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Episode Name: Chapter 5- Bring Some Heat

Tarsha invites Markie and Five for tea and cookies but lets them know she is not used to having guests. Markie looks around the house and notices all of the details like the lotus flowers carved into the shelf, the collectibles and trinkets on the shelf, crystals, stones and candles. Tarsha asks Markie and Five how they ended up there. A tear runs down Markie's face as she says, "Tarsha- I need your help."

Markie shares how her journey began at the kite museum and Tarsha asks what they are ultimately trying to find out. Markie tells Tarsha that she needs her help and she wants to become a kite fighter. Markie mentions the kite fighting competition coming up and Tarsha says that she missed the boat on that one. Tarsha explains how much training all the other competitors have already had. Markie explains how she had talked to Virgil and how Virgil said that Tarsha was the best trainer.

Reluctantly, Tarsha accepts the challenge and the group works together to come up with a training plan for Markie. Markie wakes up the next morning after Tarsha shared some of her fascinating stories from the past. Markie is so excited to get her new kite and to start training! Markie thinks she is going to start training today and can't wait to see the color of her kite! Tarsha explains that they are starting training today but that they will not be starting with a kite. Tarsha hands Markie a scroll that looked like the one Virgil had. Tarsha explains that the scroll is her first set of instructions.

Tarsha gives instructions for Markie to follow. The instructions include: riding the sweetgrass basket down the canal, going up and down the hills, arriving at the banana plants and opening the scroll. As Tarsha sends Markie off she says, "And just remember, until I see you again, you have everything you need".

Five joins Markie down the canal and into the plantation of banana plants and they are surrounded by a canopy of leaves. Markie unties the scroll which features a painted blue kite along with a note. Markie reads the note aloud. The note includes new directions for Markie to follow out of the banana plantation, onto Friendship Lane, all the way to a waterfall. Once at the waterfall, they are to locate the rock formation that looks like a snowman and set up their campsite. A new clue will be awaiting them there. Markie and Five begin following these instructions.

When they make their way to a lagoon, they are surrounded by tall rocks. The tallest rock they see is three boulders high...like a snowman. They start gathering materials to make their camp, while staying on the lookout for the next scroll. Markie goes for a walk by the edge of the water and spots a radiant black stone (similar to the one she saw on Tarsha's shelf)! Markie sees a new scroll and unrolls it. This one has a rainbow on the inside. The new scroll includes information for Markie to take the stone staircase to a field of rice and it tells her to set up the next campsite in a vast space of grass. Once she is there, she is to say aloud, "I am safe to be me, and I love who I am becoming". Then she is to wait.

Markie and Five wake up the next morning and begin following the instructions explained in the second scroll. Markie's legs start to feel heavy and her skin tingles. She considers turning around when the open field seems like it will never appear. As she turns back around, her foot gets caught in a tree root and it sends her flying. She and Five continue on, although discouraged. She sees the wide open space of nothing. When she still doesn't see a kite and doesn't know what to do, she worries about it all afternoon. Markie goes to fill up her canteen, assuming she will head back home. Markie takes a deep breath and lets it out near the water. She repeats the words in her head, "I'm safe to be me." She experiences some of the amazing senses around her. She looks up and sees an elephant standing over her. Then she sees a whole herd of elephants! The elephant offers Markie some help up and onto its back. The elephant carries Markie and Five over to a mud bath. Markie says goodbye to the elephant. When Markie and Five settle back into camp, they see the third scroll. A four petal lotus was painted on the inside of the scroll with a new note explaining a new path for her to take.

Key Takeaways:

0:08 - Tarsha is surprised by her guests but invites them in for tea and cookies.

1:12 - Tarsha asks why Markie and Five were in a sweetgrass basket.

2:06 - Markie starts telling her story, starting at her trip to the kite museum.

4:00 - Tarsha, Markie, and Five sit by the fire and make a training plan.

4:32 - Markie wakes up and is ready to get her new kite and is excited to start training!

5:37 - Tarsha gives Markie the scroll and shares some important instructions for her training.

6:53 - Markie reads aloud the note on the scroll.

9:20 - Markie reads the notes on the second scroll.

10:05 - Markie and Five follow the second scroll instructions.

16:29 - When Markie and Five settle into their camp, they see another scroll.

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