

2014 Youth Olympics Games The Legacy of the Nanjing Games
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EXT. CHINA FLYOVER - DAY

Zoom in from Earth's orbit to Nanjing, China. Camera sweeps across the mountains and forests surrounding Nanjing before crossing Xuanwu Lake and focusing on a BOY running along the outside of the old city wall.

EXT. GATE OF CHINA - DAY

The BOY runs along the wall, breathing heavily with exertion. He is training for a race, and struggling.

As he passes the gate, a group of CHILDREN move past him, forcing him to wait. They are led by a GIRL and by LELE. LELE smiles at the BOY as he passes but the GIRL does not turn.

The BOY peeks through the gate to see where the CHILDREN are going. After a moment, he follows them to where they stop, just inside.

LELE waves at the BOY to come over, but the BOY hesitates. LELE winks and rainflower stones begin to fall from the sky. One lands at the BOY's feet, and when he picks it up it begins to glow in his hand. Colours form a path that leads him away from the CHILDREN and into old Nanjing.

EXT. NANJING - DAY

The BOY begins in old Nanjing along the river and then past Xuanwu Lake and the Aquatic Centre. As he runs past, people are training, working, celebrating, and playing.

Following swirls and streams of colour, the BOY climbs Zijin Mountain and passes the Ming Mausoleum before running into the woods, where he gets lost amongst the strange trees.

The colour returns to lead him out and back past the Sun Yat-Sen Music Stage and Mausoleum, then back down to the Yangtze River Bridge and into the metropolis of downtown Nanjing where more people are playing. In front of him is the Youth Olympic Museum.

In the distance, he hears a cheer.

EXT. STADIUM - DAY

Cut to outside the stadium where the CHILDREN are playing with LELE and the GIRL. They also hear the cheering. LELE hops off inside the Stadium and the CHILDREN follow, but the GIRL waits, looking out at Nanjing.

INT. MUSEUM - DAY

The BOY enters through the doors with the bright daylight behind him. A long, dark hall looms in front of him. Sketches of hunters running and shooting arrows adorn the walls. As the BOY approaches these begin to move. On the other wall are chariots racing.

When he turns around a corner, the hall is filled with picture frames hanging in the dark. As he gets closer, they begin to move, showing great moments of modern Olympic sport. At the end of the hall is a large frame of CHEN Roulin, preparing to dive.

CHEN leaps into the air and performs her perfect dive from London 2012. Cut to the BOY, who turns to a frame of PIERRE de Coubertin, smiling down at him.

PIERRE

I am Pierre de Coubertin. I founded the Olympics. Not the first Games; those were in ancient Greece. But sport grows and changes throughout history. What was old is young again.

The BOY looks up.

PIERRE

We have always played at sport. I hoped that at the Olympics we would never forget why. Everyone may play, no matter their language or the colour of their skin.

The BOY looks away, and then walks back through the Museum.

EXT. STADIUM - DAY

Cut to the Stadium, where the GIRL is waiting. She hears footsteps, running, coming towards her and the BOY approaches her, holding the rainflower stone in his hands.

The BOY holds the rainflower stone out to the GIRL with cupped hands, and she accepts his gift. In her hands, the rainflower stone glows and sends streams of colour into the sky.

INT. STADIUM - DAY

Inside the Stadium, SPECTATORS fill the seats, cheering. The colour trails form a race track around the stadium where ATHLETES are racing. Others are playing in the field in the middle.

The BOY and GIRL appear in the stadium's tunnel. There is light at the end. Cheers echo through the stadium as the BOY and GIRL run forwards. They emerge and confetti falls while SPECTATORS cheer.

JACQUES ROGGE appears on the stadium screen. Archival footage plays.

JACQUES

I hereby award the 2014 Youth
Olympic Games to Nanjing, China.

The SPECTATORS cheer. The CHILDREN, led by the BOY and the GIRL, stand at the starting line. Colours erupt into the air and form into LELE, who waves a flag and all the CHILDREN start to run.

LELE urges them on, but the BOY trips and falls. The CHILDREN rush past him while the GIRL stops and reaches down to help him up. They smile and continue their race.

The SPECTATORS unleash a mighty cheer for them, and the BOY and GIRL finish the race together. At the finish line, the CHILDREN are dancing and singing with LELE.

The BOY and GIRL join in and colours swirl into the air to form the Nanjing 2014 logo.

CHILDREN

(During Games)

August 16, 2014 -- We're looking
forward to it!

(After Games)

We grew up together at the Youth
Olympic Games!

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