

GLOSSARY

Stop! Important things in the all-encompassing world of Jackie Chan and his movies:

Air: Jackie is familiar with this element, as he flies through it often — to a hot air balloon, to a helicopter rope ladder, to the roof of a bus, etc.

Ali, Muhammad: Boxer Jackie admires most.

Anchors Away: Movie most likely to have inspired performance in *Spiritual Kung Fu*.

Andrews, Julie: American songstress. One of Chan's favorites.

Asian Hawk: Jackie's name in *Armour of God*.

Astaire, Fred: Chan model for grace and agility.

Barker, Bob: Game show host who once trained with Jackie before Chan became a star. Oddly, Barker is slugged by Adam Sandier in *Happy Gilmore*, and Sandier goes on to beat out Chan for the MTV Best Fight Award in 1995 for that scene. Small world.

Birthday: Just another twenty-four hour period for Jackie.

Bloody Palm: Technique used to kill a diplomat in *Spiritual Kung Fu*.

Bo Bo Chah: Tea bearing Jackie's name.

Bow to the King: One of three fake styles in *Half a Loaf of Kung Fu*.

"Can't Help Falling in Love": Jackie's favorite Elvis song. He recently gave his version on the TV shows *Fox After Breakfast* and *Conan O'Brien*.

Capra, Frank: Harold Lloyd's former gagman. Directed films such as the perennial *It's a Wonderful Life*. Chan discovered through Capra a kindred sympathy for the common man.

CH 28: Jackie's license plate. That's his own car in *Twin Dragons*.

Chan, Kevin: Jackie's name in *Police Story*.

Chan, Willie: Manager.

Chan's Folly: Willie's name for The Macau Grand Prix and the Hong Kong one million that Jackie spends to enter.

Chaplin, Charlie: Silent comedian. Chan influence.

Cha Shu Bow: Favorite breakfast food — steamed pork buns.

Cheung, Maggie: Hong Kong actress cast as Chan's girlfriend in *Police Story*.

China Drama Academy: Peking Opera school Jackie attended from ages seven through seventeen.

Chinese Artifacts: What foreigners are always stealing in Hong Kong patriotic dramas.

Chinese New Year: Holiday in February — big movie release date.

Ching Wu School: Meaning "Unity and Resistance". A school set up to fight Japanese occupation during World War II in *New Fist of Fury*.

Chocolate Cake: One of the two things Jackie could order on his first visit to America before learning English.

Chow, Raymond: Head of Golden Harvest.

City Hunter: Popular Japanese comic book. Inspired Chan's movie of the same name.

Coffee: One of the two things that Jackie could order on his first visit to America before learning English.

Colt/Jackie Chan Trophy: Racing trophy at the Macau Grand Prix.

Concubine: One of three fake styles in *Half a Loaf of Kung Fu*.

Crane: One of the five animal styles of martial arts. Direct with purpose.

Crazy Bull: Troublemaker in *Twin Dragons*.

Crazy Horse: Dynamite salesman at the Neptune Bar in *Police Story II*.

Daniels, Gary: English martial artist who spars with Jackie in *City Hunter*. Remembered for his well-executed splits and his portrayal of Ken from the *Mortal Kombat* video game parody.

Dragon: One of the five animal styles of martial arts. Representing agility in the mind.

Dragon Ma: Jackie's name in the *Project A* series.

Earth: Jackie has had some unhappy run-ins with this element — namely when he comes face-to-face... er, head to rock... with it in *Armour of God*. In *Rumble in the Bronx*, thanks to the hovercraft, it filled all his body cavities. In *Operation Condor*, he transported several tons back to Hong Kong from the Sahara to make the final shots more authentic.

Everlasting Jade: Coveted treasure in *Half a Loaf of Kung Fu*.

Everybody's Kitchen: Name of Yuen Biao and Jackie's motorized lunch wagon in *Wheels on Meals*.

Evil Valley: Area occupied by renegades in *Magnificent Bodyguards*.

Exchange Rate: 7.747 Hong Kong dollars for one U.S. dollar.

Fairbanks, Douglas: Silent swashbuckler and comedian. A Chan influence.

