

## Table of key figures and their appearance in the TV drama

(this list is not exhaustive and is based on the TV drama itself, not on the synopsis)

Name (Pinyin)	Name (Chinese characters)	Additional names	Title	Short description	Instalments which feature this character (directly or indirectly)
Asahiko Jûgorô	朝彦十五郎			Japanese navy cadet; Junko's betrothed	3, 6-7, 9, 11
Cai E	蔡锷	Songpo 松坡		military governor of Yunnan province, former disciple of Liang Qichao	55, 58-59
Cao Kun	曹錕	Zhongshan 仲珊		trained under Yuan Shikai; military governor	16, 21, 46-47, 58-59
Cao Rulin	曹汝霖			lawyer (later, during the May Fourth era, also became minister, and was attacked during demonstrations for being pro-Japanese)	38
Cen Chunxuan	岑春煊			official who helps Cixi escape from the allied forces; opponent of the Qing Prince and Yuan Shikai	24-29, 38, 40
Chen Boping	陈伯平			revolutionary	40
Cheng Bi-guang	程璧光			Associate of the revolutionaries	14-15
Cheng Dequan	程德全			military governor of Jiangsu province	52-53
Chun Prince see also Yihuan and Zaifeng					
Cixi	慈禧			empress dowager	1-2, 4, 6-14, 16-43, 50-51
Deng Shichang	邓世昌	Zhengqing 正卿		commander of the "Zhiyuan" (致远舰)	4, 10-11
Ding Ruchang	丁汝昌	Yuting 雨亭		military commander-in-chief of the Beiyang Navy	4-6, 10-11

Duanfang	端方			provincial governor of Hunan	32, 34
Duan Qirui	段祺瑞	Zhiquan 芝泉	general, later minister of state	trained under Yuan Shikai; temporarily provincial governor of Guangdong and Guangxi; prime minister	16, 19, 44-45, 48-49, 54 -57, 59-60
Duan Zhigui	段芝贵		daotai 道台 ("spiritual leader")	the daotai of Tianjin	37-38
Enhai	恩海			a boxer	23
Enming	恩铭			son-in-law of the Qing Prince Yikuang; is assassinated by revolutionaries	32, 37, 40
Fang Boqian	方伯谦	Yitang 益堂		commander of the "Jiyuan" (济远) of the Beiyang Navy	4-5, 10
Feng Guozhang	冯国彰			trained under Yuan Shikai; officer; later warlord	16, 19, 21, 43-45, 59
Fukuzawa Yukichi	福沢諭吉			influential Japanese intellectual of the Meiji period	6
Gangyi	刚毅			Cixi's brother-in-law	17-26
Gong Prince		Yixin 奕訢	恭亲王	6th brother of Cixi's deceased husband	8, 11, 17
Gu Hongming	辜鸿铭	Tangsheng 湯生		translator; scholar and advisor of Zhang Zhidong	2-4, 14, 18-19, 23, 36
Guangxu emperor	光绪	Dezong 德宗		son of the Chun Prince Yihuan, Cixi's nephew	1-4, 6-28, 30, 33-34, 40, 42
Heinrich	海因里希			German expert for iron foundries	2-4
Hong'er	红儿		Gongnü 宮女 ("palace lady")	one of Cixi's favourite young palace ladies; Cixi gives her to Li Hongzhang as a present	1, 9, 11, 13-14, 16, 22, 25-26
Huang Ruilan	黄瑞兰			official in charge of coastal defence; involved in contraband trade of the Beiyang Navy; replaces canon balls with stones	4
Huang Xing	黄兴	Keqiang 克强		revolutionary; fellow of Sun Yatsen	32 -34, 37-38, 42-57
Huang Yiou	黄一欧			Huang Xing's son	60

Itô Hirobumi	伊藤博文			Japanese prime minister	3, 6-7, 9, 11-12, 19-20, 33
Itô Yûkô	伊東佑享			commander-in-chief of the Japanese navy (舰队司令)	3, 6-7, 9, 11
Jiang Chunlin	江春霖	Zhong-mo 仲默		censor who accuses the Qing Prince and Yuan Shikai	43
Jiang Shi-xing	蒋士星		<i>Yushi</i> 御史	censor	37
Jin taifei	谨太妃			one of the Guangxu emperor's concubines	60
Junko	純子			daughter of an innkeeper; donates money, which she has earned through prostituting herself, to the Japanese government to help modernise the Japanese fleet; Asahikao Jûgorô's fiancée	6-7, 9
Kang Guangren	康广仁	Youbo 幼博		Kang Youwei's younger brother who is executed after the 1898 Hundred Days of Reforms	9, 20-21
Kang Youwei	康有为	Nanghai 南海		scholar and reformer, head of the 1898 Hundred Days of Reforms	4-5, 9, 13-22, 27, 30-31, 39-40, 51, 56, 60
Komura Jutarô	小村寿太郎			Japanese ambassador	6-7, 9
Koyama Toyotarô	小山豊太郎			a Japanese who attempts to assassinate Li Hongzhang in 1895	12
Li Guangzhao	李光昭			business man who purchases wood for the construction of the Summer Palace	7-8
Li Hongzhang	李鸿章	Shao-quan 少荃	Li Zhong-tang 李中堂, 总督 <i>zongdu</i>	governor of Beiyang, commander in the Sino-Japanese War, Chinese lead negotiator during the negotiations for the Treaty of Shimonoseki and for the Boxer Protocol	1-19, 21-23, 25-27, 29, 33, 36, 39, 50

