: Nicky Shen returns from China to San Francisco, she finds her home-

town is overrun with crime and corruption and her own parents, Jin

and Mei-Li are at the mercy of a powerful Triad.



The episode opens with Nicky introducing herself to the audience in a fight montage. She explains that for three years, she has been in a monastery in China, hiding from the matchmaking trip her mother sent her on. She stopped talking to her family when she realized the "culture trip" was just an excuse to pair her off, and after running she's rescued by Pei-Ling, who runs the all-female warrior team training at the monastery.

Pei-Ling mentors Nicky, teaching her everything she needs to know about fighting. But eventually she urges Nicky to make peace with her family and return

home. She explains that she too had a difficult family life and that she doesn't want Nicky to make the mistakes she did. That night, the monastery is lit on fire as raiders come after the warriors. In a brilliant action sequence, the women fight them off as Nicky desperately tries to get to Pei-Ling. As the fight rages, Pei-Ling faces Zhilan, the leader of the raiders and someone she seems to recognize. Zhilan incapacitates Pei-Ling and steals a mysterious sword. As Nicky finally reaches Pei-Ling, Zhilan stabs Pei-Ling and vanishes. As Nicky sobs, Pei-Ling begs her to retrieve the sword and dies. Nicky pursues Zhilan, and the two fight. Nicky briefly holds the sword, and it makes a noise in her hand before Zhilan takes it back. As Nicky finds herself on the edge of a cliff, Zhilan shoves her off. Nicky holds on, and we flash to the title card.

Nicky narrates that she tried to find Zhilan, but couldn't. In the end, she goes back to her home in San Francisco, following her mentor's last advice. At her home, her father Jin opens the door. He instantly folds her into a hug, crying as he says he missed her. He has a black eye, which he blames on a fall. He informs her that her sister Althea is getting married. Althea arrives and is also thrilled to see Nicky. Turns out Althea is marrying Dennis, the "mathlete from high school,"

who looks a lot different than Nicky remembers. Ryan, their brother, seems more suspect of Nicky's return than the others. Their mother Mei-Li enters, and upon seeing Nicky, she says, "My daughter died three years ago," before exiting. Althea quips, "Well, that went better than I thought it would." Mei-Li tells Nicky she sacrificed everything for Nicky and wants to know why she wouldn't have said something if she was so miserable. Nicky angrily says it was a mistake to come home before leaving the room. Jin tells Nicky he will talk to Mei-Li and that she should meet them at the family restaurant later.

Nicky goes to see Evan, her ex-boyfriend who she left behind three years before. She says she needed space from her family and their expectations. Evan asks her if she's okay, getting over his initial anger. She tells him everything about Pei-Ling, including that she mentioned "Biange" being involved. Nicky thinks it's part of a Triad gang and mentions that Evan could use his connections as an assistant district attorney to help find the killer. Evan is upset she's trying use his connections, but she reassures him she's not just there for that reason. She says she shouldn't have let her mother pull them apart as another woman enters. Sabine is Evan's new girlfriend, a fact that seems to surprise Nicky.

Nicky walks along the waterfront that night. Pei-Ling's ghost talks to her, telling her it was right for her to come home. Nicky disagrees, saying her mission is to find Zhilan and the sword. Pei-Ling tells her that healing the rift with her family is the way to find the answers she's seeking. In the alley outside her father's restaurant, she sees two thieves beat her father. She goes to him, yelling for help as they get away.

At the hospital, the doctor tells the family that Jin is doing well but resting. Nicky asks Althea and Ryan what's really going on. Ryan tells her that she can't just decide to care after being gone for three years and leaves, with Althea brushing it off as everyone being tired. Althea firmly tells Nicky she's staying with her. Nicky goes to the Chinese Community Center to find Ryan the next day, telling him they need to talk. As they go to chat, they run into Henry, a friend of Ryan's who instantly catches Nicky's eye. An old woman from Henry's Tai Chi class instantly assumes Henry and Nicky are a couple, which embarrasses them both. Henry says he wants to know more about Nicky's time in China since he's doing his master's in Chinese art history, but Ryan attempts to shut down this friendship immediately by saying, "Well, she probably won't be here for very long." Nicky assures Henry she's very interested in chatting before following Ryan.

Ryan tells Nicky that everything fell apart after she left. Their perfect family image was shattered, and their mother in particular took it hard. Ryan says without her, he lost his ally. She asks if they know he's gay, and Ryan says he came out to them a year ago. He says their mom pretends it never happened while their dad never talks about it. Nicky apologizes for letting him down, and they hug. Nicky goes to see Henry, and she explains what happened in China.

She tells Henry that the sword is the source of female shaolin (according to Pei-Ling), and an ancient power lives within it. Henry has heard of it: it's the Sword of Liang Daiyu. He's shocked it still survived. Liang Daiyu was an ancient warrior who trained female raiders to fight in a war. Nicky says the sword burned her when she touched it, but not Zhilan, and she needs to know where Zhilan is now. Henry looks at the burn on Nicky's hand, which is in the shape of ancient characters. Henry says he'll look into what the symbols mean, and he also agrees to keep it a secret.

Back at the hospital, Nicky goes to see Jin. She asks him to tell her what's really happening, and Mei-Li enters. She says that the rents went up and so did expenses, so she took a loan from Tony Kang without telling Jin. Tony was their best customer, but he was more dangerous than they thought. Two months prior, Jin confronted him as the debt hit \$100,000. Jin says they have 72 hours to pay, or Tony and his cronies will kill him and repossess the restaurant.

Althea and Ryan are incredulous when Nicky tells them she wants to try to broker a deal with Tony or go to Evan. Althea points out other people in Chinatown must be experiencing the same thing, and Nicky tells them they need to go to the others and build a case themselves. She knows their community will trust them more than Evan, which causes Althea to sarcastically note that "this is one of the few times not being white is an advantage." The siblings, along with Henry, walk around Chinatown interviewing witnesses. Everyone is reluctant to talk, and Pei-Ling appears to Nicky to urge her not to give up.

Henry tells Nicky he found out that the sword is one of eight weapons given ancient powers and that it will work for its rightful owner. Nicky hates to think that Zhilan is its rightful owner, and Althea interrupts. She says that the owner of a local dollar store never reported a recent

break in to the police after asking her friends and family for loans. Nicky goes to talk to her as the others wait. She tells the owner that they need to fight back, but the owner is too afraid. Outside, a hired goon pulls a knife on Ryan, and Nicky sees. Her training kicking in, she easily dispatches one of the men as Henry expertly fights the other, showing he has skills of his own. The neighborhood watches as Nicky and Henry defeat their opponents.

Ryan and Althea are excited about Nicky's skills as Nicky asks them not to tell their parents. Mei-Li is angry that Nicky put them in danger by asking around, but Nicky yells that it was her insistence on secrets that put them in danger, not Nicky. Mei-Li tells Nicky her own relationship with her parents was strained, but she never would have run away and betrayed them. Nicky scoffs that she was raised to go to Harvard and be who Mei-Li wanted her to be, and Mei-Li never thought about what that kind of pressure would do to Nicky. Before Mei-Li can answer, Althea tells her Cindy, the store owner, is downstairs. She wants to help after seeing Nicky take down Tony's men.

Cindy and Nicky go to Evan with their evidence. Evan says they still need more to go after someone so powerful. He says they do have classified documents that could be enough, but they are all in Chinese, and their one translator is swamped. Nicky says her family could translate them, and Evan notes that the documents are evidence. Their case could be thrown out, and Evan could lose his job. But he relents, telling her she needs to guard them with her life.

At the house, Althea, Ryan, Evan, and Nicky look for evidence. Althea hacks into Tony's bank account as Ryan laughs at Evan's reaction, noting that Althea is "more than just a pretty face." They realize something big is going down at the docks, and Evan wants to call in an anonymous tip and get the police involved. Ryan argues Tony paid off the police, and they can't trust them. The family visits Jin, who is being released that night. Ryan is missing, and when Althea tracks Ryan, they realize he took matters into his own hands and went to the docks.

Nicky goes after him, and they both hide. After snapping a few photos, Tony spots them, and his men start shooting. Nicky fights them all off while Ryan chases Tony, who starts shooting at Ryan. Nicky tells Ryan to stay back, and she fights Tony solo. Tony hits Nicky, and she remembers losing Pei-Ling. In that moment, she stands up and fights, taking Tony down as Ryan watches in shock at Nicky's nearly supernatural abilities.

At Althea and Dennis' banquet, Jin and Mei-Li tell Nicky she should stay with them. The family mends their fight, and the karaoke starts as Nicky goes to find Henry. He tells her he knows why Zhilan stole the sword. If someone collects all eight weapons, they'd be unstoppable. Henry says she must be looking for the other weapons, which are prophesied to cause destruction in the wrong hands. Nicky realizes this was what she was meant to do as the credits roll.

#### Silence

Season 1 Episode Number: 2 Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Wednesday April 14, 2021

Writer: Christina M. Kim, Robert Berens

Director: Hanelle M. Culpepper

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan) Kwesi Ameyaw (Alain), Link Baker (Derek Willmot), Shawn Beaton

(Edgy Looking Man), Miguel Castillo (Croupier), Jason William Day (Security Guard #1), Amanda Fix (Ronda), Kathleen Keatings (Marisa),

Debbie Podowski (Carmen), Raugi Yu (Professor Chau)

Production Code: T13.22852

**Guest Stars:** 

Summary: Nicky enlists Henry to help hunt down Zhilan; Jin anticipates a return

to normalcy, but Mei-Li isn't as optimistic; Nicky finds clarity after

helping a woman in need.



Althea, Ryan, Mei-Li, and Jin cook Nicky a welcome home breakfast and surprise Nicky with their cheerfulness. All four immediately demand Nicky's time, with Mei-Li already suggesting both an eligible bachelor and a law internship. Nicky tells her she's not going to law school as she notices the smell of smoke in the kitchen as the chicken burns. She's transported to the night Pei-Ling died, and she awakens terrified in her own bed. It was all a dream, including the nice breakfast.

Nicky goes to the marina, where she intercepts Evan running his usual route. She tells him about her nightmare and

asks if he has any leads on Zhilan. He jokes that all she gave him was a first name and a sketch, and Nicky says she wishes she knew more. She shares that in her dream, her family was happy, and Evan says maybe if she talked with them more now that she's home, her relationship with them would improve. Back at the house, everyone is rushing around for wedding planning as Ryan tells Nicky he needs her to help out with Jin more now that she's home. Everyone leaves for their errands, and Nicky is alone. Going to her room, Nicky meditates to remember more details about Zhilan. She remembers a distinctive necklace and sketches it, including a symbol of what looks like a crane.

At the community center, Nicky finds Henry. She gives him the drawing of the necklace, and he recognizes the style of the art. They make plans to meet at the library later to investigate the lead further. She goes to leave, and Henry asks if she's trained lately. She says she hasn't been able to find her groove since returning, and Henry shares that he spent two years training in Beijing and also had a hard time coming home. He offers to train her at the park, which she accepts. Just then, she gets a text from Althea reminding her about her bridal fitting. Nicky sighs, knowing she'll have to miss her meeting with Henry.

At the dress shop, Nicky tries on bridesmaid dresses as Althea tells a mysterious caller to stop contacting her. Nicky asks who it was, and Althea smoothly lies and says it was a wedding

vendor. Althea flatters Nicky by saying she looks so good in the dress that she's worried it will be a Pippa/Kate Middleton situation. As she looks at Nicky's shoulder, she sees the scar from Nicky's stab wound. Althea is shocked, saying that they all thought it was a fire at the monastery, not an attack. Nicky admits that she "left some parts out" as Althea pulls her into a hug. Nicky shares the story with Althea, who is incredulous that Nicky wants to put herself in danger again by going after Zhilan. Nicky, still hurting from reliving Zhilan's attack, lashes out, saying not everyone can live in a "bridal fantasy world." Althea gets serious, saying that a lot has changed in three years and that "believe it or not, my life is no fairytale" as she storms off.

At the restaurant, Jin and Mei-Li argue over Nicky. Mei-Li is worried she'll leave them again while Jin is hopeful she's home for good. Nicky goes to the park alone since she missed her meeting with Henry. As she starts her training, she flashes back to her time in China and the night Pei-Ling died. She replays her fight with Zhilan, and loses again. She goes to leave in frustration, but sees a man assaulting a woman nearby. She pulls the gun from his hand and easily beats him. She turns back to the woman, who grabs the discarded gun and runs. Nicky notices her wallet on the ground and picks it up as she watches the girl.

Nicky looks at a picture of the monastery and flashes back to her training with Pei-Ling. Pei-Ling defeats her, and she tells Nicky that her fear was taking over. She notes that "right action cannot flow from fear." In the present, Nicky sadly puts the picture away. Staring at the wallet, she hears Pei-Ling's voice tell her to help the girl. Nicky goes to the family restaurant, where Evan is eating his lunch. He's been a regular there since Nicky left, telling her he actually had a better relationship with Mei-Li once they broke up. She tells Evan about the girl in the park. He offers to put her in contact with an officer who will take her statement, but Nicky is worried about involving the police. Evan leaves with his order as Henry texts Nicky. She goes to leave, and Jin sees her. He excitedly shows her that he saved a picture of their last game night together so they can pick up where they left off. They make a date for 8 p.m. as she leaves to meet Henry.

At the library, both Nicky and Henry are running into a wall researching. Nicky shares what happened with the girl in the park and shows Henry the wallet. He recognizes that a band in the wallet belongs to a local homeless shelter, and when the detective Evan knows calls, Nicky doesn't answer. She goes to the shelter herself and spots the girl, who runs from her. When Nicky corners the girl, she pulls the gun on Nicky.

Nicky talks the girl down after a tense moment and takes the gun. The girl says her name is Ronda and that she thought Nicky was a cop. Ronda says the gun was meant to scare her mother's controlling boyfriend Derek. Her mother was in an accident and has many health issues. Derek took over her mother's appointments and medical bills along with her bank accounts, stealing from them both. When Ronda discovered this, he kicked her out. She wanted to scare him. Echoing Pei-Ling, Nicky tell Ronda that right action can't flow from fear. She asks if Ronda is hungry.

Althea is running her cake tasting with precision as Nicky gives Ronda some of the food. Ryan and Nicky joke about the rating system as Althea sends them a death glare. Ryan makes a remark about Nicky "hunting down an international assassin," and Nicky realizes Althea told him about Zhilan. Althea protests that she had to tell Ryan and that her plan is unrealistic. Ronda sees the cake, and Althea gives her a piece on the condition that she take part in the rating system. Nicky tells them about Ronda's situation, and Ryan tells Nicky about transitional housing she probably qualifies for. Nicky's stuck on how to get Ronda and her mom out, and Althea says Nicky should use all the years she studied law to find a way.

Nicky and Ronda go to Ronda's building, where Ronda tearfully reunites with her mother Carmen. Ronda begs her mother to leave with her, but Carmen says she can't make it without Derek. Ronda says they can do it together and that Nicky has a plan. Nicky tells them that they need to revoke Derek's power of attorney, but before they can go further, Derek comes home early. Carmen stands up to Derek, and when Derek makes a move on Ronda, Nicky pulls her moves on him. She also threatens him with legal action, saying she has a friend at the DA's office aware of his crimes. He leaves in a huff, and Ronda and Carmen are relieved.

At home that night, Nicky realizes she missed her game with Jin. He's asleep on the couch, and Mei-Li watches as Nicky puts a blanket over him. Mei-Li chastises her, saying Jin waited up for her. She also says he waited for her after she left, never losing hope she'd be back one day. Mei-Li says Nicky doesn't really want to be back — she just had nowhere else to go. Nicky can't deny this, but then Ronda calls. Derek drained their bank accounts before Carmen could sign

the power of attorney. Mei-Li tells Nicky to go, and she leaves.

At the apartment, Camren reveals that Derek is probably spending all their money on card games right now. Nicky calls Althea, asking her to hack Derek's computer. Althea easily hacks in, and Nicky gets the address of the underground card game. Nicky decides she'll go get the money herself despite Althea's protests. At the secret spot, Nicky forces her way in and accuses Derek of stealing. The man leading the game tells them to keep playing, smirking at Nicky and saying "my rules, darling." Her plea goes unheard, so Nicky decides she's done talking. She beats up the bouncers and tells Derek it's over, ending her speech with a "my rules, darling" of her own. She walks out, money in hand.

In her room that night, she meditates her way back to the monastery and tells Pei-Ling she misses her. Nicky tells Pei-Ling she was afraid to feel her grief, but now she feels better. Nicky says she doesn't know what to do without her. Pei-Ling tells her mindfulness will give her the clarity she is desperately seeking. The next morning, Nicky surprises Jin with a game. Mei-Li comes down the stairs to hear Nicky say she's not going anywhere. Remembering Ryan asking her father to go for a check-up, Nicky makes their game conditional on him going for a check-up at the clinic.

Nicky calls Evan later to thank him for his help, and he tells her they found out Zhilan is in Singapore. More importantly? Zhilan is Pei-Ling's sister. In the stacks at the library, Henry tells Nicky that he found the symbol. It's a symbol for one of the families guarding each of the eight weapons, which makes Zhilan and Pei-Ling part of these guardians. Winston Chau is a professor who is an expert in these symbols, and Henry says he's in Singapore now. We flash to Singapore, where Zhilan menacingly walks up to Chau.

#### **Patience**

Season 1 Episode Number: 3 Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Wednesday April 21, 2021

Writer: Richard Lowe Director: Joe Menendez

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan)

Guest Stars: Bradley Gibson (Joe), Curtis Lum (Eddie Kwong), David Lennon (Brett

Slakter), Doralynn Mui (Faye Lai), Demord Dann (EMT), Ryan Alexander McDonald (Repairman), Patricia Pemberton (Bridget Ross), Raugi

Yu (Professor Chau)

Production Code: T13.22853

Summary: Nicky and Henry follow a lead involving a professor who may be of help

in their search for Zhilan; a squabble between Jin and Mei-Li reveals bigger issues in their marriage while Althea is haunted by her past.



The episode opens with Nicky and Henry sparring as they wait for news about Professor Chau. Nicky is distracted, and Henry jokingly calls her moves "sloppy" right before she slams him into the ground. Just then, Evan shows up. Nicky introduces them, and Henry and Evan instantly get into a "who knows Nicky better" contest that Nicky breaks up with an eyeroll. Turns out Evan has a lead on Zhilan, showing Nicky surveillance footage of Zhilan in Singapore. The footage shows Zhilan kidnapping Chau, and Evan tells Nicky to let the FBI handle it. She kidnapped an American citizen, and she's on

their radar now.

In Singapore, the FBI arrives to find that Zhilan purposely left her phone in an empty apartment and she's already gone with Chau. In her luxury suite far away, Chau is tied to a chair as he asks her what she wants. Zhilan says she wants to know everything about the Shuang Gou legend. He tries to deflect, but she tells him she's been watching him. Zhilan says she knows about his secret research and that he knows where the Shuang Gou is — and she's about to torture him to find out.

Back at the restaurant, Nicky is helping out (to her father's delight). He asks her what her plans are now that she's back, and Mei-Li not-so-subtly notes that they're catering a celebration for the birth of a baby whose mother is a year younger than Nicky. Mei-Li doesn't want Nicky to help because of her past mishaps, which is made even more hilarious when Nicky pulls the door off "Jerry" the fridge because she didn't read the sign saying to open "him" gently. As everyone rushes off, Nicky feels left out. She feels even worse when she gets a text from Evan saying Zhilan and Chau are gone. Pei-Ling arrives in Nicky's mind again, with Nicky angrily saying making peace with her family is harder than she thought it would be. Pei-Ling says she needs to have patience and earn forgiveness.

At the clinic, Nicky tries to get lunch with Ryan like they used to before. But Ryan is backed up with patients, and their usual restaurant closed a year ago. He tells her it's not personal and he just can't, but Nicky definitely takes it personally. Nicky notices one of his patients, Faye, struggling with a bag. She helps Faye, and Faye gushes about how amazing Ryan is in the community and with his patients. The bag she's struggling with has lists of union members. She's organizing the workers at King Kwong, a local garment factory that sells luxury fashion while paying the workers nothing. Faye needs to rest because of her condition but can't because she doesn't have paid sick days (hence, the union). As she walks away, Henry texts to tell Nicky that Chau's TA is willing to talk.

While Nicky and Evan wait for the TA, Henry asks what's up with Evan. Nicky gives him the basic situation, and it's clear he's fishing for whether he's still a potential rival or not. Nicky's impatience once again rears its head as she wants to kick down the door to meet with the TA, but Henry tells her he's got a better idea as he picks the lock to the office instead.

In Singapore, Chau asks why Zhilan wants the weapons, and she doesn't say. He says he knows who she is and who her family is, even mentioning Pei-Ling. He also says he knows that their father was murdered when she was young. He says he has no incentive to speak because she will kill him regardless, and she just stares him down.

Back at Berkeley, Nicky and Henry search Chau's office. Nicky finds a drawer with a false bottom containing an ancient puzzle box. The box has a symbol of a crane — the symbol of the Zhang family found on Zhilan's necklace. They bring the box back to the community center, and Nicky sees Faye being brought out on a stretcher. Nick visits Faye in the hospital, and all Faye is worried about is getting back to work. She needs to see the union through. Nicky says she'll carry on the fight for her.

At the restaurant, Althea gets another call from an unknown number that clearly worries her. Jin notices and asks what's wrong. She brushes him off as he tries to fix Jerry, failing again as Mei-Li enters. Althea offers to pay for a new one, and Mei-Li refuses the offer even as Jin notes that it will cost just as much to call the repair company. Althea gets a call from Nicky, who's looking for Ryan. Althea tells her Ryan is out for the night and not to go after him, but she can't even get the request out before Nicky hangs up.

At the bar, Nicky storms in and asks why Ryan is too busy to return her texts. She's about to berate him for drinking alone ... until Ryan's date Joe shows up. She's embarrassed, but she tells Ryan that Faye is in the hospital. She asks him to do something, and Ryan bitterly says he does something every day for his patients (the "unlike you" is left unsaid), but the system is stacked against him. He also notes that as a doctor, labor law isn't really his forte. Joe overhears the name of the fashion brand, and he tells Nicky that the founder, Eddie, is publicly "woke" and wouldn't want a scandal about labor practices. He says that's her leverage to ask for help for the workers. Being an activist, Joe knows that King Kwong is throwing a party and that Eddie may be there. Nicky sheepishly apologizes again for breaking up their date and leaves to go to the party, with Joe telling Ryan he likes her. Nicky asks for Althea's help getting into the party, and Althea is in as long as she also gets to go.

Zhilan asks why Chau never tried looking for the weapons himself since he knows the location, and he says the location is too inaccessible for him to try. Zhilan sympathizes, saying it must be devastating to devote your life's work to something you can never see with your own eyes. Zhilan shows him the sword, proving that the myth is real and that he was right. She's offering him a path to redemption if he wants it.

Back at King Kwong, Nicky and Althea arrive to a massive party. As Eddie arrives, Althea asks what Nicky's plan is as Nicky simply forces her way towards Eddie. She tells Eddie about Faye's predicament, and he tells her that they'd never fire "Faith" just for getting sick. It's clear he's completely out of touch with what's happening in the factory. When the COO, Brett, comes over to chat, Eddie pawns Nicky off on him and leaves. She tells him that she knows Faye must not be his favorite employee because of her union work, and Brett says he helped Faye get her petition through with the NLRB and that his father was a union man himself. Nicky is surprised Brett seems to care. Eddie pulls Brett up on stage to announce that the company is going public. As the celebration breaks out around them, Ryan calls. The hospital labs came back showing that Faye is sick because of chemicals she was exposed to at work. The levels are so high that it's clear the company is exposing all its workers, not just Faye.

Althea begs Nicky to slow down as she goes to confront Eddie directly. Althea says they need

proof and that Eddie won't just admit to labor violations with cameras on him. The factory is next door, and Nicky wants to break in to get a sample of the chemical. Althea sees a woman talking to Brett who she clearly recognizes. The woman starts moving towards Althea, and she drags Nicky away claiming she has a headache to avoid her. Nicky is frustrated at what she perceives to be Althea's lack of interest in helping, and Althea runs as Nicky heads to the factory.

It turns out the woman is a reporter, who tells Althea she wants to tell Althea's story about what happened to her. Althea says it was too painful and she doesn't want to relive it. She says no one in her life knows what happened. The reporter says her former boss did this to other women, and he might do it again. But Althea tells her to leave her alone as she walks out in tears.

Chau tells Zhilan that Dahliar Ahmusfad has the hook swords at his palace in Dubai but is unaware of their place among the eight weapons. He also tells her he noticed that her sword is missing its scabbard and that its power is diminished without it. She asks if he knows where it is, and he says he doesn't. She sighs with relief, saying if he had, she would have made a big mistake. The coffee she gave Chau was poisoned.

At the factory, Nicky calls Faye. She asks where the chemicals are, and Faye says she doesn't think she could have been exposed at work because she's the only one getting sick. The call disconnects as Nicky sees a locked door. Inside, she finds a bin of materials to be shredded. It's all of Faye's signatures and union materials. Brett arrives, and Nicky realizes he's purposely been sabotaging the union by pretending to be Faye's ally. Brett panics and locks Nicky in the room. As she bangs on the door, he calls someone, telling them he needs them to "clean it up."

Nicky thinks of Pei-Ling's teachings as she tries to break down the door. Pei-Ling tells her not to think of the reward and be in the present, instead of being impatient for the future. With that, she breaks open the door and takes down the hitman Brett sent. She calls Evan, who tells her to stay put until the police come. But she sees the hitman's phone and has an idea. She stalks Brett around the party and gets him to admit everything (including that Eddie knew nothing) as she broadcasts it. The police arrive and arrest Brett as everyone stares.

In Zhilan's apartment, a news anchor narrates that several priceless artifacts were stolen in Dubai as Zhilan places the hook swords in her weapons cabinet. At the community center, Nicky tells Ryan they're fast tracking the union as Ryan tells Nicky that Faye is getting better (and that the company is covering her medical bills). He says that wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for her. Nicky apologizes for rushing him to get back to their old relationship. She says he's a hero, and she didn't see it because she was thinking of the Ryan she left behind. She even gives Ryan the limited edition King Kwong sneakers Eddie gave her. Nicky mourns as she realizes she already wore hers when Ryan excitedly tells her they are worth over a thousand dollars in mint condition.

Mei-Li still refuses to get a new fridge even as they pay a fortune to fix Jerry, and Jin asks her what's going on. He sees the way she pushes Nicky away despite how hard she's trying, and yet she will put all her time and energy into fixing a fridge that should have been replaced years ago. He says their family is hurting — why is she pouring her energy into a thing? He walks away, and Mei-Li whispers "it's not a thing" as she puts the baby pictures back on the fridge. Nicky arrives to help, and Mei-Li hides her tears.

Ryan goes on his "do over date "with Joe as Evan texts Nicky about the break in at Chau's office, asking if she knows about it. She doesn't answer, but we see that Evan can see Henry and Nicky on the surveillance footage as Evan asks a friend to look into Henry's past. Nicky meets up with Henry, who is trying to crack the puzzle box. Nicky uses the right combination, and it opens to reveal a key. But what does it open?

#### Hand

Season 1 Episode Number: 4 Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Wednesday April 28, 2021

Writer: Kathryn Borel, Jr.
Director: America Young

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan)

Guest Stars: Bradley Gibson (Joe), Donald Sales (Razor), Françoise Yip (Diana

Soong), Peter Dewhurst (Randall), Brad Kelly (Gary), Yasuhiro Nakatsuka (Courier), Ronin Wong (Alfred Soong), Flora Jae Hara (Nurse), Rebecca Olson (Sabine), Patricia Pemberton (Bridget Ross), Marco So-

riano (Assistant)

Production Code: T13.22854

Summary: As Nicky and Henry follow a new lead that brings them to a private col-

lector in Napa, a tension-filled dinner with the Soong's leaves Althea to question her worth. Elsewhere, Evan's suspicions about Henry con-

tinue to grow.



Nicky is scrolling through photos of keys as Jin adorably shares his Swiss-Chinese recipe with her (delightedly exclaiming "It's fusion!" while melting everyone's hearts). Mei-Li enters, quipping that "surprises are for people who don't have jobs" when she overhears Jin discussing surprising her with the recipe. Mei-Li is stressed because the Soongs, Althea's future in-laws, are coming for dinner. It's part of the "bride price" tradition, which Nicky objects to on feminist grounds as Althea defends it, saying it's a big deal to Mrs. Soong (and it doesn't hurt that she gets presents out of the deal). Nicky re-

marks that the Soongs sound snobby while Althea grabs Nicky's buzzing phone. Althea sees that Nicky has Henry's social media up and gently teases her for "researching" him, before giving the sisterly advice that Henry is eligible and into her: why not make it official? Nicky brushes her off, but is clearly thinking about it.

At the library, Henry and Nicky continue to try to figure out what the key goes to. Henry found a Chinese fairytale with an illustration that matches the design on the key. The story is about a little girl opening a box, but the text ends before finding out what was inside. They realize that the story must be true, and they find an ancient box that was recently sold for millions of dollars to a hedge fund manager named Tom Travers. He's in Napa Valley and is known for collecting Chinese art ("Charming," quips Henry, as they look at the photo of an older white man proudly displaying his collection of stolen artwork). They both know Travers will never let them get close to the box, but they find out he's speaking in Amsterdam this week and won't be home. Henry suggests they go on an adventure, and Nicky smiles. At the office, Evan is on the phone with Brad, who dug up something surprising: Henry's criminal history.

Joe is visiting Ryan at the clinic, but Ryan can't enjoy it as he is slammed with patients. He's even lost his stethoscope (which is hanging around his neck). Joe notices this and tells him that if he finds it, Ryan has to go out with him after work. Ryan takes the bet, and Joe flirtatiously takes the scope off Ryan's neck while saying "see you at seven." At the restaurant, Jin continues to experiment with his recipes as Mei-Li worries that the Soongs will find their food "too country" considering they normally dine at more expensive establishments. Mei-Li is worried that Althea is going to morph into one of them, but as always, Jin is confident that Althea will always be the daughter they raised.

Althea and Dennis are preparing for the dinner, with Dennis reassuring her regarding her outfit choices. He pulls out a stunning necklace and says it's a family heirloom from his mother. She has nothing to worry about from Mrs. Soong. As Dennis leaves, Althea gets another call from Bridget, the journalist. She found a different woman to go on the record, and the story is coming out that night.

In Napa, Henry and Nicky break in, with Henry showing off his moves without revealing how he's so good at breaking and entering. Henry, a history buff who knows the history of all the art, sees a piece that the Chinese governement has been searching for for decades. He laments that all the art Travers has was stolen from their culture, but Nicky tells him to keep his eye on the prize. They see the box, but as they're about to try the key, a masked figure leaps out at Nicky. They fight, and it's clear this mystery figure is just as good a fighter as they are. He runs with the box, and Zhilan gets a call. The man in the house was working for her.

Diana and Alfred Soong arrive, and Diana starts off by complimenting Mei-Li's skin routine. Alfred gives them a wine bottle from the year the two immigrated to the U.S., and it's clear they are also trying to make a good impression. Althea breathes a sigh of relief. Henry takes Nicky to an abandoned factory, where he tells her he has a contact named Randall who may know the the person who took the box. He tells her to stay in the car and goes inside. While she's passing the time, she calls Evan back. He tells her that Henry's juvenile record is full of breaking and entering, and she stops him, asking how he found records that should have been sealed. Evan protests that he just wants her to be careful, and she hangs up. But the call rattles her, and she leaves the car to go inside the house. She sees that Henry did take the artifact he was eyeing in the mansion, and he seems to be presenting it to Randall.

Nicky waits back at the car, where Henry returns and is oblivious that she saw him with the artifact. He excitedly says that Randall knows the thief: it's Razor, a skilled man with a gambling addiction. He says Randall told him a courier is going to Razor's place tonight to pick up the box, and Nicky hides her skepticism.

At dinner with the Soongs, everything is going well ... until Alfred says they want Althea to sign a pre-nup. Dennis is upset, asking his parents if they planned this. As they begin to argue, Althea gets a notification — Bridget's source dropped out, and the story won't be published after all. Diana tries to cut the tension by saying that Althea looks lovely with her mother's necklace, and Althea stonily says "Am I worth more with it on? Is that why you gave it to me?" It seems the news about the story has hit her hard, and Mei-Li takes her hand. She rants about the idea of the bride price, and as everyone looks at her, stunned, she says "the object never has a say in how much she's worth." She takes off the necklace and leaves as Dennis stares angrily at his father.

Joe and Ryan are at an art exhibition, where Ryan has not looked up from his phone once as he deals with his neediest patients. Joe playfully tries to get him to have fun by taking him to the basement (Ryan: "Is this where you murder me?") where he has a special exhibit for him. Ryan confesses that he has never really dated anyone, just one night stands and occasional dates. He says that's part of why he's been hiding on his phone. Joe says that he already knew and that he doesn't mind as they watch the show together.

While Nicky and Henry drive, he asks if everything's okay. She tells him what she saw, and he says that the artifact was how he got the information. He also says that Randall takes back stolen artifacts and art, getting them back to their home countries and rightful owners. Nicky asks about his record, revealing what Evan told her. Henry says that if she had questions, she could have just asked him. They arrive, and immediately are greeted with a floodlight in their faces. A man with a gun forces them out of the car, saying that they're on private property. Henry mentions they know Randall, and Razor tells the man over walkie talkie to let them in.

Inside the house, Razor has the box on a table. He says it's already sold, so Nicky proposes a

wager (knowing his weakness for betting). They'll fight, fair and square, and the winner gets the box — and the key. She says even if she wins, she'll let him keep the box since they just want what's inside. He agrees.

Dennis goes to Althea and tells her he told his parents the pre-nup is out of the question. She's embarrassed, but he says it was nice to see his parents taken down a peg. He even gently teases her before asking if the argument was really about the pre-nup ... or something else. She says she's not quite ready yet, and he doesn't push her. Razor and Nicky fight, and she wins as Henry proudly smiles. They open the box, and inside she finds the scabbard for the sword — the one Zhilan is after. In Zhilan's lair, she opens the box to find it empty.