Farewell My Concubine: Movie starring Gong Li and Leslie Cheung. Closely resembles Chan's childhood.

Film Tech: Jackie's film supply rental company in Hong Kong.

Fire: Element apparent in many Chan movies. In *Crime Story*, he's surrounded by it. In *Police Story II*, he's tortured with it. In *Drunken Master II*, he tortures himself with hot coals.

Fists of Fury: Technique passed on to Jackie in *New Fist of Fury*.

Five Style technique: Lost style in *Spiritual Kung Fu*.

Foley Artist: Busiest person on a Hong Kong movie – responsible for putting in the sound effects.

Great White Shark: Jackie's underwater duet partner in *First Strike*.

Gold Dragon: Fan in *Young Master*.

Golden Harvest: Jackie's parent company.

Golden Horse Awards: The Asian film industry awards held in Taiwan.

Golden Way: Jackie's film production company.

Glickenhause, James: Director of *The Protector*.

Henna: Jackie uses just a bit of this natural dye to add that special red flare to his hair.

HK: Hong Kong.

Holiday: Something Jackie never takes.

Hong Kong Martial Artists Association: Group started by Chan to aid the martial artists of Hong Kong.

Italian Ice Cream: What Jackie's Kowloon office resembles with its many bright colors — lime yellow, bright orange, deep blue, pink and white. The Italian name for the style is *cassata*.

Jackie's Angels: Chan's modeling agency.

Jackie Chan Army: Jackie's stuntmen.

Jackie Chan Charitable Foundation: Organization started by Chan to help needy children.

J.C. Motors: Jackie's car accessories company located in Hong Kong.

Kahn, Michelle (aka Michelle Yoeh): Hong Kong actress and former ballet dancer who gives a marvelous physical performance in *Supercop*. Also appeared in *Project S*.

Keaton, Buster: The physical comedian of silent movies most often mentioned as Jackie's influence.

Kelly, Gene: Chan's model for grace and agility.

Killer Meteor: Flying weapon used by Wang Yu in the movie of the same name.

Kings Gold Medal: An item that when possessed guarantees safe passage through Evil Valley in *Magnificent Bodyguards*.

Kowloon Tong: Location of Jackie's office in Hong Kong. Same area where Bruce Lee had his residence.

Kung hei fat choy: "Happy New Year" in Cantonese.

Lady for a Day: Frank Capra based his movie *Pocketful of Miracles* on this story by Damon Runyon. Jackie in turn based his movie *Miracle* on Capra's work.

Lead Shoes: Training implement used by priests in *Shaolin Wooden Men*.

Lee, Bruce: International action star who met an untimely death under mysterious circumstances. Many tried to make Chan into the "next Bruce Lee." However, he resisted and triumphed with his own style.

Lee Kum Kee: Product featured on billboard that Jackie destroys with his body in *Police Story II*

Leonard, Sugar Ray: Jackie's second favorite boxer.

Leopard: One of the five animal styles of martial arts. Fierce with poise.

Lion's Roar: Technique used by chained prisoner in *Shaolin Wooden Men*.

Lloyd, Harold: Silent comedian paid homage in *Project A*.

Lo, Kenneth: Jackie's former bodyguard.

Lo Wei: Director credited with giving Jackie Chan his start in the movies with a string of low-budget actioners.

Ma, Dragon: Jackie's character in *Project A*.

Ma, Jingle: Cameraman for many Chan movies.

Macau Grand Prix: Annual car race in Macau.

Man With Six Fingers: Keeper of the Kings Gold Medal in *Magnificent Bodyguards*.

Manga: Japanese comic books. One such book inspired *City Hunter*.

Mars: Chan stuntman and supporting actor. Co-star in *Dragon Lord*.

May: Girlfriend in *Police Story*.

Miramax: Movie company. Licensed several of Jackie's older films for stateside release.

Mitsubishi: Japanese car manufacturer that signed Jackie as a spokesperson. Chan's company car, the only one of its kind, is immediately recognizable on the streets of Hong Kong.

Monkey Fares: Name given to costumed dramas, such as *Magnificent Bodyguards*.

