Wei Chen Biography

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English 7th Period
Internals: Background

- Wei Chen is Jin’s best friend.
- He was the Monkey King’s eldest child.
- The Monkey King and his children lived in the Heavens.
- Wei Chen was summoned to train to become an emissary for Tze-Yo-Tzuh, the god of creation.
- Wei Chen was sent to Earth to be at Jin’s side to learn how to be nice to humans.
- Wei Chen was turned into a human when he was sent to Earth.
Internals: Mental, Spiritual, and Emotional

- In the beginning, Wei Chen is kind and caring.
- He always helped Jin out.
- Wei Chen lied for Jin, even though he was taught not to lie.
- Lying made him feel stressed.
- Jin crossed the line with Wei Chen by kissing his girlfriend.
- After that, Wei Chen left Jin.
- In the end, Wei Chen is kind of doubtful and filled with anger.
Externals: Dress, Movement

● When he was a monkey, Wei Chen didn’t have clothes.
● When he became human, he dressed like a geek.
● When he got older, he always wore an orange polo shirt.
● After he left Jin, he came back a long time later and met him at the bakery cafe. Wei Chen wore sunglasses, earrings, gangster shirt and jacket. He starts smoking.
Externals: Posture, Mannerisms

- Wei Chen has good posture. He doesn’t slouch.
- His arms are folded when he is mad.
- His hands are on his backpack straps when he is in a school environment.
- He scratches his head when he is nervous.
- He has his hands behind his back when he is shy.
Personal thoughts on the character

- Wei Chen was very likable for the whole story except the end when he starts smoking.
- Wei Chen was relatable because of his experiences.
  - He tried to be nice and talk to his friend.
  - His best friend was mean to him.
  - He turned kind of edgy when he lost his best friend.
- Wei Chen is important to the story because he is the reason that Jin accepted being Chinese.
Resources

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang