

Table 1

ACT I: Weeding Grass with Gong and Drum, Flood, and Drought							
Episode	Actions	Characters	Sounds				Notes
			Anthropophony		Biophony	Geophony	
			Human Voices	Other Man-Made Sounds			
1.1	Peasants weed the land, chanting.	Old Singer, Old Singer's Assistant, and peasants	Song	Instruments (a drum and a gong) (*1)			
	An actor and Performers narrate.	Ecologist/Actor and Performers	Speech	Sounds of a busy city street with noises of vehicles and bicycles ringing (*2)			*1 continues, but sounds remote
	The above two groups perform simultaneously for three times.	Old Singer and Old Singer's Assistant + Ecologist/Actor and Performers	Song + Speech				*2 fades into the sound of heavy rain *1 fades out
1.2	Ecologist and his wife say "good-bye."	Ecologist and Fang	Speech			Sound of heavy rain stops	
1.3	Ecologist tries to set up for research in the forest, taken as a Wild Man hunter.	Ecologist, Lin, Young Zhao, and Wang	Speech	Remote sound of the drum and the gong  A loud explosion			

				A crash of thunder			Lights dim
1.4	City residents in flood.  Different pairs of parts A and B perform simultaneously for four times.	Old Man, Old Man's Granddaughter, Middle-Aged Man, A Child, Residents, Ecologist, Male Hydrologist, Female Hydrologist, Two Flood Prevention Officers, and Performers	Human voice broadcasting from a speaker [on the vehicle]  Speech	A vehicle is heard driving slowly in flooded streets    Sounds of vehicles and people struggling through water		Sound of torrential rain	
1.5	Ecologist learns that Fang is not happy with their marriage.	Ecologist and Fang	Speech	Ecologist smashes a cup on the floor		Sound of heavy rain	Lights dim
1.6	Sun visit Ecologist as a Wild Man expert.	Sun and Ecologist	Speech	Several heavy knocks on the door		Sounds of non-stopping rain and leaves rustling in wind	Lights up



							into *4, as all lights up
1.10	Ecologist and Fang agree to divorce.	Ecologist and Fang	Speech			Sound of torrential rain (*4)	
1.11	Rain Dancers' dance.	Ecologist, Two Men  Villagers  Rain Dancers	Whistles  Chatting	Noise of a helicopter circling above  Instruments (gongs, drums, two woodwind instruments)	Intermittent cicada's sound responding to whistles  Strong cicada's sound in a drought		
1.12	Ecologist narrates human being's invasion of nature.	Ecologist	Speech				
<i>Act II: Dark Tale and the Wild Man</i>							
2.1	Local people talk about their encounters with Wild Man.	Chen, Wang, Liu Guaizi, Ximao's Mother, Ximao, Yaomeizi's Mother, Yaomeizi, Hothead, Sun Si, and Matchmaker	Speech [continues till the end of episode]  Laughter	Chen applauding			
2.2	Ecologist learns about <i>Dark Tale</i> that Sun tries to write down as Old Singer sings.		Deep voice of an old person, chanting			Evening wind rises	

		Old Singer, Sun,  and Ecologist	Song Speech  Speech  An old man is faintly heard chanting	Sound of gentle knocking on the door  Remote sounds of a drum accompanying an old man's singing		Wind blows on the doors  Sounds of wind in forest	Lights gradually dim
2.3	Local people learn that Ximao encountered Wild Man.	Ximao, Ximao's Mother, Hothead, Liu Guaizi, and Sun Si	Speech				
2.4	Ecologist flirts with Yaomeizi.	Ecologist and Yaomeizi	Speech  Yaomeizi laughing loudly			Sound of a running brook	
2.5	Ximao tells Wild Man Expert and Wang about his encounter with Wild Man.	Lin, Wild Man Expert, Wang, and Ximao	Speech			Noise of water running through small rapids  Noise of a mountain stream	Lights dim