Jin and Mei-Li discuss the dinner, laughing at Diana's reaction. In the car, Nicky tells Henry that the burn on her hand has stopped hurting now that she's found the scabbard. She apologizes for not going to him first with questions about his past. She says they both have things they don't know about each other and that she trusts him. She gives him the scabbard to protect it. Henry tells her he wants to explain. He grew up poor with his grandmother and got mixed up in petty theft as a kid. After juvie, he took a Chinese art history class in community college and became passionate about finding his own roots. He says that's why Travers made him so angry, saying "real history shouldn't be hoarded in a house somewhere, it should belong to everyone." Nicky is moved, and they kiss.

Nicky sits with Althea to talk about dinner. Nicky is about to talk about Henry when Althea gets upset. She confides in Nicky about the story about her boss, and shares that her boss assaulted her too. She describes the pattern of sexual harassment leading up to the assault. She says she feels awful for feeling relieved when she heard there were others because it made her feel less alone. Nicky cries, saying she's sorry for what she went through and is even more sorry she wasn't there. Althea says she knows she has the power to speak out, but she just can't do it as Nicky hugs her.

### Sanctuary

Season 1 Episode Number: 5 Season Episode: 5

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Writer: A.C. Allen Director: R.T. Thorne

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan)

Guest Stars: Bradley Gibson (Joe), Amira Anderson (Injured Woman), Mariam Barry

(Protestor #3), Ian Butcher (Watch Commander), Miranda Edwards (Nia), Jesse Irving (Amon), Devon Kenzo (Bystander), Henry C. King (Andre Durant), Chloe Pun (Young Nicky), Megan Hui (Biyu), Sam

Quinn (Protestor #2), Michel Issa Rubio (Manu)

Production Code: T13.22855

Summary: An officer-involved shooting in Chinatown sends shockwaves through

the community. Mei-Li and Jin are forced to revisit a traumatic experience from their past. Nicky and Henry make a startling discovery

about the weapons.



At the start of the episode, Henry and Nicky spar, with Henry urging Nicky to beat him. She obliges, and when she has him on the ground, they kiss ... in front of two girls showing up for their class. They head to the library and build a board of all their research so far, and Nicky is upset they still don't know what the scabbard represents. They start looking for a time all the weapons were together, and Nicky finds a legend with the weapons that mentions they glow green. Nicky knows this is true because of what she saw when she fought Zhilan. Nicky also remembers that when she lived at

the monastery, she saw a mysterious glowing green figure in the garden late at night that she was drawn to. Pei-Ling interrupted her and claimed it was likely a pull towards the energy of the monastery's former inhabitants. Back in the present, Nicky picks up the scabbard, which glows green like the sword. The magic is real.

Nicky realizes that the obsidian the sword is made from will link all the weapons together, and Henry adds this will make them easier to find. He texts Randall to keep an eye out for more obsidian weapons. Nicky is all for diving into the research, but Henry has another idea. He asks Nicky to dinner for a date, and she accepts.

Mei-Li and Jin walk down the street, complaining about rising grocery prices. The conversation turns to an incident outside Bamboo Market where a friend, Eileen, was attacked. Jin angrily notes this racially motivated attacks have been increasing lately. Mei-Li remarks that 20 years later, nothing has changed as they keep walking.

Althea is scrolling through the news, seeing that her old boss' firm had incredible earnings this quarter. Dennis is showering, and when he comes out she says she has something to tell him. He smiles and says he has something to tell her too, and losing her nerve she insists he go first. He excitedly tells her that two years ago, he put their names on a waitlist to go on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Galapagos Islands, and two spots just opened up. She fakes enthusiasm, genuinely excited but now knowing she can't tell him what happened with her boss yet. He calls Althea his "dream girl" and gives her a hug as he asks what she wanted to tell him. She brushes it off, and he leaves. Ryan gets a call from Joe, who wants to meet for lunch the next day since they've been too busy to see each other.

Nicky and Henry are looking for a place to eat as a skateboarder whizzes by, nearly running them over as Henry jokes Nicky's city reflexes are rusty. At the bar, Nicky is so obsessed with the case that Henry has to remind her they're on a date. They hear sirens go by, and Henry remarks that Chinatown is busy. Nicky still can't focus on their date, wanting to focus on the search. Henry relents. They leave, and Nicky vents about how she feels like she's just waiting on Randall and not doing anything. Henry tells her he's just proud to be a part of it, but then they stop. A crime scene is in front of them with a small crowd gathered. A bystander explains that the skateboarder from earlier, a Black teenager, was skateboarding in the alley when the police thought he was trying to break into a nearby store. They shot him, and Nicky and Henry stare as he's taken away in an ambulance.

The next morning, Nicky turns on the TV to see the news about Andre, the teenager. The coverage frames it as a robbery in progress, which angers Nicky. Mei-Li sympathizes with Mr. Wong, the owner of the jewelry store, and Nicky is incredulous that her mother isn't more upset about Andre. Mei-Li says she hopes he recovers, but that she's known Mr. Wong for years and feels badly that he's caught up in this incident. Jin says nothing, but looks at his wife pointedly while patting Nicky on the shoulder.

Althea is looking at flower samples when Nicky arrives. Nicky asks if she's talked to Dennis yet, and Althea assures her she is fine. They discuss Mei-Li's reaction to the shooting, with both noting crime and the police are topics that are usually off-limits with her. Althea gently teases Nicky about Henry before Nicky leaves. At the clinic, Ryan prepares for his lunch date as Joe arrives, looking exhausted. Ryan hasn't heard the news about Andre yet, and Joe says he can't make their lunch because he and his activist group are staging a protest. Ryan reassures him that he understands as Joe leaves.

Mei-Li and Jin watch the news, which is covering the Black Lives Matter protest Joe is a part of. Mei-Li is worried about customers being scared off while Jin says they have a right to protest for justice. But Jin is scared when he sees graffiti on their front window saying "Justice for Andre" as the protests arrive outside. Mei-Li says, "This isn't justice, this is vandalism," with Jin simply moving to clean it off.

At the community center, Henry is getting a solo workout in when Nicky arrives. She says he wasn't in the library, and he says he needed to escape from the news. He heard that Andre also served time when he was 15, and like Henry, it was a minor charge. As he defends Andre and talks about how he was going to school for an engineering degree, his phone pings. Andre is dead

Mei-Li and Jin close down the restaurant, with Mei-Li ranting about looters and vandalism. Nicky wants them to do something in support of the protesters, but Mei-Li says she can't condone their actions. When she leaves, Jin moves to comfort Nicky, but she tells him Pei-Ling told her that when she feels fear, she needs to reach out to those who are hurting. Ryan prepares to go the protest as a medic, with Henry helping him get ready. Henry teases him about Joe, but Ryan says he wants to show support to Joe and potentially help clarify their relationship status. Ryan asks how things are going with Nicky, and Henry says they also haven't had much time to define their relationship either.

Outside the restaurant, Nicky has convinced Jin to set up a water bottle station for the protest. Althea arrives as Jin proudly smiles at her, happy to help the protesters. That night, Joe leads a speech to the crowd as Ryan makes his way to the square. The police announce that curfew begins in 10 minutes. Ryan finds Joe, and Joe is happy to see him there. At the restaurant, Mei-Li watches Andre's mother talk about him on the news, and Mei-Li is heartbroken. Henry arrives with supplies as curfew begins. We watch from behind the window as police tear gas the protesters, with many falling to the ground. The gas obscures the view, a visual choice that makes the scene that much more horrifying as we mostly hear what's happening. Ryan gets to the restaurant and pulls as many people inside as he can. He and Joe ask for milk as several

of those inside the restaurant have pepper spray injuries. Mei-Li is horrified that the protesters are inside, but Althea, Nicky, and Jin spring into action. Nicky opens the door as Jin ushers protesters in. Everyone stares as the heavily armed police patrol outside.

Mei-Li yells at Nicky and Ryan for helping, her fear of angering the police coming through. Nicky goes to Althea, who is stressed. Althea confesses her obsession with choosing the flowers and planning the wedding is her way of keeping in control of her life. Nicky hugs her as Althea asks how she can be so brave.

They hear a knock at the back door, and it's Evan. He tells Nicky the police want to search the restaurant to find Joe — they're accusing him of inciting a riot. Evan says it's not his case, but he wanted her to know so she could prepare. They tell Joe what's going on, and he notes this charge could mean serious jail time. Joe says he wants to give himself up so the police won't have an excuse to search the restaurant. Ryan asks what he can do, and Joe asks him for a minute to think. He texts his mother and says he won't be home tonight. Evan calls Nicky to tell her he can't stall the police any longer. Althea and Henry offer to mobilize social media, and Joe says he'd appreciate that after he turns himself in.

Joe goes to stand up, but Nicky stands instead. She says to arrest her, and one by one everyone in the restaurant stands, including Jin and even Mei-Li. Althea walks up with a video showing Joe specifically calling for a peaceful protest. The police stand down after a tense moment. After the police leave, Mei-Li shares that years ago, when Nicky was a little girl, someone threw a brick through their window with a hateful slur on it. Mei-Li says she was so afraid she wanted to close the restaurant, but Jin told her they needed to put down roots and show they wouldn't back down. It also reveals the origin of the story the two told to keep their children from being afraid: a dragon came from China and broke the front window with its tail. Mei-Li says the shooting and the graffiti brought her back to that day, and she was afraid.

The next day, "I Can't Breathe" by H.E.R. plays as Mei-Li leaves flowers at Andre's memorial. Mei-Li locks eyes with Andre's mother as she walks away, wiping away a tear. At the clinic, Joe goes to see Ryan. Joe says he knows they haven't had the talk that Ryan wants to have about their future, and Ryan tells him he completely gets it. He tells Joe he's there to support him, and Joe kisses him as Ryan is surprised. Joe tells him this is what he needs, and they kiss again. In the library, Nicky and Henry are trying to research as Nicky finds herself distracted by Andre's death and the protests.

Henry tells her that the activists fight every day, and that sometimes the fight takes time. But they show up every day anyway, and that's what they need to do. Henry gets a video file from Randall that shows an archaeological discovery in South America that appears to be one of the weapons.

## Rage

Season 1 Episode Number: 6 Season Episode: 6

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Writer: Lillian Yu Director: Joe Menendez

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan) Sharon Crandall (Dr. Chan), Peter Dewhurst (Randall), Ryan Mah (The

Mayor), Jason McKinnon (Fixer), James Michalopolous (Merc Leader),

Rebecca Olson (Sabine), Michel Issa Rubio (Manu), Olesia Shewchuk

(Jane Peters), Jorge Vargas (Cruz)

Production Code: T13.22856

**Guest Stars:** 

Summary: When the retrieval of a weapon doesn't go as planned, Nicky takes mat-

ters into her own hands; Jin takes Mei-Li on a Surprise date; Althea

Finds herself faced with an ultimatum.



During research, Nicky remembers that Randall mentioned the knife dig site was in St. Cristobal and finds the specific site, the Orura Silver Mine in Bolivia, which collapsed taking two lives. She discovers the mine was brought down intentionally. Henry finds that Li Jiang, one of the victims, was thought to be a member of one of the guardian families by Professor Chau. The pair theorize that Li Jiang brought the mine down to keep the dagger safe.

At the dig site in Bolivia, archeologists are cataloging their findings. One of them is seen wrapping a dagger and placing it

in a crate to go to the Reed Museum.

Nicky is training and continues to have flashbacks about protecting the artifacts that seem to motivate her. Henry calls and informs Nicky that the dagger is coming to San Francisco.

At the Shen's restaurant, Nicki gets texts from Henry saying he's set up a meeting between them and Randall for noon at the apothecary. Mei-Li walks in and comments that Nicky's been happy before not-so-subtly inquiring about Henry. Nicky deflects and leaves. Jin walks in and tells Mei-Li he wants to surprise her with a date night.

Ryan speaks to his supervisor, Dr. Chan. His hours have been cut; he wants to know why, especially when the clinic is struggling to meet the community's needs as-is. She tells him their funding has been cut and that the clinic will be lucky to survive another month.

Althea is cornered in a parking garage by an attorney from Cloudrush Capital who represents her old boss, Chase Matheson. They want her to sign an NDA about her time under her boss since a reporter has been trying to get her to come forward for the sexual assault exposé. They offer her \$300,000; when she declines, he levels some not-so-thinly-veiled threats, saying that the fallout won't just hurt her but her family and their reputation, including the Soongs. He leaves her his card and tells her to think about it.

Randall tells Nicky and Henry the dagger should be arriving in one day to the Reed Museum and that he plans to extract it. Nicky is unsatisfied with his timeline to remove it. He asks why she wants it so badly. She tells him that she needs to keep it from falling into the wrong hands, but Randall is unsatisfied with the answer. He still plans to extract the dagger himself (and sell it to the highest bidder).

Althea comes home to a romantic dinner planned by Dennis. She's touched, but her earlier conversation is still weighing on her. She asks him what would happen if all of their money disappeared one day. Dennis says he doesn't care.

Nicky brings Evan fried pickles as thanks for all of his help. Noticing she's off, he asks her what's wrong. As she begins to tell him about being frustrated at hitting a dead end with Zhilan, Sabine, Evan's girlfriend, interrupts, inviting Evan to the Reed Gala. Nicky leaves shortly thereafter.

After finding out about the gala, Nicky tells Henry that they're going to break into the museum and get the dagger. He's skeptical and needs a little convincing. Henry has to go teach a class, but asks Nicky to wait for him before making a plan.

Althea tells Ryan he needs to "schmooze" people to get funding for the clinic. Nicky asks Althea to pull some strings and get tickets to the gala for her and Henry. She does some recon of the museum before meeting up with Henry, laying out a plan to steal the dagger.

Frustrated, Henry stops her, saying that her plan depends on a ton of luck; they're never going to get the dagger this way. He's out. Upset, she tells him that she'll do it alone if he won't help her. Back at home, Nicky talks to her hallucination of Pei-Ling about her true motivations for chasing the dagger.

Ryan, Althea, and Henry corner Nicky about her plan. Instead of trying to stop her, they've decided to help her.

Nicky, Henry, Althea, Dennis, and Ryan arrive at the gala looking very snazzy. They go over the plan one last time: Henry will get to the server room and provide Althea remote access, that way she can open the doors to where the dagger is being held for Nicky and Henry during the mayor's speech while everyone is distracted.

Nicky bumps into Evan, who expresses surprise at seeing her at an event like the gala. Right after, the gang runs into Jin and Mei-Li, who the Soongs gave their extra tickets to. Ryan tries to distract them with an art exhibit, but they all get roped in. Mei-Li starts questioning Henry about his plans after graduate school. To escape, Nicky spills wine on Henry's tux, giving everyone a convenient excuse to slip away. Henry enters the control room.

Evan suspiciously looks on as Althea and Nicky get into the security system. Althea says the firewall was already down — due to routine maintenance according the the system.

As Nicky goes to meet Henry, Evan corners her, saying he knows the Shens are up to something. He asks her to tell him the truth, saying he's stuck his neck out for her and deserves at least that. She lies and says she's just there for the party before walking off.

Jin asks Mei-Li why she was interrogating Henry. Mei-Li says she's heard things around town about Henry's past and his family. Jin reminds her that whatever happened in the past, Henry's pulled himself up by his bootstraps and turned his behavior around; Henry reminds Jin of himself.

Nicky and Henry run into a security detail. Ryan distracts them, pretending to be inebriated and hassling the mayor about cutting funding. Althea buzzes them in. Nicky finds the dagger in a crate before the pair are accosted by men who demand she hands it over.

The three men pull guns on them, but Henry reminds them that shooting will draw attention, a surefire way to lose the dagger. They pull out zip ties, giving Henry and Nicky the split second they need to jump into action. Fighting off the men in a flurry of martial arts madness, Nicky manages to pocket the dagger.

A woman profusely thanks Dennis and his family in front of Althea. Curious, Althea asks what that was about. Dennis relays that her daughter was treated at the oncology ward the Soongs paid for, telling her about the different charitable endeavors they funnel their money into. Althea wasn't aware of the breadth of their reach in the community and how extensively they give back. Althea is visibly shaken, seeing how much the community could lose if her reputation was damaged because of Matheson.

She calls the lawyer and accepts the settlement, telling him to donate the money to the Chinese Community Center Medical Clinic before rethinking and raising the price to half a million

dollars.

Nicky tells Ryan and Althea that she's leaving and to look after their parents, as more goons for hire could be around. As she's waving goodbye to Jin, she sees that Zhilan is talking to him.

Zhilan's posing as Charlotte Yang, a curator from the Beijing national museum. The two have a thinly veiled conversation about the dagger, in which Zhilan reveals she hired the men that Nicky and Henry fought. As Jin walks away, Zhilan threatens Nicky's parents and Henry before patting Nicky down and taking the dagger. Previously believing Nicky to be dead, Zhilan says Nicky should take the second chance she's been given and stop fighting Pei-Ling's battles, citing she isn't worth it.

When Henry comes to get her, Nicky tells him what happened with Zhilan. Obviously worried, he begs her to be smart and not to go after her, saying that Zhilan will kill her.

Nicky tells Henry to get her family away from the gala before she goes after Zhilan. Evan looks on in concern as she marches away. Outside at the back of the building, Nicky confronts Zhilan, demanding that she gives the dagger back. Zhilan says that she'll once again have to fight for it before the two begin to duel in a beautifully choreographed scene.

Quickly, Zhilan bests Nicky, leaving her sprawled on the ground, grasping her arm in pain. However, Nicky manages to briefly gain the upper hand with some new tricks — she has been training, after all — by kicking the dagger that glowed green in Zhilan's hand out of her grasp. She angrily accuses Zhilan of killing her shifu. As they fight, Zhilan paints a different picture of Pei-Ling.

"Anger has blinded you, child. You know nothing about her. You never did... Pei-Ling was no shifu. She was a thief and a murder."

Zhilan claims that Pei-Ling murdered their father and stole the sword, hiding out at the monastery. Zhilan once again gains the upper hand. As she is about to stab Nicky with the dagger, Nicky holds her hand up as if to beg for mercy. Zhilan sees the markings on her hand and is visibly shaken. She spares Nicky, telling her to "go back to Harvard, little monk. You're not cut out for this," before knocking her out and walking away.

#### Guidance

Season 1 Episode Number: 7 Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Wednesday May 26, 2021

Writer: Ryan Johnson, Peter Lalayanis

Director: Michael Goi

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan) Gary Daniels (Master Drake), Kelvin Han Yee (Uncle), Ron Yuan (Yibo),

Ashley Roxburgh (Phoebe), Ludi Lin (Kerwin Tan), Anthony Ames (Eric), Claudia Kai (Teen Pei-Ling), Sam Robert Muik (Kevin Vale), Di-

ana Tsoy (Young Zhilan)

Production Code: T13.22857

**Guest Stars:** 

Summary: After learning some devastating news about Pei-Ling, Nicky attempts

to keep herself distracted by offering to help a young woman in need; Zhilan Confronts her past; Mei-Lei makes a startling confession.



Evan finds Nicky passed out on the ground where Zhilan left her. After telling him what happened, Evan drives her away. Henry sees her in his car and worriedly calls out after her before she texts him saying Zhilan got the dagger and apologizing.

In the car, Nicky tells Evan about Pei-Ling, worried she's not who Nicky thought she was. Evan brings Nicky to his family's where she can recuperate. He

cleans her face wounds, and the two share a moment, faces close, before Evan pulls away, awkwardly stating he needs to get back to Sabine.

Pei-Ling's apparition appears, telling Nicky not to succumb to doubt; she's still on the right path. Nicky doesn't want to hear it, acknowledging that Pei-Ling isn't real and can't give her the answers she wants. She declares that she's done fighting Pei-Ling's battles by hunting the artifacts and fighting Zhilan. Pei-Ling states she wishes she could help ease Nicky's pain. Nicky tells her to go away; she complies.

In Guizhou, China, Zhilan enters an empty house. She picks up a teddy bear, and we flash-back to her childhood. Pei-Ling is taking care of Zhilan, who is unwell. Pei-Ling tells their father, Yibo, who is writing something at a desk, she needs to go to the herbalist. He claims they don't have the money; he's working on something that will get them enough money to help her. Zhilan says she doesn't need medicine. Yibo says Zhilan is stronger than Pei-Ling thinks. Zhilan looks at the symbols on his paper; they are some of the same ones that were branded on Nicky's hand. Back in the present day, Zhilan starts searching for something.

At the community center, Ryan looks at Nicky's x-rays; her ribs aren't broken, but they're "bruised, like hella bad." Restricting her movements (i.e., no training or anything strenuous) for 2 weeks should have her healed in a month. Ryan and Althea are worried about her and urge her to at least talk to Henry about what happened.

Nicky meets Henry, who is also worried. They agree to talk, but Henry has to meet a friend who needs help. He invites Nicky along. Henry's friend, Kevin, is concerned about his sister, Phoebe,

who has suddenly sold all of her belongings, cut ties with her family, and moved into a facility to train with Kung Fu instructor Master Drake. The last time Kevin saw his sister she looked roughed up. Other students have been in the ER. Nicky agrees to infiltrate an open training session at Drake's Shaolin school to talk to her.

Zhilan's uncle finds her at the house. He wonders what brings her back home from her fancy life in Hong Kong. Seeming hesitant to speak to him, she says she misses her dad. Flashing back again, Zhilan is listening in as Pei-Ling and Yibo argue. He wants to sell the sword while Pei-Ling tells him it's their duty to protect it. He tells her that he doesn't share her mother's beliefs or faith and that his responsibility is to take care of the three of them, claiming the money can get Zhilan treatment. He tries to wrestle the sword away from Pei-Ling, but accidentally gets impaled as they grapple. Pei-Ling tells Zhilan they need to take the sword and run before Mr. Tan (the buyer) shows up. Zhilan is horrified, and Pei-Ling leaves alone despite begging her to come with her.

Nicky is applying salve to her ribs when her mom walks in. Mei-Li asks where she went after the gala. Nicky claims she stayed with Althea and cracked her head as a result of some heels, quickly escaping. Mei-Li, suspicious, inspects the salve.

Nicky enters the gym and approaches Phoebe, giving her a training tip. After revealing why she's there, Phoebe becomes icier. As Nicky questions her about the intensity of the place, Phoebe insists Master Drake saved her, giving her a second chance. Phoebe reveals her goal to master Tsoi-Hung, the highest tier of Drake's training, no matter the cost.

Nicky goes to speak to Drake under the guise of wanting to learn about Tsoi-Hung. He tells her that only initiates can learn and that Tsoi-Hung is achieved through a series of trials to unlock the deepest secrets of Kung Fu. Drake offers to waive Nicky's initiation fee and let her participate in the first trial since she trained at the Shaolin monastery. She agrees.

Zhilan's uncle says he missed her, especially since she beat such a hasty exit after her last visit. She explains she had an unexpected visitor. Flashing back to 2 years prior, Zhilan comes home when she realizes Pei-Ling is sitting at the table wanting to talk.

Zhilan asks why now after 20 years; it's Yibo's birthday. Pei-Ling reiterates that what happened was an accident. Zhilan asks why she ran then. Pei-Ling responds that they were both just children in shock. She made mistakes, but she was scared of Tan taking the sword. Torn between her sister and protecting her birthright, she chose her duty. Pei-Ling says if there was a way for her to make it up to Zhilan, she would. Zhilan demands the sword as retribution.

Pei-Ling refuses and leaves, but not before telling Zhilan she still loves her.

Althea is looking into Tsoi-Hung. While working, she interrogates Nicky about what Henry thought about her sleeping over at Evan's — which Henry doesn't know about yet. Althea finds a website; Drake has been livestreaming dangerous fights between students, profiting off of them without their knowledge while leading them on with the imaginary reward of Tsoi-Hung.

Althea and Nicky tell Evan, Henry, and Ryan about Drake's illegal operation. Althea says that the fights are being broadcast from a secondary location, not the school. Evan tells them the broadcasting site is their smoking gun if Althea can trace the location while a broadcast is happening. Unfortunately, that means someone has to be on-site close enough to the router for her to use their phones to backtrace it. Nicky volunteers since she has a standing invite from Drake. The others are concerned; she's hurt and is going to get thrown into the ring.

Zhilan tells her uncle she was looking for a notebook and a scroll with ancient text. He tells her they shouldn't speak of such things. When she questions why, he reveals he promised Pei-Ling to protect Zhilan from all that. He reveals that when Pei-Ling went on the run, she begged him to take Zhilan in. Zhilan feels betrayed. She pins her uncle against the wall and tells him she is already involved; she killed Pei-Ling and will kill him if she has to.

He reveals the items' location under the floorboard. The scroll, a guide for the sword's guardian, belonged to their mother. Their dad was trying to translate it, but he didn't get far before he died. He believed the scroll carried the secret to all 8 weapons. The scroll is missing; her uncle sold it to Mr. Tan the night Yibo died.

As Nicky is leaving to go to Drake's, Mei-Li overhears her on the phone with Henry (who's going with her) and asks where she's going. She makes an excuse about running errands for Althea again before rushing off. Suspicious, Mei-Li opens Nicky's computer and finds Drake's website, writing down information.

At the gym, it's revealed that Nicky will be fighting Master Drake himself. Althea still needs about 8 minutes, so into the ring Nicky goes despite Henry's concerns. The two begin to duel. Initially, Nicky has the upper hand. However, Drake nabs her in the ribs and she goes down. Drake taunts her, asking if she wants to quit in the face of Tsoi-Hung. Nicky glances over and sees Pei-Ling's apparition smiling at her in the crowd.

She flashes back to the monastery; Pei-Ling is crying after visiting Zhilan. When Nicky asks if she's okay, Pei-Ling responds that she hopes her mistakes haven't prevented her from guiding others. Nicky tells her she's a great teacher, but Pei-Ling says she wishes to be judged not by her teachings, but by Nicky's growth.

Althea has cracked the location of the streaming servers. Evan goes to call it in and Ryan goes to call Henry so they can get out of there. With a determined glint in her eye, Nicky gets up. The duel resumes. She sweeps Drake, and the tide seems to turn in her favor. Their duel in the ring is interspersed with montages of Nicky training with Pei-Ling. In an amazing feat that seems to defy gravity, Nicky flies through the air, spinning and landing multiple kicks that knock Drake back against the cage. He is defeated; the students leave.

Climbing out of the ring, Mei-Li is revealed to have seen everything. Outside of the school, Henry tells Nicky the program will be shut down, the cops should go after Drake soon, and Phoebe is going home with Kevin. Henry asks her what's up. She tells him she's been struggling since her confrontation with Zhilan, doubting everything, realizing she doesn't know everything about Pei-Ling. Despite this, Nicky knows she was a good shifu. She's still dedicated to Pei-Ling's mission.

She asks Henry if he's ready to start working again. Henry tells her that he's there for her, but he saw her leave with Evan. If she still has any feelings for Evan, Henry can accept that, but he has to put what they have on hold. When she agrees, he bids her goodnight.

When Nicky gets home, Mei-Li confronts her about what she saw at the gym. Nicky tries to brush it off, but Mei-Li has a grave aura of acceptance as she drops a huge bomb.

In Taipei, Kerwin Tan (Mr. Tan's son) finds Zhilan in the back of his car. She tells him she's after Biange, something his father is familiar with and also interested in. Zhilan wants the scroll back, telling him she has the means to translate it. Kerwin asks why she came to him. She offers to go to one of his siblings. As she goes to get out of the car, he locks the door and tells her, "let's get out of here."

Mei-Li tells Nicky that their lineage is real and traceable, but that not many believed in what that legacy meant. As descendants of Liang Daiyu, they are the rightful owners of her sword. The sword's been lost for generations, held by a guardian, but when the time was right, it would be reclaimed by the rightful owners. Once every generation, a woman in the family would be chosen to wield the sword. Mei-Li never really understood any of it, but her sister Mei-Xue, who Nicky believed to be dead, did. Mei-Xue, obsessed, ran off to pursue the sword, believing she was the rightful owner, and their family never saw her again. However, when Mei-Li had Nicky, she always saw a glimpse of a warrior in her.

Nicky is angry that Mei-Li began controlling her from an early age (ex: taking her out of karate), trying to reshape her into who Mei-Li wanted her to be. All her life, she's tried to understand her path and Mei-Li has hidden it from her. Mei-Li claims she only wanted to keep her safe. Nicky storms out. Jin gives her the car keys and asks Mei-Li "what have you done" before the screen goes black.

## **Destiny**

Season 1 Episode Number: 8 Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Wednesday June 02, 2021

Writer: Melissa Rundle

Director: Dan Liu

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan)

Guest Stars: Chelsea Clark (Chloe Soong), Richard Harmon (TJ), Françoise Yip (Di-

ana Soong), Grace Beedie (Allegra), La' Shawn Burke (D&D Friend #1), Sei Campbell (D&D Friend #3), Bianca Caroca (Kendall), Avery Crane (Althea's Friend #1), Cindy Gan (Restaurant Worker), Dwayne Han (Go-Go Boy / Waiter), Gelsea Mae (Althea's Friend #2), Rebecca

Olson (Sabine Smith), Kevin Osea (D&D Friend #2)

Production Code: T13.22858

Summary: Nicky and the Shens deal with the fallout after a family secret comes

to light; Althea prepares for her bachelorette party.



Evan is on the phone with Sabine, who wants to talk. She's heading over to his cabin, but Evan hears a knock at the door. It's Nicky, still reeling from Mei-Li's revelations. She tells Evan everything, telling him she feels like her first independent action going to the monastery is now part of destiny instead. Nicky mentions how Mei-Li pushed her away from Evan, and Evan lets her know that Sabine is coming to the cabin. Nicky leaves, disappointed. At home, Jin tells Mei-Li that she betrayed his trust and made him a worse parent due to his lack of understanding of Nicky. Ryan calls Nicky in a panic —

Jin has packed a bag and left the house.

Nicky comes home, ignoring Mei-Li. She tells Ryan what's been going on as she accuses Mei-Li of "nuking" their marriage. They all choose not to tell Althea as tonight is her bachelorette party. Ryan and Nicky leave to find Jin, with Mei-Li staying back. Althea, meanwhile, is freaking out about the party. Her mother-in-law to be is coming, along with Dennis' perfect sister Chloe, and she wants everything to be perfect. Dennis finds her binder full of tech ideas, and he's impressed. In the car, Nicky and Ryan talk about what Mei-Li revealed. Ryan believes she's truly the chosen one, but Nicky's not as confident. She says that she just wants to make sure Jin is okay, and everything else is secondary.

They find Jin at a motel the family went to every summer, and he tells them he's not going home. The three gather over dinner, with Ryan telling Nicky she should go back to the city for Althea's party. She wants to stay, but Ryan tells her he took the day off and he can stay with Jin. At the party, Althea is stressed as Nicky broaches the subject of telling Dennis about the NDA. Althea refuses to get into it, and the Soong family meets them in the entryway. Chloe and Mrs. Soong are not getting along, and the tension is palpable.

At the venue, Nicky gives a speech in tribute to Althea and Dennis. Poor Althea is torn between presenting the perfect image and having fun. Chloe drops Mrs. Soong's phone in a drink by accident, and Nicky follows her as she flees. They talk about their mothers, with Chloe saying if Mrs. Soong knew the real her, it would kill her. Chloe takes a call as Henry arrives with a massive cardboard cutout of Dennis that Nicky ordered. Nicky's about to tell him about what she found out, but Chloe runs in a panic. A man named TJ pulls her out of the venue as Nicky and Henry follow her. Chloe says she doesn't want to do this anymore, but TJ insists she get in the car. Nicky and Henry watch as they speed away.

Henry and Nicky decide to go after Chloe and not disturb Althea's party. Henry notices a custom design on the car and calls a friend who might know the designer. The party is dying, and Nicky forces Althea to enjoy herself while she takes on Mrs. Soong. Mrs. Soong confides that Chloe's friends Allegra and Kendall were the reason they sent her to Hong Kong — they were bad influences.

At the motel, Ryan tries to plead Mei-Li's case to Jin. But Jin says Mei-Li kept the secret for too long. Ryan says sometimes you just get used to living with the lie after a while, and it's clear we've shifted to discussing Ryan's sexuality. He gets up to call Mei-Li as Jin stares at the TV. Nicky tells Henry that Chloe's friends are big time thieves and that TJ and Chloe were definitely involved. Nicky heard TJ say something is going down tonight, and Nicky sighs. She goes to Althea to tell her what's going on, including that she lost Chloe. Althea barely holds in a scream of frustration. Althea tells Nicky and Henry to find Dennis, who is currently at his bachelor party.

Ryan comes back inside, and Jin turns to him. He apologizes for not saying more when Ryan came out and not making his support clear. Jin asks if Ryan knows what Jin thought at the time, and when Ryan says no, Jin says, "I thought we were blessed with such a brave son. I'm sorry if the silence made you doubt, made you think we loved you less. We loved you more." Ryan sobs as Jin asks him if he is happy. Ryan says he is, and Jin sighs in relief. He asks if Ryan is dating anyone, and Ryan reveals he's with Joe. Jin tells him Joe seems like a good man, and that Ryan deserves it.

Nicky and Henry find Dennis. The trio realizes that Chloe and her group are going to break into their own house. Althea tries to keep Mrs. Soong in the dark about Chloe, and they have a heart to heart about what she thinks of Althea. Mrs. Soong says initially she always pictured Dennis with someone quiet, but that she sees how happy Dennis is. All she wants is for Dennis to be happy. At the Soong house, everyone is looting the drawers as Chloe tries to hide various items. TJ threatens her, reminding her he has footage of every hit they've done.

As Chloe tries to stop TJ and the girls from leaving, TJ pushes her down. That's Nicky's cue to show up and beat the snot out of them while Henry helps. Chloe is worried about what her mother will say, but Nicky says that no matter what, her mother loves her. Mrs. Soong hugs Chloe in relief.

At the party, Henry and Nicky fill Althea in. Ryan arrives and immediately starts drinking as Althea remarks, "That bad?" Ryan tells them Jin isn't ready to come home yet. Nicky goes to the motel, telling Jin it's time to come home. She tells him she's mad too, but she knows Mei-Li is hurting. Jin reveals that when Nicky was in China, Mei-Li sent him to find her. He found her without Nicky knowing. When he saw how at ease she was in the monastery, he left her there without telling Mei-Li. He realized she finally belonged after talking with Pei-Ling. He says she was the real her, beautiful and powerful.

Back at home the next day, Mei-Li and Nicky talk. Nicky lets her know Jin is coming home, and she asks how Mei-Li knew it was her. Mei-Li tells her that at one year old, Nicky was carrying around Mei-Xue's earring. Mei-Li knew she was destined to follow her path, and she didn't want to lose Nicky too. Nicky says now she's choosing this path to reclaim the sword — and choosing to forgive Mei-Li. But she needs the whole truth. Mei-Li agrees and opens a desk to reveal a box with everything Mei-Li knows about Mei-Xue. She gives it to Nicky.