Mui, Anita: Singer called the Madonna of Hong Kong. Also an accomplished actress, appearing in *Drunken Master II* as Chan's stepmother.

My Younger Brother: Tarzan's euphemism for his privates in *Twin Dragons*.

Needham, Hal: Director of *Cannonball Run*.

Neptune Bar: Hangout for criminals in *Police Story II*.

New Line Cinema: American movie company. Licensed several of Jackie's newer movies. *Rumble in the Bronx* was their first release in 1996.

Newman, Paul: American actor Chan most envies because his manager doesn't tell him he can't race his cars!

NG: Shot not used because of mistakes. NG = No Good.

Norton, Richard: Australian martial artist champion. Regular in Hong Kong movies.

Nose: Part of the body pointed to when Chinese talk in the first person.

Nunchaku: Weapon belonging to the late Bruce Lee's character from *Fists of Fury* that is stolen by Jackie in *New Fist of Fury*.

Ocean Park: Hong Kong version of Disneyland. Where Jackie says he's going at the end of *City Hunter*.

Operation Boarhunt: Mission in *Police Story*.

Pie in the Face: Jackie has often said the only thing he gained from *Battle Creek Brawl* was his English, the ability to roller skate, and an odd penchant for throwing a plate of whipped cream in someone's face on that person's birthday – a tradition he insists is practiced by all people in Texas. He inadvisably taught this little stunt to his martial arts group. "[On my birthday] I just knew that the guys would have the cream waiting for me!" he said. "So I bolted off right after I cut the cake! As a result — no cream on my face! Only disappointment on theirs." Jackie was so enamored of this stunt that some versions of *Police Story* contain a scene at the beginning where police officer Mars is creamed with pie on his birthday. Later in the movie, girlfriend May does the same for Chan.

Pit of Grease: Training forum used by a nun to teach Jackie grace and gentleness in *Shaolin Wooden Men*.

Planet Hollywood: Theme restaurant in which many actors have a share, Chan being one.

Popeye the Sailor Man: Jackie's fighting inspiration in *Fearless Hyena*, complete with spinach.

Presley, Elvis: Late American singer who shares Jackie's trademark smile and high cheekbones.

Reynolds, Burt: Star of *Cannonball Run*.

Ritz, The: Jackie's nightclub in *Miracle*.

Rocky: Jealous boyfriend in *Twin Dragons*.

Rodman, Dennis: Controversial American athlete. Jackie and Jean-Claude Van Damme showed him some kung fu moves in Rome.

"Rose Is Rose": Song sung by Anita Mui in *Miracle* during her impressive costume montage.

Sahara Desert: Filming location for *Operation Condor*.

Samo Hung: Peking Opera school brother. Martial artist in his own right.

Self-Help for the Elderly: Clinic in San Francisco that dedicated an Alzheimer's wing in Jackie's honor in 1996 because of his charitable contributions.

Seven Fist: Technique used by kung fu master in *Spiritual Kung Fu*.

Seven Little Fortunes: Stage name of Jackie and his Peking Opera school brothers.

Shaolin Temple: Ancient Chinese center of Buddhist teaching. Regarded as the birthplace of the martial arts.

Shaw Brothers Studios: Legendary moviemaking studio in Hong Kong where Jackie got his start as an extra. Now they produce only television programs. The studio lot where Jackie made many of his early flicks still exists, however, and he has returned there to film several times, including for *Miracle*, when he knocked down the side of a mountain to make room for one set.

Shing Lung: Translated as "to become a dragon." Lo Wei's name for Jackie.

Shirt: Item costing \$2,000 that Jackie ruined by swinging from David Letterman's balcony.

Sideburns: Most obviously fake costume part in *Magnificent Bodyguards*.

Sifu: Title of respect given to a teacher of the martial arts.

Sifu Yu Chan Yuen: The master of the Peking Opera school where Jackie slaved for ten years.

Sleep: What Jackie does on holidays and airplane rides.

Snake: One of the five animal styles of martial arts. Representing mysteries in the heart.

Snake Eye: Informant in *Police Story*.

Sound of Music, The: American musical that Chan claims to have seen sixteen times.