2.6	Old Singer and Ecologists talk about human and animals, telling the story of a professor protecting cranes.	Old Singer and Ecologist	Speech			Sound of barking in the distance towards end of episode	
				Sound of gunfire			
2.7	Two poachers hit and kick Professor.  Ecologist, with a gun, stands still.	Professor, Two Poachers  Ecologist				Sound of a dog barking and wild animals howling startling Ecologist	Hitting and kicking are in total silence
2.8	Ximao tells Academic about his encounter with Mild Man. Lin lost his temper with Ximao.	Academic, Ximao, Lin, and Ximao's Mother	Speech				
2.9	Ecologist proposes to Lin to turn the forest into a nature reserve; Lin does not understand.	Ecologist and Lin	Speech				
2.10	Matchmaker and Yaomeizi's mother arrange for Yaomeizi's marriage.	Matchmaker, Yaomeizi's Mother, and Yaomeizi	Speech				
2.11	Ecologist rejects Yaomeizi's marriage proposal.	Ecologist and Yaomeizi	Whistles in response to the cuckoos  Speech		Cuckoos calling	Sound of a flowing stream	

2.12	Ecologist and Old Singer narrate simultaneously twice.	Old Singer, Primitive Man, and Ecologist	Song  Speech	Old Singer beats a big drum, then energetically bangs his drum		Sound of bubbling mountain stream	Lights dim
2.13	Lumberjacks dance.	Two Actresses, Lumberjacks, Primitive Man, and Old Singer	Speech  Song  Sound of a cry [is smothered]		Trees' increasing cracks and splits; sound of huge trees falling and crashing to the ground		A very short pause
2.14	Two groups of actors narrate [Parts A and B are performed simultaneously].	Seven actors	Speech  Remote, husky voice of Old Singer singing	The rhythm from the Lumberjacks' dance is heard in the distance. The sounds of a chain saw, tractor, and diesel engine gradually increase.			

2.15	Fang and Yaomeizi mime at Ecologist.	Fang, Yaomeizi, and Ecologist	[Fang and Yaomeizi both mime]			Sound of a bubbling brook	Sound of a bubbling brook is the only sound throughout the episode.
Act III: Team of Sisters and the Future							
3.1	Chen and Old Singer criticize each other.	Chen and Old Singer	Speech				
3.2	Chen tests water with Ecologist.	Chen, Ecologist, and Old Singer	Speech				Lights dim
3.3	Old Singer is being prosecuted.	Old Singer	[No human voice, though on each stroke of hitting the gong, Old Singer mouths the word "Guilty."]	Instrument (a gong)		Sound of the snapping of bamboo stalks in darkness	
3.4	Ecologist teaches Ximao how to do bird watch.	Ecologist and Ximao	Speech			Sound of wind whistling	"Honk, honk," the cranes call out; the sound of birds flying away
3.5	Wang comes back for <i>Dark Tale</i> , only learning that Old Singer is dead.	Wang and Lin	Speech				
3.6	Yaomeizi's wedding parade.	Team of Brothers, Team of Sisters, Matchmaker, and Yaomeizi		Instruments (a variety of percussion, wind instruments, a			



	Lumberjacks' dance.		Song	<p><i>suona</i>, bells, and horns)</p> <p>“Whop, whop, whop,” the sound of chopping trees</p> <p>Sound of chopping trees is accompanied by the leaping dance of the Lumberjacks</p>	<p>Sounds of the first snap and creak of a tree, followed by increasing snap and creak, then the crash as they hit the ground</p>	In the middle of the Team of Sisters' song, sound of a bubbling brook	
3.7	Lin is sad that the forest zone will turn into a nature reserve.	Lin and Ecologist	Song Speech		A bird calls		Lights fade out
3.8	Wild Man Investigation Team (WMIT) enters the area as international experts debate on Wild Man.	A Female Television Presenter, Head of WMIT, WMIT members, British Explorer, French Geologist, American PhD, and American Professor	Speech	Noises of a television and radios	Towards end of episode, sounds of a group of		

					hunting dogs barking excitedly		
3.9	Ximao's Mother puts Ximao to bed.	Ximao's Mother and Ximao	Speech		Sound of wind (*5)		Blackout
3.10	Ximao and Wild Man play together [in Ximao's dream].	Ximao and Wild Man  Performers [wearing masks]	Sound of voice  Intermittent husky voice of the Old Singer  A child's joyful cries, "Xia, xia, wu-hu, xia, xia, xia, xia, hu-hu..."  All respond the child with "Xia, xia, wu-hu, xia, xia, xia, hu-hu..."	Soft electronic music (*6) is heard  Gently, music starts  Accompanying all performers' entrance are the rhythm of the Lumberjacks' dance and the melody from the song of the Team of Sisters			*5 turns into *6