## **Isolation**

Season 1 Episode Number: 9 Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Wednesday June 23, 2021

Writer: Dan Hamamura
Director: Geoffrey Wing Shotz

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan) Nathaniel Arcand (Hank), Lorne Cardinal (Duke), Ludi Lin (Kerwin

Tan), Paul Lazenby (Brawny Man #1), Kelsey Lopes (Courtney), Sarah

Dawn Pledge (Bertie)

Production Code: T13.22859

**Guest Stars:** 

Summary: Nicky follows a lead that brings her, Henry and Evan to a quiet town

in Canada; Zhilan joins forces with Kerwin Tan; Jin and Mei-Li find

themselves at a crossroads.



Nicky starts going through Mei-Xue's box with Mei-Li, trying to figure out if anything inside is important. Nicky wants to know more about her aunt, but Mei-Li tells Nicky to just read the letters Mei-Xue sent home, which became increasingly incoherent before stopping completely. This is why Mei-Li didn't want Nicky to follow Mei-Xue.

Nicky regroups with Henry to make a new plan to stop Zhilan. Nicky thinks

finding Mei-Xue is the key to getting ahead of Zhilan, and they look at Mei-Xue's last letter that arrived with a red panda figurine. The letter is mostly nonsense, but a line about a fringe jacket rings a bell for Henry. When he was searching message boards he found a post from Professor Chau mentioning a woman in a fringe jacket searching for the weapons in the 1980s and 90s. Henry also found an alias for the woman: Sandra Yang.

At the restaurant, Mei-Li and Jin awkwardly reunite. Mei-Li asks if they should talk, and Jin says he needs time as he preps for the lunch rush. Zhilan and Kerwin Tan lay in bed together discussing Zhilan's past (that escalated quickly!). She shares that after a childhood of surgeries, she's used to pain. He asks if that's where her anger comes from, and she says that comes from betrayal. She notices scars on his arm that he claims are from a car accident as he insists they get back to reading the scroll. She's disappointed as he walks away.

Evan pulled records about Sandra Yang, finding that she entered Canada and vanished 20 years ago. Nicky realizes that the date on her last letter is after her entry date and knows there must be a clue to her location inside. Nicky finds a small town in Canada that sells the red panda figurines and realizes Mei-Xue sent this on purpose. It's time for a road trip, and Evan invites himself along when he realizes Henry is accompanying Nicky. Mei-Li is worried about Nicky going to Canada, but Nicky tells her if this is her path, she needs to know what happened to Mei-Xue.

Zhilan and Kerwin continue to search the scroll for clues, with Zhilan suggesting Kerwin call his father. Kerwin refuses, and Zhilan is angry that after she translated the scrolls, Kerwin isn't willing to take the next step. He menacingly tells her calling his father isn't an option. Zhilan holds his wrist and asks if his father was the one to give him those scars. Kerwin steps back in shock.

Evan packs the car, with a text from Sabine confirming she's moved out of their apartment. Nicky and Henry approach, and all three get in the car for what is proving to be a tension filled trip. Ryan accompanies Althea to her women-in-tech seminar, where she tells him she wants to give back in a way she couldn't when she worked full-time. He wants to stay due to his boredom with Joe away at a conference, but Althea encourages him to just enjoy his time alone as she shoos him out. A student named Courtney excitedly rushes up to Althea to talk about new changes in tech, and Althea is thrown by terms she hasn't heard. It knocks her confidence, but she begins the seminar anyway.

Kerwin shares his childhood trauma with Zhilan. One night, his father gathered his three siblings together and ranked them, with Kerwin ranking last despite doing everything his father wanted. Apparently, his father wanted him to push back and find himself, and not doing so was a sign of weakness. Kerwin drunkenly drove home and got into a car accident, crushing his hand and giving him the scars. Kerwin says the only reason he's working with Zhilan is to see what his father's face will look like when he achieves what his father couldn't. Zhilan shows him the weapons she already has, asking him what else he hasn't been telling her.

In the car, Evan turns on Dua Lipa to keep Henry awake as he drives, making both Henry and Nicky laugh as he dances along. The next morning, the trio arrive at their destination. While Henry and Evan understandably want to use records to find Mei-Xue, Nicky gets a gut feeling about where she is. The two follow her to a local bar. They ask the bartender about Mei-Xue, but she doesn't have any information about her. She does point them in the direction of Hank, a local whose father Duke used to own the bar. Nicky tries to talk to Hank to get to Duke, who Hank shares is dead to him. When another pool player tries to get Nicky to leave, Evan steps in and gets punched for his trouble. Nicky takes over, and she and Henry tag team the other men. Evan even gets a shot in before Hank relents and gives them Duke's address.

Courtney and Althea go out for a chat. Even though Althea didn't do as well as she hoped with her presentation, Courtney says she's brilliant and asks for advice about job offers — including one at Althea's old firm. Althea diplomatically tells her she doesn't think Courtney would flourish there, sighing with relief when Courtney says it's off her list. Meanwhile, Ryan dances around the house enjoying the temporarily single life as Althea catches him. Her phone pings with a text from Courtney — she took the job with Chase after all because of the benefits, not understanding the full context of why Althea wanted her to stay away. Ryan asks if she's okay as Althea stands still, shocked. Althea and Ryan talk about what to do about the NDA and Courtney. She doesn't want this to happen again and needs to warn Courtney. But she realizes she needs to tell Dennis first.

Zhilan and Kerwin compare notes. Kerwin's father has three weapons, making six between the two of them. Kerwin says it won't be easy to get the weapons from his father, but he can when the time is right. He asks why it's so important to summon Biange with the weapons, and she says it's to ensure no one can betray her again by gaining power. Kerwin shares that his father has poured money into an archaeological dig in Myanmar, and a weapon must be there. He wants to go there with Zhilan and steal it from his father.

At Duke's cabin, Nicky spots a red panda statue. They split up to look for Duke, and Nicky notices a carving of a woman. Duke points a gun at Nicky, and she pulls out the red panda statue. She tells him about Mei-Xue, and he lowers the gun. He raises it again when Evan and Henry emerge, but Nicky tells them to wait in the car. Duke wants proof she is really Mei-Xue's niece, and Nicky calls Mei-Li. She asks Mei-Li to tell her about Mei-Xue and what she was really like. It convinces Duke as Mei-Li calls Mei-Xue her hero. She cries, and Jin comforts her.

Duke tells her how he met Mei-Xue after she rescued him after an accident. She visited him for years, but never shared where she lived. He almost found her, but she discovered him, and they haven't seen each other since. Duke gives her directions and adds that he thinks she should go alone. Evan and Henry are antsy waiting for her and find Duke, who tells them Nicky went looking for Mei-Xue following his directions.

Henry wants to go after Nicky, but Evan reassures him. He says he and Nicky used to go camping all the time, and she knows how to handle herself (likely better than Henry.) In the forest, Nicky finds herself facing a wolf as she gets closer, and it drags away her backpack as she twists her ankle. She splints it herself and continues on. Henry and Evan continue bonding while waiting for Nicky. They both note how Nicky is independent and really doesn't need their help, laughing. Evan shares that he broke up with Sabine and that Nicky doesn't know yet. Henry says

that in the end, it's Nicky's choice whether to be with Evan or Henry.

Nicky is chased through the woods by the wolf, but it is caught in a trap. Nicky frees it, falling asleep until the morning. When she wakes up, Nicky is caught in a shower of plum blossoms — Mei-Xue's favorite flower. Nicky follows the blossoms to a deserted cabin. Inside, Nicky sees a picture of Mei-Xue and Mei-Li. Pei-Ling appears to her again and helps Nicky find a chest in the main room containing tapes of Mei-Xue talking, warning everyone about the power of the weapons and telling the listener that there's more to find even if her journey is at an end. Nicky rushes outside to the plum blossom tree and finds a grave beneath it. It's Mei-Xue's, and Nicky wonders aloud who buried her.

Nicky makes her way back to the car and wakes up Evan and Henry, telling them what happened. As they drive home, Nicky listens to Mei-Xue tell her to not make this journey alone as we see Althea tell Dennis the truth while Jin and Mei-Li make up. Nicky tells Mei-Li what happened to Mei-Xue as they hug, Mei-Xue advising whoever is listening not to fight this battle alone.

## Choice

Season 1 Episode Number: 10 Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Wednesday June 30, 2021
Writer: Linda Ge, John Bring
Director: Richard Speight, Jr.

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan)

Guest Stars: Bradley Gibson (Joe), Janet Kidder (District Attorney), Christina Ma

(Mei-Xue), Ludi Lin (Kerwin Tan), Tristan Arthurs (Frat Dog Food Eater #1), Ayzee (Drunk Girl #1), David Chin (Detective), Cedric Ducharme (Mookie), Katherine Evans (Margo), Keefe Garcia (Frat Dog Food Eater #2), Marci T. House (AJ Forsythe), Ryan Jamison (Rick Barnes), Wern

Lee (Cody Long), Ty Wood (Justin Taylor), Jeff Yung (Edgar Jie)

Production Code: T13.22860

Summary: To clear a college student's name for a crime he didn't commit, Nicky

goes back to school. There, she crosses paths with a sorority with a

dark secret.



Mei-Li is listening to Mei-Xue's tapes while Althea, Nicky, and Ryan wait in another room. While they wait, Althea bothers her siblings about who they're going to bring as plus one's to the wedding. Ryan claims Joe hasn't even met their parents. Althea and Ryan tease Nicky about being stuck between Evan and Henry now that Evan broke up with Sabine. Mei-Li returns the tapes to Nicky, thanking her for giving her closure and warning her to be careful pursuing the secrets of "Biange."

Kerwin Tan tells Zhilan to take a break from reading the scroll. They stole the axe, one of the weapons, from Mr. Tan's excavations site in Myanmar. Zhlian wants to get the weapons from the Tan family vault before they pursue the Meteor Hammer — which will take longer.

Evan's boss comes into his office and tells him one of his clients took a plea deal, which surprises him.

Back at the community center library, Nicky and Henry are looking at Mei-Xue's tapes and journals, respectively. Nicky can't take her eyes off of Henry, and Henry notices something is up with her. Henry notes that in Mei-Xue starts talking about a place called "The Forge." Listening to the tapes some more, Nicky learns that the weapons, having continually lost their power over time, would unleash the terrible power they held only if all eight weapons were reunited where they were created, the place with the most Biange energy: The Forge. Nicky and Henry must find The Forge to protect it from Zhilan.

Althea and Dennis meet with a lawyer since Althea is going public about the sexual assault scandal with Chase Matheson. The lawyer tells Althea that she must be ready for her whole life to change if she does this, as her life will never be the same once Matheson starts trying to drag her name through the mud.

Mei-Li is in the kitchen cooking her mother's plum sauce when Jin comes in. Mei-Li wants to add it to the menu as a tribute to Mei-Xue (it was her favorite). Jin suggests Mei-Li takes over the cooking and they revamp the menu while he moves to work the front of the restaurant, as it will make her happy. She agrees.

Althea notices Nicky seems happy and starts prying for details on her love life. Nicky tells her about her and Henry's kiss a while back but that it's complicated now. She loves Evan, "always have, always will." She doesn't want to tell Evan how she feels about Henry and risk losing him, especially since he and Sabine broke up.

Joe is catching Ryan up on his trip away. Ryan invites him back to Harmony Dumplings to eat and meet his parents formally. Joe gets a text message and his face falls.

Nicky pays a visit to Evan, wanting to talk to him like Althea suggested. They agree to go get coffee before Evan gets a phone call saying Cody Long, his client that just accepted the plea deal, is innocent and there is video proof. He tells Nicky.

Going over the case with Evan, we learn Cody was accused of slipping GHB into a victim's drink. Members of the frat said they saw him do it, but Evan wasn't convinced by his confession. He was a poor kid on scholarship who got stuck with an overworked public defender and couldn't afford bail, meaning he was stuck in prison for a while. He's just not buying it. Evan subpeonad footage from the party but there was none, which they both find suspicious. Nicky offers to help.

Zhilan and Kerwin are planning how to get his father's weapons when a flashbang is dropped into the room. A team of men invade Zhilan's home. Leading them is Edgar, Mr. Tan's head of security.

Joe and Ryan arrive at Harmony Dumplings. Jin greets them and brings them back to meet Mei-Li in the kitchen. Jin tells them about their new plans to change things up and Joe offers to help Jin with the restaurant's new logo in exchange for dumplings. Mei-Li teasingly berates Ryan for dressing so casually on a date with Joe. It seems Joe has won their approval.

Evan and Nicky visit Cody in jail. Cody took a plea deal because didn't want to drag out the trial; it was hurting his family's reputation and the DA convinced him he'd lose at trial. Evan asks Cody if there was any footage from the night of the party. He tells him Justin, the frat president, is obsessed with the frat's image, which is why they kept a tight lid on things. However, he knows two members were constantly recording but doesn't know where the footage is.

Edgar's men search Zhilan's house for the axe. Kerwin accidentally tipped him off by asking about the dig site in Myanmar before they raided it. Failing to get answers from Kerwin, Edgar turns to Zhilan.

Althea searches the frat's social media and cloud, trying to find evidence for Cody. Althea asks Nicky if she's talked with Evan yet, thinking she's on this quest to delay having to talk to him. Nicky insists she's just trying to help Cody and Evan.

Nicky proposes that whatever footage the frat has isn't on the cloud. She plans to infiltrate the frat, find the video, and leave an anonymous tip so that Evan can follow up. One problem: the frat is having a party. It looks like Nicky is going back to college. "Mom would be so proud," Althea quips.

Back at Zhilan's house, Edgar tries to bribe Zhilan into giving up the location of the axe. When she refuses, he threatens her, holding a knife to Zhilan's throat. Kerwin agrees to show him where the weapons are.

Nicky snoops around at the frat party with little success. There is one room upstairs dead-bolted shut. Justin, the frat president, exits the room and directs Nicky away from it, calling it the "executive lounge."

Kerwin shows Edgar Zhilan's weapons vault. Edgar tries to convince him to bring the weapons to Mr. Tan and kill Zhilan, handing him the dagger. Kerwin hesitates before stabbing Edgar instead. Zhilan, who had been sawing at her restraints, takes out the rest of the hired grunts. Kerwin looks astonished at what he's done.

Back at the frat, Justin is watching Nicky, who is still trying to figure out a way to get in the room upstairs; she needs an easier mark. Althea directs her to a drunk senior who puked on Nicky's shoes earlier at the party. As a senior, he has access to the lounge. Nicky swipes his keys, but not before Justin notices something is up.

Mei-Li expresses her approval of Joe and invites him to the wedding — much to Ryan's chagrin, as he hasn't asked him yet. After they leave the restaurant, Ryan asks him if he wants to go, but Joe looks skittish.

Nicky infiltrates the lounge; it's a screening room. She finds initiation and prank videos. In one, Cody is passed out on the couch. Justin and the frat are the ones who drugged the victim, Rick. It was all a cover-up. As Nicky is recording, Justin finds her and angrily asks what she's doing.

Nicky confronts Justin and the other frat boy who caught her. They begin to fight, Nicky trying desperately to protect the phone while holding them off. However, the other frat boy smashes her phone with a golf club.

Althea confirms her phone and SIM card are damaged. Then, Nicky remembers a girl named Margot that was in the video and protested when the frat boys were drugging Rick.

Joe tells Ryan that he's been offered a job in Chicago; that was the text he got earlier in the night. The job starts next week. Joe doesn't want to lose Ryan, but Ryan pushes him to pursue his passion and take the job. This seems to be the end of the line for them.

Nicky, Althea, and Evan confront Margot. She was the one who called Evan. She was afraid to come forward because Justin threatened to ruin her life. Althea tells her that coming forward sucks and is complicated and messy, but the truth is simple.

Margot gives an official account back at Evan's office. Evan's boss is mad about how he went about solving this case, but Cody will be free by the next morning. Evan thanks Nicky for her help. He tells her that he's been having doubts about his job, not sure that being a prosecutor is for him. His life is different than he and Nicky imagined for themselves in high school. Nicky tells him they're different people, and Evan agrees. She tells him she'll never stop caring about him, but she wants to be with Henry. Evan takes it well. He envies her for being able to find her own path. Nicky leaves the office with their friendship intact.

Back at Zhilan's, Kerwin is visibly stuggling about killing someone he cared about. Zihlan tells him the first time is always the hardest. Kerwin is worried that Edgar not checking in with his father will tip off Mr. Tan. They have to move.

Althea tells Dennis she wants to call the lawyer in the morning.

Nicky finds Henry and asks him to be her date to Althea's wedding. In a long speech (where Henry tries to interject quite a few times), Nicky reveals her feelings for Henry. She wants more. Henry tells her that things haven't changed on his end and the two kiss. Thier paassinonate embrace is interrupted by the sound of a woman singing.

It's Mei-Xue on the tape that Henry left running. On the hidden track, she sings "The light through the turtle tree leads the way to the source." This is their key to finding The Forge.

### **Attachment**

Season 1 Episode Number: 11 Season Episode: 11

Originally aired: Wednesday July 07, 2021
Writer: Michael Deigh, Richard Lowe

Director: Viet Nguyen

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan)

Guest Stars: Michael Bow (Simon Lau), Ludi Lin (Kerwin Tan), Michaeha Arm-

strong (Security Guard), Peter Chan (Old Man), Veronica Cormier (Super Fan #1), Angela Geng (Young Fan #2), Lisa Huynh (Super Fan #2), Althea Kaye (Tai Chi Lady), Ayden Daniel Lim (Young Fan #1), Brittany Mitchell (Handler), Marlowe Percival (Lau Fan), Hugo Raymundo

(Bodyguard)

Production Code: T13.22861

Summary: Nicky and Henry follow a lead that brings them to a K-pop concert in

Las Vegas — and on a collision course with Zhilan and Kerwin. Elsewhere, Jin and Mei-Li make a major decision about the restaurant.



Henry and Nicky wake up entangled in the library as community members knock, attempting to get in. They fell asleep after quite the romantic night, which we see in flashbacks as the two frantically clean up. Their act fools no one as the senior citizens knowingly wink at them. The two discuss Mei-Xue's hidden message in the lullaby leading them to the Forge, with Nicky pointing out that for the first time they have the lead on

Zhilan. They flirt before Nicky gets an emergency family meeting text.

Nicky heads to the restaurant, where Althea immediately clocks what Nicky was up to last night. Ryan enters, hiding his breakup with Joe when they ask him what's wrong. Mei-Li and Jin enter to share the big news: they're closing the restaurant. Their rent increased again, and they can't afford to keep it. Mei-Li points out that if they stop fighting the inevitable, she and Jin might actually be able to take a vacation for the first time in forever. Nicky and Althea are supportive, but Ryan is still reeling and takes it hard. He accuses them all of quitting before storming out to go to work.

Zhilan and Kerwin wait outside his father's house, with Zhilan preparing to steal his weapons. In a slick action sequence, she makes her way through the house and grabs each weapon one by one. Now, there's only one weapon standing between Zhilan and the complete collection. Nicky and Henry meet up at the library to research as Evan calls to share the news of Zhilan's break in. Henry suggests they call his friend who has an algorithm designed to find references to song lyrics online. The only problem? The lyrics aren't a match for an ancient song — they match a K-pop song by Simon Lau exactly. Simon isn't just a pop star. When they zoom in on his necklace, it looks like Zhilan and Pei-Ling's necklace with a falcon instead. Nicky realizes he may be a guardian. Henry sees that Simon is performing in Las Vegas the next day, and they prepare to go and talk to him about what he knows.

Althea goes to visit Ryan at work. She intuits that something is going on with Joe, and he tells her about the job in Chicago. He cries as she comforts him. Later that night, Althea takes Ryan out for drinks. Ryan shares that the breakup is hitting him hard because for the first time, he let himself picture getting married and having kids. He admits that he wants a long term partner and is sad he never got to fully open up to Joe. Althea points out that the time he spent with Joe wasn't a waste. He gained the courage to be out to his parents and even intended to bring Joe as his plus-one to Althea's wedding. She also advises him to emotionally separate Joe leaving from the restaurant closing.

In Vegas, Nicky has her eyes on the prize while Henry makes plans for their private afterparty. They find that Simon's meet and greet is sold out, but they quickly remedy the situation by pickpocketing tickets from two snotty girls at the front of the line. As Simon takes a picture with them and goes to sign an autograph, Nicky asks him about the song and reveals who she is. Simon scoffs that Biange and the weapons are a fairy tale. When Nicky asks a detailed question about the hammer connected to his family, Simon accuses them of working with a collector who started harassing him for the weapon a few days ago. Realizing that Zhilan is on to them, Nicky insists that they're not connected and that Simon is in danger. The security guards escort them out as we see Zhilan and Kerwin enter the casino.

Ryan tells his parents about Joe and also shares his thoughts about the restaurant. He respects the challenges they would face in keeping the restaurant open, but he wants to give it one last chance. He suggests that they start making authentic Chinese recipes again, not catering to the Americanized version of Chinese food that the tourists want. He says that if they're going to go out, it should be on their terms.

Simon waits for a label executive in his suite when Zhilan and Kerwin enter. She has a case full of cash in exchange for the hammer. Simon firmly tells her to get out, and she and Kerwin immediately kill his security team. A shocked Simon stares at them as Kerwin says he doesn't want to have to kill his favorite celebrity — but he will if he has to. Zhilan notes that his tattoo and necklace speak to his status as a guardian, but Simon swears he thought it was all a story. He agrees to give up the weapon, but Kerwin get an alert as Nicky and Henry find their way into the casino. Kerwin heads out to deal with them. Simon hands Zhilan a case that supposedly contains the weapon, but it has his guitar inside. He fights her, showing that his innocent act was a lie. Kerwin finds Nicky and Henry in the hall. Calling her "The American," he says he's been looking forward to meeting her.

Zhilan and Simon battle in the main room while Kerwin fights Nicky and Henry. Nicky finds an opening and runs for Zhilan while Henry fends off Kerwin alone. Nicky teams up with Simon, and they both manage to subdue her. But before they can finish her off, Kerwin enters with a bloody Henry. Zhilan takes advantage of Nicky's distraction and makes a move, taking the weapon for herself. Simon tries to fight back, and Zhilan hits Simon with the weapon. She saunters off with Kerwin as he falls into Nicky's arms. With his dying breath, Simon tells Nicky that the song was meant to be sung from the sword's perspective. He dies as Nicky and Henry panic. Henry drags Nicky away.

Nicky berates herself for letting a moment's hesitation cost Simon his life. She feels bad that she is relieved that Henry is okay despite the cost. Nicky thinks about Simon's words and realizes the sword's scabbard will show them the way to the Forge. Shining a flashlight through the scabbard, they see a constellation that matches Simon's tattoo. It's a map to the forge.

The family gathers in the restaurant once again for happier news. Mei-Li and Jin have decided to keep the restaurant open for a few more months while they workshop traditional menu items. The Shen siblings tease each other over their respective romantic lives while they enjoy dinner. Pei-Ling appears to Nicky and warns that soon, Biange will come. She will have to leave her family once again to protect them.

## Sacrifice

Season 1 Episode Number: 12 Season Episode: 12

Originally aired: Wednesday July 14, 2021 Writer: Ryan Johnson, Peter Lalayanis

Director: Sudz Sutherland

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan) Kee Chan (Russell Tan), Marissa Cuevas (Nadia), Fiona Fu (Po Po), Ludi Lin (Kerwin Tan), Megan Hui (Byu), Wei Jen Lee (Young Po Po),

Leifennie (Zhang Fang-Su), Emily Tu (Hua)

Production Code: T13.22862

Guest Stars:

Summary: With time running out, Nicky and Henry work to translate a cryptic

map that could lead them to the Forge. Meanwhile, Althea and the

family prepare for Po Po's arrival.



Zhilan and Kerwin are staring longingly at their wall of weapons. Zhilan explains the Forge to Kerwin while noting she still isn't sure of exactly where it is. She has been translating the scrolls tirelessly to find the location while Kerwin would rather be having fun in bed. After working all night, she discovers the location. Nicky and Henry are poring over their star map as they also try to find the Forge. She is anxious, but Henry reas-

sures her that they will figure it out together.

Nicky and Evan talk about Kerwin's goal in working with Zhilan as they realize his relationship to Russell Tan. She also worries over the arrival of her Po Po, who is attending Althea's wedding this weekend. He jokes that at least it will go better than last time and implies that Po Po did not approve of Nicky dating Evan. Sensing that she needs a push, he tells her that no matter what, she's going to solve this puzzle. She's Nicky Shen, after all.

At home, Althea is panic cleaning when Nicky arrives. It's clear Po Po intimidates everyone. The script for the evening is for everything to be "perfect" with no mention of Harmony Dumplings' struggles or Ryan's sexuality (at Ryan's request). Nicky agrees not to mention the weapons even though Po Po could potentially have answers she needs.

Zhilan and Kerwin drive, and he asks some probing questions about Biange. He seems fixated on the idea that only Zhilan will wield the power. Before he can ask too many questions, his father calls. Russell tells Kerwin that he will forgive him if he comes home now, and Kerwin scoffs that that forgiveness won't be on the table if he comes home without the weapons. But Russell insists that there's a lot Kerwin doesn't know about Biange and that he can't trust Zhilan. Kerwin hangs up.

Po Po makes her grand entrance by complaining about everything she can as Mei-Li and Althea rush around to please her. Dennis, Ryan, and Jin arrive late from their paintball outing, with Dennis sporting an injury courtesy of Jin's competitive streak. Po Po disapproves, but Jin refuses to let her mood get to him (never change, Jin!) as Dennis tells Althea that he should be fine for the wedding. Dennis charms Po Po with his Mandarin and quickly becomes her favorite

person. Not her favorite? Althea's traditional wedding dress, which she literally rips to shreds in front of Althea.

Henry calls Nicky as she looks for Po Po's medicine. She notices a photo of Mei-Xue in her wallet along with a picture of Po Po holding the sword. Could this mean she was a warrior? Nicky tells Ryan about the photo of Po Po, but Ryan wants her to leave it alone so Althea's wedding isn't ruined. Evan is working late as Nadia tells him the Tan files were intercepted by the DA. The DA is watching his work more closely now, but Nadia lets slip that the files will be unguarded all night on the DA's desk.

Zhilan and Kerwin arrive at the cemetery where her parents are buried. She reveals that Russell owned the textile factory where her father worked. She adds that pollution from that factory is what gave Zhilan her spinal condition and killed her mother during her birth. Kerwin reassures her he isn't like his father, but Zhilan is focused solely on her mother. Kerwin asks why she brought him here, wondering if it's revenge against Russell. She rages that his father's empire is far greater than Kerwin understands. Zhilan tells him that if his father had managed to bring about Biange with his connections, no one in the world would be safe. She wants to use Biange against Russell to protect everyone.

Zhilan says she needs to erase everything he holds, and Kerwin realizes she means him. Zhilan says falling in love with him wasn't part of her plan, but he's a liability to her goals. She tearfully tells him she loves him. Kerwin sees the knife in her hand and resigns himself to what's about to happen. He says, "Attack me if you want, but I won't fight you," as she steps forward. True to his word, he doesn't defend himself as she slits his throat. His body hits the ground in front of her parents' graves as Zhilan limps back to the car, heartbroken.

At dinner, Po Po is grilling each of the single Shen children about their romantic prospects. Ryan tries to steer the topic of conversation away by saying he's too busy with the clinic to date, but she pushes on. Po Po asks Nicky about her job at the law firm (a fiction the family invented regarding Nicky's time in China). Po Po approvingly says that maybe if all three children keep working hard, Mei-Li leaving Po Po alone in China after Mei-Xue left will have been worth it. Seeing the look on Mei-Li's face, Nicky's stubborn streak kicks in. She tells Po Po that she's not a lawyer (featuring a great spit take from Jin). She goes further, explaining about her time training in China and showing her the photo of the sword.

Po Po is angry, questioning Mei-Li's parenting. Mei-Li retorts that she let Nicky run away like Po Po let Mei-Xue run away because of all the family secrets. She is upset that Po Po had the answers Mei-Xue was looking for all along and reveals that Mei-Xue is dead. Mei-Li says she is proud of Nicky and that she deserves the truth Po Po couldn't give Mei-Xue. Po Po agrees.

The three discuss Po Po's past. Po Po starts the story 50 years prior before Mei-Li and Mei-Xue were born. The other woman in the photo is Fang-Su, Pei-Ling's mother. Fang-Su was the first to tell Po Po about their destiny and how to use the sword. Po Po says she was afraid of the sword's power and did not want to lose the life she had. She vowed that no one else in their family would have to face that burden again, which is why she tried to stop Mei-Xue. Nicky tells Po Po about Biange and says the warrior path chose her.

Po Po recognizes the symbols from the burn on Nicky's hand as being for each of the seven battles involving the weapons. Henry plots them on a map and finds that they form Lau's constellation. The eighth point is at the monastery: the monastery is the Forge. Althea hears Nicky say they need to go to China. Nicky sobs and says she doesn't have a choice about missing the wedding. Althea embraces her and tells her that she hates this, but Nicky has to go. They tell the family together. Nicky promises she will end this now before it affects another generation.

Evan heads to the DA's office to look at the Tan files and takes photos of them all. Nicky gets to the library with her duffel as Henry prepares to leave with her. Nicky tells him she thinks she needs to do this on her own. She says she dragged him into this fight, and Henry protests that he wants to help her. Nicky says seeing him hurt and Simon killed reminded her of losing Pei-Ling. Henry tries to argue, but Nicky simply says, "I love you." Henry says he can't let her go alone because he loves her too. She confesses she's scared, and he asks her to let him help. Nicky says he has helped, but that this is her choice as they kiss. She leaves as Henry watches.

As Nicky waits for her ride to the airport, she sees Pei-Ling. Pei-Ling tells her that it's the people around her who make her strong. Nicky says she doesn't want anyone else to take the risk, but Pei-Ling says the Nicky she knew wouldn't have just followed the rules blindly. In China, we see that Henry has joined Nicky after all as they hop on a tour bus, with Zhilan in the distance

watching them.

At home, Po Po shows Althea the fixed version of her dress as they all laugh, shocking Ryan and Jin. Jin gives Ryan Nicky's "gift" to him — the maid of honor guidebook telling him how to make Althea's day perfect. Jin hopes that Nicky finds what she's looking for. Henry and Nicky arrive at the monastery where Nicky finds her friend Hua. Hua shares the remaining warriors have been preparing to fight for their home. Hua and the other warriors show Nicky that they found a false wall after the fire. Behind the false wall is a door to the Forge. A gong sounds to signal intruders. They rush outside as Zhilan stands in the courtyard facing them. Zhilan says she's here for Biange — and for Nicky.

## **Transformation**

Season 1

Episode Number: 13 Season Episode: 13

Originally aired: Wednesday July 21, 2021

Writer: Christina M. Kim, Robert Berens

Director: Joe Menendez

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

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(Nadia), Fiona Fu (Po Po), Elfina Luk (Ziqi), Françoise Yip (Diana Soong), Ludi Lin (Kerwin Tan), Steve Chang (The Man), Diane Garceau (Robed Figure), Megan Hui (Biyu), Darryl B. King (Guanyu), Doris Lum (Shen Aunt), Leanne Poon (Florist), Emily Tu (Hua), Sarah Te Wong

(Mei-Xue's Daughter)

Production Code: T13.22863

Guest Stars:

Summary: Nicky learns what is needed to open the forge. Meanwhile, an emer-

gency at home threatens to derail Althea and Dennis' tea ceremony.



Nicky tells Zhilan she has no interest in listening to what Zhilan has to say. Zhilan laments at having been so close to The Forge the night she raided the monastery. Nicky tells her the monks are ready and that she won't reach it. Zhilan presents a twist.

Nicky asks why Zhilan thinks she'll go with her and Zhilan threatens the ones she loves, saying her attachments make her weak. Zhilan has men parked outside

of Dennis and Althea's wedding.

Ryan picks over details for Althea's wedding, using the Best Man binder Nicky left him. Preparing for the tea ceremony, Ryan notices one special tea is missing; Po Po has been drinking it all morning. Nicky's binder saves the day by pointing Ryan to some extra tea the family has. Outside the Shens' house sit men in dark SUVs.

At the doors of The Forge, Nicky and Zhilan begin to open the door, going on instinct though they have no concrete knowledge of how it works. Pressing an array of buttons and turning some gadgets, the door slides open. Nicky tells Zhilan to call off the men outside her family's home. Zhilan ignores her and they enter the room.

Zhilan begins touching the walls, and in a panicked voice says she doesn't feel anyting. Nicky agrees; "the energy is gone."

Zhilan questions if Nicky knew that the energy was gone. Nicky denies the accusation. They spot a bed; there used to be a sorcerer living in The Forge, protecting it. The sorcerers and their apprentices drew Biange energy from the earth and infused it into The Forge and weapons. Zhilan had assumed they'd died out. Zhilan questions Nicky about what she knows. Nicky tells her about her sighting of a woman in the courtyard with a green glow about her two years ago. Zhilan surmises Pei-Ling raised the alarm about Zhilan's intentions to capture the weapons after she paid her a visit two years ago, causing "Ziqi" to flee. She would another hiding place, somewhere peaceful. Nicky tells Zhilan of a place Pei-Ling spoke of, the ruins of an ancient temple in the Hong Kong mountains.

At Dennis and Althea's tea ceremony, Po Po hands the bride and groom the tea and they serve it to Jin and Mei-Li. Ryan's phone buzzes. It's Nicky asking for Althea's help "I need her help. Like hella bad." Ryan tells her she's in the middle of the tea ceremony and Nicky instructs him to have her sneak and call her back soon. Dennis' sister Chloe talks about how it sucks Nicky has "food poisoning" and can't talk to Althea. She offers to be a distraction, owing Nicky for helping her back then. Chloe tips over a flower vase, causing a commotion. Ryan pulls Althea away telling her that "hella bad" was a code from when they were kids meaning that something terrible was going on. They surmise that she was warning them about something. They peek out the windows and see the SUVs.

Althea calls Nicky and Zhilan back. She asks for help finding the satellite. Althea hacks Gigaping, a common texting app overseas. Zhilan shows Nicky Biange blooms, flowers that bloomed outside The Forge and died when it was abandoned, telling Althea to search for the flowers. They end the call when Althea finds the location.

