



戲齣：轅門斬子（宗保佳遇穆桂英）

人物：穆桂英、楊延昭、佘太君、楊宗保、焦贊、孟良

劇情：

為破天門陣需穆柯寨的降龍木，楊宗保（前排右）前往，卻被穆桂英（前排左二）生擒，並招為駙馬。

楊延昭（後排右）聞兒身陷穆柯寨，率兵前往救援，穆桂英不知來者是公公，幾番羞辱，殺得楊延昭無處可逃，千鈞一髮中，宗保出面阻止，才適時化解一場誤殺。

楊延昭回營後，立即召回宗保，以其不該擅離職守、敵前招親，欲軍法治罪（宗保雙手被反綁待斬）。性情剛烈的楊延昭（憤怒狀）不接受佘太君（後排中，又稱楊令婆，手持龍頭拐，因為向兒子保孫子保不成，一臉愁憂狀）及八賢王的求保。

這時聰明賢慧的穆桂英帶著「降龍木」前來投靠宋營，願意協助楊家將破解遼邦天門陣，為夫贖罪，跟焦贊（前排右二）、孟良（前排左）一陣比武（如上圖），她巾幗英雄的氣概折服了老元帥，佘太君也很滿意，穆桂英終於也成為楊家將的一員了。

焦贊及孟良二將，為楊延昭麾下部將，兩人經常形影不離，共同作戰，成語「焦不離孟，孟不離焦」，指的就是此兩人。

位置：三川步口南

故事：楊家將演義

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Tableau: “Executing His Own Son” (Zong-bao (Zongbao) Meets Mu Guei-ying (Mu Guiying))

Characters: Mu Guei-ying (Mu Guiying), Yang Yan-jhao (Yang Yanzhao), Dowager She, Yang Zong-bao (Yang Zongbao), Jiao Zan, Meng Liang

Plot: Yang Zong-bao (Yang Zongbao) (front row, right) travels to Muke Fortress to acquire the “Dragon-Taming Wood,” which is needed to break the Heavenly Gate Formation. He is captured by Mu Guei-ying (Mu Guiying) (front row, second from the left) and becomes her consort.

Yang Yan-jhao (Yang Yanzhao) (back row, right) hears that his son is trapped inside Muke Fortress, and leads an army there to save him. Mu Guei-ying (Mu Guiying) does not know that the attacker is her father-in-law and defeats him, leaving him with no possibility of escape. In this moment of life and death, Zong-bao (Zongbao) makes a timely appearance to prevent a mistaken execution.

Yang Yan-jhao (Yang Yanzhao) returns to his camp, and immediately orders Zong-bao (Zongbao) to return. He says he should be punished for violating martial law by absconding and taking an enemy as a wife (Zong-bao (Zongbao)’s hands were tied up behind his back as he awaited execution). The resolute Yang Yan-jhao (Yang Yanzhao) (angry countenance) is not swayed by the pleas of the Dowager She (back row, middle, also known as Yang Ling-po (Yang Lingpo), carrying a dragon-headed cane, with an anxious expression as she is unable to protect her grandson from her son) and the Eighth Prince.

At this moment, the clever Mu Guei-ying (Mu Guiying) enters with the “Dragon-Taming Wood,” announcing her intention to join the Song forces and help the Yang family break the Liao army’s Heavenly Gate Formation. To secure her husband’s freedom, she battles Jiao Zan (first row, second from right) and Meng Liang (first row, left) (as seen in the above scene). Her indomitable temperament convinces Marshal Yang and pleases Dowager She. Mu Guei-ying (Mu Guiying) finally becomes a member of the Yang family.

Jiao Zan and Meng Liang are two generals under the command of Yang Yan-jhao (Yang Yanzhao). The two are inseparable and fight together. There is a Chinese saying that refers to this pair: “Jiao doesn’t leave Meng, Meng doesn’t leave Jiao.”

Location: Sanchuan Hall, south corridor

Story: Generals of the Yang Family, Chapter 35 – Zong-bao (Zongbao) Meets Mu Guei-ying (Mu Guiying)