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| **No.** | **Hero’s Journey Phase** | **Description** | **Chapter** | **Development in Character Arc** | **Discussion** |
| **Act I** | | | | | |
| 1. | Ordinary World | Tanjirou and his family talk about their new year’s plan in front of their house. Tanjirou is planning to sell charcoal in town because he wants to provide his family with a lot of food. | 1 | Tanjirou believes in a Lie. | * This is the ordinary world where the protagonist, Tanjirou, initially comes from. He lives in an ordinary world where he usually does his activities without any disturbance. * This is also where Tanjirou believes in the Lie. The Lie Tanjirou believes is that he lives in a normal world without demons. |
| 2. | Call to Adventure | The morning after Tanjirou spends the night in old man Saburo’s house, he arrives at his house and the first thing he sees is the bodies of his siblings covered with blood outside his house, the same sight can also be found inside his house. After being attacked by his own sister, Tanjirou find out that his sister has become a demon. | 1 | The Truth messes with Tanjirou’s life, and another Lie is gained in Tanjirou. | * After his family slaughtered by a demon and his sister, Nezuko, becoming a demon, Tanjirou realizes that his ordinary world has been disrupted. Nezuko becoming a demon is the first call he experiences to begin a life-changing journey. * This is where the disturbance in Tanjirou’s normal world begins to happen, here he finally confronted by the Truth. The truth is that he lives in a world where demon exists. * After the incident, Tanjirou who feels guilty, gains another Lie: that he is responsible for the death of his family. |
| 3. | Refusal of the Call and Meeting the Mentor | After meeting with a demon slayer named Tomioka Giyuu, Tanjirou is told to find a man named Sakonji Urokodaki in a mountain. In his way to find Urokodaki, he and Nezuko encountered a demon who tried to kill them. After fighting the demon, Tanjirou found it hard to kill the demon. He refused to kill the demon and at the end he failed to kill the demon, instead the sun kills it.  Tanjirou and Urokodaki finally introduce themselves to each other. At first Urokodaki refuses to train Tanjirou because Urokodaki believes that Tanjirou’s resolves is weak therefore unable him to make any decision which later can become a problem. Then Urokodaki orders Tanjirou to follow him to his house. There, he begins to train Tanjirou as his student. | 1-5 | Tanjirou is forced to make a decision that will change his life. | * Despite his struggle when fighting the demon, Tanjirou refuses to end the demon life. In the end he is unable to make any decision and let the sun kill the demon. His weak resolve to kill the demon can be interpreted as a refusal of the call. * After being scolded by Urokodaki, he begins to realizes that his weak resolution will help no one, especially Nezuko. In order to find a cure for Nezuko and defeat the demon who turned Nezuko into a demon, he need to have a strong resolve. This act of reaffirming or reinforcing his resolution can be interpreted as a way for Tanjirou to make a decision that will change his life. |
| 4. | Crossing the First Threshold | Tanjirou finished his training with Urokodaki and proceed to take the seven days exam of final selection test in Fujikasane Mountain. There he met the hand demon who had killed many of Urokodaki’s students before him. With a lot of effort, he was able to kill the hand demon and passed the test. | 6-9 | Tanjirou confronts the Truth (he is given the information on how to overcome the Lie)  (Beginning of the Second Act) | * The event where Tanjirou killed the hand demon can be said as a moment where Tanjirou finally crosses the threshold between the two worlds. His resolve is now strong enough to finally acknowledges that he is no longer can go back to his ordinary world, and commits wholeheartedly to the adventure ahead of him. |
| **Act II** | | | | | |
| 5. | Tests, Allies, Enemies I | Tanjirou finally became a demon slayer. His first mission was to investigate a demon in a town to the northwest. There he fought and defeated a swamp demon. At the end of his fight he asked the demon about Kibutsuji Muzan, but in the end the swamp demon was too afraid to tell him and Tanjrou kills him. | 10-13 | Tanjirou confronts the Truth | * Tanjirou’s first mission is the first test Tanjirou faces after coming to the Special World. He is no longer in training and must defeat real demons. * Tanjirou confronts the Truth which manifested as his first trial in the Special World. |
| 6. | Tests, Allies, Enemies II | After his first mission, Tanjirou headed to Asakusa, Tokyo, to do his second mission. He unexpectedly met Kibutsuji Muzan, who pretended to be human. Unfortunately, Tanjirou failed to fight him. There he met a female demon named Tamayo and her assistant, Yushiro. However, different from other demon, Tamayo was a doctor. She told Tanjirou about her history with Muzan and how she was willing to help Tanjirou to find a cure for Nezuko. At the same time Muzan sent his two subordinates to kill Tanjirou and his friends. Fortunately, he was able two defeated the two demons. | 14-19 | Tanjirou confronts the Truth | * The phase “Test, Allies, Enemies” is repeated here. This where Tanjirou meets his first allies in the special world. Even though Tamayo and Yushiro are demons, they despise Muzan, and willing to help Tanjirou to find cure for Nezuko. This gives Tanjirou a form of support in the special world, making Tamayo and Yushiro his newfound allies. This is also where Tanjirou meets the second test in the special world. Here he fights Muzan’s subordinates (Susamaru and Yahaba), this fight gives Tanjirou a new knowledge about Muzan. * Tanjirou once again being confronted by the Truth, here he finally meets Muzan’s subordinates and given a chance to see Muzan’s power. |