Evan and police officers pull up to the house. Jin and Mei-Li barge in and ask if Ryan and Althea see what's going on outside. The monks surround Zhilan. Nicky tells her that now that the threat on the Shens is neutralized, she's not going anywhere. Zhilan claims she never needed her attachments to beat Nicky. A gong rings. intruders are swarming the monastery. However, it's not Zhilan's people, it's Russell Tan's.

The monks and Henry go to protect the monastery while Nicky and Zhilan gear up for a showdown. Armed men enter the room where Zhilan and Nicky are, throwing flashbangs and smoke bombs. They take the weapons while the women are disoriented. Zhilan manages to get up and drive away. She and Tan's men have gone to find Ziqi.

In the monks' truck, they give chase. Nicky calls her family back and asks her to promise to have a great time at Althea's wedding. Tearfully telling her she loves them, the call cuts out. The rest of the Shens worriedly look on. Jin and Mei-Li urge Althea to get on with the wedding, trying to carry on Nicky's wishes.

An obscured man confronts the sorcerer Ziqi at a place with the blossoms, indicating it's the new Forge. She asks what's happening and Mr. Tan, who she's obviously familiar with, guides her to the weapons. He tells her that she will recharge the weapons, release Biange, giving him the power. The weapons begin to glow green. Mr. Tan had found her months ago, telling her things could go the hard or easy way. Ziqi and Zhilan collapse and stumble. In the truck, Nicky feels the energy as well.

Ziqi refuses to give up the energy. Russell says that he will take it if she doesn't willingly relinquish it. Nicky and Henry exit the truck, running towards Ziqi, but not before Russell stabs Ziqi. Nicky holds her and Ziqi says that since the warrior is now there, she can let go. The weapons glow brighter and the energy splits; half of the green light flows into Nicky while the other half goes into Zhilan. A shockwave blows everyone back at the redirection of power.

Nicky wakes up in bed, phone buzzing. Evan is telling her ... he missed her? And promising to finally introduce his girlfriend (her) to D.A. Hughes? A figure in a black cloak is seen behind her. Downstairs, Jin greets Nicky with a black eye. He brushes it off as an accident. Mei-Li comes in talking about a lawyer job. Nicky asks what day it is and when she got back from the monastery, which Mei-Li is confused about.

Zhilan awakens to Kerwin asking her to stay with him. She says she has someplace to be and he says there's no place more important for her to be. He tries to get her to stay but she insists on going.

Nicky meets Ryan who is late to work — but not at the clinic. He's abandoned it for more lucrative work. Althea is chatting with Dennis' mom and sister. She pulls Althea aside and asks her for help, explaining what happened with Biange. Althea has no idea what she's talking about. Flashing to the community center, Henry doesn't recognize Nicky. Nicky's tired of being trapped in this bizarro world. She spots the hooded figure and starts chasing her.

Zhilan is now at the monastery, surrounded by the slaughtered monks. Pei-Ling appears; she's the hooded figure. Zhilan asks why she's been led to where she killed Pei-Ling, and tells Pei-Ling she was always trying to stop her concerning Biange. Pei-Ling claims she's trying to reach Zhilan and doesn't blame her for anything. Zhilan angrily demands to know Nicky's whereabouts. Pei-ling tells her this isn't about power, it's about pain. She's trying to use power to escape her pain, but there are other ways: love. Pei-Ling implores her it's never too late to change. Zhilan still has a choice. Zhilan says she's made her choice.

Now Nicky is at the monastery with Pei-Ling, who shows her Guangli, The Forge's original sorcerer, imbuing the weapons with Biange. Nicky asks for Pei-Ling's help destroying Biange. Pei-Ling asks if she truly wants that. She tells Nicky the life she saw was a life without Biange.

Pei-Ling tells Nicky that's what inspired her to jump in her truck all those years back. She tearfully apologizes for holding so much information back from Nicky, thinking they would have more time. Nicky realizes it's really her shifu she's talking to, not a hallucination. Pei-Ling tells her the world needs Biange and to look beyond the duality of good and evil and make her own choice.

Zhilan appears; Pei-Ling disappears. The two rush towards one another, ready to clash. Suddenly, they wake up on the ground outside where they were blasted. They begin to fight, flying through the air in ways that definitely defy physics with seemingly enhanced strength. A vicious battle ensues. Zhilan picks up one set of weapons while Nicky picks up another. As they clash, The weapons break; the energy has left the weapons. Zhilan and Nicky are now the vessels.

Henry begins to wake. Mr Tan and his goons shuffle out of the scuffle. Picking up new weapons, metal meets metal once more. Henry tackles Zhilan, keeping her from striking Nicky. In turn, she slices his arm. Flashing back to her shifu's words, Nicky declares she doesn't want to wield or destroy Biange. It came from the Earth and she's going to send it back to the Earth. It doesn't belong to any person.

Breaking Zhilan's weapon and striking her, green smoke flies out. Nicky is releasing the energy to the environment, "doing the one thing [Zhilan] can't: letting it go." In the final move, Nicky flies through the air and strikes Zhilan, releasing a wave of green. The runes disappear off her hand. Biange is gone from both of them. Nicky holds her at sword-point. Zhilan begs Nicky to kill her, citing she has nothing left. That's not who Nicky is though. She walks away from Zhilan and towards Henry.

Darker now, the cops show up and put Zhilan in the back of a cop car. Henry and Nicky return the sword to the monastery and thank the monks. A memorial is lit up for Pei-Ling.

Nicky returns home. Relieved, Jin and Mei-Li hug her, questioning if it's over. Nicky replies that they're safe and Zhilan is not a threat, but that Biange and their birthright will always remain a part of their family.

Dennis and Althea are about to leave for the Galapagos for their honeymoon when Althea gets a text that Nicky's home "feeling better." She wants to swing by. Dennis offers to bring Nicky a slice of cake. As he walks away, Althea calls him back, telling him Nicky was actually in China. She tells Dennis he needs to know something about Nicky.

Ryan shows Nicky photos of the wedding, thanking her for the binder. As Nicky asks how is was "riding solo," Ryan coyly claims he hooked up with one of the groomsmen. Telling him about fighting Zhilan, Nicky admits she flew again and that it wasn't physics after all (a callback to her early-season shenanigans). She explains Biange wasn't good or evil and that she sent it out into the world, dispersing it not destroying it. Nicky tells him that she had to, "give up the juice so no more flying," but that she feels different. What that means? "Stay tuned."

At a restaurant, Evan meets Nadia the secretary from the DA's office. He tells her that Russell Tan nearly killed Nicky a few days ago and that he's buying up a lot of influential people, including D.A. Hughes. Claiming Nadia knows more than she's letting on, he demands information with an intimidating glower on his face.

Mr. Tan talks to Kerwin, who's unconscious but twitching, hooked up to a plethora of machines. He tells him that he tried to warn him about Zhilan. However, the whole thing made him see clearly. While Zhilan's no longer a threat, Nicky doesn't know that she has a cousin who he's been keeping tabs on. A young girl is seen at Mei-Xue's gravestone. Now that the weapons are destroyed, and Biange is floating around freely, "she's the key to everything."

Nicky and Henry are seen kissing outside. He asks after her family who is proud of her. She asks after his sliced arm, which is better. He jokes that now they have matching scars. Asking what's next for her, Nicky tells him the monks are safe, Zhilan's in jail, the weapons are buried or destroys, and Biange has been distributed. As they make plans to get boba (Henry remembers her order now!) they walk away, and a Biange bloom spouts out of the concrete.



# Year of the Tiger: Part 1

Season 2 Episode Number: 14 Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Wednesday March 09, 2022

Writer: Christina M. Kim, Robert Berens

Director: Joe Menendez

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan)

Guest Stars: Kee Chan (Russell Tan), Wei Chung (Damian Wu), Marissa Cuevas

(Nadia), Erik Gow (Servant), Janet Kidder (District Attorney Hughes), Leslie Kwan (Thief #1), Ludi Lin (Kerwin Tan), Yvette Lu (Family Nurse), Malcolm Masters (Police Officer #1), Luvia Petersen (Sasha Beals), Annie Q. (Juliette Tan), Fei Ren (Boazhai), Amos Stern (Sergeant Fergu-

son), JB Tadena (Sebastian), Vanessa Yao (Mia)

Production Code: T13.23351

Summary: With the Lunar New Year around the corner, a more confident and

grounded Nicky finds herself in a great place in her relationship with Henry and with her family. However, when a break-in at the Shen residence leaves her shaken, Nicky, with the help of Evan, begins to suspect that Russell Tan may be involved. Elsewhere, as Mei-Li and Jin prepare for the New Year at Harmony Dumplings, Althea begins to question whether she made the right decision re-entering the workforce. Finally, an unexpected guest at the Shen's New Year's Eve dinner

rocks the family to their core.



The episode opens on Nicky kicking ass and taking names in Chinatown, bringing down several thieves with her martial arts skills and connection to the neighborhood. Meanwhile, Harmony Dumplings is thriving, to Mei-Li's pride. Althea, Ryan, Henry, Dennis, and Nicky all gather to celebrate Ryan's graduation from med school. He's waiting to hear where he will go for his residency, and as Althea tells it, he's been celebrating via a string of hookups around town. Althea just started a fancy new job as a proud Dennis tells the group she's doing amazing. Henry and Nicky's relationship is solid, and all

seems well.

But Althea is having a hard time with her new job. Her boss Gwen is laid back, only focusing on their start up getting bought out by a larger company rather than the quality of the product. Althea tells Dennis she can't leave. After spending a year out of the workforce, she will have a hard time getting hired anywhere else. He comforts her, revealing their pet names for each other are "Pebbles" and "Bam Bam."

Harmony Dumplings is so busy that Mei-Li doesn't even have time to interview a new line cook, Sebastian. Ryan arrives and immediately clocks the newcomer, but any romantic prospects

are quickly dashed by Mei-Li fussing over him, even noting that Ryan is "not even athletic" when he mentions training with Nicky (moms, gotta love them). In desperation, Mei-Li hires Sebastian on the spot, not even asking about his qualifications.

Jin urges Mei-Li to slow down and actually enjoy their massive success. She's too stressed, and Sebastian offers to help her cook the Shen New Year's dinner. Turns out, he's a highly skilled chef. Mei-Li and Jin's jaws drop as they realize the answer to their prayers has arrived.

In China, Zhilan sits in prison mentally reliving her greatest hits, from killing Pei-Ling to stabbing Kerwin. The other inmates dislike her, with one calling her a "sister killer." Zhilan clutches her necklace. Later that night, the ringleader of the bullies steals it as they beat her, leaving Zhilan sobbing alone on the floor. Pei-Ling appears to her in a vision, telling her it's time to face everything she's done.

Evan has been trying to help Henry and Nicky look into Russell Tan, and he warns them that his plans are hard to figure out (especially since his own boss is on the billionaire's payroll). While Nicky is concerned, she tells Henry and Evan that she needs to have some fun instead of waiting for something bad to happen.

But the other shoe drops sooner than expected as Nicky is accosted by an intruder in the Shen home. They fight, and Nicky is surprised to find the mysterious stranger matches her skills. The other fighter gets away as Nicky chases her outside. The police arrive to investigate along with Henry. Henry wonders if maybe the intruder is related to Nicky's last six months of crime fighting, but Nicky says this felt different. She felt a connection to this person.

Ryan has been tracking Nicky's skills to see if she's a "superhero," and he thinks the Biange energy remained with her after her Zhilan fight. Nicky brushes it off, wanting to focus on the mysterious intruder.

Evan and Nadia continue to work together, but DA Hughes picks up on the tension between them. She incorrectly pegs it as romantic interest, but she's not wrong about there being something going on. Nadia brings Evan information on Sasha Beals, a mercenary who just returned to San Francisco. It could be the mysterious stranger from the night before. Turns out, she's worked with Russell Tan before. On a hunch, Nicky rushes to her and Henry's research stash to find it's all gone. In Russell Tan's mansion, the billionaire watches over a comatose Kerwin. Sasha waltzes in, saying that if he wants to go after Nicky, she's going to need backup, implying that she wasn't the one in the Shen's house.

Althea helps Nicky and Henry track Sasha. But when they get there, they realize that Sasha can't be the one who attacked Nicky. They find a gold bangle with the research, and Nicky calls Mei-Li to see if she recognizes it. It's a custom made bracelet — Po Po had one made for Mei-Xue and Mei-Li. Nicky realizes the stranger is Mei-Xue's daughter.

Evan and Nadia work late on research, but after she leaves, the intruder arrives at Evan's house. She knocks poor Evan out, and when he wakes up, she interrogates him. Back at the Shen house, Nicky calls Duke in Nash Creek, who tells her a girl showed up months ago looking for information. Realizing Evan is in danger, Nicky rushes to his apartment and reveals herself to the girl, telling her they're family.

The girl's name is Mia, and she reveals to Nicky that she was raised alone in her cabin with Mei-Xue and never knew about her family. She left when she was 16, making her own way to New York. Mia says six months earlier, Sasha and her team found Mia living on the streets and killed all her friends. Mia tried to make her way back to her mother, only to find that Mei-Xue had died while she was away. Nicky assures Mia that she's safe as all the lights turn off. A gunfight breaks out, and Sasha kidnaps Mia while Nicky runs after her. Evan is able to shoot out the tires on the getaway car and Nicky rescues Mia. Sasha claims Tan doesn't know where Mia is as Henry arrives, having defeated the other hired attackers.

After the events of the episode, the Shens gather for New Year's Eve dinner. Nicky brings Mia and introduces her as Mei-Xue's daughter. Jin embraces her immediately, and while Mei-Li is in shock, she also invites Mia to eat with them. Later, Mei-Li asks Nicky if Mia is in danger. When Nicky admits she is, Mei-Li asks Nicky to promise to keep Mia safe. She doesn't want to lose Mei-Xue again.

# Year of the Tiger: Part 2

Season 2 Episode Number: 15 Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Wednesday March 16, 2022 Writer: Ryan Johnson, Peter Lalayanis

Director: Joe Menendez

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan) JB Tadena (Sebastian), Edi Patterson (Gwen), Annie Q. (Juliette Tan),

Andrew Tinpo Lee (Frank), Vanessa Yao (Mia), Christina Ma (Mei-Xue), Kee Chan (Russell Tan), Ludi Lin (Kerwin Tan), Nicco Del Rio (Chuck), Shay Galor (Reporter), Tristan Liu (Tony Kang), Yvette Lu (Family

Nurse), Fei Ren (Boazhai), Amos Stern (Cop)

Production Code: T13.23352

**Guest Stars:** 

Summary: Nicky tries to help her newly discovered cousin Mia understand her

new reality; as Nicky and Evan follow a lead involving one of Russell Tan's mercenaries, Henry keeps an eye on Mia at the community cen-

ter.



Evan's been digging deeper into Sasha's dealings. He's found a connection: a vehicle access pass to a warehouse on the docks — Tony Kang's turf. If you don't remember, Tony Kang put Jin in the hospital last season and was extorting Harmony Dumplings. As he relays all of this to our favorite fighting Shen, Nicky wants to flesh out the connection between Tony and Tan's kidnapping plan in order to take him down. Evan can only hold Sasha

for 24 hours, so the race is on.

Nicky decides to go this one alone, trading Ryan for her shift at the restaurant and leaving Henry to watch Mia. Down at the docks, she spots Kang and his goons. With Hughes onto Evan, Russell will know Mia wasn't apprehended as soon as the mercs hit the system; he doesn't think they'll be taking Tan down today. So of course Nicky barges in, beats up a guy, and demands to talk to Kang. She proposes a deal: Tony gives her information linking Tan to the kidnapping plot and Kang reclaims his spot as the city's top crime boss. While he refuses to give her any outright proof, he does give Nicky a lead on some shady people Tan hired to build the holding tank for Mia: Verdok Construction.

Evan looks into the company, which is leading the demo on lots of Tan's new acquisitions. Everything seems above board. However, after ruthlessly pursuing the last property he needed at the marina to complete the set, Tan pulled his bid for the Red Pearl building that morning — suspicious. Althea discovers a purchase from the same morning by Verdok for a large amount of demolition explosives. Evan doesn't think it's a coincidence; there are signs that Tan sabotaged another property via explosion a while back to buy the property dirt cheap. Unfortunately, the property currently in question is smack dab in the middle of where the Lunar New Year festival will be.

Evan calls in the bomb squad, but everything comes up clean. They've got nothing, and Mia's still in danger of getting kidnapped by Tan's goons. Nicky decides she needs to tell Mia what's

going on. She tells Henry to get her to safety. Evan offers to put a detail on Mia, but nothing seems to come of it. Nicky sees a Verdok van pull up in an alley and follows the construction crew. In doing so, she finds the bomb in the basement of the building ... which promptly blows up (hidden by the noise of the festival's fireworks) before she can run away in time.

Likely due to that Biange-induced strength, Nicky is somehow not dead after being buried in rubble. She sees the construction guys pull out an artifact from the wreckage, which is what Tan was after the whole time. After nearly getting caught by the workers, Nicky relays to Evan Tan's plans to recover buried artifacts. After the mission comes out as a monumental loss on all fronts, Henry comforts a battered Nicky.

At the Shens' house, Mia listens to the tapes Mei-Xue left behind but is unable to derive any meaning from the encoded messages on them. Nicky presses her to try and find a connection, but Mia is clearly overwhelmed and retires upstairs to stay in Nicky's room. There she finds a jacket of Mei-Xue's that Nicky had previously discovered and kept. Nicky gives it to her. There seems to be something hidden in the lining; after ripping it, Mia discovers an old photo of Mei-Xue and a man. A message from Mei-Xue is written on the back. Mia doesn't reveal what she's found.

While Nicky's off doing her thing, Mia and Henry hang at the community center. Mia is fixated on the research that she previously stole from Nicky and Henry. Henry shows her a panther symbol for one of the guardian families that Mia's fixated on. Questioning why she's so interested all of a sudden, Mia reveals the photo: she believes she's the product of guardian and warrior bloodlines crossing. This is a reason Tan could be after Mia. Henry tries to help Mia find her dad.

They sit down and try to isolate where Mei-Xue and Mia's dad might have crossed paths based on Mei-Xue's letters. Mia says she doesn't recognize any of the places but fixates on a picture of Hebao Island, thinking back to Mei-Xue's note and the line about the island waves. Henry gets Nicky's messages and says they have to go, but Mia runs off.

Nicky, Evan, and Henry look for Mia after Nicky's blast incident. Nicky begs Mia to stay and let them help, but Mia shakes her off saying they may be related, but they're not family. As she goes to leave, Nicky tries to stop her, but weak from the blast, Mia gets some hits in and runs.

Picking up where the last episode left off, we see Pei-Ling's spirit tell Zhilan that she must face what she's done. Having just lost the Zhang family pendant denoting their guardian status to the top dog inmates, Zhilan theorizes she's going mad. Rather than embrace what Pei-Ling has to say, she lashes out. Zhilan isn't sorry about her actions, only that she failed. She felt that all of her suffering would have been worth it if she had only succeeded in getting her revenge on Russell. Pei-Ling tells Zhilan that currently, she's past redemption; she's withering away in prison and needs to decide if she wants to live.

Those words come in handy as Russell and Juliette Tan send mercenaries to kill Zhilan in prison. She does not go quietly in the night. Oh no, she takes out every single guard in a glorious but brutal display of skill. The inmate ringleader who had been messing with Zhilan witnesses the whole thing. The next thing we know, Zhilan has switched uniforms with her, leaving the inmate presumably dead in the isolation area, and is seen walking out of the prison, having left the pendant on her body double.

Poor Althea is still having a rough time settling into the lounge culture at her new job. In fact, her boss gets upset with her for helping Nicky investigate Verdok on the side and trying to do work in a nap pod. Althea confronts her about the company doing the bare minimum instead of applying themselves to be great, but Gwen and the rest of the employees like the laid-back environment. Althea tells her that it doesn't make her happy and walks out.

### The Bell

Season 2 Episode Number: 16 Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Wednesday March 23, 2022

Writer: Brian Anthony Director: Winnifred Jong

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan)

Guest Stars: Annie Q. (Juliette Tan), JB Tadena (Sebastian), Andrew Tinpo Lee

(Frank), Kee Chan (Russell Tan), Ludi Lin (Kerwin Tan), Jag Bal (Ronnie), Nickolas Baric (Tan Guard), Michael Dahlen (Security Guard #4), Christopher Jane (Security Guard #1), Uzoma Onuoha (Security Guard #3), Dustin Pedersen (Security Guard #2), Patricia Pemberton

(Bridget Ross)

Production Code: T13.23353

Summary: After a mishap forces her to reevaluate her plan against Russell Tan,

Nicky turns her attention to finding out what Kerwin is up to after learning he's back in the fold; Jin offers help to an old friend at the

Chinatown Arts Collective.



Jin goes to see Frank at the collective, bearing dumplings from Mei-Li. They reminisce about old times, and Jin offers Frank money to help with the studio. Frank reveals that it's too late; he's closing down soon. The studio next door offered to buy him out, and he laments that Chinatown has changed. He can't keep the collective running on his own.

This sparks a realization in Jin, and he tells Mei-Li that he is leaving Harmony Dumplings to pursue his dreams of preserving the Chinatown they love before

it's gone. He knows she can do it on her own now, and it truly makes her happy. Mei-Li is supportive, but sad about losing her partner.

Althea's rage quit incident has gone viral, and she's fielding multiple job offers. Meanwhile, Ryan goes looking for his parents only to find Sebastian eating lunch with the staff. He shares that he matched at UCSF for his residency, and Sebastian calls him out on not being particularly thrilled. Ryan claims it was his first choice, his dream for years, but we see that he seems to be questioning something.

Althea and Ryan meet, waiting for Nicky, and both share their news. Like Sebastian, Althea calls Ryan out for his lack of enthusiasm. Ryan says he's put off a lot of things in anticipation of getting his match outside of San Francisco, including traveling the world, and now he's not going anywhere. He wonders when he will have time for adventure.

While helping Nicky with the case (more on that later), Althea realizes she likes being in charge and decides to become her own boss. Ryan comes to his own realization: that with Nicky by his side, he'll have plenty of adventure without leaving his hometown. He even gets in some quick flirting with Sebastian.

Nicky wakes Henry up with some early morning, insomnia induced exercising. She's worried about Mia and theorizing over where she could have gone. Henry is reassuring and supportive (and shirtless) as always, once again putting in some serious work for the Best Boyfriend Ever award.

Kerwin is being grilled by an interviewer who questions where he's been. He explains it away with a fake car accident and gushes about how excited he is to work with his father again as Russell and Juliette look on.

Henry and Nicky hit the books, with Henry discovering the bell was originally sent to Chinatown as a gift before being buried under the city. Evan texts Nicky that Kerwin is back, sending her a link to an article profiling him. Nicky wants to try and get Kerwin on their side, and even as Henry is skeptical, he agrees to try.

They confront Kerwin, with Nicky getting digs in about Kerwin's status in the family. Kerwin thinks Zhilan is dead after the hit at the prison, and Nicky realizes he's faking his cooperation to get revenge on his father for her "death." She suggests they talk. They tell him that the best way to get revenge is to make sure the bell is out of Russell's hands. Henry even flatters Kerwin, saying that Nicky, Henry, and Zhilan couldn't stop Russell, but that Kerwin can.

Kerwin tries to fish for information as Juliette is suspicious. He manages to get a diagram of the bell to Nicky and Henry. He mentions he found something in his father's plans about a combination warrior/guardian as Nicky and Henry try to act like this is news to them. But the "butterfly" Kerwin mentions is clearly Mia as they find photos of her amid the documents Kerwin has. Kerwin mentions that this butterfly is sacrificed in the larger plan Russell is building towards, which concerns Nicky. Kerwin tells them that the bell will only be in his house for one more night before being moved to a maximum security location, meaning Nicky and Henry only have one night to steal it. He gives them the map of the compound before leaving.

Henry and Nicky regroup with Althea and Ryan to figure out how to destroy the bell. Ryan remembers some good old college chemistry that will allow Henry and Nicky to destroy the bell quickly, while Althea works on getting the chemicals they need. Nicky invites Ryan along on the break in attempt when it becomes clear they need his chemical expertise.

Kerwin walks in on Juliette and Russell discussing Mia. Juliette reveals they pulled out of the company's charity dinner, meaning they'll both be at home when Nicky and Henry break in. He suffers through the world's most awkward dinner as the trio break in. Kerwin sneaks away to help them, but Juliette catches him. He pretends all his sneaking around is to try to catch up, claiming that he wants to know what's going on so he can be involved. He says he only needs five minutes, and a flattered Juliette gives in. He opens the gate so the trio can enter.

Ryan gets to work on the bell, but a worker enters and sets off the security alarms. At the same time, a newly freed Zhilan makes her way to the Tan compound, just missing her chance to kill Russell when the alarms go off. The worker is accidentally injured with a knife, causing Ryan to stop destroying the bell to help. Zhilan makes her way towards the antiquities room where the alarm is kept as Kerwin urges Nicky to leave.

Zhilan finds Kerwin in Russell's office, and both look shocked that the other is still alive. He asks her why she tried to kill him, and she says it was never about their relationship. She loved him, but she needed to destroy Russell. She goes to leave, intent on killing Russell, but Kerwin stops her. He doesn't want her to win, even as Zhilan points out that Russell does not care about him.

They fight, with Zhilan getting progressively more upset as she realizes he has no intention of letting her get to his father. She tearfully asks him to stand down, telling him she's only there for Russell and that she doesn't want to hurt Kerwin. He says she already has. He tells her that he also wants Russell to pay, but that going after his family or the man himself won't really do it.

Nicky and Henry finish melting down the bell as Ryan looks after the worker. As the security guards close in, they escape with a laptop containing more information. But the bell isn't fully destroyed. The three celebrate with drinks as Henry gets a text message from his estranged father.

Meanwhile, Juliette is busy placating her angry father. She tells him she can build another device that will mimic the tones of the bell, which was the important part anyway. She just needs time and resources. Both Kerwin and Zhilan leave separately, with Zhilan going after Mia to get back at Russell.

### Clementine

Season 2 Episode Number: 17 Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Wednesday March 30, 2022

Writer: Richard Lowe
Director: Richard Speight, Jr.

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan) Annie Q. (Juliette Tan), Richard Speight Jr. (Leif), Briana Buckmas-

ter (Tamra), Terry Chen (Daniel Yan), Janet Kidder (District Attorney Hughes), Ryan Handley (Goon #1), Dorren Lee (Yuen Oye), Kelsey Lopes (Courtney), Colton Mackie (Benny), Bola Omodara (Goon #2),

Sandra Shapiro (Dawn), Zarina Sterling (Brittney)

Production Code: T13.23354

**Guest Stars:** 

Summary: After finding himself in a bind, Dennis turns to Nicky for help, leading

them to uncover an auto theft ring in Chinatown. Elsewhere, when an argument about family causes Henry and Nicky to have their first real fight, Henry reluctantly reconnects with his estranged father. Finally, Evan is forced to make a difficult decision that could cost him his job.



Althea's having a rough time on her first day of her new startup. Dennis naturally comes by to try and help her feel better, taking her car, Clementine, to get the team some encouraging food. That's where the trouble starts.

Dennis Soong, supportive husband that he is, took Clementine, Althea's pride and joy, for a ride. Bad idea. While trying to get Althea's team some pineapple buns on their first day to snack on, Dennis leaves Clementine's engine running. In and out in less than 30 seconds, Den-

nis emerges to find Clementine... gone.

While Nicky and Henry are researching, Dennis barges in, freaking out about Clementine. The police were no help in trying to get her back. Begging for Nicky's help finding her, the two pay Evan a trip to try and get some help. Evan tells them about a string of carjackings around the city, focusing mostly on easy targets (crimes of opportunity... like leaving the engine running). He agrees they should try and use Ryan's car as bait to lure the thieves out.

Ryan, Dennis, and Nicky do a stakeout and catch a girl trying to steal Ryan's car. She tells them she doesn't know anything; the robbery was a one time gig and she did it for rent money. They use her to text a number to get the drop-off location. Feeling bad, Dennis gives her cash for rent. Ryan splits off to investigate a clue about the hospital Mia was born at — information they got from Mei-Li telling Po Po about Mia. Po Po found this out having tracked a mysterious one-off phone call from Mei-Xue 20 years back to a hospital.

At the community center, Althea barges in, furious at Dennis ghosting her all day (and receiving a bank notif about a lot of money leaving their account). She wants to know what's going on. After telling Althea the truth and getting a hit on the location of the party where Clementine is supposed to get blow up, Althea storms away from him, clearly still upset.

Nicky, Althea, and Dennis arrive at the party. Leif introduces himself and his girl Tamra, aka "Lady T", who gives the crew the party's wild offerings of the night. These include a shotgun range with rifles, drugs (complimentary of course — "we're not drug dealers"), and... karaoke? After some inquiry, we learn Clem's already claimed for someone to blow up.

Nicky wanders off to try and send pictures of the cars to Evan so the police can bust the party, but there's no cell connection. Althea realizes there are signal jammers. Dennis' cover is blown by someone he knows and Leif and Tamra come to escort them out back. The security guys fund Nicky snooping around in the garage and try to apprehend her — key word being try as she gives them a frankly embarrassing beat down. Come on guys, you literally make a living being security.

Out back, Leif orders the remaining private security to kill Althea and Dennis and find Nicky and do the same. They refuse, so he takes a gun from one guy. As he's poised to shoot, Nicky flies out of nowhere and disarms him. After another (embarrassing) beat down, the seemingly defeated Leif takes advantage of a moment of Nicky's distraction and runs to Clem, peeling out the lot. Nicky and co. jump in a car to give chase. With only one way to stop Leif, Nicky taps Clem. Clem survives! Leif gets out and tries to run but Nicky stops him... only to reveal that there are explosives in the trunk about to blow.

Dennis apologizes to his wife. Althea says it wasn't really Clem she was angry about but that Dennis felt like he couldn't tell her the truth about what was going on. Dennis says he just wanted to be perfect for Althea, not wanting her to realize she's too good for him, an insecurity stretching back to high school. She tells him he's never going to be perfect and neither is she, but she loves him and that mistakes in their partnership will only make them stronger as they tackle them together. They kiss and make up, then Clementine goes boom in the background, meeting her untimely end. While Althea cries, everyone is okay and the perp is apprehended.

Henry and Nicky are having a steamy moment before duty calls. Henry checks on the encryption decoder algorithm Althea was running on the laptop they stole from Tan's mansion. Like last episode, we see Henry's dad call him. This time Nicky notices. After he doesn't answer, she tries to urge him to reconcile with his dad, pointing out how she managed to mend bridges with her family after up and leaving for the monastery. Henry snaps at her and there's palpable tension.

Later, Nicky and Henry find out Tan was building a database of guardians from the laptop and theorize they can find Mia's dad by looking through it. Dennis suddenly barges in freaked about losing Clementine. Dennis convinces Nicky to help him find Clem and Henry is left alone. While they're gone, he listens to a voicemail from his dad, which says he closed out the family safe deposit box and to swing by if he needs his birth certificate, social security card, etc.

Henry decides to visit his dad who is happy but surprised he came. As they're talking, a woman — presumably a girlfriend — awkwardly interrupts and leaves. His dad asks after him but Henry shuts it down, asking for his things. He also inquires after his Tai Po's ring. His dad asks what it's for.

He gives the ring to Henry and tells the story of how he and Henry's Mom met. He innocently (or so it seems) asks about Henry's girl. Henry keeps it vague, saying he's not planning on proposing any time soon but knows that Nicky's it. His dad says that's good because settling down too young was his worst mistake. Henry gets angry at that, as his father left his mother and left Henry with his Ah Po to raise him alone. Henry leaves without the ring, saying when the time is right he'll pick one out on his own.

At the community center, Henry catches Nicky in the library. They both apologize for their respective parts in their fight. Henry tells Nicky about visiting his dad and says it gave him clarity; his dad is his past, but Nicky is his future. The two kiss before Ryan barges in, effectively ending the moment. He says that though Mia and Mei-Xue are listed under pseudonyms, the hospital found the Kell antigen in Mia's blood, which is extremely rare (and has genetic modes of transmission). They use Tan's laptop database to plug in the info, trying to find Mia's dad — who presumably has the same antigen. They get a name: John Liu. The three make plans to track him down and find Mia.

Henry's dad and the mysterious woman are shown talking about Henry's refusal to break up with Nicky over tea. They ominously speak about needing to separate them for the sake of "the mission" — which doesn't bode well for our favorite couple.

Things are not looking up for our boy. At work, dirty DA Hughes calls Evan into a meeting with none other than Juliette Tan. Juliette claims that her family is being targeted — citing the

mansion break-in as evidence for suspicion. Hughes hopes to pull traffic cam footage and catch the perps — which are Nicky, Henry, and Ryan if you don't remember. Evan's assigned to the case. The whole thing feels very off, especially with a knowing smirk on Juliette's face during the meeting.

After meeting with Juliette, Evan texts Nicky not to come back to his office. He meets her and Dennis at the community center and tells her he'll do everything he can to protect them from the investigation. He also traces the Clementine's drop location to a property owned by a guy named Leif Winzig, an ex-con who tried to go legit in Silicon Valley, but failed. After that, he got into the business finding exotic forms of entertainment for rich people: tigers and bazookas and explosives, oh my! Dennis recognizes the name and makes some calls. His sister Chloe knows someone who gets Nicky, Evan, and Dennis information about him. Leif and a mysterious woman are holding an exclusive party where the main event will be... to blow up cars, including Clementine.

Back at the office, Evan reviews traffic cam footage on the streets Nicky told him they traveled on the night of the break-in. A license plate can be seen, but nothing else. He deletes the video and empties the trash.

Nicky texts Evan asking about "the investigation". Evan responds he took care of it. Back at the office, Evan tells DA Hughes the footage was clean, but she shuts the door and yells at him about tampering with evidence; the whole thing was a trap. She made a copy of the tapes before they hit Evan's desk. She demands to know who Evan's protecting. Evan asks how deep she's in with the Tans. Hughes tells him she wants his resignation.

On a phone call with Russell, Juliette says she got another one of their obstacles, Evan, out of the way. She also has a lead on Mia, who's heading straight for her father.

### Reunion

Season 2 Episode Number: 18 Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Wednesday April 06, 2022

Writer: A.C. Allen

Director: David Grossman

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan) Marissa Cuevas (Nadia), JB Tadena (Sebastian), Andrew Tinpo Lee

Guest Stars: Marissa Cuevas (Nadia), JB Tadena (Sebastian), Andrew Tinpo Lee

(Frank), Jim Lau (John Liu), Janet Kidder (District Attorney Hughes), Vanessa Yao (Mia), Sebastian Cordoba (Oliberto), Kelsey Lopes (Court-

ney), Sandra Shapiro (Dawn)

Production Code: T13.23355

Summary: After receiving a new clue that could lead to Mia's whereabouts, Nicky

and Henry race to find her before Russell Tan's forces do. Meanwhile, Mei-Li is tested when a new restaurant opens nearby, and Althea con-

tinues to struggle with the challenges of work.



Mei-Li gets a brochure in the mail for a new restaurant, Melody Dumplings. They claim to have faster wait times than Harmony Dumplings, and Mei-Li is angry. It's revealed to be even worse when her old line cook joins the new restaurant. Sebastian tries to cheer her up by telling her that if she wasn't beating the competition, they wouldn't be trying to imitate her. He buys some dumplings from the competition for them to taste test, trying to get to know their enemy. The dumplings are no match for Mei-Li's, and

both are relieved. It raises Mei-Li's spirits in the way Sebastian intended, and Mei-Li tells him how glad she is to have him around now that Jin has left. Sebastian is touched by the compliment, and his harder edges begin to soften.

Meanwhile, Ryan decides to clear the air with Sebastian. He says he doesn't want things to be weird between them as Sebastian realizes his too-cool attitude might have cost him his shot. At the bar that night, Sebastian texts Ryan to meet for drinks. He tells Ryan that he can't stop thinking about him. Sebastian confesses that he loves Harmony Dumplings and is scared of ruining his chance to grow with the restaurant instead of moving on like he usually does. He doesn't want to get involved with the boss' son. Ryan makes a bold move, leaning in for a kiss. It seems that even if it's a bad idea, both Sebastian and Ryan are on board for now.

Althea's start-up is quickly outgrowing her house, but she doesn't want to take a loan offered by her in-laws. She's indecisive, and her team is losing confidence. Needing her baba in more ways than one, Althea asks Jin for help with her spotty electricity. He ends up providing her a lead on an office space and some fatherly advice.

The new office space in Jin's friend's art studio comes with a burst of inspiration for Althea, who decides on a new focus for her company. She will start a new social network called I Know Someone, which will aim to help users make local connections in their communities.

The Shens are all in on the search for Mia, working off of their limited information. They know Mia is looking for her father, John Liu, who is a Guardian. The crew run down information on potential John Liu matches worldwide. Their list gets narrower and narrower with each new lead, but they're still no closer to finding their match.

Evan arrives to help with the search, and Nicky apologizes for what happened with his job. Evan offers to have Nadia hack get the files the DA office has on Mia, and while Nicky doesn't want him taking any risks, Nadia is willing to help. She hacks into his files, covering her tracks with the DA by claiming she texted Evan an inappropriate picture and needed to delete it.

This information leads to a Mia sighting in Reno, and Althea hacks into a bus schedule. They realize one of the John Liu possibilities lives in one of the towns on the bus line. Realizing it's faster to drive, they decide to head to Medford, Oregon to track down Mia.

Henry and Nicky go on the road trip together, with Nicky seeing Pei-Ling again. She confides her worries about Mia to her shifu, and Pei-Ling advises her to be flexible and trust her instincts.

In Oregon, Mia shows up on John Liu's doorstep as one of Tan's men watches from his car. Mia wants answers, and John tells Mia he truly loved Mei-Xue. He was assigned to protect the crossbow while Mei-Xue was looking for the sword. John tells Mia that they knew they had to separate once Mia arrived — it would be too dangerous to have people know that there was a child of a Warrior and a Guardian. John claims he wasn't the one who buried Mei-Xue but that he thought of Mia every day. He was scared to try to find them in case their enemies followed him. But as Mia tearfully tells her story, John receives a text. It turns out he was the one who tipped off the Tan family to her arrival. He injects her with a medication, saying that he wishes she didn't come.

Nicky and Henry arrive too late to save Mia, but it turns out the Tans aren't the only ones after her. Zhilan is waiting for them. She mocks Nicky for not being able to protect Mia so far, but they both ultimately have the same goal: keep Mia away from Russell Tan. They are forced to team up. Zhilan has one of Tan's men, and she will make him talk.

Henry and Nicky are understandably not thrilled with the idea of torture. Nicky asks for five minutes alone with the prisoner. She reminds him that Tan will kill him whether he talks or not, and if he doesn't talk to Nicky, Zhilan will make his death even more painful. If he talks to Nicky about where Mia is located, she'll give him the chance to escape Tan and start over. He takes the deal. Zhilan still wants to kill him to tie up loose ends, noting that this lackey will just call Tan and tell him Nicky is coming if she lets him go now. Nicky compromises: Henry will stay to guard the man while Nicky and Zhilan go after Mia.

At Tan's facility, John tells Mia that Tan knew about Mia months ago and approached John. He threatened to kill his new family if he didn't give Mia up, also revealing that it was Tan who killed Mei-Xue. Nicky and Zhilan make a deal: they will work together to find Mia and let her choose which of them she goes with. Nicky adds a caveat: no killing anyone in the process (cue the eyeroll from Zhilan). Working together, they take down all of the guards, with Zhilan reaching Mia first. She speeds off with Mia on her bike, leaving Nicky in the dust.

At a safe house, Mia asks Zhilan why she's protecting her and how she knows who Mia is. Zhilan says that all she knows about Mia is that Tan is after her, and that's all the reason she needs to step in. Zhilan asks Mia to join her and help make Russell Tan pay. Nicky tracks down Zhilan and Mia. Nicky warns Mia that Zhilan is a killer who isn't to be trusted, and Zhilan concedes that Nicky is right. But Zhilan reminds Mia that they're dealing with Russell Tan, and to take him down they need to be willing to do whatever it takes.

Zhilan attacks Nicky, but Mia steps in between them. Mia goes to Nicky, throwing Zhilan off of her in a display hinting at her strength as a Warrior and a Guardian. Nicky asks Mia what she wants to do, and Mia says she doesn't know. She wants to go after Russell Tan, but she knows she can't trust Zhilan. Nicky offers to bring her back to San Francisco, noting that the whole Shen family wants to help Mia even after she ran away. Mia agrees to go with Nicky and Henry. Back at home, the Shens welcome Mia with a breakfast feast. With her family around her, Mia finally realizes she's home, no matter what comes next.

## Jyu Sa

Season 2 Episode Number: 19 Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Wednesday April 13, 2022

Writer: Matt Young
Director: Kristin Windell

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan) Annie Q. (Juliette Tan), JB Tadena (Sebastian), K.C. Clyde (Chase

Matheson), Vanessa Yao (Mia), Terry Chen (Daniel Yan), Kee Chan (Russell Tan), David Beairsto (Jacob Sloan), Toby Berner (Phil Dean), Michael Cha (Eric Han), Michael A. Cheng (Li Jiaming), Tammy Hui (Cheri Tien), Ken Lawson (Grover Charles), Lillian Lim (Mrs. Zhao), C.

Douglas Quan (Mr. Peng), Ian Ronningen (Tan Bodyguard #1)

Production Code: T13.23356

**Guest Stars:** 

Summary: A tip from Evan leads Nicky and Mia to a secret meeting. Nicky begins

to question her relationship with Mia. Henry's findings lead him to an

expert that may help him decipher his research.



At The Collective, poor Jin is managing the egos of two competitive Chinatown family grocers miffed that their rival is included in the exhibit. Mei-Li tries to help him smooth things over to no avail. But the Shens are not to be deterred. They gather the Pengs and the Zhaos as they recount their own first meeting story. They disagree about how the first date really went, but yet, they can both tell their stories. Jin wants the families to tell their story together, and the Pengs and the Zhaos reluctantly agree. They create

a new art piece telling the story of their feud and how they've grown since their beginnings.

Dennis is heavily invested in painting his miniature goblin figurines when Althea comes in. After some gentle teasing, Althea asks what's wrong since Dennis only paints when he's stressed. Dennis wants to cancel the party. He got the job because of his parents' connections, and he feels strange celebrating what he views as a nepotism promotion. Althea tells him that while nepotism helped him get a foot in the door, it was his own skills that got him the promotion.

The party is complicated by the arrival of Chase, Althea's former boss and the man who assaulted her. Dennis asks if Althea wants to leave the bar, but Althea doesn't want to let Chase ruin their night. Chase tries to use his "Chase 2.0" persona to get past Althea's defenses, but she's had enough. She tells him her life is going great, while he will always be a pathetic creep. In a hilarious move, she says she fantasized about throwing a drink in his face before shrugging and chugging it in one gulp. He's not worth it. But Chase isn't done. As the group leaves, Chase tells Dennis that his father never fully cut business ties with Chase even after Althea came forward publicly. It seems there's a lot his parents aren't telling him about the family business. Later that night, Dennis calls his father to find out what's really going on.

Sebastian visits Ryan at the clinic, kissing him passionately as Dayglow's "Can I Call You Tonight?" plays. It's romantic and sweet, with Ryan inviting Sebastian to a party celebrating

Dennis' promotion for their first official date. Sebastian hesitates at first, but when Ryan reassures him that his parents won't be there, Sebastian agrees.

At the party, Sebastian senses that Nicky has more going on than meets the eye as Ryan tries to throw him off the scent. Ryan eventually asks Sebastian to trust him: he'll share more about the Shen family secrets when he's ready. When Chase tries to send his bodyguards after Dennis, Sebastian steps in and handles them with ease while a surprised Ryan looks on. Later, Ryan asks where Sebastian learned to fight. Sebastian says that while there's things Ryan isn't ready to talk about yet with regards to his family, this is something Sebastian isn't ready to share with Ryan just yet.

Mia and Nicky are training together, with Nicky acting as a mentor to her cousin. But their relationship appears a bit strained as Mia chafes against Nicky as an authority figure. Pei-Ling appears in a vision to urge Nicky to push Mia further, but Nicky doesn't want to push so hard that Mia runs again.

Juliette has built her father a new bell with all the latest technology, but Russell is unmoved. Until it produces results, he's not excited yet. He wants to go after Mia again, but Juliette urges him to wait. Russell notes that if the plan fails, it's on Juliette.

Henry comes to Nicky with new information about Li Jiaming. There are old newspapers from the 1910s that discuss the man in more detail, but Russell bought them years ago from a woman named Cheri Tin. They visit Cheri, who is initially reluctant to talk. But once they let her know they're not with Russell, she shares more. Her great-grandfather was a journalist investigating Li Jiaming's disappearance. While Russell's men took most of what she had, Cheri didn't tell them she had a copy made of an old film featuring the bell with industrialist Jacob Sloan. In the footage, Sloan forces Li Jiaming to ring the bell as the room collapses around him. The date? April 18, 1906: the San Francisco earthquake. Tan wants to destroy San Francisco.

Ryan and Althea join Nicky, Henry, and Mia to discuss next steps. While Althea and Ryan are skeptical that the bell really caused the earthquake, they still want to help. Nicky reassures them that they aren't in panic mode ... yet. Meanwhile, Evan keeps an eye on Juliette Tan. He goes after their chauffeur, who lied about his background to get the gig. Evan threatens to tell the Tans if he doesn't give up information on Juliette.

Evan finds out that Juliette is meeting with Grover Charles, a scientist for hire who works with shady corporations and individuals. Mia wants to help go after Grover, but Nicky wants to keep her as far from the Tans as possible. Mia threatens to go without Nicky, so Nicky relents to keep a closer eye on her. At the warehouse, Grover hands Juliette a mysterious case with a "sample" of something. Nicky wants to keep the mission strictly recon, but Mia goes after the strange substance. She's entranced by the red gem inside, and Nicky is forced to distract the security team to get her out.

At home, Nicky yells at Mia for nearly getting caught. Mia is offended by the parentlike tone from Nicky, noting they would have no idea what Juliette bought if she hadn't gotten close. Althea interrupts, and they move on to figuring out what the red rocks have to do with Russell's plans. The gems are called jyu sa, and they need to intercept the rest of Grover's shipment before it reaches Juliette. Althea figures out the location, and Nicky heads out with Mia to investigate.

At the secret lab, Nicky asks Mia to follow her lead. Mia reluctantly says yes, wanting to stop Tan. Inside, they are confronted by Grover and his goons. They fight them off, with Mia displaying the same catatonic state she did before when the stones fall to the ground. Grover and his guards leave with most of the gems, but Nicky manages to swipe one.

Meanwhile, Henry and Even analyze the video, figuring out that music is integral to the ritual. Henry calls a musicologist named Eric Han for help, but as he does so, Tan's men break into Eric's studio. Turns out, Han is part of the Wan Zai, a secret organization that had the original sheet music for the Yueling song. Juliette finds the hidden sheet music and plays the song, with Han collapsing. She has earplugs in along with the rest of the team and now knows that the jyu sha are real.

Henry goes to Han's house, just in time to be kidnapped by the Wan Zai — led by Henry's estranged father.

### The Alchemist

Season 2 Episode Number: 20 Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Wednesday April 27, 2022

Writer: John Bring

Director: Richard Speight, Jr.

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan)

Guest Stars: Christina Ma (Mei-Xue), Vanessa Yao (Mia), Terry Chen (Daniel Yan),

Kee Chan (Russell Tan), Akeem Hoyte-Charles (Venture Cap #2), Ramona Kim (Venture Cap #3), Dorren Lee (Yuen Oye), Yu Matsushita (Suyin), Kevin Mundy (Venture Cap #1), Jerry Trimble (Barclay), Ronin Wong (Alfred Soong), Sarah Te Wong (Alchemist), Jessy Wu (Pregnant

Woman)

Production Code: T13.23357

Summary: As Nicky investigates the secrets behind a mysterious stone that Juliet

is after, Henry uncovers a shocking revelation about his father. Elsewhere, Althea prepares for investor meetings for her app, and Dennis

receives an ultimatum from his dad.



The episode begins with Nicky having strange dreams of a woman in the wilderness. Henry still hasn't answered his phone. They know there was a scuffle at Han's house, but there's no sign of Henry despite Han being admitted to the hospital. Althea manages to access nearby bank cameras that catch Henry being manhandled out of a van — a van with a visible license plate number.

Understandably panicked about being kidnapped by the Wan Zei, Henry pleads with his father to help him. But Daniel is

on their side. Convinced Henry injured Han and stole the sheet music holding the secret of the Yueling song, he begins to interrogate Henry. He believes he's lying to protect Nicky. After getting no information from Henry (you can't give what you don't have), Daniel gets booted aside by his former mystery female companion, Yuen, who's ready to get a little more violent to get what she wants.

But Nicky's not having that. Busting in through some ceiling grating, Nicky efficiently takes down all of the people in the room — besides Daniel, who Henry stops her from dispatching. Recognizing they weren't behind the theft, Daniel stops Nicky and Henry from walking out, ready to level with them about what the Wan Zei knows.

Daniel gives them the rundown on the founding on the Wan Zei. Started by two Chinese immigrants, Lau Hing-Gai and Tsang Daoming, Henry and Nicky find out the two were friends with Li Jiaming, the guardian that rang the Yueling bell. The two founders were there and saw Jiaming be forced to ring the bell and the subsequent damage. The two vowed to never let it happen again and the Wan Zei was born, protecting the world from dangerous magical artifacts from all cultures. Daniel tells Nicky and Henry about Juliette's plan to create another bell. While

they have plans in motion to stop Tan, Daniel asks for their help. Nicky is outraged considering they just kidnapped Henry, but Henry doesn't have the same qualms.

"The Mourne Landscape," an Irish painting connected to an ancient Celtic ritual that could sap the Yueling bell of its power, is thought to contain a map to the ritual. Their next move is to find it, but Nicky is called away by Ryan texting her about Mia's condition.

One of Henry's connections lets him know that the painting is currently in the Assisi club, an exclusive club. Henry wants to clue Nicky in, but Daniel wants him and Henry to go retrieve it together.

Henry and Daniel show up to the club under the guise of AC repairmen, conning their way inside with a bit about a freon leak which evacuates the buildings occupants. They retrieve the painting (which they plan to return to the original owners) and map hidden in the back. Before they leave, they're caught by the hotel management, who realize it was all a setup. A fight ensues as they try to stop Henry and Daniel, but the father and son take care of them quickly and get out of there.

At the end of their mission, having found out where to find the ritual, Daniel asks Henry to join him and the Wan Zei. He wanted to give him a choice instead of dragging Henry into it like his father did to him, but it's obvious Henry was born for it. Henry seems touched, but states his place is in SF with Nicky. The two shake hands and Henry departs.

As Althea heads to investment meetings to find capital for her new app, Dennis' dad shows up. Mr. Soong is upset that Dennis assaulted Chase Matheson, "one of the most influential men in the city," in public. Dennis learns that his family didn't completely pull out of all of Matheson's ventures, staying involved with a few small promising ones. Dennis states he won't have anything to do with Matheson and Mr. Soong says that he's being childish and that his parents have coddled him. Giving him an ultimatum, Mr. Soong states he'll have to deal with Matheson's continued involvement if he wants to remain at Soong Enterprises.

At her investment meetings, Althea gets turned down by company after company, despite them saying they like the idea. Ordering a drink, Evan and Althea spot each other. They sit together and Althea tells him about her failed meetings, stating that she knows she killed her pitch. She thinks Chase Matheson has been spreading rumors about her to discourage people from investing. Evan tells her not to give up even though things look bleeak: he's trying to do the same. Evan asks her why she doesn't take a loan from Dennis' parents. Althea tells him that was her one rule that she told herself she wasn't going to break. Evan tells her that she's being silly and that she should take advantage of the resources she has around her.

A drunk Althea stumbles home to find Dennis, who was supposed to be at a work dinner, sitting alone in a dark room... but in her happily inebraited state, she doesn't realize anything is off. She tells him how she thinks Chase is sabotoging her but that she's not giving up. Dennis tries to tell her something a couple of times but Althea rambles on, saying despite her initial misgivings, she's ready to accept Dennis' family's help. Dennis finally interrupts, informing her that Mr. Soong was still in business with Chase, and that Dennis demanded he cut ties or he would walk. In retaliaion, Mr. Soong cuts Dennis off.

Mia finally lets Ryan check out her vitals in the wake of the interaction with the Jyu Sa. Mia's been having weird dreams: the same weird dreams as Nicky. Ryan texts Nicky that something's wrong with Mia.

Back in the library doing some research, Ryan finds something about China's first emperor who forced philosophers and mystics to look for ways to cheat death. According to legend, an alchemist named Xiao used "a powerful red stone" to crack the code to cheat death. She also did terrible experiments with the red stone on pregnant women. Ryan thinks this could be something.

Nicky arrives and speaks to Ryan about Mia's deteriorating health, which Nicky thinks is due to the effects of the Jyu Sa. Briefly left alone, Mia is lured to the lock cabinet where the Jyu Sa is being stored. She picks it up, the stone glows red, and she promptly falls unconscious onto the floor.

Ryan and Nicky bring her back to the Shens' house, where Mei-Li and Jin fret about Mia's state. Ryan says her brain activity is spiking despite her being unconscious, like she's dreaming. Going back to the book he was looking at earlier, he clues in Nicky about Xiao and the Jyu Sa. Nicky recognizes her from the dreams. Xiao was experimenting with a Jyu Sa infused tea, which she claimed allowed her to walk in people's dreams by linking their consciousness together; it

made her able to live forever in their minds. Nicky wants to take the tea to get Mia out of her unconscious state.

Ryan has reservations (cinnabar is toxic, if you remember), but Nicky is adamant. He makes her the tea using the Jyu Sa. Before she takes the tea, Pei-Ling's ghost urges Nicky not to drink the tea since she doesn't know what will happen, but she does anyway, entering the Jyu Sa dream realm.

As she wakes in the dream scape, Nicky searches for Mia. Unable to find her, Pei-Ling appears to her and urges her to go back. Nicky sees the first successful experiment that Xiao conducted on a pregnant woman with the Jyu Sa, which created the first warrior. Nicky asks if the baby was Liang Daiyu, to which Pei-Ling responds no; the warriors and guardians were created long before Liang Daiyu and the weapons. Xiao, The Alchemist, wanted to create a more powerful human. But later down the line, the bloodlines mixed, which they were not meant to do, as it's too much power for someone to contain. Mia wasn't the first; a girl named Suyin was the first hybrid. She lived with monks who tried to hide her from the world, but she became uncontrollable. It took the warriors and guardians to stop her.

Pei-Ling says that Mia's power will overtake her and she will become a danger to the world unless Nicky leaves her in the dream realm. Nicky refuses, but Pei-Ling insists Mia is past saving. This statement makes Nicky realize that Pei-Ling isn't Pei-Ling. Pei-Ling transforms into Xiao, who's taken on Pei-Ling's form. When Nicky and Mia were exposed to the Jyu Sa, it allowed Xiao to appear to them. The longer Mia stays in the realm, the closer she comes to dying. Xiao has trapped Mia in the memory of Mei-Xue's death, hoping to break her spirit so she won't fight to leave. Xiao urges Nicky to leave. Nicky refuses and the two begin a fast paced duel. Nicky can't really hurt Xiao, as she created the realm. Nicky eventually leaves to find Mia.

Mia finds the memory and tries to apologize to her mom for leaving, but Mei-Xue can't hear her. Russell Tan arrives at the cabin, having realized her reason for going into hiding being Mia's existence. Mei-Xue doesn't plan to let Tan near Mia, which is why Tan kills her. Tan respects Mei-Xue, and the memory reveals that he's the one that gave her a proper burial at her estate. Nicky arrives right before Tan kills Mei-Xue and urges Mia to look away, as it can only hurt her to watch. Nicky watches in her stead, and the gunshot causes them to both wake up.

At Jin's behest, the family has a sobering but beautiful ceremony honoring Mei-Xue, as Mia and Mei-Li never got a chance to truly say goodbye. Ryan tells Nicky that Mia's vitals are back to normal. Nicky isn't off scott-free though. She's still being haunted by Xiao's spirit, who says that once everything is over, Nicky's going to wish she had let Xiao kill Mia.

## **Disclosure**

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Story: Linda Ge Director: Joe Menendez

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

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Guest Stars: Annie Q. (Juliette Tan), Marissa Cuevas (Nadia), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Vanessa Yao (Mia), Daniel Cudmore (Bez Gardner), Josh Dean (Fitz Ronson), Janet Kidder (District Attorney Hughes), Kee Chan (Russell Tan), Suge Blanco (Angelo), Luis Seki Chi (Line Cook), Doug Cho (Ted Chang), Kevin Hansen (Border Patrol Agent), Justin Lacey (Delivery Guy), Ken Lawson (Grover Charles), Laura Mac (Technician), Cindy

Piper (Alissa Chang)

Production Code: T13.23358

Summary: Nicky wrestles with a secret she's keeping from Mia. Evan makes a

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surprise party.



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## The Enclave

Season 2 Episode Number: 22 Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Wednesday May 11, 2022

Writer: Dan Hamamura Director: R.T. Thorne

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan)

Guest Stars: Annie Q. (Juliette Tan), Vanessa Yao (Mia), Patrick Sabongui (Nathan

Price), Kee Chan (Russell Tan), Jojo Ahenkorah (Guard #1), David Beairsto (Jacob Sloan), Mark Brandon (Inner Sanctum Member), Dean Paul Gibson (Roy Lorenzo), Jay Hindle (Ian), Eric Yue (Victor Lam)

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Production Code: T13.23359

Summary: After uncovering an item that Russell Tan is after, Nicky enlists her

entire family to help infiltrate the Enclave, a secret gathering of the world's elite. Elsewhere, Nicky deals with the fallout of a secret she's

kept from Mia.



Tan shares with Juliette that he can't officially be in the Inner Sanctum until he passes a series of tests, which is why he wanted Fitz's manuscript. Juliette quizzes Tan on the answers from his book so he can impress at the exclusive gala that will seal his membership. But unbeknownst to Tan, the white elite have no intention of letting him into the Inner Sanctum. They only wanted his concessions in China. They start the initiation expecting him to fail since none of them gave him the answers needed to be inducted, but the book has given him the insights he needs to pass. They begrudg-

ingly let him in.

In a delicious moment that will leave fans wondering, "Did I just agree with the man who want to turn San Francisco into rubble?", Tan then refuses to give back the mallet. He correctly points out that this ancient Chinese artifact should never have been in the hands of a bunch of rich white men in the first place. Tan has sent his private security team to all of the members' homes and they are ready to strike. If any of the Inner Sanctum members try to stop him, he will unleash Fitz's expose on the world. It's a moment of triumph for the villain, until Nicky and Henry step in.

Mei-Li is onboard immediately with Althea's plan to have Harmony Dumplings cater the event as their way into the gala, but she is stunned when the director of cuisine responsible for vetting the caterers turns out to be Roy Lorenzo, a famous food writer. Meanwhile, Henry and Jin have a heart to heart as Jin shares the story of how he immigrated to the U.S. and was forced to give up his dream of pursuing art. This mission is giving him the chance to explore his talents once again. We get a hilarious montage of Mei-Li and Jin working on their projects.

Roy arrives early, forcing Althea to stall while Mei-Li panics. But all the worry is for nothing as he loves Mei-Li's dish (though she now has to make 2,000 copies). Jin and Henry go to Victor

for help getting a rare silk they need for the replica. Jin gently asks Victor if they can use the fabric from a family heirloom, confessing that it will destroy the artifact to do so. Victor trusts Jin, so he hands it over.

Henry and Nicky discuss Tan's plan as he makes her breakfast in bed. He pushes her to tell Mia the truth about her destiny, but Nicky wants to bring Mia a win to soften the blow first. Henry found a news article that mentions the mallet. It is only brought out at an annual masquerade gala for the Inner Sanctum. They have three days to sneak into the gala and stop him.

The group plots to replace the original mallet with a replica. While Evan and Althea both have reservations given the exclusivity of the event, Althea suggests she and Dennis may be able to get tickets. But the mallet is a trickier question, and Nicky suggests the unthinkable: bringing in Mei-Li and Jin. Jin takes the news better than expected, agreeing to help as long as Mei-Li is made aware. Nicky puts Mia on lookout duty, which only makes Mia even more conflicted about her role.

Mia tries on a ballgown as Nicky tries to connect with her. Mia broaches the idea of just having her kill Tan, reasoning that since he's after her, she can end this. She also lets Nicky know that she is aware of the prophecy and feels betrayed that Nicky didn't tell her before Zhilan. She's worried Nicky doesn't believe in her, but Nicky insists that Mia can choose her own path. Nicky shares the truth about the prophecy with Ryan so that he can keep an eye on Mia, worrying that her nature will overcome her. But Nicky doesn't realize Mia has overheard it all, only missing the part where Nicky calls Mia a good person.

Evan and Althea head to the gala as guests while the rest of the family works in the kitchen. Nicky and Henry dress up to pose as invited guests, using their Mandarin to convince the (majority white) rich guests that they're "Chinese money." Mia spots Tan from across the room and is unnerved, clearly conflicted about sticking with the plan.

Henry and Nicky go after the mallet while Mia and Ryan talk. She's scared of what will happen once the plan succeeds, fearing she'll lose her place in the family. While the initiation ceremony goes on, the duo swap the mallet. But they accidentally interrupt the ceremony after Tan takes over, and he realizes something is off. The Inner Sanctum call security, and Nicky and Henry are forced to fight off the team themselves while Ryan tries to tip her off about what's coming.

Mia wants to jump in and help, but Ryan urges her to stay out of it. Mia sees Tan fleeing the scene and sees her chance to be a hero, ditching Ryan. Ryan alerts Nicky, who rushes after Mia and Tan. But when Mia confronts Tan, thinking he won't hurt her because he needs her, Ryan is the one to reach her first. Tan shoots him in the chest as Mia sobs, believing she has lost her family forever now. Nicky reaches a gravely injured Ryan as Mia runs.

Mia goes to Zhilan, in agony at what she perceives to be her failing to protect Ryan and thinking he's dead. Zhilan tells Mia she did the right thing and that between the two of them, they will kill Russell Tan.

## **Destruction**

Season 2 Episode Number: 23 Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Wednesday May 18, 2022

Writer: Melissa Rundle Director: Jeff Chan

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan) Annie Q. (Juliette Tan), JB Tadena (Sebastian), Vanessa Yao (Mia),

Terry Chen (Daniel Yan), Daniel Cudmore (Bez Gardner), Kee Chan (Russell Tan), Toby Berner (Phil Dean), Teresa Laverty (Receptionist), Dorren Lee (Yuen Oye), Matthew Mandzu (Paramedic), Lucy McNulty

(Trauma Surgeon)

Production Code: T13.23360

**Guest Stars:** 

Summary: Following a family tragedy, Nicky struggles over a difficult decision.

Mia continues down the dark path as she and Zhilan work together to

hunt down Russel Tan.



Ryan is rushed into the hospital and goes into surgery. The Shens rush into the hospital looking for information. Nicky blames herself for dragging Ryan and the rest of her family into her mission. Henry tries to comfort her before receiving a phone call from his father. After questioning her about what happened, Nicky reveals what Xiao told her about Mia being dangerous and how she wanted Ryan to watch Mia even though she didn't believe it. The Shens are obviously upset at Nicky keeping this important information from them, and it even seems like they blame Nicky for Ryan getting hurt.

Henry returns from the phone call with his father. The Wan Zei completed their mission to find the extraction ritual in Ireland. They may still have a way to stop Tan. Nicky sends him away to go help his dad and an obviously conflicted Henry eventually goes. The doctor comes out and tells the family that they removed the bullet, but Ryan's still unconscious, having lost a lot of blood, and sustained damage to one of his lungs. Later in his hospital room, Nicky tries to tearfully reassure Mei-Li that Ryan will pull through and that she'll make sure justice comes to Tan, but the family is still obviously upset with her. Althea gently suggests that Nicky should leave.

Evan visits Nicky at Henry's apartment and comforts her. He says he spoke with Althea, and that he thinks Mei-Li just needs some pace. He urges her to take care of herself while they wait to hear about Ryan, but she's worried about finding Mia. Evan is doing what he can to find her, but Nicky already suspects she's with Zhilan. She's determined to keep Zhilan from using Mia to murder Tan. Taking Evan's suggestion to meditate, Xiao appears to Nicky and taunts her about being right about Mia.

Althea and Dennis go to fetch the family snacks, and Althea breaks down. She feels bad about kicking Nicky out, her employees keep contacting her, and she's overwhelmed with worry about Ryan, keeping busy so she doesn't feel it. Dennis comforts her and takes her phone, telling her to be with the family. Althea walks in on Jin trying to comfort Mei-Li, who is blaming herself for Ryan's injury. She says she stopped holding onto the family so tight and let them take too many risks.

Jin calls Nicky to update her on Ryan, who hasn't improved, but cuts the conversation short before Nicky can get many words in. His emotions overtake him for a second, but he reigns it back in, trying to be strong for the rest of his family. Sebastian rushes into Ryan's room, distraught. Mei-Li realizes he and Ryan are involved and invites him to stay.

While the rest of the Shens are asleep, Sebastian confesses to a still unconscious Ryan that he wasn't planning on staying in SF long before they met and how much he's come to care for him. He ends his speech with a love confession and begs him to wake up. Mei-Li awakens and hears everything. Ryan squeezes Sebastian's hand. He alerts the family, who is overjoyed as Ryan wakes up.

The Shens fret around Ryan as Nicky arrives. All seems to be forgiven with her. He seems to be doing a lot better, joking about being able to say he's been shot by an evil billionaire (he's filled Sebastian in on what's going on). Ryan tells her what happened wasn't her fault — or Mia's. He asserts that they can't give up on her: she's family.

Juliette questions Russell about the shooting, but he says they're in the clear to move on with the plan, having acquired the mallet. The final step: acquiring Mia. Juliette explains there's been a kink in another part of their plans concerning acquiring a company called Zindle — a search engine that Russell only wants for the land beneath the company's headquarters. The seller, Eric Pascal — an influential man in the tech industry — has concerns, and Juliette doesn't want to get on his bad side — thinking about Tan's company she's set to inherit. She wants to know Russell's full plan. He acquiesces to a meeting with Pascal.

After the events with Zhilan and Mia, Juliette is still MIA, and Russell is not happy. He tells his security team that they will find her and bring her home to him. Zhilan and Mia deposit a screaming Juliette into a chair back at their hideout. Zhilan asks what Mia wishes to do to Juliette. Mia ominously responds, "we use her" before the screen cuts to black.

Zhilan continues to goad Mia into going after Russell Tan. She's seen picking up a gun and telling Zhilan she's ready.

Zhilan and Mia spar. Mia thinks its pointless, but Zhilan says they need to wait for the right moment. Zhilan ups the stakes, pulling out a knife and bests Mia, pulling back before actually stabbing her. Accessing some of her anger, flashing back to Mei-Xue and Ryan getting shot by Tan, Mia then pins Zhilan with the knife to her throat. She apologizes, but Zhilan encourages her, saying to never apologize. Zhilan's surveillance software beeps. Tan is on the move and it's time.

Zhilan and Mia set up road spikes to catch Tan and his convoy. Zhilan goes in guns a blazing. Mia seems on board until the action starts. A guy crawls towards her and asks for help, but Zhilan knifes him in the back. They open the car door to find... Juliette. They take her from the car, but Mia collapses as the ritual begins. Zhilan chooses to let Juliette escape and stays by a collapsed Mia. As Nicky smashes the stone and Mia recovers, Tan's men arrive to track them and Juliette down. Mia is determined to find Juliette despite her head start.

Daniel argues with Yuen about bringing Henry in on the mission with the recovered ritual the Amhran Na Bainte. Yuen tells him she doesn't trust Henry. Having gained information from spying on him, Yuen tells Daniel about Mia and how Nicky and Henry have been hiding her from him. She doesn't trust they'll do what needs to be done as she ominously speaks of side effects and consequences from the upcoming ritual.

Henry joins them to prepare for the ritual, which will strip the power from all Jyu Sa, the bell, the mallet — everything. Daniel needs his help convincing Nicky. Coming back from meeting his dad, Henry reveals to Nicky that completing the ritual would strip the world of all Jyu Sa power. The warrior and guardian bloodlines will cease to exist and Nicky would lose all of her power and give up her destiny. Obviously still in a bad headspace from what's going on with Ryan, Nicky agrees, saying that her legacy isn't a gift, it's a curse. If she can stop Tan, save Mia, and save the world, she's in.

Meeting up at the Wan Zei's bunker of operations, Yuen, Daniel, Nicky, and Henry agree to

do the ritual at sundown. The only thing they still need is some Jyu Sa, which Henry questions. The Jyu Sa should act as a conduit for all Jya Sa energy, sucking it out and containing it in the stone. The Wan Zei will then guard it to make sure no one uses it. Henry again asks if she's sure but Nicky insists she's made up her mind.

Going home to retrieve the stone, Xiao appears to Nicky, telling her that she's throwing away her birthright. Nicky doesn't care, but The Alchemist also reveals that Mia's existence as a hybrid is bound to the Jyu Sa, and completing the ritual will kill her.

Back at the library, Nicky tells Henry she's out and doesn't want to do the ritual anymore. He questions why and she tells him about what Xiao said. She doesn't trust Daniel and Yuen, thinking they're hiding something from them and snaps at him to call it off. Henry is upset, as he always supports Nicky even when he thinks she's doing the wrong thing. He reminds her that he thought she should have told Mia about Suyin and the possibility that she would follow suit. Henry tells Nicky that he doesn't need to be her equal when they're fighting, but he does need to feel like an equal when it comes to making decisions in their relationship and partnership.

Nicky is upset Henry's held back that he feels this way for so long and that he's telling her this now with everything she's got going on. She storms out the library. As she's leaving, distracted and crying, Yuen and some other members of the Wan Zei shoot her with a dart that knocks her out. She wakes to Henry being thrown into a room in the Wan Zei's compound; they're both tied up. Yuen predicted Nicky would get cold feet and so she stole the Jyu Sa. Henry asks if Daniel was in on this. Yuen just raises her eyebrows and walks away.

In the forest, Daniel calls Henry, wondering where he is as the ritual is about to start. Yuen arrives and lies about how she got the Jyu Sa from a backup source, stating Nicky and Henry probably just got cold feet and they couldn't wait on them. Henry cuts himself and Nicky free with his pocket knife, but Nicky can already feel them starting the ritual. The pair rushes to the ritual site. Henry tells Daniel about what Yuen did. Yuen is adamant that they need to complete the ritual and fulfill the original mission of the Wan Zei to destroy the bell.

Daniel urges them to find a peaceful solution, but fighting breaks out. Nicky is weakened, but still a capable warrior, and wrestles with the Wan Zei and Yuen to stop it. With the help of Henry and a last-minute assist from Daniel (who stops Yuen from trying to stab Nicky), Nicky smashes the Jyu Sa and releases the energy back into the world.

In the car, Henry tries to apologize to Nicky, saying he never should have trusted the Wan Zei. Nicky cuts him off, saying he was right about her behavior. She confesses that whenever they're under pressure, she feels like she has to be responsible for whatever happens so its all on her, but recognizes that's not fair to Henry. The two make up and share a sweet kiss before Nicky receives the call that Ryan woke up.

## Bloodline

Season 2 Episode Number: 24 Season Episode: 11

Originally aired: Wednesday May 25, 2022

Writer: Michael Deigh Director: Kristin Windell

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan)

Guest Stars: Annie Q. (Juliette Tan), Vanessa Yao (Mia), Daniel Cudmore (Bez Gard-

ner), Kee Chan (Russell Tan), Ludi Lin (Kerwin Tan)

Production Code: T13.23361

Summary: Nicky's desperation to find Mia intensifies after learning that Mia is

beginning to unravel, and that Xiao's prophecy may be coming true. Meanwhile, Zhilan makes a surprising discovery about Russell Tan's

plan.



Ryan arrives home from the hospital with the entire family doting on him. But his only concern is Mia, feeling like he failed her by letting her go. Unlike Nicky and Althea, he doesn't doubt her intentions. He saw how scared she was when she ran from him. Nicky and Ryan call the mysterious unknown number that likely belongs to Mia. They only get half a location from Mia's phone as she hangs up before Althea is done tracking her. Evan manages to isolate audio from the call and track Mia to Zhilan's safe house. Mia and Zhilan see them coming and bolt, leaving Nicky and Henry to release Juliette.

Nicky, Henry, and Evan set up a trap via Zhilan's cameras to lure the two out. Meanwhile, Evan, Ryan, and Henry realize that Tan wants eternal life, not just to get Raymond back.

At one of Zhilan's hideouts, she and Mia interrogate Juliette. Zhilan's goal is to get Juliette to work with them, bringing up her brother Raymond and stoking parental resentment. But Mia, sick with guilt over what happened with Ryan and believing she can't go back to the Shens, is done playing nice. She threatens Juliette physically, frightening the other woman and angering Zhilan. Zhilan sees herself in Mia and wants to give her the chance to get her revenge, but it's clear she's worried about Mia's state of mind.

Xiao appears and reveals Tan's endgame: he wants to ring the bell to open the realm of the living and the dead to bring his dead son Raymond back. Zhilan uses this new piece of information to taunt Juliette, poking at her sibling resentment to plant doubt in her father's intentions. When Zhilan and Mia are on the run, the assassin tries to bond with Mia and explain her reasoning. But Mia displays a lack of concern for herself. When Zhilan tells Mia that revenge is useless unless they're alive to enjoy it, Mia notes she doesn't care if she survives her encounter with Tan at all.

Zhilan recognizes something isn't right when they get a security alert that Tan is off the compound, but a desperate Mia rushes in and finds Nicky waiting for her. Zhilan urges Mia to

go with Nicky, correctly reasoning that she has a better chance of beating Xiao's prophecy with her family and seemingly regretting her mind games. After Zhilan tells Mia to go with Nicky, she lashes out at them as they try to stop her from going after Tan alone. Mia gets away from them both. Nicky lashes out at Zhilan for her manipulation, which hits home with Zhilan. Nicky tells her to stay away from the Shens as she goes after Mia alone.

Mia runs through the security forces at Tan's compound, overpowering the guards and killing one by accident. This breaks her out of her mindset, and the remaining security overpower her as Tan captures her.

After Juliette is released from Zhilan's clutches, the thought of Raymond rattles around in her head. Snooping in her father's desk, she finds information that confirms Zhilan's story. Seething and feeling betrayed, she goes to Kerwin to convince him to help take down their father. Kerwin isn't especially interested, content to live a life on the run and not wanting to attract his father's attention. But Juliette has a plan. She's been secretly collecting evidence of Tan's illegal dealings and knows his secrets. The board of the company will back her if she makes a move against him. Kerwin thinks they'll lose, and Juliette tells him she will do it without him.

But when she calls an emergency board meeting intending to force a takeover, Tan hears about it. He reveals he had a bug put on her phone, and Juliette finally snaps. She lets out years of buried resentment, and as her anger boils over, she makes a move to stab him with a letter opener. But Tan grabs her wrist and takes the weapon, killing her as he whispers, "It could have been you." As she bleeds out, he wipes the letter opener on a napkin with shaking hands. Now, he is even more determined to enact his plan.

## **Alliance**

Season 2 Episode Number: 25 Season Episode: 12

Originally aired: Wednesday June 08, 2022 Writer: Ryan Johnson, Peter Lalayanis

Director: Richard Speight, Jr.

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan) Kee Chan (Russell Tan), Terry Chen (Daniel Yan), Marissa Cuevas (Na-

dia), Erik Gow (Tan Servant), David Le (Tan Merc #4), Ludi Lin (Kerwin Tan), Amos Stern (SWAT Commander), JB Tadena (Sebastian),

Vanessa Yao (Mia)

Production Code: T13.23362

Guest Stars:

Summary: With Russell Tan on the verge of making his final move, Nicky enlists

all the help she can get in order to stop him before it's too late. But when an unexpected discovery threatens to derail their efforts, the

team will be forced to prepare for what may be a losing battle.



Kerwin storms into the Tan mansion demanding to know where Juliet is. Russell lies that Mia broke in and killed her. When Kerwin presses, saying he knew of what went down between he and Juliet, Russell claims they had found peace right before Mia barged in. Russell urges Kerwin to help him finish what he and Juliet started.

Tan takes Kerwin to the site where the Yueling Bell and tells him about his plan to become immortal, claiming parent and child would journey together. Russell butters Kerwin up by apologizing for being a hard parent and telling him that he

always loved him despite his hard upbringing. Kerwin agrees to join Russell, asking where Mia is so he can exact his revenge.

Kerwin breaks into where Mia's being held and asks if she really killed Juliet. When she says no, confirming his suspicion of Russell's lies, he tries to unchain her. Before she's free, they hear people approaching. Kerwin tries to stay and fight, not wanting Russell to win, but Mia urges him to escape in order to help her down the line.

Kerwin returns to find Mia splayed on the floor, pale and all but bled out. He tries to staunch her bleeding. Carrying her down the hallway, Kerwin discovers his keycard doesn't work. He knocks out a security guard and takes down the system. As he heads back to grab Mia, he's intercepted by Tan who knows what he's been up to and has his men apprehend him.

The next time we see the prodigal Tan, Kerwin is no longer Kerwin. Russell has managed to transplant his soul into Kerwin's body.

Back at the Shen den, the gang combs through Zhilan's footage, seeing Mia enter the Tan mansion, but not exit. They realize Tan now has everything he needs to execute his plan. Nicky wants to break into the mansion, but Evan wants to tip off the cops that Mia's been abducted and

send in a S.W.A.T. team; he still has a friend in the specialized unit division. Nicky worries about Evan burning his last bridge from work, but Evan states he's done with the D.A.'s office. At the Tan mansion, Mia and the Tans are gone. Evan's friend chides him, having stuck out his neck for Evan, and contemplates if the rumors about why Evan quit were true. Before Evan leaves, he grabs Juliet's phone that she shoved under the furniture right before she died. Althea works her magic and discovers who the phone belonged to, leading Nicky and the team to question what happened. Nicky thoerizes that Tan took Mia to the location (still unknown to them) where the bell was previously rung.

Henry calls and meets Daniel to ask if the Wan Zai know where the location would be. He tells them it would be over a geothermal hotspot, which Sloan thought had mystical properties. Daniel reveals he was kicked out of the Wan Zai, which sided with Yuen. Henry wants him to help, but Daniel doesn't think he'll be much help, as his previous play — a sonic device he built in collaboration with Eric Han that could scramble the Yueling Bell's tones — failed, as Han can't finish the device and Daniel doesn't know how. Henry offers to help, and they plan to break into the Wan Zai headquarters to steal it back.

As the team attempts to break into the compound, the security suddenly lifts, allowing them to enter and Althea to track Tan's whereabouts. Daniel and Henry go to set up the frequency emitter. Heading for Russell, Nicky finds Mia in a closet. Evan rushes her to the hospital while Zhilan takes off in pursuit of Tan.

Ryan calls and tells Nicky that she thinks Juliet was wrong about Russell wanting to bring back Raymond. Ryan talks of a ritual called Chong Sheng, which Juliet originally interpreted as "ressurection" but can also mean "rebirth, renewal," which Xiao thought could only be achieved on Earthy by transmutation; Tan is going to transfer his soul from one body to another — the body of Kerwin, his child (between parent and child — only one survives). Zhilan discovers this too late as she finds Russell in Kerwin's body, his old body on the table.

Nicky bursts in, telling Zhilan what happened. Russell escapes. Russell approaches the Yueling Bell and starts hitting it with the mallet. Henry and Daniel activate the frequency device and Althea breaks Nicky and Zhilan out of the room Russell trapped them in. A frustrated Russell senses something and sends men after Daniel and Henry. The father and son fight, and both Daniel and the device are shot in the process.

Nicky and Zhilan burst in on Russell right after the device is destroyed. Zhilan confronts him, asking why Kerwin had to die. Russell says immortality wouldn't be worth it trapped in an old man's body. Zhilan and Nicky rush Tan's guards whilehe resumes trying to ring the bell. Nicky tries to stop him, but he pushes her down and gets in one last hit to the mallet. The Yueling Bell begins to crack open and red light starts seeping out as Russell says "It is done."

Pei-Ling appears to Nicky, who is distraught over the possibility of not stopping Tan in time even though she's learned from past mistakes and has been asking for help from the people around her. Pei-Ling tells her she needs to seek out Zhilan, whose help Nicky previously turned down. Nicky is resistant at first, but eventually concedes and asks Zhilan to help.

With some input from Zhilan, Evan, and Althea, the team figures out Tan's location is on the abandoned campus of Zindle, the company that Juliet previously mentioned buying out. Zindle was building a new campus in the middle of one of the geothermal hotspots before their company began being investigated and was bought out by the Tans.

Henry and Daniel bring the team (which is less than impressed at first) the frequency emitter. The catch? It only works in close to proximity to the bell.

Mia awakes chained up somewhere and starts yelling for help.

Kerwin comes in where Mia's being held and attempts to break her out of her restraints after she confirms she didn't kill Juliet. However, they hear someone coming before she's free and Mia urges Kerwin to escape in order to help her down the line. Tan enters and Mia tells him she'll never ring the bell. However, that's not what Tan needs her for, he informs her, as he pulls out a knife — in a cruel twist of irony, the dagger that killed Suyin. The dagger was crafted by the warrior and guardians who came together to take her down. Tan begins slowly bleeding Mia into a bowl as Mia screams in horror.

Nadia shows up to help canvas and crossreference the city's geothermal hotspots to try and figure out where Tan's holding Mia. Nadia questions Evan on what the gang is talking about concerning stopping the earthquake, having thought they were just trying to put Tan behind bars. He promises to explain everything after they put a stop to what's going on.

After Henry and Daniel arrive and the team makes plans to storm Zindle's compound, Nadia leaves to go be with her family. Just before she leaves, she darts back and pulls an extremely surprised Evan in for a smooch. As Evan looks around in surprise and exclaims he didn't know, it's obvious from the looks on everyone's faces that they did.

Dennis calls Althea about problem at the office; he's discovered a flaw in the app's code that gives unauthorized access to users' operating systems — which is illegal. With the app on the market, if this is discovered, Althea's name will be ruined and it's likely she'll be sued. She instructs him to get Courtney to rig a temporary fix while she's busy trying to save the world from Tan.

Eventually, Althea cracks the encryption on Juliet's phone and finds the photos that she took out of the book about The Alchemist and Jyu Sa right before her death. She sends this to Ryan.

After Nicky calls Althea and tells her to prepare for the earthquake, Althea and Dennis seek shelter under furniture. Althea can't stand waiting around to do something and proposes using the app's backdoor into users' phones to send out an alert that looks like it comes from the city. Dennis reminds her of what's at stake, but Althea says she must and that lives are at stake. They send out the alert and the rest of the Shen family helps to start evacuating.

## The Source

Season 2 Episode Number: 26 Season Episode: 13

Originally aired: Wednesday June 15, 2022
Writer: Christina M. Kim, Robert Berens

Director: Joe Menendez

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

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Tsang (Fang Su), Vanessa Yao (Mia), Terry Chen (Daniel Yan), Ludi Lin (Kerwin Tan), Kingston Chan (Young Girl), Doug Cho (Ted Chang), Stella Lai (Ting), Dorren Lee (Yuen Oye), Yu Matsushita (Suyin), Cindy

Piper (Alissa Chang)

Production Code: T13.23363

**Guest Stars:** 

Summary: Nicky teams up with an unexpected ally and sets out on a dangerous

mission to take down Russell Tan once and for all.



We dive right into the action where we left off last week, with San Francisco hit with a massive earthquake after Russell rings the bell. Harmony Dumplings is totally destroyed by the earthquake, though Mei-Li and Sebastian are physically okay. Ryan sets up a clinic at the community center. Henry rushes in, having witnessed Nicky and Zhilan go after Russell. The portal is closing, and if they don't act fast, it will trap Nicky and Zhilan inside. Jin frantically tries to reach Mei-Li, but the phone lines are jammed. She is able to make it to the community center while Sebastian stays behind to hand out food.

Evan rushes to the clinic with Mia, who is dying of shock. What she needs is a blood transfusion, but Ryan is going to have to improvise.

However, it turns out the imminent collapse of a shadow realm is enough to replace several gallons of blood as Mia sits upright, having sensed a disturbance in the force with the Source. Suddenly feeling just fine, she decides to run in after Nicky. Althea and Dennis arrive, and the rest of the Shens catch them up on all the supernatural shenanigans that have gone down in the last few hours. Shockingly, our buddy Dennis finally has something to contribute on the mystical object front. He recalls that in Dungeons and Dragons, immortal beings can sometimes be killed with the right weapon. Mia remembers the blade that Russell used to drain her. If it could kill Suyin, it could kill Russell. Henry, Evan, Althea, and Dennis will help Mia get the dagger, but she will have to go in alone.

The bell cracks and opens a portal to the Source. Russell is able to pass through by covering himself in Mia's blood, teasing that immortality is "only the beginning" for his plans. Nicky wants to go after Russell despite the danger, knowing that an immortal Russell is incredibly dangerous. Zhilan hesitates at first, worried they'll die in the process. But Nicky points out the two of them are Warrior and Guardian. They can pass through the portal, but only together. Holding hands, they step inside.

The duo end up in a forest, not sure which direction to go. They center themselves, realizing that they can find the Source by following both of their instincts. Meanwhile, Russell hears voices and sees Juliette, covered in blood. She accuses him of breaking the rules to get into the portal and demands to know why he killed her and Kerwin. He finally breaks, saying he doesn't want "what happened to him to end up happening to me." The "him" he refers to is his own father, whose long decline at the end of his life made Russell decide to pursue immortality at all costs. His father's supposed friends deserted him, and Russell was the only one by his side when he died. Watching his father die made Russell see mortality as a weakness others could exploit, and so he chased a way to keep that from happening to him too. He tries to push Juliette away, but he realizes it's really Xiao using her face.

Zhilan also sees a hallucination that Nicky can't. It's her mother, and she splits off from Nicky to go after her. They share a tearful reunion as Zhilan shares everything she has done in her name. But her mother reminds her that they are Guardians; killing is not their way. Zhilan confesses to her mother what happened with Pei-Ling, hoping to find forgiveness for her actions. But instead, her mother rejects her and runs away, leaving a devastated Zhilan behind. Nicky is led to a shack, where she finds Suyin. The hybrid fights Nicky, trying to goad Nicky into killing her. But Nicky refuses.

Russell makes it to the Source, where Xiao waits. She is less powerful now, and Russell shares that he discovered the truth. If he takes the Source, her realm will cease to exist. Nicky tries to get Zhilan to join her in following Russell, but she is still reeling from her encounter with her mother. She tells Nicky she was right about her. She's a monster who doesn't deserve forgiveness. But Nicky tells her she forgives her, "It's not about what you've done; it's about what you do." They need to stop Russell. Zhilan agrees, and they go after him together.

They reach Russell as he grabs the Source, power coursing through his veins. Xiao appears to say there's no stopping Russell now. But Zhilan and Nicky are determined to try, and they fight back. Suddenly, Mia rushes in, stabbing him with the knife that killed Suyin. It doesn't work, but now all three team up.

Nicky realizes the only way to stop him is for one of them to stay behind while the other two close the portal. She volunteers, self sacrificing as always, but Mia insists it should be her and that she's past saving. Nicky gently tells her that no one is past saving as she looks to Zhilan. Zhilan calls Nicky a true hero as she makes Mia leave the cave with her.

But at the last moment, Zhilan has a change of heart. Her connection with Mia has made her want to give her the life she didn't have. She pushes Nicky out of the way and stabs Russell, telling her "little monk" Nicky to go. As roles are reversed, Mia makes Nicky leave while Zhilan stays. She finally gets revenge for both Kerwin and her mother, holding Russell down while the cave comes down around them. The realm collapses as Nicky and Mia just make it out, where Evan and Henry are waiting.

They head back to Harmony Dumplings, where the Shens are beginning to repair the damage. But they're not alone. The entire community turns out to help them, recognizing the restaurant for the community institution it is.

Alone in his apartment, Henry is visited by Yuen. He flashes back to his father's death and his last words: "I'm sorry I never told you who you really are." She gives him a box of his father's things, including a ring. That night, Nicky stops by, and Henry tells her about his father's death and his journals. He's leaving to go after Si Nan, something his father was searching for. She offers to go with him, but he says he has to do it alone.

Mia pursues training at the monastery while Nicky sees reminders of Henry everywhere. She trains alone as a little girl watches, asking Nicky to show her how to do what she's doing. In the final shot, a storm rages while a figure makes their way through the woods. It's Pei-Ling, seemingly back from the dead.



## Shifu

Season 3 Episode Number: 27 Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Wednesday October 05, 2022
Writer: Robert Berens, Christina M. Kim

Director: David Grossman

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

Guest Stars: Marissa Cuevas (Nadia), Krzysztof Bryjak (Investor), Rawleigh

Clements-Willis (Large Thief), Karina Ho (Kung Fu Student), Mike Kovac (Benny Hines), Jaeson Lee (Cop #1), Darren Moore (Clayton), Dominique Robinson (Delivery Guy), Jonathan Vellner (Crew Member),

Ben Levin (Bo), Kim Rhodes (Carrie)

Production Code: T13.23951

Summary: As the Shen's prepare for Harmony Dumplings' grand reopening, they

learn that they have become the latest victims of a crime wave that has hit their Chinatown community. As Nicky and the team prepare to take matters into their own hands, a run-in with a vigilante named Bo leaves Nicky wondering who this mysterious stranger in her city is. Elsewhere, following the legal fallout from her app, Althea and Dennis move back in with Mei-Li and Jin, and Ryan and Sebastian adjust to living together, while juggling their busy schedules. Finally, the unexpected arrival of someone from Nicky's past rocks her to her core.



As we saw at the end of last season, Nicky is hard at work, teaching martial arts classes at the community center.

We cut to a local businessman getting robbed, only to find out his incomplete delivery was to Harmony Dumplings. The stolen item? A new oven for the restaurant's grand re-opening. Since the earthquake, crime's been up in Chinatown.

Jin crunches some numbers, and it's not looking good for the restaurant with the oven delaying reopening. Even despite the boom in business last year and

all the help from the community and disaster relief, the restaurant is hurting for cash. There are investors circling Harmony Dumplings, but Mei-Li doesn't want to relinquish control of the family business to outsiders.

Sebastian helps Mei-Li repaint the walls of Harmony Dumplings. He's been working at a diner with little pay and no benefits, much like the rest of the kitchen crew. Mei-Li is worried about them getting by if the re-opening gets delayed, but Sebastian maintains waiting is worth it.

After the oven is safely returned and the opening is back on track, Mei-Li starts meeting with investors. Though the re-opening is back on track, it still isn't enough with the hole they've fallen in with the earthquake damage and the closing.

It's family mealtime at Harmony Dumplings. Sebastian and Mei-Li seem as close as ever, with him having taken another step in integrating himself into the family by moving in with Ryan.

Althea and Dennis have also moved back in with Jin and Mei-Li. Althea's currently embroiled in a court case after turning herself in for violating her app users' privacy to send out the earthquake alert last season. Evan and Nadya seem to be going strong as they join the Shens for dinner. Evan recently opened his own law practice. They all share a happy meal, but Nicky is notably the only single person at the table.

When Mei Li gets wind of the delivery gone awry, the Shen siblings do what they do and go to track the thieves down. Nicky ends up embroiled in a fight as the criminals don't want to give up the stolen belongings. Althea and Ryan even get a little action as backup comes in. However, the real mystery is Bo, a local who flies to Nicky's assist against the thugs — and boy are there some vibes.

Althea tracks down Bo (full name Bo Han) through some Youtube sleuthing and employment records hacking. Nicky starts to head to see him, only for him to show up on her doorstep (in the midst of a truly embarrassing conversation between her and Althea concerning Althea teasing her about Bo as a potential romance).

Nicky asks about the gang's running the operation that resulted in the critical loss of the restaurant's new oven. Ben reveals the rival gangs, the Bay City Soldiers and the Oaktown 13, were working together, signaling something big. Bo, apparently hacker extraordinaire (even Althea says he's good), finds the leader of the group that she fought, Benny Hines. The two go to pay him a little visit.

On the trip over, the two swap stories. Bo also lost a mentor who taught him how to fight, and he feels like it's a waste not to use what he learned. The two catch Benny and shake him down for info. He claims to not know where the stuff got moved after Nicky and Bo scattered the team. However, Nicky nabs his phone.

Althea and Bo get to hacking at Dennis' job (busboy/waiter/bartender — we love a multitalented man). The gang finds messages detailing where the stolen goods were taken. Ben, Althea, and Ryan go to investigate while Nicky runs off with Evan to investigate the footage.

Bo enters the building to investigate and finds a bomb... which Althea and Ryan trigger the timer for by walking in a booby-trapped door. If the bomb goes off, all of the neighborhood's stolen goods, which seem to be harbored in this warehouse, will go kaboom. Bo's solution? Zindle an answer on the internet... mixed results. After the Internet fails them, Bo fumbles with the circuitry and miraculously stops the bomb. This doesn't answer the question of why all of this is happening though. This isn't typical gang activity.

Sebastian and Ryan are as cute as ever. The two share a sweet moment as Ryan comes home from a long residency night shift... only to fall cold asleep. But don't worry. Despite their rough schedules, the two are making it work.

Althea and Dennis are stuck in the Shen family house, which is putting a damper on the romance department. With Dennis having been disowned and Althea having lost her company, they're living on a dime. But they're at least in it together. Meanwhile, Althea is driving Jin and Mei-Li up the wall organizing things around the house with her new app, Matron. Althea needs somewhere to put her pent up energy without a company to funnel it into, and it looks like helping Nicky is one solution. Evan calls, and Nicky sets him on tracking down Bo. Althea is the one that ends up finding him, though no news on the appliance chop shop. It turns out Bo's a vigilante in Oakland.

Althea is really pushing Nicky pursuing Bo romantically. None of them have heard from Henry since he left, made even worse by the fact that Mia still manages to keep in touch from the monastery. As Althea keeps pushing, Nicky yells at her to stop, the veneer of being fine crumbling. She's accepted that what Henry and she had was over, but wants to focus on things she can change, like helping the city recover from the earthquake, which she feels guilty for not being able to stop.

Meanwhile, Henry is on a ship in the Mediterranean... playing poker? As he wins a lot of money off of some shady guys (who threaten to expose he's basically a stowaway on the ship? Henry, what are you doing), he barters for a stop in Cyprus since the ship's headed for the Aegean. They argue it's too expensive, but Henry barters the ring he was going to propose to Nicky with. Is it truly over for them? Maybe the answer is no. As he gets off the ship in Cypress, ring safely re-pilfered and tucked away, one can only guess at his motivations.

A cop walks up to someone sleeping on the ground outside and tries to move them along. However, as the figure beats up the cop and runs off, we see it's... Pei-Ling?!?

Evan finds the footage looking for info on the chop shop and pulls Nicky aside to show her. They rush off to the site where the body cam footage was taken. Evan warns that they don't know it's Pei-Ling. It could be Xiao. Nicky is still determined to investigate. They turn up to a full crime scene; they're not the only ones looking for her.

In some nearby stables, Nicky finds Pei-Ling hiding. Pei-Ling doesn't seem to recognize her, starting to brawl with her former charge as Nicky tries to get through to her. Nicky bests her and somehow manages to get through.

Nicky asks what Pei-Ling remembers about getting back to the land of the living, to which she answers "Lightning. Rain. It hurt. Everything hurt."

Later, Nicky talks to Evan about her concerns. When she and Pei-Ling fought, she pulled out a move Nicky had only seen Xiao do before. She knows in her gut it's Pei-Ling, but she doesn't think she crossed over alone. Meanwhile, Pei-Ling's necklace begins to glow with The Source.

## Risk

Season 3 Episode Number: 28 Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Wednesday October 12, 2022

Writer: Dan Hamamura
Director: Geoffrey Wing Shotz

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

Guest Stars: Ben Levin (Bo), Michael Bow (Simon Lau), Seamus Dever (Max DeVeer),

Kim Rhodes (Carrie), Donald Heng (Anthony Chan), David Nykl (Grant Harrison), Krzysztof Bryjak (Neil), Owen Chau (The Harvester), Benita

Ha (Wendy), Yu Matsushita (Suyin)

Production Code: T13.23952

Summary: When someone from Nicky's past shows up unexpectedly, she reaches

out to Ryan for help uncovering why. Jin takes on the Chinatown Council, while Evan and Althea investigate what may be behind the city's recent rise in crime. Finally, Mei-Li meets with Carrie, the representative of a restaurant investment group, and Henry's globetrotting

search brings him to one of his father's former allies.



As part of trying to recover from the earthquake, Mei-Li and Jin discuss partnering with a restaurant investment group. The duo who are sent to negotiate drive a hard bargain, with one essentially insulting every aspect of their business. Unwilling to give up control over her business, Mei-Li turns down the deal.

But the other associate, Carrie, takes a different approach. She reassures Mei-Li that the reason the company was even

interested in the first place was because of the quality of her food and the dining experience. She gives her pointers on how to negotiate what she wants. In the end and with Carrie's help, Mei-Li gets the deal she deserves to save the restaurant.

Zhilan wanders through a deserted realm. But she's not alone for long: a young warrior gathers firewood in a canyon below. A hood figure approaches behind her with a sword and Zhilan tries to warn her, but it's too late. The dark warrior hits the woman with his sword, and her eyes glow purple before she vanishes. Zhilan hides, and right when the warrior is about to find her, someone pulls her away from behind.

That someone is Simon, who is less than thrilled that the person he saved is also his murderer. He tells her the warrior is known as The Harvester — he's hunting down each soul in this realm one by one. Zhilan shares that she thought she was alone in Hell when she woke up and begs him to let her stay, even apologizing for his death. But Simon doesn't trust her, and he has his own crew to protect. They part ways.

But the Harvester comes for Simon, and Zhilan saves him. Despite being nicked by the blade, she lives. Simon realizes the reason why: Zhilan never died in the other realm, so she was pulled here alive. Zhilan is not dead, but she's trapped.

Evan has some good and bad news for Althea. Good: the DA is willing to drop the criminal charges against her. Bad: in exchange, Althea can't use the internet for a full year. While helping Nicky and Ryan, she tries to decide whether or not to take the deal. Hacking and her skill with a computer is her identity, though Evan tries to reassure her that she's worth more than that.

Pei-Ling still doesn't know how she got to our world, or where she got her mysterious necklace. Nicky tries to reassure her that they can figure it out in time — she's just glad to have her back. Pei-Ling meditates and remembers seeing Zhilan's body in the other realm, which distresses her.

Nicky worries that Xiao is using Pei-Ling to get back to our world. She goes to Althea and Ryan for help since they still have Xiao's old notes to sift through. Ryan decides to look into those while Althea is focused on the task of figuring out who tried to bomb the two of them. He finds out that Xiao had the gift of crossing between worlds, which would explain how she ended up in the afterlife in the first place. Nicky shares a drawing of the necklace Pei-Ling is wearing to see if the symbol rings any bells.

Ryan finds that the necklace was designed to be a tether to help Xiao bring the resurrected Emperor back with her. In theory, destroying the pendant should sent Xiao back if she used it to hitch a ride to Earth with Pei-Ling. But the two worry that it could also send Pei-Ling back.

Anthony gives a speech to the community, but Jin has pointed questions about the promises that the mayor hasn't kept. Another woman gets up to discuss the increase in robberies and security concerns, getting the crowd on her side by saying that if it wasn't for "that girl" they'd be in a lot of trouble. After the meeting, a man approaches her and gets the information that "the Shen girl" is the one keeping crime down. Jin apologizes to Anthony for starting the discussion, but Anthony says the criticism was bound to come up. He explains that the crime bill, Ordinance 11, would give away control over their community and he's not willing to do that. He asks Jin to help him connect with the community and get them to trust him.

Evan and Althea find out that the bombing was the brainchild of Max, the man from the meeting and a disaster consultant whose job involves causing chaos in the wake of disasters to bring profits. The recent crime wave was manufactured by him to help pass the crime bill. A few keystrokes later, Althea has enough evidence to prove his involvement with gang activity.

But Max gets to Althea first, forcing her out of the bar where she was supposed to meet Dennis. Max wants her to erase the files that tie him to the gang activity. Bo, Dennis, Evan, and Nicky work to counteract Althea's maneuvers in order to find her while she outfoxes Max's gang on her end. As he's about to kill her, the lights go out and she's able to run away.

It's Nicky and Bo, who make quick work of the gang. While the prior evidence was deleted, Althea's abduction and attempted murder is more than enough to put Max behind bars. She tells Dennis about the deal with the DA, noting that if she can get through this, she can get through anything. Nicky thanks Bo for helping, and he says he did it because he likes her.

Pei-Ling and Nicky talk, and both decide they need to destroy the necklace to stop Xiao. They say an emotional goodbye as they destroy the necklace, but Pei-Ling is fine. to celebrate, Nicky goes out with Bo, and they kiss.

In Cyprus, Henry meets up with Grant Harrison about the compass. While Grant doesn't believe that he's Danny's son at first, Henry convinces him by knowing significant details. They realize that while the search was a dead end in China, the artifact could have ended up in Iceland. They travel there and find it, and it reacts to Henry by lighting up. Grant is killed by a sniper, and Henry has to rush away as guards sweep in.

# The Compass

Season 3 Episode Number: 29 Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Wednesday October 19, 2022 Writer: Ryan Johnson, Peter Lalayanis

Director: Joe Menendez

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

Guest Stars: Ben Levin (Bo), Michael Bow (Simon Lau), Donald Sales (Razor), Josh

Blacker (Calvin Zarco), Kira Clavell (Woman Warrior), Simon Chin (Guardian #1), Graeme Guthrie (Zarco Mercenary), Tanya Jade (Pirate Warrior / Guardian), Jamall Johnson (FBI Agent Kemp), Wenke Song (Military Warrior / Guardian), Emma Willey (Waitress), Carlo Yu (Victorian Warrior / Guardian), William Yu (Young Henry), Tianyu Zhou

(Cultural Revolution Warrior / Guardian)

Production Code: T13.23953

Summary: After learning that Henry is a person of interest in a heist gone wrong,

Nicky travels to Thailand to help him — a move that forces them to confront their unresolved issues. Mei-Li needs help reorganizing at Harmony Dumplings, Jin and Althea team up to help. Elsewhere,

Ryan gets some relationship advice from an unlikely source.



In a demonstration of fluidity and grace, Nicky and Pei-Ling train together in the community center. That is, until Pei-Ling stumbles; it's taking her a while to recover physically even though her memories are returning. She feels better since shattering the necklace and hopes it severed her connection with Xiao.

Pei-Ling ribs Nicky about embracing change — a thinly veiled prod via Althea about how things are going with Bo. Nicky tells her shifu she's embracing change plenty, but that she should do the

same. Pei-Ling hasn't been out much since coming back, and Nicky reminds her that this isn't just a second chance for their relationship but for Pei-Ling's life too.

Ryan visits Pei-Ling, checking up on her. All of her bloodwork is normal, showing no traces of any traces of Xiao — presumably meaning Jyu Sa. Pei-Ling asks if Ryan has any plans for the day, trying to start getting out more as Nicky suggested. Ignoring things with Seb, he agrees to go out with her.

The pair hit all of Chinatown's touristy spots and have a blast. However, Pei-Ling notices Ryan checking his phone a lot and after weasling the truth out of him urges him to apologize. Ryan feels like with Seb having moved in so suddenly, he had to give up his space so quickly but Pei-Ling helps him see that Sebastian probably feels like he hasn't made space for him.

Pei-Ling visits Harmony Dumplings to talk to Mei-Li. She apologizes for never letting know where Nicky was during her 3 years away, stating she felt that she had to respect Nicky's choice.

Mei-Li says she has nothing to apologize for. She took Nicky in when she was lost and Mei-Li had pushed her away, not knowing how to help her. Pei-Ling helped Nicky transform into a wonderful and strong person, and that change in Nicky helped change the rest of the family. All of a sudden, there is a shift in Pei-Ling; Xiao emerges and starts gripping Mei-Li very tightly, realizing she's Nicky's mother. Pei-Ling manages to snap out of it and apologizes, running from a shaken Mei-Li.

Back at the Shen household, Jin and Mei-Li still fondly contend with the challenges of Althea living at home. The issue today? She's got so many things plugged into the wall for her haircare that the lights in the house are flickering! Mei-Li asks Jin if he's thinking of taking Anthony's job offer. He says no, but seems to be interested — though he cites that he's too old to get in the game and doesn't want politics to change him. Mei-Li encourages him to do it, saying the city needs someone like him.

Back at the restaurant, Jin is wrestling with a huge delivery from the new supplier. They've never ordered for more than 2 weeks at a time and need to find somewhere to put all the ingredients. He recruits Althea to take over in her place.

Althea proves her organizational skills by sorting the new inventory in a new, more convenient system — by dish rather than by ingredient grouping. She feels accomplished and realizes she can still solve problems without tech. She thanks Jin for getting her out of her comfort zone and Mei-Li uses that lesson to push Jin into calling Anthony.

Nicky and Bo are having a romantic night under the stars when Evan contacts Nicky. He got a call from an old FBI contact who was looking for Henry after he broke into the museum in Iceland. Interpol has declared Henry a person of interest and wants to talk to Nicky.

Back at her apartment, Nicky tells an agent that she hasn't been in contact with Henry — which he finds hard to believe since she's living in his old apartment and working at his old job. She tells him it's the truth and that even though they didn't have a great breakup, she wants to help if he's in trouble. The agent doesn't give anything up, much to her chagrin.

Back at the house, Althea and Ryan question her about reaching Henry, which she responds again that she hasn't been able to reach him. She's tried everything, even reaching out to the Wan Zai. Ryan apologizes for pushing her, stating that he just knows if the tables were reversed and one of them were in trouble, Henry would drop everything in a heartbeat to help them.

Nicky meets up with Bo and apologizes on cutting out on their date. She explains the situation with Henry to him and asks for his help since Althea's in "tech jail." His task? Hacking into an FBI agent's computer. No biggie. Nicky lures the FBI agent back to the community center to tell him some details about the day that Henry left that she "forgot" while Bo hacks into his tech in the back, gaining access to everything the FBI has on Henry.

Bo and Nicky meet up with Evan, who tells them the FBI thinks Henry and Grant broke in to the museum to steal Lai-Taang Bow-Ran. Henry's wanted for questioning, but he's not the FBI's main suspect. That would be Cavin Zarco, a notoriously lethal South African antiuqities thied and the man we saw try and apprehend Henry. They decide to track Zarco in hopes of finding Henry. Nicky knows someone who might know Zarco's whereabouts: Razor, the man Zhilan hired in season 1 to recover the box that held the scabbard for Liang Daiyu's sword.

Razor thinks Nicky came to see him for a rematch, but she wants info on Zarco — which Razor does not want to give. He says Henry has really gotten himself into trouble this time; Zarco has no code and if it gets out Razor helped Nicky, he's done for. Nicky challenges him to a rematch; if she wins, she gets information on Zarco's whearabouts and if Razor wins, he gets to use Nicky for a job. Nicky disarms him extremely quickly and gets her promised information. Outside, she meets up with Bo and tells him Razor has a buddy on Zarco's team who tipped him off they're in Bangkok, where Nicky is headed. She thanks him for helping her out even though it was weird with Henry invovled. He asks if he has anything to worry about between her and Henry, and the answering kiss says no better than any of her verbal reassurances.

Henry is seen researching The Compass. Once again, he touches it and it reacts to him. He flashed back to his childhood, sneaking inot his dad's study while he and his mom are arguing. There, his young self found a contraption Daniel was in the porcess of building and intuitively assembled it. Back in the present, some thugs break into Henry's hiding spot, but our slippery friend is in the wind before they find him. However, the head guy says that he knows where Henry's headed.

In the beautifully vibrant Bangkok, Evan helps Nicky track Zarco's guy. All of a sudden, the chase is on and Evan steers Nicky right into none other than Henry himself, who questions what

she's doing there. After she explains she's there to help, the two fall into their familiar dance up against Zarco's men and make a mad dash for it, hand in hand. The two hole up somewhere and Henry shows her the compass; he found Si Nan.

Henry explains that he'd seen the symbols on the compass before on a connected object called The Lodestone (from the flashback) — both parts of the same myth. If the two items are brought together at a sacred site called The Foundation, it activates an unknown process called Genesis. The Foundation was believed by Daniel to be somewhere in Thailand; Henry is seeking it out to try and unlock the secrets of who he is, though he still lacks The Lodestone. Nicky thought she was coming to save Henry, but realizes that his chase for answers isn't over.

Nicky helps Henry research and catches him up on what's going with the family. She's interrupted by Henry seeing a picture of The Lodestone in a book she has. Somehow, he's able to read the Thai symbols that say, "The compass and the lodestone will summon Genesis from the foundation at the center of the rose." Henry takes this to be about an ancient temple Grant told him about before he died, called "The Flower of the Heavens." It's located in Kanchanaburi, about an hour by motorcycle.

Nicky goes to head out and push on with the mission, but Henry stops her to apologize for hurting her and not reaching out. He thought he had to go on this mission alone, which she argues he didn't have to do — which he now realizes. He tells her he fell in love with her because she's always known who she is, something he's never had. He thought if he could solve this last mystery his dad plopped in his lap, he would have some security in his identity and be worthy of her. But he realized as soon as he saw her that it's supposed to be the two of them togehter. Nicky tells Henry she wants to help him find what he's looking for, but he can't go back.

In Kanchanaburi, Nicky and Henry reach The Foundation. Before figuring out what to do, Henry asks if he and Nicky are truly done, and she says yes. She had to move on. They're interrupted by Zarco, who takes the compass. Zarco tells Henry that he crossed paths with Daniel years ago, who refused to team up with him. The Lodestone isn't just an object, it's a vessel for the energy to anoint the compass bearer, "the one person who can initiate Genesis." Flashing back to the childhood memory, we see the Lodestone flash as Henry assembles it and he passes out. The Lodestone chose him; he is the compass bearer. Only he can bring the compass to the foundation and achieve Genesis.

Genesis is supposed to be a powerful locator of mystical energy. It will find the divine object that first brought magic into the world. Daniel wanted to find the compass and destroy it in order to protect Henry. Henry refuses to do it, but Zarco threatens Nicky and he has no choice. He settles the Compass in the correct spot and the ground beings to shake. Nicky uses the distraction to break free of the guards, but Henry is already immobilized by beams of light pouring energy into his body. Nicky grapples with Zarco and puts him down, but she's too late. When she tries to reach Henry, she's thrown back. Henry levitates into the air before dropping.

Ryan comes home from the brainstorming session on locating Henry very frustrated, and he's taking it out on Sebastian, who is cooking in the kitchen. They get into a tiff about Ryan leaving his stuff all over the place and Sebastian not having enough room to cook. It all comes to a head when Ryan slips up and calls the apartment "his place" and not "our place", to Sebastian's chagrin. Thankfully, Pei-Ling makes him see some sense.

This isn't the actual name for wherever Zhilan and the rest of the departed Guardians are stuck, but you have to admit it's fun. Simon brings Zhilan to the Guardians' hideout. As Zhilan faces the others, they ask where Suyin is and Simon tells them The Harvester got her. Zhilan questions if the scant few gathered are all of the Guardians they could find. Simon thinks there's still more out there since they all got scattered when they got cast into wherever they are. The others inscribe Suyin's name on a wall of those fallen by The Harvester. Here, Zhilan finds her mother's name, Zhang Fang-Su. She was one of the first to fall, but was looking for her daughter, which Zhilan takes to mean Pei-Ling.

Zhilan tells Simon of Zhang Fang-Su rejecting her after they met in the realm. She was hoping for a second chance. Simon laughs, saying that all the Guardians in the cave know Zhilan's a murder. He tells her that it doesn't matter what she's done in the past. They're all stuck together and it matters only what she does now. A Guardian runs in and tells the others that another has fallen, Jia. The Harvestor got her.

The Guardians argue about whether or not they should leave as the Harvester was only a mile from their hideout when he got Jia. Simon thinks they can subsist on less supplies and just go out less frequently, but Zhilan wants to fight, saying cowering in a cave is no way to live. She tells them she will fight and kill the Harvester since the blade doesn't kill her if they help.

## **Harmony**

Season 3 Episode Number: 30 Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Wednesday October 26, 2022

Writer: Richard Lowe Director: Richard Speight, Jr.

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

Guest Stars: Marissa Cuevas (Nadia), Kim Rhodes (Carrie), Richard Speight Jr. (Leif

Winzig), Gary Daniels (Master Drake), Donald Heng (Anthony Chan), Michelle Mao (Tracy Fong), Sean Amsing (Kai), Link Baker (Derek Willmot), Adam Beauchesne (Robby), Bianca Caroca (Kendall), Dorthe Enger (Tracy's Mother), Mike Kovac (Benny), Jocelyn Tam (Esther), Eliz-

abeth Thai (Melody), Megan Peta Hill (Christy)

Production Code: T13.23954

Summary: With the grand reopening of Harmony Dumplings just around the cor-

ner, it's all hands on deck to make sure it goes off without a hitch. However, things take an unexpected turn when the Shens receive a mysterious threat on the eve of the restaurant's reopening. Jin faces a new challenge and Ryan scrambles to find Sebastian the perfect gift.



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## Harvest

Season 3 Episode Number: 31 Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Wednesday November 02, 2022

Writer: Melissa Rundle Director: Marielle Woods

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

> (Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

**Guest Stars:** Ben Levin (Bo), Michael Bow (Simon Lau), Kim Rhodes (Carrie), Don-

> ald Heng (Anthony Chan), Dorren Lee (Yuen Oye), Kira Clavell (Woman Warrior), Owen Chau (The Harvester), Simon Chin (Guardian #1), Ken Do (Mugger), Megan Peta Hill (Christy), Tanya Jade (Pirate Warrior / Guardian), Jennifer Khoe (Xiao), Karen Khunkhun (Interviewer), Wenke Song (Military Warrior / Guardian), Carlo Yu (Victorian Warrior

/ Guardian), Tianyu Zhou (Cultural Revolution Warrior / Guardian)

Production Code: T13.23955

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#### Rescue

Season 3 Episode Number: 32 Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Wednesday November 09, 2022

Writer: Matt Young
Director: Kristin Windell

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

Guest Stars: Ben Levin (Bo), Kim Rhodes (Carrie), Chelsea Clark (Chloe Soong),

Donald Heng (Anthony Chan), Owen Chau (The Harvester), Veronica Cormier (Jill), Patti Kim (Sara), Alea O'Shea (Marina), Cameron Paisley

(Paul), Connor Wong (Tianyu)

Production Code: T13.23956

Summary: Nicky, Henry, Ryan and Pei-Ling try to make sense of some disturbing

information they've learned about Xiao.



Chloe comes to visit Dennis at work. He thinks it's about his estrangement from their parents, but she has a problem she needs his help with. Someone stole a significant amount of money from their parents' trust, and she has no idea who did it. Althea quickly jumps in to investigate and realizes it was an inside job. Interviewing Chloe's friends proves unproductive until they talk to Marina. She has a cover story, but Althea sees right through

it based on her deep knowledge of the college cheer scene. They expose her as a fraud and get the money back. In her gratitude, Chloe accidentally reveals to Althea that Dennis is choosing not to contact his parents.

Althea asks Dennis about this, and he tells her everything. She gently suggests that Chloe needs help and that he should consider talking to them again. Dennis is reluctant to give up his newfound freedom, but Althea reassures him that they can still live their own lives.

Jin is upset to hear that Anthony is voting for the security ordinance, especially when he finds out they blackmailed him to ensure his support. Anthony tries to smooth things over by offering Jin a job in his new administration — assuming he gets elected, that is. Meanwhile, Mei-Li gets a visit from Carrie. Sebastian is on the cover of a food magazine, and that worries Carrie's bosses considering his past conviction. Mei-Li doesn't want to let Sebastian go, but Carrie points out that in their contract, it states that Mei-Li should have told them about Sebastian's past. Since she didn't, they could be in breach of contract and be sued.

Evan and Jin talk about the blackmail, with Evan believing that stolen campaign documents could be the source. He also advises Jin not to take the job given his own experience working with the DA. Jin decides the best option is to run for office himself. Sebastian overhears Mei-Li discussing the contract with Jin, and he realizes what must have happened.

Mei-Li insists she will fight for him, but Sebastian tells her not to. He wants Harmony Dumplings and the rest of the staff to succeed, and more importantly, he doesn't want to be the reason she loses everything. She protests, telling her that it's no longer just her restaurant;

it's theirs. But his mind is made up. At home that night, he sobs on his bed as Ryan comforts him.

Nicky and Bo wake up in bed together after a romantic night. She finally confesses the truth about her side gig fighting magical crime, and he takes it surprisingly well. When he goes to shower, she gets a text from Henry asking her to meet him at the library.

After sneaking back into her house (fooling no one except Jin), she agrees to Henry's request to meet. Ryan, Pei-Ling, and Henry are already there and ready to discuss Henry's vision of Zhilan being chased. They all worry that Xiao could escape if she gathers enough of the spirits. Ryan matches the symbol on the weapon Henry saw to the myth of the Harvester. They also discover that the blades were stolen right around the time of the earthquake, which means that at one point they moved between worlds. Nicky realizes that if the blades can travel, she can too.

Henry is resistant to even trying to send Nicky to the other world, fearing she won't come back. He's holding back his true feelings for her. Nicky reassures him that this isn't the first time she's faced something of this magnitude, especially with Henry by her side. She tells him that even though their relationship has changed, the trust is there. He reluctantly agrees.

They are able to launch Nicky into the other world, but her necklace giving her a connection to our world shatters. Wandering, she eventually finds Zhilan, who is hiding with Sara and Tianyu after losing her own group. She doesn't believe they can defeat the Harvester, but when she hears that Pei-Ling is alive and directly threatened by him, her attitude changes. They decide to team up, and not a moment too soon — they are betrayed by the duo who took Zhilan in. But the Harvester leaves Nicky and Zhilan alone since they're both alive, killing one-half of the pair as Tianyu runs away.

Nicky and Zhilan try to battle the Harvester, but he leaves them both alone and knows Nicky's name. As they try to protect Tianyu, Henry tries to bring Nicky back. He's trying to focus on her, and it's not working. Pei-Ling urges him to draw on his love for her, which will be strong enough to bring her back.

In the other realm, the Harvester kills Tianyu. Henry establishes a clear connection, and Nicky has seconds to make a choice: follow that pull and leave with Zhilan or kill the Harvester. She chooses to escape, which leads to a bittersweet reunion between Zhilan and Pei-Ling. But Zhilan isn't the only one who got brought back. The Harvester arrives in San Francisco. Taking off his mask, we see his true identity: Bo.

## Villains

Season 3 Episode Number: 33 Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Wednesday November 16, 2022

Writer: John Bring Director: Joe Menendez

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

Guest Stars: Ben Levin (Bo), Marissa Cuevas (Nadia), Shyinne Anastacio (Sandy

Vasilo), Jennifer Khoe (Xiao), Felicia Simone (Harper Sams), Skoven-

sky Valeus (Bob)

Production Code: T13.23957

Summary: After her latest mission unearths some startling information about

Xiao, Nicky and the team devise a plan to deal with her once and for all. Althea gives Evan some advice on his relationship with Nadia, and

Jin prepares for his first interview.



Both Seb and Mei-Li have been down in the dumps since Carrie forced Seb out. Seb has been avoiding family dinners — and Mei-Li has been avoiding the restaurant. It seems she's not too happy with Carrie either, as shown by her getting upset by a potential brand deal that involves her as a cartoon on the logo (Mama Shen's Frozen Dumplings — they have a certain ring to them). Ryan drags a depressed Seb — who is day drinking and not applying to other restaurants, despite his high demand from the profile — to

help with the Pei-Ling situation. He proves to be quite helpful.

After Mei-Li witnesses Jin's conviction of winning the election by being himself in his meeting with the campaign manager, she finds the conviction to stop hiding and go back to the restaurant. She's ready to fight to get her restaurant back under her control.

Jin's campaign against Anthony Chen is up and running with his name officially on the ballot — though he's got some serious work to do if he hopes to beat him. His campaign supervisor wants him to go on a popular podcast where the host speaks to politicians in order to get his name and message out there. Jin initially has trouble sticking to the script that she writes for him, but eventually tells her he needs to speak from his heart and off the cuff to come off genuine; the people of Chinatown know him.

Evan's business is steadily beginning to grow, leaving Evan and Althea busier than ever — much to the chagrin of Nadia and Evan's schedules (and Althea who is watching the whole thing go down). One case takes them on a journey to get a woman who believes her ex is stalking her a restraining order. The two visit the woman's home to gather evidence and notice that cameras are being put up in the trees. Althea distracts one of the workers putting them up by claiming a special bird's habitat is being disturbed and chats up the worker, who turns out to be an avid bird-watching enthusiast. This buys Evan time to take a peek in the man's van in hopes of finding out more about what's going on.

After figuring out the client isn't being stalked by their ex, Althea and Evan link the mysterious camera equipment to a company with the acronym CZI. Evan wants to stay all night and figure it out, but Althea pushes him to go see Nadia. She wants him to be happy considering how good of a guy he is and his poor track record with Nicky and Sabine. He takes her advice but also takes the time to reassure Althea about Dennis, who's away at a meeting with his parents that she encouraged.

Nadia finds out that CZI isn't a company, but a government initiative that's headed to the mayor's desk — the Crime Zero Initiative. Nadia comes to eat dinner with Evan at the office, and he finds out she connected everything; Delta Security Endeavors is the one who filed the patent for CZI. That, Ordinance 11, everything is connected. The excitement gets to them and they shut the blinds and the lock goes on for some alone time.

With one of The Harvestor's swords in the gang's possession, Henry and Zhilan realize they can use the sword to lure The Harvester to them using the sword as a siren call to its twin blade. The sword in the team's possession is the one that reaps souls but the sister sword is the one that channels them. Nicky deems this too dangerous, but the team realizes they can possibly free Pei-Ling from Xiao's occupation by using the reaping sword. Bo worms himself into the plan with ulterior motives afoot — and let me tell you, Henry is NOT a fan (in the words of Olivia Rodrigo, "jealousy, jealousy").

Pei-Ling is confident that if she goes into a deep meditative state, she can leave her mind completely blank and not give Xiao anything to latch on to, therefore giving the team time to purge her from her body. However, she's concerned she won't be able to achieve that deep level of focus because of the unresolved conflict between her and her sister. Nicky sends Zhilan to talk to Pei-Ling, and Zhilan launches into a tirade about how she doesn't deserve forgiveness. However, Pei-Ling interrupts her and asks Zhilan for forgiveness, apologizing for making the choice to leave her the night their father died. The two can finally reconcile.

The team settles in to extract Xiao after hours when everyone is gone from the community center. Bo charges the sword, which begins to glow — along with Pei-Ling. However, as soon as Xiao's spirit leaves Pei-Ling, the power blows and she escapes into the community center.

Nicky realizes Xiao must have hidden inside one of them. Ryan and Zhilan were the closest to Pei-Ling when Xiao escapes, marking them as likely candidates. Nicky rules no one should leave the building.

Nicky and Ryan pair off to try and figure out a way to test who Xiao is. Ryan realizes that while he tested Pei-Ling for medical abnormalities, he didn't test for magic. He thinks that using the Jyu Sa and The Source (which they still have some of each), they can test to see if anything will show in Pei-Ling's last blood draw. Using Nicky's blood as a control, Ryan pours a mixture of Jyu Sa powder into Pei-Ling's blood, which begins to bubble. Nicky's doesn't, eliminating her as a candidate for possession by Xiao.

Back with the group, Ryan goes to test everyone's blood. Right before his turn, Henry accuses Bo of trying to destroy a wall sigil. Bo's test comes up negative, and Henry's positive. They got to tie him up but Henry insists it's not him. Ryan notices the Petri dish labels were switched before Seb swings on him. Seb has been possessed by Xiao.

The team splits off to try and subdue Seb/Xiao and get the breaker back on to charge the sword. Henry and Nicky finding of the sigils intact, only to have Xiao come after it with an ax. The two fight with Xiao, but she breaks the rune by throwing the ax, forcing them to dive out of the way.

Xiao disappears, but its Pei-Ling and Zhilan that she confronts next, protecting another sigil. But it's not the sigil Xiao's after — it's Pei-Ling. When Bo funneled the souls of the Guardians and Warriors to Xiao, Pei-Ling's body absorbed some of it and she wants all of the power. United in combat for once, Zhilan and Pei-Ling tag team Xiao. She manages to subdue Zhilan by exploiting her spinal injuries and offers to trade her life for Pei-Ling. Pei-Ling agrees, and Xiao's soul starts to enter her. Henry barges in and throws the charged sword to Nicky, who also entered while ZHilan was being held hostage, who then traps Xiao in the sword with some impressive sword work

Back at home, Seb is seriously shaken up. While Xiao had him trapped, he could feel all of her violence and anger — as well as the violence he was inflicting upon Ryan. It felt too familiar to him, and he feels like he can't be around Ryan right now.

Back at the Shen household, where Pei-Ling and Zhilan have been invited to dinner, Pei-Ling

is helping Mei-Li prepare the food. However, while she's chopping vegetables, that eerie blankness that Pei-Ling had when she was taken over by Xiao reappears. She slashes Mei-Li's arm, who starts violently bleeding and licks the knife, saying she knew she sensed something special in her blood and needed to understand it. Jin hits Xiao over the head with a household item but she knocks him down too, slamming him into the cabinets. Nicky runs in and the two begins o fight, Pei-Ling armed with a knife. Nicky disarms her with the knife inches away from Xiao's skin, but can't do it. Xiao taunts that she told her Nicky's connections make her weak before running off.

After the big reveal last episode that Bo is the Harvester, the hits just keep on coming. In this episode, it's revealed that Bo's shifu is... Xiao?!? Despite his seemingly genuine feelings for Nicky, Xiao has Bo using the trust he's built with her against her to help free Xiao from the confines of Pei-Ling's mind after he discovers that Pei-Ling is alive and well — as well as Nicky's shifu.

Bo, though having been standoffish for the past couple of weeks, integrates himself back into Nicky's life, offering to help the team with the plan to expel Xiao. Once the team discovers they can charge the sword with regular old electricity (thanks Seb), Bo offers to help rig the building's electricity so that they don't blow the power. However, during the process of drawing out Xiao, that's exactly what happens. The sword depowers, and Xiao escapes out of Pei-Ling and into the ether — the ether being the rest of the building, as Zhilan had the foresight to ward the building with the same symbols on Xiao's cage so she couldn't escape.

Bo goes to destroy one of the sigils that Zhilan carved in a wall, but a suspicious Henry catches him before he can do it. Henry urges him back to the library after a shaky excuse on Bo's part, saying Nicky wants them to all stay close together. Henry definitely clocks the symbol on the wall.

Bo splits off from Ryan under the guise of holding Xiao back. However, he tells her that they're trying to trap her again. She tells him that she only needs Seb for a while and that she won't hurt any of the group (feels like a bold-faced lie, but okay). She hits Bo on the head with the blunt end of an ax she got out of an emergency box on the wall, saying that they need to believe they fought.

With Xiao trapped and Bo injured, Henry seems to somewhat trust Bo more, especially after he allegedly confronted Xiao alone. Bo offers to hide the sword across the bay while Nicky and Henry search for a way to destroy it without releasing Xiao.

At home, Bo extracts a piece of stone from the reaper sword that is glowing with Xiao's soul. He raises the sword as if to crush the stone and set Xiao free.

## **Betrayal**

Season 3 Episode Number: 34 Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Wednesday November 30, 2022

Writer: Michael Deigh Director: X. Dean Lim

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

Guest Stars: Ben Levin (Bo), Marissa Cuevas (Nadia), Kim Rhodes (Carrie), Ian

Ho (Young Bo), Donald Heng (Anthony Chan), Luis Seki Chi (Lewis), Masako Dande (Librarian), Jennifer Khoe (Xiao), Maggie Ma (Supporter #1), Skyler Mowatt (Police Officer #2), Felicia Simone (Harper Sams)

Production Code: T13.23958

Summary: Following an incident involving her parents, Nicky stumbles upon a

devastating secret. Mei-Li gets creative at the restaurant, and Bo faces

demons from his past.



Jin's campaign manager uncovers hidden dirt on Anthony: he's been seen making exchanges with a local drug dealer, possibly to help his brother. Jin is reluctant to use this information to help his campaign, but then Anthony turns up at a campaign event and humiliates Jin by showcasing his weak spots. He almost tells the audience what his manager found out, but holds back at the last minute. She tells him that in politics if

you pull punches, you get hit.

Mei-Li is struggling with managing the restaurant and her new commitment to provide new products for licensing. She taste-tests several dumplings that don't meet her standards, but her standards lead to a product that is too expensive to produce. Her only option is to make her own version, which is slightly more expensive than what Carrie is looking for. However, Mei-Li is able to convince her to focus on quality over cost by going behind her back to the manufacturer.

In the aftermath of Bo's betrayal, Nicky goes looking for him and for answers. Meanwhile, he is wrestling with his own feelings of guilt. Bo is ready to skip town when Xiao shows up in her true form. She has one last task for him to complete, though he is upset at being asked to stick around when Nicky will definitely be coming after him. He needs to retrieve her hu shen fu so she can travel freely. Bo reluctantly agrees when Xiao reminds him that he owes his life to her. We see flashbacks to his childhood, where he accidentally finds himself trapped in another realm with Xiao due to his uncontrolled traveler gift. He can't get home, and she manipulates him by withholding her protection unless he helps her.

Nicky and the team track Bo in an effort to find Xiao. Nicky's angry and not thinking clearly, leaving backup behind to chase him down at their library. When she realizes he's looking for something of Russell Tan's, she goes to Zhilan. Zhilan is upset that Nicky didn't recognize the threat Bo posed and is even more upset that their only chance of finding Pei-Ling is to find him. She also doubts Nicky's ability to seriously threaten Bo given her usual ineffective interrogation methods, but Nicky assures her she'll have no problem getting what they need.

Ryan realizes that Bo is looking for the hu shen fu so that she can travel. Nadia offers to use her badge to get into Russell Tan's evidence collection, which is where Xiao's hu shen fu is. Once she finds the location, Nicky, Zhilan, and Henry head to the evidence storage facility. Nicky is impatient, clearly wanting to make up for not seeing through Bo's act before. Bo beats them there, and the two groups run into each other as he's about to make his escape.

Nicky tries to convince Bo not to give Xiao the talisman as he weakly argues his point. Zhilan pities his ignorance and misplaced loyalty, but Nicky is beyond pity. She angrily reaches for him, but he teleports away before they can stop him. Henry can feel where he went: back to his apartment.

Back at his hideout, Bo is undergoing a crisis of conscience as he thinks of Nicky's words. Xiao shows up in Pei-Ling's body reminding him of his promises to her. But he realizes she never freed the souls he took, which is what he thought she would do once she returned. Instead of handing over the hu shen fu, he moves to keep it away from Xiao. But she's too fast for him, and as Nicky breaks in, she teleports away after grabbing it.

Nicky fights Bo, but he doesn't fight back, even asking her to "end" him as she hits harder and harder. Her anger takes over and she nearly kills him, only stopping when her hands are covered in blood. She runs home as Zhilan and Henry find his unconscious body, with Zhilan realizing it was Nicky. At home, Nicky frantically tries to wash the blood off her hands while Jin knocks at the door. He's been informed that Anthony is going to run attack ads about Nicky and wants to warn her. Instead, she collapses, crying into his arms as he assures her that everything will be okay.

## The Architect

Season 3 Episode Number: 35 Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Wednesday February 08, 2023

Writer: Michael Deigh Director: X. Dean Lim

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

Guest Stars: Patrick Fabian (The Architect), Donald Heng (Anthony Chan), Larissa

Bustillo (Birthday Guest), Wei Chung (Damian Wu), Michael Connor (DSE Guard #4), Ken Godmere (Dr. Fredrickson), Karina Ho (Student #2), Brianna Kim (Student #1), Dustin Lloyd (DSE Guard #1), Kapila Rego (Dr. Mary), Chris Webb (DSE Guard), Emma Willey (Waitress /

Server), Sharmaine Yeoh (Mrs. Chan)

Production Code: T13.23959

Summary: A negative campaign ad suggests Jin can't control his own family.

Ryan sees a family friend at the hospital, then the disturbing implications of Ordinance 11. Nicky finds out just what Delta Security has

planned for the citizens of S.F.



Anthony Chan is playing dirty in his campaign. He's airing an ad about Jin Shen's family — particularly putting Nicky and her history of "violence" in the spotlight. Althea wants to fight fire with fire (they do have all kinds of dirt on Chan after all), but Jin says absolutely not. Nicky leaves, understandably upset.

Mei-Li and Jin talk about their parents' intuition. They know that Nicky is not okay after everything with Pei Ling, Xiao, and Bo. Jin offers to drop out of the race, but Mei-Li says no. If that ad is any

indication, they need new political leaders in their area now more than ever.

Althea and Dennis get a \$5,000 espresso machine as a gift from his parents. They're clearly trying to buy Dennis and Althea's love back, but Althea tells him to return it. They cannot be bought.

At work, Ryan texts Seb that they should meet up.

Then, Damian gets rushed into the hospital. He's hysterical, yelling that he didn't do anything. Ryan remembers him from when Nicky helped him and tries to help, but he's not cleared to see him as a patient. Only Dr. Fredrickson is.

Nicky goes to teach her class, but only two students show up. These girls know that the ads that Anthony Chan are putting out are lies. Nicky always tells them to only use violence as a last resort, right?

While Nicky works with her students, she thinks about what she did to Bo. That wasn't using violence as a last resort. She broke her moral code. Upset, she tells the girls not to call her Shifu and cancels class.

Nicky goes to visit where her ShiFu used to stay, but she's gone. Nicky cries.

Althea gets a call from Ryan about Damian. Apparently cops dropped Damian off then bounced, leaving Damian alone with some DSE security guards. Evan tells them that DSE stands for "Delta Security Endeavors," which begs the question: "What the hell are delta codes doing in a patient's chart?" Why is Damian on such a tight leash? Whatever's going on, it's big.

Ryan goes back in to try and talk to Damien. The DSE guard says he's not allowed, but Ryan tells him to verbally state that he understands the legal implications of denying a patient healthcare. The guard leaves, and Ryan is able to talk to Damian.

Cops dusted his apartment and arrested him for armed robbery. They found a gun in his apartment, but he says he's never touched a gun. They made him sign a contract and told him that he could either go to jail or go into some sort of rehab. He wasn't in his right mind, so he signed the document without looking into it further. He now realizes that these guys were following him, and now they've framed him.

Damian begs Ryan for help, but Dr. Fredrikson comes in and tells him to get back to work.

Nicky talks to Henry and tells him that she has to step away from the fight. She wants him to continue with everything while she works on herself and figuring out why she did what she did to Bo.

At this point, Bo regained consciousness a few hours ago and he's gonna be fine. But still, she violated her principles. She forgot everything Pei Ling taught her.

Ryan calls Nicky and tells her that he needs help at the hospital. He takes Nicky to Damien's bed, but Damian's gone.

Evan explains that Delta Security Endeavors is bad news. They have all kinds of security clearance across the city. Henry adds that the CEO, also known as "The Architect" is willing to do anything to increase Delta's impact on the city. They definitely framed Damian for some bigger reason.

Meanwhile, Althea got a designer bag from Dennis' parents, and she has to return it. She's devastated. "Maybe," Nicky tells her. "Try asking yourself 'will this bring me lasting happiness." She realizes she doesn't need the bag.

Mei-Li goes to visit Anthony Chan because he slandered their family. She demands that he removes the ads, but Chan tells her, "It's politics, Mei Li. Nothing's off limits. Not even family."

She was hoping he would say that. Good thing he did, because Mei-Li brought Anthony Chan's mom into the situation. Mrs. Chan tells Anthony that he owes the Shens an apology. Mei-Li says she doesn't need an apology. She needs the ads to be taken down.

This is how we find out that Anthony Chan didn't even want to run those ads. He was forced to through blackmail because of his brother's mess. Delta's behind all of it. Delta wants to take Nicky down and they used an ad against Jin to do it.

Delta's holding Damian against his will on false charges. They can't be hacked and they won't respond to the government. The only way they can help him is if they can hack the cameras and get into the system (Thanks, Althea). Delta would have eyes on them the whole time. That is, unless they gave them something else to look at.

Dennis blinds camera one so Nicky can get into camera two and help Evan hack it. Evan goes as fast as he can but, even with Althea's help, Dennis has to buy them more time using a rendition of Happy Birthday that goes on for way too long.

Althea guides Evan through hacking. Delta's info is unreachable from their code, but they found the location of the hub where they're storing all their data. Nicky could go inside the headquarters, and they could find the rehab and Damian.

Mei-Li calls Nicky and tells her what she found out from Anthony Chan. Evan and Althea say that it's maybe not a good idea for Nicky to break in. She's already on their radar. Nicky (of course) is going to do it anyway. "Delta thinks I'm a threat?" she says. "Let's prove them right."

Henry sneaks Nicky in and goes on lookout, she's got 15 minutes. "Hey," he tells her. "Glad you got your fire back." Bold assumption that the fire went anywhere, Henry.

