

CELESTIAL BONDS - OPENING CUTSCENE

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EXT. PALACE GROUNDS - DAY

A beautiful and grand PALACE emerges from the clouds. CROUDS of people move across the grand estate, busy with their duties. Closer to the palace many SOLDIERS stand at attention and patrol the area vigilantly.

A small garden is segregated from the bustle of activity and through a window JADE, a lean athletic Asian woman (18) with long silky black hair, can be seen seated at a large DESK.

INT. JADE'S ROOM - DAY

A PILE OF BOOKS and an assortment of SCROLLS and QUILLS sit on the desk. A BEAUTIFUL RECURVE BOW with gold inlays of dragons leans against the side of the desk. Jade sets down the BOOK on archery she is reading and looks out the window for a moment.

Jade stands and walks to the BOOKSHELF where she retrieves a BOOK on military tactics. She returns to the desk and places the open book on the desk. She grabs a quill from the desk and dips it into a VIAL of ink and begins to write on a nearby piece of PAPER.

There is a KNOCK at the door. Jade stands and quickly straightens the papers on the desk.

JADE
You may enter.

The door opens and a SERVANT, an older Asian woman (65) with wrinkled face and her graying hair in a bun, enters bowing respectfully.

SERVANT
Lady Jade. It is almost time for
you weapon training.

JADE
Thank you. I will be along shortly.

SERVANT
Your father requested that I
accompany you to the training
grounds today. So you won't be
late.

Jade nods gently and smiles.

JADE
Very well. I will grab my things.

Jade retrieves her bow from the desk.

JADE (CONT'D)
Lead the way.

The Servant turns and exits the room followed by Jade.

END CUTSCENE