| 7. | Tests, Allies, Enemies III | Tanjirou started looking for information on the Hinokami Kagura (Dance of the Fire God, a breathing style taught by the Kamado family) after his last fight with Rui.  Tanjirou, Zenitsu, and Inosuke decided to look after Kyojuro Rengoku, the Flame Hashira, hoping he has some information about Hinokami Kagura. They met the Flame Hashira in the Infinity Train, where he informed then the he was sent in a mission to kill a demon that has cause multiple disappearances on the train. This was the mission where he met one of the Upper Moons (a group of six powerful demons under direct command of Kibutsuji Muzan) for the first time. The Upper Moon reveals as the Upper Moon rank 3, Akaza. Unable to generate any strength, Tanjirou could only witnesses Kyojuro and Akaza fought each other. However, since Kyojuro has used his strength to help the passengers of the train before Akaza arrived, he lost the battle with Akaza with a serious wound. Tanjirou who could only witness the battle finally regained his strength and tried to finish giving Akaza the final blow. Upon realizing that the sun was about to rise, Akaza tried to pull himself away from the battle. Tanjirou tried to run after Akaza and threw his blame toward Akaza. Unfortunately, Akaza got away and Tanjirou let out a final scream and collapsed to his knees. Before he died, Kyojuro asked Tanjirou to come over to him so they can have a chat | 53-69 | Tanjirou gains a better understanding of the external conflict and his inner self. | * Again, the phase “Test, Allies, Enemies” is repeated here. This where Tanjirou gains another enemy. In this phase he meets Akaza, one of the Upper Moons (a group of six powerful demons under direct command of Kibutsuji Muzan). This can be seen as one of the most important tests that Tanjirou must take. Here he meets Muzan’s subordinate that has the closest relation with the Demon Lord. Even though at the end of the phase he lost to Akaza, he is shown on how strong his enemies are. Since Akaza is one of the six demons under direct command of Muzan, now Tanjirou understand how strong Muzan is. * This is also an important phase in Tanjirou’s character arc. He is once again blamed himself for the death of his colleagues, even though Kyojuro himself said that death is inevitable when someone becomes a Hashira. |
| 8. | Tests, Allies, Enemies VI | Having to move one from the painful event, Tanjirou continues his mission in the Red Light District. This time he is accompanied by Inosuke, Zenitsu, Nezuko, and Uzui Tengen, the Sound Hashira. Their mission is to demon that has tormented the citizen of the Red Light District and rescue Tengen’s three wives. There Tanjirou encounters Upper Moon Six, Daki and Gyutaro. The four of them fight the demons fearlessly. With the power differences between the demons and the demon slayers, Tanjirou and his friends were constantly attacked by the demon and ended up having serious injuries. In the middle of the fight, Gyutaro made a tremendous explosion which resulting them to passed out. Slowly, Tanjirou saw his friends fall one by one. Tanjirou blamed himself over again. It was not until he himself passed out and had a dream about Nezuko that he was reminded not to take a burden for someone else’s life. Tanjirou set his mindset and admits his weakness, despite being all alone Tanjirou does not crumble, instead he set another plan to kill the Upper Moon Six. Tengen who finally woken up immediately help Tanjirou to take down the demons. With unwavering resolve to beat both demons, Tanjirou and his friends successfully cut the demons’ neck simultaneously. | 70-99 | Tanjirou begins to act rightly with more conviction. He finally accepted the Truth. | * Another “Tests, Allies, Enemies” phase repeated in Tanjirou’s hero’s journey. Tanjirou once again given a test and encounters another Upper Moon. This time he must defeated an Upper Moon Six that later revealed to be two demons, Daki and Gyutaro. This is also an important phase in Tanjirou’s journey. Since this is the phase where Tanjirou meets another enemy closest to Muzan. Not only that, this time Tanjirou managed to collect a sample of the demon’s blood for the cure that currently is being made by Tamayo. * In term of his character arc, here Tanjirou is able to act rightly with more conviction. This time Tanjirou has fully accepted the Truth. Even though at first, he wanted to blame himself again for the falling of their friends, Nezuko in his dream reminded him not to that anymore. Thus, he set his mindset and admits his weakness, and accepted the Truth. |
| 9. | Approach to the Inmost Cave | Tanjirou’s fight with the upper moon four, Hantengu, in the Swordsmith Village cause an uproar in the demon world since Nazuko is able to conquer the sun. This makes her a new target for Muzan. The Demon Slayer Corps decided to conduct a special training session to improve the demon slayers’ abilities and physical health. During this training session Tanjirou learns another way to strengthen his bond with fellow demon slayers. | 128-136 | - | * This is the event where Tanjirou and the other demon slayer members prepare for the final battle with Muzan. This is the “Approach to the Inmost Cave” phase, where Tanjirou makes final preparation for the central ordeal of the adventure. Here Tanjirou strengthen his bond with fellow demon slayers, sharpen his techniques, and makes plans on how to defeat Muzan. |
