



TERMS REFERENCED IN EPISODE

Be All That You Can Be

投笔从戎

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PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
Tóu Bǐ Cóng Róng	投笔从戎	To throw down one's pen and give up a desk job to join the military
Tóu	投	Throw, fling or hurl
Bǐ	笔	A pen
Cóng	从	To join or be engaged in (among many other meanings)
Róng	戎	Military Affairs or a Military Campaign
Hàn Dynasty	汉朝	Dynasty that lasted 202 BC - 220 AD
Hàn Shū	汉书	Book of Hàn
Xī Hàn	西汉	Western Hàn Dynasty, that part from 202 BC to 9 AD
Liú Sòng Dynasty	刘宋超	Northern dynasty that lasted 420-479 AD
	班彪	3-54 AD, writer of Book of Han, father to Ban Gu, Ban Zhao and Ban Chao
Bān Gù	班固	32-92 AD, co-author of the Book fo Han
Bān Zhāo	班昭	32-102, co-author of the Book of Han
Sīmǎ Tán	司马谈	165-110 BC, Court historian and co-writer of the Records of the Grnd Historian. Father to Sima Qian
Sīmǎ Qiān	司马迁	145-86 BC (c.) Also known as The Grand Historian, China's most famous and renowned historian
Xīnjiāng	新疆	Province in China's northwest
Bān Chāo	班超	32-102, great military strategist and conquerer of China's northwest regions

Xiōngnú	匈奴	a tribal confederation of nomadic peoples who, according to ancient Chinese sources, inhabited the eastern Eurasian Steppe from the 3rd century BC to the late 1st century AD
Fù Jièzǐ	傅介子	Carried out an assassination of the King of Loulan during the time of Hàn Emperor Zhāo in 77 BC that planted the China flag in Xīnjiāng for the first time. He died in 65 BC
Zhāng Qiān	张骞	mission to the Western Regions, called for by Hàn Emperor Wǔ 汉武帝 led to eventual opening up of that part of Central Asia and the launching of the Silk Roads that did so much to change China and so much of Asia
Hàn Emperor Zhāo	汉昭帝	Han emperor from 87 to 74 BC. He was the son of the great Han Emperor Wu
Lóulán	楼兰	An ancient city known by many past names. It was located on the extreme eastern part of the Taklamakan Desert in Xinjiang
Luòyáng	洛阳	The "Eastern Capital" for many of China's ancient dynasties
Hóngú zhī zhì	鸿鹄之志	A Chinese Saying featured in Season 3 about a young man with great aspirations
Hāmì	哈密	City in northern Xinjiang
Bùrù hǔxué yān dé hǔzǐ	不入虎穴焉得虎子	You can't catch the tiger's cubs without entering the tiger's lair....or Nothing ventured, nothing gained as we say in English....borrowing from the 14th century French proverb "Qui onques rien n'enprist riens n'achieva,"
chéngyǔ	成语	A Chinese Saying or Idiom
Bān Chāo Lièzhuàn	班超列传	Book of Later Han chapter from which we get this Chinese Saying. The Biography of Ban Chao.
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