The Spirit of Wonder is a series of manga stories written and drawn by Tsuruta Kenji. Only one has as yet been animated, but several of the original mangas will soon be released in English form by Dark Horse Comics and Studio Proteus.

About the title: The original title of this episode is "China-san no Yuutsu," which translates as "Miss China's Melancholy." However, that title has connotations in English that don't fit with the spirit of the story itself, so in cooperation with Studio Proteus, we chose to use a different title.

About the story: during production of the video, we tried to track down the location of Prince of Wales Island, without success. However, subsequently, we learned of a Prince of Wales Island situated off the coast of Australia. Whether or not this is THE Prince of Wales Island, we don't know. In the dubbed version of Spirit of Wonder, we deliberately used a wide variety of accents for the customers of Tenkai to "cover our bases."

An in a special note, recently TOSHIBA-EMI re-released The Spirit of Wonder in bilingual form, using our dub and subtitles. This rerelease **outsold** the original release, proving that the Japanese, at least, know a good dub when they hear one!

Production Staff

Japanese Production Staff

Based on the Manga by Tsuruta Kenji Published in: Kodansha's Comic Afternoon

Character Designer & Animation Director: Yanagida Yoshiaki Art Director: Kogura Hiromasa Storyboards: Nishimura Hiroyuki & Umitani Toshihisa

> Music: Tanaka Koohei Director of Photography: Saitoo Akio Recording Supervisor: Ookuma Akira

Editing: Fuse Yumiko
Color Designation: Ichinose Miyoko
Animation Checker: Nakajima Yuuichi
Planning: Shishido Fuminori

Producers: Sugiyama Kiyoshi & Okamura Masahiro Screenplay: Shimada Michiru

US Production Staff (Subtitling)

Executive Producer: Robert J. Woodhead
Producers: Janice Hindle & Peter R. Haswell
Translator: Shin Kurokawa

Production Coordinator & Dialogue Checker: Ueki Natsumi Subtitling Director: Robert J. Woodhead

US Production Staff (Dubbing)

Executive Producers: Janice Hindle & Peter R. Haswell
Translator: Shin Kurokawa
Associate Producer: Ueki Natsumi
Producer: Robert J. Woodhead

English Language Version recorded at Coastal Carolina Recording

Voice Director: Scott Houle Script Supervisor: William Bailey Audio Engineer: Nick Stuteville Dialogue Mixer: Ron Abfalter Effects Designer: Skip Bowerman M&E Editor: Kevin Turner Communications: Billie Houle Duplications: B. J. Toney

Voice Actors

Japanese Voice Actors

Miss China: Hidaka Noriko
Jim: Shibamoto Hiroyuki
Breckenridge: Hazama Michio
Lily: Fuchizaki Yuriko
Gil: Kakegawa Hirohiko
Robin: Yokoyama Tomosa
John: Mizuhara Rin
Nancy: Hiramatsu Akiko
Titi: Hayashi Tamao
Rock: Iizuka Shoozoo
Paul: Sawaki Ikuya
Shopkeeper: Shimaka Yutaka
Man A: Cha Fuurin
Man B: Nakajima Akihiko

English Voice Actors

Miss China: Pamela Weidner Breckenridge: Mike Way Jim: David Bjorkback Lily: Lanelle Markgraf Narrator: Norm Shore Robin: Shawn Ernie Nancy: Rachael Seidman Jon: John Paul Houle Titi: Lisa Gattis Gentleman #1: Robert Boucher Gentleman #2: Kevin Greenway Gil: Marc Matney Kelly: Sean P. O'Connell Evans: Bob Weidner Paul: Scott Bailey Rock: Chuck Denson Marketwoman: Gertrude Weidner Jim's Boss: Eric Paisley Thief: Jim Clark Policeman: Dave Underwood Group Players: Nick Manatee, William Brenton, Elmo Jones & Patrick Humphrey

Song Lyrics

Ending Theme: Yume no Tobira

(Dream's Door)

Lyrics by Maeda Kooichiroo * Music by Tanaka Koohei Arranged by Kishimura Masanori Performed by Hidaka Noriko

Te to te wo awasete shizuka ni inoreba, hora... Yozora ni niji kake. Hoshi no hana wo tsumu yume. Put your hands together, and say your silent prayers... and see... A rainbow arches over the night sky, where you pick flowers of stars. Do you see that dream?

Te to te wo awasete hitomi wo tojireba, hora... Sora tobu rakuda ga

Put your hands together, and close your eyes... and see... A camel crosses the heavenly skies Tsuki no saba yuku yume. to reach the desert beneath

the beautiful moon.
Do you see that dream?

Negai nooto tsumekonda galasu no kobin ga ginga no umi ni ukabu. Hoshi no kagayaki. Yume no hikari.

My wishes are in a crystal bottle, drifting on the ocean of galaxies lit by stars. It's the light of dreams.

Te to te wo awasete... Hitomi o tojiruno, China. Put your hands together... And close your eyes, China.