Soul Pearl: Coveted treasure in *Half a Loaf of Kung Fu*.

Stallone, Sylvester: American actor mentioned as a possible costar for Chan. Threw a party for Jackie at Planet Hollywood when *Supercop* premiered in New York, July 1996.

Steel Finger: One of three fake styles. *Half a Loaf of Kung Fu*.

Stewart, Jimmy: Appealing American actor that Jackie's manner resembles in *Miracle*.

Stormy Hills: Location of Evil Valley in *Magnificent Bodyguards*.

Stunt Double: Something Jackie says he doesn't use, although some claim that he does, but only for stunts that might cause him to pop the cork on his patched up head injury. Even if this is true, what he does do is outrageous!

Tang, Edward: Scriptwriter for many Chan movies.

Tarzan: Jackie's buddy in *Twin Dragons*.

Teacups: Always looking for something new and interesting, Jackie latched on to fine porcelain teacups while filming *Rumble in the Bronx* in Vancouver, British Columbia. Apparently one little shop was the object of his interest and he went there several times during filming, amassing hundreds of teacups! They are now proudly displayed in specially designed glass cases throughout his Kowloon office.

Tea House: The bars of the costumed kung fu movie world. Every time Jackie enters one, you can expect a fight.

Tiger: One of the five animal styles of martial arts. Vicious with strength.

Tiger: Jackie's buddy in *Young Master*.

Topps Comics: Publishers of the official Jackie Chan comic book.

Triads: Hong Kong secret societies that plague the movie industry with threats and corruption. Jackie is one of the few Hong Kong actors with enough power to successfully rally against the organized crime influence, helping to create many organizations such as the Directors Guild and Actors Guild to protect Hong Kong talent.

22988: Jackie's prison I.D. in *Island on Fire*.

Undercrank: The process of shooting a scene faster so that the fighters seem quicker. Something that Jackie says he doesn't need.

Underdog: Jackie's character in every movie.

Urquidez, Benny "The Jet": Champion martial artist who goes *mano-a-mano* with Chan in *Wheels on Meals* and *Dragons Forever*.

Walled City: Criminal safe haven in Hong Kong, once a fortress of the Chug Dynasty. Jackie took advantage of the demolition of this cesspool to film explosion scenes for *Crime Story*. A park is now in the Walled City space.

Wash cars: What Jackie sometimes ends up doing on holidays when he's not sleeping. He has more than thirty-two cars, many of them one of a kind.

Water: Water is an elemental theme played out in many Jackie movies.

Drunken Master: Drenched in outdoor vat.

Young Master: Takes a shower.

Project A: Takes a shower.

Police Story: Takes a shower.

Police Story II: May accidentally dumps a bucket of water on Jackie, plus it rains.

Project A II: Thrown into the river.

Twin Dragons: Takes a bubble bath.

Supercop: In the rain.

City Hunter: Ends up in a swimming pool three times. *Drunken Master II:* Lau Kar Leung spits on him.

Welles, Orson: Director whose style inspires Jackie in *Miracle*.

"Wherever You Go": Richard Marx song that is one of Chan's favorites.

Whip Hero: Fighter Jackie is mistaken for in *Half a Loaf of Kung Fu*.

White Fan: Gang in *Young Master*.

William Morris Agency: American firm that represents Chan in the United States.

William Tell Overture: Piece conducted by Chan for the Hong Kong Symphony Orchestra after he played a conductor in *Twin Dragons*.

Wine: After making two movies in Australia, *A Nice Guy* and *First Strike*, Jackie became somewhat of an expert on wines. There are many good wineries on the continent. Maybe they were frequented by the crew on days off?

Wong, Oliver: Set designer for many Chan movies, including *First Strike*.

Wooden Men: Mechanical behemoths that Jackie must best at the end of *Shaolin Wooden Men*.

Yuen Biao: Jackie's Peking Opera School brother. Martial artist known for his agility.

Yugoslavia: Country that was the site of Jackie's most life-threatening accident.

Zatoichi: Famous Japanese swordsman whom Chan parodies at the beginning of *Half a Loaf of Kung Fu*.