| 10. | The Supreme Ordeal | Tamayo failed to kill Muzan by poisoning him, thus he came back to life. Tanjirou and Giyuu are the first one to approach him. There they fight Muzan Together without stopping. They realized that the only way to kill Muzan is to drag him into the sun. The fight between Muzan and the demon slayers happen from night until dawn. In the middle of the fight Muzan began to realize that his ability to heal seems to have weaken, then he figures out that it was due to the poison that Tamayo had inject him with.  Soon as dawn is breaking and the effect of the poison, Muzan began to panic. He tried to run away from the fight, however the demon slayers join together and held Muzan from running away. The demon slayers remain still and Muzan begins disintegrating from the sun's light. Muzan, the once invincible Demon Lord, finally defeated, ending the war between the Demon Slayers and demons. | 180-199 | Tanjirou figuring out if he really wants to serve the Truth or not.  (Third Act) | * This is where Tanjirou faces his greatest fear, the life and death battle between him and his ultimate adversary, Kibutsuji Muzan. This is the “Supreme Ordeal” phase where the change in Tanjirou’s character can clearly be seen. This is the phase where he shows his dramatic change. This is also the phase where Tanjirou has a taste of death. Here the villain, Muzan, confronts death and die. |
| 11. | Seizing the Reward | The demon slayers successfully defeated Muzan. Now the world can finally find peace. However, before they can celebrate their victory, they realize that Tanjirou has died when preventing Muzan from running away. | 200 |  | * Now that the demon slayers had successfully defeated Muzan, comes the consequences of winning the war. This is the “Seizing the Reward” phase where the hero claims their reward. Here Tanjirou’s reward from defeating Muzan is peace of the world, Nezuko cured from Muzan’ curse and turned into a human again. However, these rewards come with consequences, many lives have been lost, including his own life. |
| **Act III** | | | | | |
| 12. | The Road Back | Later when everyone thought Tanjirou has died, a small amount of Muzan’s power linger inside Tanjirou. It turned out that Muzan have not been completely gone. He transferred his last power to Tanjirou in order to carry out his will to destroy the Demon Slayer Corps. Tanjirou woke up as a demon with no control of himself and tried to attack the remaining member of the Demon Slayer Corps. His friends tried to wake him up, but Tanjirou is now in the influence of Muzan. They decided to fight him but failed because of how strong demon Tanjirou is. In the middle of the fight between demon Tanjirou and his friends, Nezuko arrived and tried to safe Tanjirou, begging him to come back and not losing himself to the demon power. Nezuko clings to him in order to stop Tanjirou from hurting the other demon slayer. Kanao, one of his demon slayer fellows, watched the scene and plan on injecting the cure that can transform demon to human. While the others distracted Tanjirou, Kanao successfully injected the cure to Tanjirou. | 201-203 | Tanjirou chooses between what he Wants and what he Needs. | * This is the phase where the hero will need to make a decision in order to return to his ordinary world, this is “The Road Back” phase. Tanjirou experiences this phase while he is unconscious. With the cure injected to him, Tanjirou is given two opinions; living as a demon, or return to his old self. |
| 13. | The Resurrection | Upon being injected by the cure, Tanjirou’s consciousness wonder. Inside his head he is fighting Muzan’s power to take over his body. Muzan tried to convince him to stay as a demon, telling him that everyone blames him for the dying demon slayers and his family members. However, his will to live as a human is stronger, and with the help of others he is being drag into REALITY. With the help of his friends, and the calling of the important people in his life, Tanjirou successfully break away from Muzan’s demon curse. Surrounded by his friends, Tanjirou woke up again, this time as a human. | 203 | Tanjirou rejects the Lie and accepting the truth.  (climax) | * This is the final life and death moment that Tanjirou experience, “The Resurrection”. Here he once again battles with Muzan. This however a fight between his consciousness and the last piece of Muzan’s power. |
| 14. | Return with the Elixir | Tanjirou woke up in the Butterfly Estate after sleeping for a month. He learns that with the death of the Demon Lord, Muzan, all the remaining demons in the world have vanish. Now that they live in the world where demons are no longer exist, the Demon Slayer Corps officially disbands. Tanjirou and Nezuko return to their home near the mountain. There they live a happy life with no fear of demons along with their friends, Inosuke and Zenitsu. | 204 | Tanjirou proves his devotion to the Truth. | * Tanjirou has survived all the ordeal, now he is living in a world free from demons. This is the end of Tanjirou’s journey, this is the “Return with the Elixir” phase. With the death of all demons in the world, and the Demon Slayar Corps disbanding, Tanjirou is now free, and have no obligation to stay in the Special World. Tanjirou then chose to return to his Ordinary World, where he can live a peaceful life with his sister and friends. |