She sneaks into the office and finds out that Damian is at their property in Bayview. The group was right. They were watching him for weeks. There are tons of videos of him, including the ones that were sent to SFPD to put him on their radar.

Nicky is smart enough to find the stuff they deleted, and she find a buried video of Damien playing basketball at the same time as the robbery. He's innocent.

There's also a huge list of hundreds of SF residents. Delta is massing data and finding candidates for lockups. Seb is on the list. She needs to get the names. Althea and Evan say the transfer will take too long, but Nicky doesn't care. They need the information.

Henry gets stopped by DSE guards and has to fight them. Nicky tells him to get to safety while she finishes the transfer. Nicky downloads it on a flash drive and is caught. She fights them as best as she can while the files download.

Eventually, she goes to punch one of the guards but remembers what she did to Bo when she lost control. She loses her ground. They smash the files and taze her. She passes out.

Nicky wakes up tied to a chair in a dark room. She's alone in there with Delta's CEO, the Architect.

He tells Nicky that SF is the key to Delta's success. It comes with challenges, but with time all the difficulties would become part of the pitch. It's proof that, if they can take this city, they can take any city. The one quirk they didn't plan on was Nicky. SF has a hero. How can they be the savior if the city already has one?

Now SF knows who Nicky is and views her as a villain. Nicky realizes that she gets to crime before the cops, so there's less people in jail. They want lots of people in jail, so she's bad for their numbers. She feels a lot better about herself, as she should.

The Architect tells Nicky that, thanks to the algorithm, he can predict crime. They want to arrest people before they've committed a crime. It's illegal and unconstitutional.

The Architect says it doesn't matter. The politicians of the area have green-lit their plan. The police are on their way for Nicky, who just trespassed and assaulted employees.

Henry sneaks in to get Nicky out once The Architect is gone. She tells Henry to go. Nicky has to face her consequences. She doesn't want to be a fugitive. Xiao is still out there, Delta's going to screw over the city, and Pei Ling is still missing. "I need you to help my family," she tells him. "Lead them. You're the only one who can."

Nicky gets arrested and put in jail. As unfortunate and jaw-dropping as it is, she looks good in orange.

They got the Damien video so he should get out of Delta's custody. Nicky's still being processed. They should know more tomorrow. Henry, Althea, and Evan are upset.

Henry remembers what Nicky said. He has to step up. "Nicky will be okay," he tells them. "She will. We're gonna do everything we can to get her out. In the mean time, we can't give up. Xiao's still out there, Pei Ling needs us, Nicky was Delta's biggest challenge and now she's off the board." They're going to do everything they can.

When Ryan gets home, Seb is waiting for him. He got Ryan's message. He's in a much better place and he wants to get back with Ryan.

Ryan tells him that he should leave. He's a target for Delta. "They already got [Nicky]," Ryan tells him. "If they got you, too... You need to leave the city. You have to go."

Seb tells Ryan that if his family is fighting something, he's not going anywhere. He's going to fight alongside them.

Dennis comes home and realizes Nicky's in jail. Althea says they actually do need his parents' money. Otherwise, they can't afford Nicky's bail.

The last shot of the episode is Nicky sitting in a jail cell, trying to stay calm.

## Alias

Season 3

Episode Number: 36 Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Wednesday February 15, 2023

Writer: Brian Anthony
Director: Tiffany Frances

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

Guest Stars: Patrick Fabian (David Wheeler), Marissa Cuevas (Nadia), Darren

Dolynski (Matthew Wheeler), Françoise Yip (Diana Soong), Chris Bradford (Guest), Shanique H. Brown (Prison Guard), Tammy Gillis (D.A. Ursillo), Jennifer Khoe (Xiao), Jason William Lee (Guard #2), Sari Mer-

cer (Servant), Ronin Wong (Alfred Soong)

Production Code: T13.23960

Summary: With her world crashing down around her, Nicky is forced to reevaluate

her recent actions in order to move forward. Althea goes undercover to gain more information about Delta Securities, and Henry and Zhilan

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# The Scepter

Season 3 Episode Number: 37 Season Episode: 11

Originally aired: Wednesday February 22, 2023

Writer: Angela Treviño Director: David Grossman

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

Guest Stars: Ben Levin (Bo Han 'The Harvester'), Kim Rhodes (Carrie), Vanessa Yao

(Mia), Donald Heng (Anthony Chan), Vincent Cheng (Eric Chu), Aggie Cheung (Serena Chu), Luis Seki Chi (Lewis), Jennifer Khoe (Xiao), Sean Kuling (Special Agent Nichols), Felicia Simone (Harper Sams),

Cherry Su (Monk), Emily Tu (Hua)

Production Code: T13.23961

Summary: Time running out, Nicky is forced to confront Bo to get information on

Xiao's whereabouts before it's too late. Mei-Li clashes with Carrie at Harmony Dumplings, and Jin makes a surprising decision that could

affect the outcome of the election.



Mei-Li arrives at Harmony Dumplings to find that Carrie is preparing for a busload of tourists. An important food critic has just named the restaurant the best Chinese restaurant in San Francisco, leading to a spike in customers. Mei-Li is uneasy with all the attention, particularly the fact that the restaurant is being totally redesigned.

Sebastian is polishing up his resume when Ryan notices that he is looking into opening his own food truck. Sebastian thinks it's a pipe dream, given the ex-

pense, and insists he's fine with looking for another restaurant gig. Ryan wants to help and goes to Mei-Ling for advice. She shares that Jin held down two full-time jobs so that she could start Harmony Dumplings and that it will take a lot of support to make Sebastian's dream a reality. However, she thinks the two of them can do it. Ryan purchases a broken-down food truck and surprises Sebastian, saying that they'll make it work as a team.

Meanwhile, the restaurant's success among wealthy white tourists means that Mei-Li's friends and other Chinatown residents are being locked out of eating there. Upset, Mei-Li goes to Carrie and demands answers. Carrie shares that she didn't want to make the changes and that corporate forced her hand, adding that she knows this isn't the vision that Mei-Li had for the restaurant. Mei-Li's only option would be to take her fight to the top — Carrie doesn't have enough power to help.

Instead, she decides to follow her heart. She and Jin sell their shares in Harmony Dumplings and let the restaurant go. She asks Sebastian if she can join in his new food truck venture, and he happily agrees.

With just two days left until the election, Jin's team is busy. Evan pops in to let everyone know that the DA is working to make a move on Delta but that it won't happen until after the

election. While Jin is optimistic that he can win without scandal, his manager isn't so sure. The polls have him in a tight contest with Anthony.

Knowing that charges are coming, Jin goes to Anthony to warn him. Even though they're opponents, he wants the district to have a scandal-free leader. Thinking Anthony is more likely to win, Jin wants him to have a strategy in place to keep the district running when the news about the charges breaks. At home, Althea is being followed by Delta Securities, finding a hidden camera in her house.

Instead of doing the right thing, Anthony jeopardizes the DA's investigation by publicly taking credit for the crackdown on Delta. On election night, Althea sees her stalker. Confronting him, the man admits that he's not from Delta — he's a recruiter for the NSA. They have been keeping tabs on her and want to offer her a position. He leaves his card with her as he leaves.

Jin wins the election, revealing that Anthony's press conference was a last-minute hail Mary due to his own low internal polls showing Jin in the lead. The Shen family celebrates while Althea contemplates her offer.

Henry hears from his contacts that Xiao has murdered a group of miners who she commissioned to dig into a mine in China. Nicky urges him to use his compass power to locate her, and he lets slip that the only reason it worked before was because of his feelings for Nicky. Both awkwardly refuse to discuss the situation further.

Nicky, Henry, Evan, and Zhilan meet to go over the strategy. Zhilan wants to ask Bo for help with finding Xiao and figuring out her plans, but Nicky is strongly opposed. Evan has a video of the mine massacre, which shows that Xiao is using her true face. Pei-Ling is gone. In addition, she has a ruyi — a scepter from her time period that symbolizes power. Zhilan is ready to stop looking, thinking that her sister is gone. Nicky urges her not to give up.

Henry sees that the golden pearl on the scepter is powerful, meaning that he may be able to focus his compass powers on it. Zhilan points out that his powers are shaky, again urging them to find Bo for a "friendly chat, or a torture session." She helps Henry with his powers, and he is able to locate Xiao, but Xiao sees him in the vision, implying that the connection doesn't go one way.

Nicky goes to see Bo, who is still in bad shape. They both apologize, with Bo taking the blame for everything and insisting that the feelings he had for her were genuine. He can't offer her much information about Xiao's plan, but he remembers that she wanted to "cleanse" her bloodline. They realize Xiao is at the monastery to find and kill Mia, the "abomination" in her bloodline. Zhilan books her and Nicky on the next flight to China while Henry offers to protect the remaining Shens in case it's needed.

When they find Mia, she is happy at the monastery and has clearly grown a lot. The trio realizes they will need to fight Xiao here, and everyone prepares for the fight. When Xiao arrives, she poses as Pei-Ling and goes after Mia. They manage to fend her off, but she escapes with her totem after Mia dives in front of Nicky to save her.

While they tend to Mia's wounds, Nicky gets the news that her father won the election from Henry. Thinking about his words from before, Nicky says they should talk about their future when they bring Mia back from the monastery. Both are happy, but it is short-lived. Zhilan notices that a symbol is burned into Mia's arm. Back in San Francisco, Xiao appears before Henry. She tells him that after she saw him looking at her, she realizes that he has something that she needs. She yanks him away, disappearing in a cloud of smoke.

## Loss

Season 3

Episode Number: 38 Season Episode: 12

Originally aired: Wednesday March 01, 2023 Writer: Ryan Johnson, Peter Lalayanis

Director: Richard Speight, Jr.

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

Guest Stars: Ben Levin (Bo), Marissa Cuevas (Nadia), Vanessa Yao (Mia), Ian Ho

(Young Bo), Darren Dolynski (Matthew Wheeler), Michael Adamthwaite (Merrick), Reese Alexander (Gatekeeper), Jennifer Khoe (Xiao), Emily

Tu (Hua), Brett Wise (Guard)

Production Code: T13.23962

Summary: Henry finds himself on a collision course with Xiao, whose latest plan

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## **Beginning**

Season 3 Episode Number: 39

Season Episode: 13

Originally aired: Wednesday March 08, 2023 Writer: Christina M. Kim, Robert Berens

Director: Joe Menendez

Show Stars: Olivia Liang (Nicky Shen), Kheng Hua Tan (Mei-Li Shen), Eddie Liu

(Henry Yan), Shannon Dang (Althea Shen), Jon Prasida (Ryan Shen), Gavin Stenhouse (Evan Hartley), Vanessa Kai (Pei-Ling Zhang), Tony Chung (Dennis Soong), Yvonne Chapman (Zhilan), JB Tadena (Sebas-

tian), Tzi Ma (Jin Shen)

Guest Stars: Marissa Cuevas (Nadia), Darren Dolynski (Matthew Wheeler), Michael

Adamthwaite (Merrick), Colin Bremner (Guard), Jennie George (Hostel Owner), Madeleine Kelders (Personal Banker), Jennifer Khoe (Xiao), Sean Kuling (Special Agent Nichols), Gig Morton (Omni Tech #1), Hugo Raymundo (Prison Guard), Darren E. Scott (Delta Guard #7), Brett

Wise (Guard)

Production Code: T13.23963

Summary: After uncovering Xiao's master plan, Nicky and the team find them-

selves in a race against the clock to stop her before it's too late.



The episode starts with Xiao using mind control to break into Delta's security. She finds out that there's a physical safe that has multi-factor authentication keys. The only thing is that it's heavily guarded.

Back at the Shen house, Althea and Ryan are talking. They're glad each other are okay, but they don't feel any different now that there's no magic in their blood. Zhilan says that, unfortunately, her and Nicky's powers are gone.

Nicky talks to Pei Ling through her memories and receives encouragement

from her Shifu.

Althea has to give the government an answer about the job she was offered, but first, they find out about the security breach at Delta. That's it for Jin. He says that Xiao is done. Someone has to kill her. Mei Li agrees.

Nicky comes home and says that she found another way to stop Xiao. They have to save Pei Ling. They shouldn't defeat Xiao to save Pei Ling; it should be the other way around.

They come up with the idea to use the anti-magic fruit to make a solution that could slow Xiao down. Ryan will put it in a syringe that Nicky can inject, but there's only enough for one dose.

Nicky tells Henry that he gave her family a second chance. They don't want to waste it. Henry leaves to find out if Pei Ling is alive inside Xiao, and Zhilan has her.

Henry gave them a second chance; they didn't want to waste it. Henry goes to try something and find out if Pei Ling is alive inside Xiao. Zhilan does some meddling.

Later, Althea and Evan work together, and Althea congratulates Evan on becoming a dad! He says that when the baby comes, he's going to need even more help around here. Althea, still considering the government job, says of course.

They go through the footage of Xiao, and there's a glitch every time she's on camera because of her magical interference. If they can get into Delta's system again and track the glitch, they can use it to find Xiao.

Henry uses his powers to find Pei Ling inside Xiao's mind. She's in a cage, barely conscious, and Xiao sees Henry there and kicks him out.

Nicky and Zhilan go to talk to one of the people who Xiao mind-controlled. He doesn't know what happened. He didn't have control, and it was like his mind and body didn't belong to him.

Ryan gives Nicky the anti-magic serum in an auto-injector. Althea and Evan find the glitches in security cameras and find Xiao in Grand Union Bank. There, she gets the keys for Delta.

Nicky tries to attack Xiao from behind while Zhilan distracts her. They don't get the injector into her, and it falls to the floor.

Xiao mind controls everyone at the bank and gets them to fight Nicky and Zhilan; then Xiao makes the Architect's brother and co-owner of Delta shoot himself in the head. She got what she needed.

Everyone gathers back at the Shen residence. They figure out that Xiao wants control of Delta's satellites so she can control everyone. They need to find the location of Project Omni and stop her from taking control of the satellites.

Althea can do it; she just needs to break the Plea Agreement. So, she takes a job working for the Government. Her non-negotiable conditions? The job is part-time so she can keep working with Evan, she stays in Chinatown instead of on the East Coast, she gets to break her Plea Agreement, and she gets a long list of tech she needs to breach Delta's security.

Henry also tells everyone that he saw Pei Ling. She's alive in there, just trapped.

Althea's back at the computer! She's going to stop Xiao from taking over the Omni satellites. Simultaneously, Henry will go into Xiao's mind to help Pei Ling get out.

Xiao sent people to stop Althea at the Shen household, and it got violent. Zhilan will stay with Nicky's family so Nicky can save Pei Ling and kill Xiao.

Althea struggles to keep the satellites in her control. Nicky tries to get to Xiao, but Xiao is moving fast, breaking workers' necks and doing anything she can to quicken her process.

Henry goes into Xiao's mind to open the cage and free Pei Ling, but he's being blocked by magic. Pei Ling has to get herself out, but she's so weak.

It's all hands on deck. The Shen family is fighting Xiao's mind-controlled people with Zhilan while Nicky goes up against Xiao.

Seb and Evan protect Henry while he's getting Pei Ling out because Xiao sent people after him, too.

Nicky starts to take the lead in the fight. Xiao is stretched thin. She's alone, but Nicky has an army. Her connections don't make her weak; they make her strong.

One of Xiao's mind-controlled people gets into the Shen house and breaks Althea's computers. Henry tells Pei Ling it's now or never before he's taken back into the fight.

The team distracted Xiao for a little while, but she has all the satellites now. It doesn't look great. That is, until Pei Ling makes an appearance.

She controls Xiao's arm to save Nicky from a bad blow, and all the people stop being mind-controlled. Zhilan goes to help Nicky.

Pei Ling and Nicky fight Xiao together, in person and in her mind. They weaken her as one, and Nicky gets the scepter. She breaks it, and Xiao is gone. Pei Ling is in her place, and she wakes up.

Relieved, Nicky goes to her. But, as long as Pei Ling is alive, Xiao can come back.

Zhilan is on her way, running up the stairs as Nicky hugs Pei Ling and stabs her. The souls that Xiao took that were trapped in her body all leave and get peace, and Pei Ling is dead, at peace with them.

Zhilan gets there too late to say goodbye to her sister. She crumples and cries.

Nicky and Zhilan have a sit together, discussing it all.

Zhilan doesn't know where she's going to go, but she leaves and says goodbye to Nicky.

Three months later, the food truck is coming along, and the menu is good. Althea is now Agent Shen-Song. Evan's girlfriend is three months pregnant and finally telling everyone. Jin is killing it at his new job, and the city is lucky to have him.

Mei Li asks what Nicky is going to do next. Nicky doesn't know. She's not the sheriff of Chinatown anymore, and Chinatown has plenty of heroes.

Later, Henry and Nicky kiss in bed. They're happy together. Henry's leaving for a flight soon, though. He's going on a top-secret mission with the Wan Zai. Nicky's leaving, too. She doesn't know when she's going to be back, either. They're sure they'll find each other again, though.

Five months later, Althea is still doing what she loves, Dennis is good at his bartending job, and they have a new apartment they can move into. Baba is still killing it at his job, too.

The food truck is a raging success. It might be time for a second truck or a fleet. Ryan and Seb are so happy together, and Mei Li is happy working with the truck.

Evan's baby is born, and we find out that Nicky is in Rajasthan. She's helping people.

Then, Nicky quite literally walks off into the sunset. Pei Ling is still in her head and heart as a memory when she goes.

# **Actor Appearances**

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	Lau); <mark>0305</mark> (Simon Lau)
Michael Adamthwaite2	Chris Bradford
0312 (Merrick); 0313 (Merrick)	0310 (Guest)
Jojo Ahenkorah	Mark Brandon1
0209 (Guard #1)	0209 (Inner Sanctum Member)
	Colin Bremner
Reese Alexander	0313 (Guard)
0312 (Gatekeeper)	
Anthony Ames1	Shanique H. Brown
0107 (Eric)	0310 (Prison Guard)
Kwesi Ameyaw	Krzysztof Bryjak2
0102 (Alain)	0301 (Investor); 0302 (Neil)
Sean Amsing	Briana Buckmaster 1
0304 (Kai)	0204 (Tamra)
Shyinne Anastacio	Valencia Budijanto1
0307 (Sandy Vasilo)	0101 (Brenda Hao)
Amira Anderson	La' Shawn Burke1
	0108 (D&D Friend #1)
0105 (Injured Woman)	
Annie Q10	Larissa Bustillo
0201 (Juliette Tan); 0202 (Juliette Tan); 0203 (Juli-	0309 (Birthday Guest)
ette Tan); 0204 (Juliette Tan); 0206 (Juliette	Ian Butcher1
Tan); 0208 (Juliette Tan); 0209 (Juliette Tan);	0105 (Watch Commander)
0210 (Juliette Tan); 0211 (Juliette Tan); 0213	
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Nathaniel Arcand	C
0109 (Hank)	Sei Campbell
Michasha Armstrong1	0108 (D&D Friend #3)
0111 (Security Guard)	Lorne Cardinal
Tristan Arthurs	0109 (Duke)
0110 (Frat Dog Food Eater #1)	Bianca Caroca2
Ayzee	0108 (Kendall); 0304 (Kendall)
0110 (Drunk Girl #1)	
	Miguel Castillo
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	Michael Cha1
	0206 (Eric Han)
Link Baker2	Kee Chan12
0102 (Derek Willmot); 0304 (Derek Willmot)	0112 (Russell Tan); 0113 (Russell Tan); 0201 (Rus-
Jag Bal1	sell Tan); 0202 (Russell Tan); 0203 (Russell
0203 (Ronnie)	Tan); 0206 (Russell Tan); 0207 (Russell Tan);
Nickolas Baric	0208 (Russell Tan); 0209 (Russell Tan); 0210
0203 (Tan Guard)	(Russell Tan); 0211 (Russell Tan); 0212 (Rus-
Mariam Barry	sell Tan)
0105 (Protestor #3)	Kingston Chan
David Beairsto2	0213 (Young Girl)
0206 (Jacob Sloan); 0209 (Jacob Sloan)	Peter Chan 1
Shawn Beaton	0111 (Old Man)
0102 (Edgy Looking Man)	Steve Chang
Adam Beauchesne	0113 (The Man)
0304 (Robby)	Owen Chau
Grace Beedie	
	0302 (The Harvester); 0305 (The Harvester); 0306
0108 (Allegra)	(The Harvester)
Toby Berner	Terry Chen 6
0206 (Phil Dean); 0210 (Phil Dean)	0204 (Daniel Yan); 0206 (Daniel Yan); 0207 (Daniel
Josh Blacker	Yan); 0210 (Daniel Yan); 0212 (Daniel Yan);
0303 (Calvin Zarco)	0213 (Daniel Yan)
Suge Blanco	Michael A. Cheng
0208 (Angelo)	0206 (Li Jiaming)
Michael Bow	Vincent Cheng2
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0101 (Older Man); 0311 (Eric Chu)	0105 (Nia)
Aggie Cheung1	Dorthe Enger
0311 (Serena Chu)	0304 (Tracy's Mother)
Luis Seki Chi	Katherine Evans
0208 (Line Cook);       0308 (Lewis);       0311 (Lewis)         David Chin       1	0110 (Margo)
0110 (Detective)	<b>T</b> ?
Simon Chin	—— F —
0303 (Guardian #1); 0305 (Guardian #1)	
Doug Cho	Patrick Fabian
0208 (Ted Chang); 0213 (Ted Chang)	0309 (The Architect); 0310 (David Wheeler)
Wei Chung	Amanda Fix
0201 (Damian Wu); 0309 (Damian Wu)	0102 (Ronda)
Chelsea Clark	Colin Foo
0108 (Chloe Soong); 0113 (Chloe Soong); 0306 (Chloe	0101 (Fortune Teller)
Soong)	Fiona Fu
Kira Clavell	0112 (Po Po); 0113 (Po Po)
0303 (Woman Warrior); 0305 (Woman Warrior)	
Rawleigh Clements-Willis1	G
0301 (Large Thief)	
K.C. Clyde	Shay Galor
0206 (Chase Matheson)	0202 (Reporter)
Michael Connor	Cindy Gan
0309 (DSE Guard #4) Sebastian Cordoba	0108 (Restaurant Worker)
0205 (Oliberto)	Diane Garceau
Veronica Cormier	0113 (Robed Figure) Keefe Garcia
0111 (Super Fan #1); 0306 (Jill)	0110 (Frat Dog Food Eater #2)
Sharon Crandall	Angela Geng
0106 (Dr. Chan)	0111 (Young Fan #2)
Avery Crane	Jennie George
0108 (Althea's Friend #1)	0313 (Hostel Owner)
Daniel Cudmore3	Bradley Gibson
0208 (Bez Gardner); 0210 (Bez Gardner); 0211 (Bez	0103 (Joe); 0104 (Joe); 0105 (Joe); 0110 (Joe)
Gardner)	Dean Paul Gibson
Marissa Cuevas	0209 (Roy Lorenzo)
0112 (Nadia); 0113 (Nadia); 0201 (Nadia); 0205 (Na-	Tammy Gillis
dia); 0208 (Nadia); 0212 (Nadia); 0301 (Na-	0310 (D.A. Ursillo)
dia); 0304 (Nadia); 0307 (Nadia); 0308 (Na-	Ken Godmere
dia); 0310 (Nadia); 0312 (Nadia); 0313 (Nadia)	0309 (Dr. Fredrickson)
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	Graeme Guthrie
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0203 (Security Guard #4)	Ц
Masako Dande 1	— П
0308 (Librarian)	
Gary Daniels2	Benita Ha
0107 (Master Drake); 0304 (Master Drake)	0302 (Wendy)
Demord Dann	Dwayne Han
0103 (EMT)	0108 (Go-Go Boy / Waiter)
Jason William Day	Ryan Handley
0102 (Security Guard #1)	Kevin Hansen
Josh Dean	0208 (Border Patrol Agent)
Seamus Dever	Flora Jae Hara
0302 (Max DeVeer)	0104 (Nurse)
Peter Dewhurst	Richard Harmon
0104 (Randall); 0106 (Randall)	0108 (TJ)
Ken Do1	Donald Heng
0305 (Mugger)	0302 (Anthony Chan); 0304 (Anthony Chan); 0305
Darren Dolynski	(Anthony Chan); 0306 (Anthony Chan); 0308
0310 (Matthew Wheeler); 0312 (Matthew Wheeler);	(Anthony Chan); 0309 (Anthony Chan); 031
0313 (Matthew Wheeler)	
	(Anthony Chan)
Cedric Ducharme	(Anthony Chan)  Megan Peta Hill
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0301 (Kung Fu Student); 0309 (Student #2)	Leslie Kwan
Marci T. House	0201 (Thief #1)
Akeem Hoyte-Charles	L
0207 (Venture Cap #2)	L
Megan Hui4	Justin Lacey
0101 (Biyu); 0105 (Biyu); 0112 (Byu); 0113 (Biyu)	0208 (Delivery Guy)
Tammy Hui	Stella Lai1
0206 (Cheri T'ien)	0213 (Ting)
Lisa Huynh	Sunghee Lapell1
offi (Super Pair #2)	0101 (Older Woman)
	Jim Lau
1	Teresa Laverty
Angie Ip1	0210 (Receptionist)
0101 (Tour Group Leader)	Ken Lawson
Jesse Irving1	0206 (Grover Charles); 0208 (Grover Charles)
0105 (Amon)	Paul Lazenby
_	0109 (Brawny Man #1)
J	David Le
	Andrew Tinpo Lee
Tanya Jade2	0202 (Frank); 0203 (Frank); 0205 (Frank)
0303 (Pirate Warrior / Guardian); 0305 (Pirate War-	Dorren Lee5
rior / Guardian)	0204 (Yuen Oye); 0207 (Yuen Oye); 0210 (Yuen Oye);
Ryan Jamison	0213 (Yuen Oye); 0305 (Yuen Oye)
Christopher Jane	Jaeson Lee
0203 (Security Guard #1)	0301 (Cop #1)  Jason William Lee
Jamall Johnson1	0310 (Guard #2)
0303 (FBI Agent Kemp)	Tinpo Lee
**	0213 (Frank)
——— K ———	Wei Jen Lee1
	0112 (Young Po Po)
Claudia Kai1	Wern Lee
0107 (Teen Pei-Ling)	Leifennie
Althea Kaye	0112 (Zhang Fang-Su)
0101 (Tai Chi Lady); 0111 (Tai Chi Lady) Kathleen Keatings1	David Lennon 1
0102 (Marisa)	0103 (Brett Slakter)
Madeleine Kelders1	Ben Levin
0313 (Personal Banker)	0301 (Bo); 0302 (Bo); 0303 (Bo); 0305 (Bo); 0306 (Bo); 0307 (Bo); 0308 (Bo); 0311 (Bo Han The
Brad Kelly 1	Harvester'); 0312 (Bo)
0104 (Gary)           Devon Kenzo	Ayden Daniel Lim
0105 (Bystander)	0111 (Young Fan #1)
Jennifer Khoe 7	Lillian Lim1
0305 (Xiao); 0307 (Xiao); 0308 (Xiao); 0310 (Xiao);	0206 (Mrs. Zhao)
0311 (Xiao); 0312 (Xiao); 0313 (Xiao)	Ludi Lin
Karen Khunkhun 1	win Tan); 0111 (Kerwin Tan); 0112 (Kerwin
0305 (Interviewer)	Tan); 0113 (Kerwin Tan); 0201 (Kerwin Tan);
Janet Kidder	0202 (Kerwin Tan); 0203 (Kerwin Tan); 0211
0204 (District Attorney Hughes); 0205 (Dis-	(Kerwin Tan); 0212 (Kerwin Tan); 0213 (Ker-
trict Attorney Hughes); 0208 (District Attor-	win Tan)
ney Hughes)	Tristan Liu
Brianna Kim1	Dustin Lloyd
0309 (Student #1)	0309 (DSE Guard #1)
Patti Kim	Kelsey Lopes3
Ramona Kim 1	0109 (Courtney); 0204 (Courtney); 0205 (Courtney)
0207 (Venture Cap #3)	Yvette Lu
Darryl B. King1	0201 (Family Nurse); 0202 (Family Nurse)
0113 (Guanyu)	Elfina Luk
Henry C. King	Curtis Lum
0105 (Andre Durant)	0103 (Eddie Kwong)
Mike Kovac	Doris Lum
Sean Kuling	0113 (Shen Aunt)
0311 (Special Agent Nichols); 0313 (Special Agent	<b>π</b> π
Nichols)	——— M ———

Christina Ma	Edi Patterson
0110 (Mei-Xue); 0202 (Mei-Xue); 0207 (Mei-Xue)	0202 (Gwen)           Dustin Pedersen
Maggie Ma	0203 (Security Guard #2)
Laura Mac	Patricia Pemberton
0208 (Technician)	0103 (Bridget Ross); 0104 (Bridget Ross); 0203 (Brid-
Colton Mackie	get Ross)
0204 (Benny)	Marlowe Percival
Gelsea Mae	0111 (Lau Fan)
0108 (Althea's Friend #2)	Luvia Petersen1
Ryan Mah	0201 (Sasha Beals)
0106 (The Mayor)	Cindy Piper
Matthew Mandzu1	0208 (Alissa Chang); 0213 (Alissa Chang)
0210 (Paramedic)	Sarah Dawn Pledge
Michelle Mao	0109 (Bertie)
0304 (Tracy Fong)	Debbie Podowski
Malcolm Masters 1	0102 (Carmen)
0201 (Police Officer #1)	Leanne Poon1
Yu Matsushita3	0113 (Florist)
0207 (Suyin); 0213 (Suyin); 0302 (Suyin)	Chloe Pun
Ryan Alexander McDonald 1	0105 (Young Nicky)
0103 (Repairman)	. 6
Jason McKinnon 1	
0106 (Fixer)	$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}$
Lucy McNulty1	
0210 (Trauma Surgeon)	C. Douglas Quan1
Sari Mercer 1	0206 (Mr. Peng)
0310 (Servant)	Sam Quinn
James Michalopolous1	0105 (Protestor #2)
0106 (Merc Leader)	D
Brittany Mitchell	———— R ————
0111 (Handler)	
Darren Moore	Hugo Raymundo2
0301 (Clayton)	0111 (Bodyguard); 0313 (Prison Guard)
Gig Morton	Kapila Rego1
0313 (Omni Tech #1)	0309 (Dr. Mary)
Skyler Mowatt1	Fei Ren
0308 (Police Officer #2)	0201 (Boazhai); 0202 (Boazhai)
Doralynn Mui	Kim Rhodes
0103 (Faye Lai)	0301 (Carrie); 0302 (Carrie); 0304 (Carrie); 0305
Sam Robert Muik	(Carrie); 0306 (Carrie); 0308 (Carrie); 0311 (Car
0107 (Kevin Vale)	rie)
Kevin Mundy	Nicco Del Rio
0207 (Venture Cap #1)	0202 (Chuck)
N.T	Dominique Robinson1
—— N ——	0301 (Delivery Guy)
	Ian Ronningen1
Yasuhiro Nakatsuka	0206 (Tan Bodyguard #1)
0104 (Courier)	Ashley Roxburgh
David Nykl1	0107 (Phoebe)
0302 (Grant Harrison)	Michel Issa Rubio
	0105 (Manu); 0106 (Manu)
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Alea O'Shea1	
0306 (Marina)	Patrick Sabongui1
Rebecca Olson4	0209 (Nathan Price)
0101 (Sabine); 0104 (Sabine); 0106 (Sabine); 0108	Donald Sales
(Sabine Smith)	0104 (Razor); 0303 (Razor)
Bola Omodara1	Darren E. Scott1
0204 (Goon #2)	0313 (Delta Guard #7)
Uzoma Onuoha	Sandra Shapiro
0203 (Security Guard #3)	0204 (Dawn); 0205 (Dawn)
Kevin Osea	Olesia Shewchuk1
0108 (D&D Friend #2)	0106 (Jane Peters)
oros (recontinuita)	Felicia Simone3
P	0307 (Harper Sams); 0308 (Harper Sams); 0311
	(Harper Sams)
0 0 0	Wenke Song
Cameron Paisley	0303 (Military Warrior / Guardian); 0305 (Military
0306 (Paul)	Warrior / Guardian)

Marco Soriano
0104 (Assistant)         Richard Speight Jr.       2
0204 (Leif); 0304 (Leif Winzig)           Zarina Sterling
0204 (Brittney)
Amos Stern
Cherry Su
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JB Tadena
Jocelyn Tam
Elizabeth Thai
Jerry Trimble 1 0207 (Barclay)
Amy Tsang1
0213 (Fang Su)           Diana Tsoy
0107 (Young Zhilan) Emily Tu4
0112 (Hua); 0113 (Hua); 0311 (Hua); 0312 (Hua)
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Skovensky Valeus
0307 (Bob)
Jorge Vargas
Jonathan Vellner
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Rene Wang
0101 (Cindy Hao)
Chris Webb
Emma Willey
Brett Wise
0312 (Guard); 0313 (Guard) Connor Wong1
0306 (Tianyu) Nicholas Wong
0101 (Teahouse Owner)           Ronin Wong
0104 (Alfred Soong); 0207 (Alfred Soong); 0310 (Alfred Soong)
Sarah Te Wong
Theresa Wong
Ty Wood
Jessy Wu
Johnny Wu

Vanessa Yao
0201 (Mia); 0202 (Mia); 0205 (Mia); 0206 (Mia);
0207 (Mia); 0208 (Mia); 0209 (Mia); 0210 (Mia);
0211 (Mia); 0212 (Mia); 0213 (Mia); 0311 (Mia);
0312 (Mia)
Kelvin Han Yee
0107 (Uncle)
Sharmaine Yeoh1
0309 (Mrs. Chan)
Françoise Yip4
0104 (Diana Soong); 0108 (Diana Soong); 0113 (Di-
ana Soong); 0310 (Diana Soong)
Carlo Yu
0303 (Victorian Warrior / Guardian); 0305 (Victo-
rian Warrior / Guardian)
Raugi Yu2
0102 (Professor Chau); 0103 (Professor Chau)
William Yu
0303 (Young Henry)
Ron Yuan
0107 (Yibo)
Eric Yue1
0209 (Victor Lam)
Jeff Yung 1
0110 (Edgar Jie)
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Cynthia Zhou1
0101 (Herb Shop Owner)
Tianyu Zhou
0303 (Cultural Revolution Warrior / Guardian); 0305
(Cultural Revolution Warrior / Guardian)
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