

*(OLDER YI steps forward to accept the orders, but before he can take them, YOUNG YI takes the orders from CHI FU. He bows to his father.)*

YOUNG YI: I will serve the Emperor in my father's place.

CHI FU: The Fa family!

*(FA ZHOU moves to accept his orders. MULAN runs and stands between her father and CHI FU.)*

MULAN: No! Father, you can't go! *(turns to CHI FU)* Please, sir, my father has already fought bravely. He still suffers from a battle injury. His leg-

CHI FU: Silence! *(to FA ZHOU)* You would do well to teach your daughter to hold her tongue in a man's presence.

FA ZHOU: Mulan, you dishonor me. *(FA ZHOU accepts his orders from CHI FU then collapses in pain.)*

MULAN: Father! *(MULAN tries to help him, but FA LI holds her back.)*

FA ZHOU: Leave me alone, child! I'm fine. *(FA ZHOU struggles but rises on his own.)*

CHI FU: Report tomorrow at dawn to the Wu Zhong Camp!

*(The ENSEMBLE provides drums as CHI FU, the CHINESE SOLDIERS and the VILLAGE MEN exit.)*

MULAN: It's not fair. You shouldn't have to go. There are plenty of young men to fight for China!

FA ZHOU: It is an honor to protect my country and my family.

MULAN: But as the youngest isn't it my place to serve?

FA ZHOU: Mulan! I know my place. It is time you learned yours. *(FA ZHOU exits.)*