Li Lianying	李莲英		Da zongguan 大总管 ("chief eunuch")	Cixi's favorite eunuch	1-2, 4-7, 9-10, 12-14, 18-31, 34-36, 38-39, 41-43
Li Yuanhong	黎元洪	Song-qing 宋卿		commander of the Wuchang troops, later vice president and president	43-44, 46, 48-49, 55-56, 59-60
Liangbi	良弼			Manchu court official, assassinated by revolutionaries in 1912	45
Liang Qichao	梁启超	Zhuoru 卓如		scholar and reformer, Kang Youwei's disciple	5, 9, 13-21, 25, 27, 30-31, 33, 37, 40, 51-53, 55-58, 60
Lin Xu	林旭	Tungu 瞰谷		one of the 1898 reformers, sacrifices his life to the reforms	19-21
Liu Buchan	刘步蟾	Zixiang 子香		commander of the "Dingyuan" (定远舰管带) and opium addict	4-6, 10-11
Liu Guangdi	刘光第			one of the 1898 reformers, sacrifices his life to the reforms	19, 21
Liu Kunyi	刘坤一			governor general of Jiangsu, Jiangxi and Anhui	22 (mention)
Longyu	隆裕			the emperor's principal wife, later the empress dowager	24, 41-42, 44-46, 50
(Lü) Bicheng	吕碧城	Dunfu 遁夫	Dunfu xiansheng 遁夫先生 ("teacher Dunfu")	teacher in the first women's school in Tianjin	31
Lu Haodong	陆皓东			member of the Revolutionary Party (革命党); first victim of the Chinese revolution	14-15
Lu Zhengxiang	陆征祥			temporarily prime minister, diplomat	48
Luo Rongguang	罗荣光			general during the boxer rebellion	23
Luo Wen	罗文			Guomindang legal expert, member of parliament	43, 46-60

Ma Sanjun	马三俊			follower of Li Hongzhang; later ordered by Li to work for Yuan Shikai	1, 4-5, 11-16
Meiji-Tennô	明治天皇		emperor 天皇	Japanese emperor (reigned 1868-1912)	2-3, 6-7, 9, 11-12, 33
Meng Enyuan	孟恩远	Shucun 曙村		owner of the brothel in which Sheng Yuying, Yuan Shikai's lover, used to work; later a general in the Xiaozhan garrison (小站)	1, 13, 15-16, 21
Morrison	莫理逊			journalist for the London <i>Times</i>	1, 6, 10, 21, 37, 44-45
Mutsu Munemitsu	陸奥宗光			Japanese foreign minister	3, 6-7, 9, 11-12
Puyi	溥仪			last Chinese emperor, Zaifeng's son	35, 42-46, 50, 58, 60
Qing Prince see Yikuang					
Qiu Jin	秋瑾			female revolutionary	40 (mention)
Qiu Simao	邱四毛			former follower of Li Hongzhang, kills a peasant family while drunk	16
Qu Hongji	瞿鸿禨		军机大臣 Grand Minister of State	candidate with the best results of the first imperial official examinations after the Boxer Rebellion, high court official, opponent of Yuan Shikai	27-32, 34-40
Ronglu	荣禄	Zhong-hua 仲华	among others official in the Ministry of War (兵部尚书), governor general of Zhili (直隶总督)	Li Hongzhang's successor as governor general of Beiyang	14-24, 26-29, 39

Roosevelt, Theodore				26th President of the USA (1901 - 1909)	33
Ruicheng	瑞澄			provincial governor of Hubei	43
Saigô Tsugumichi	西郷従道			Japanese navy minister (海军部长)	3, 6-7, 11
Shen Yuying	沈玉英	Yingzi 英子		former prostitute, Yuan Shikai's favourite concubine	1, 13, 16, 21, 26-27, 31, 43, 53-54, 57-59
Sheng Xuanhuai	盛宣怀	Xingsun 杏荪		Li Hongzhang's advisor, later head of the trade office	2-5, 6-11, 22-23, 25, 30, 34-35, 38
Song Jiaoren	宋教仁	Dunchu 钝初		revolutionary, chairman of the Guomindang	33, 43, 45-47, 51-54
Song Jiashu	宋嘉树	Charly Soong 宋查理		important and influential business man, Song Qingling's father	38, 48, 54
Song Qingling	宋庆龄			Song Jiashu's (Charly Song) daughter, Sun Yatsen's wife	38(jung), 48, 55-60
Sun Ke	孙科			Sun Yatsen's son	28
Sun Mei	孙眉			Sun Yatsen's brother	15-16, 28
Sun Yatsen (Zhongshan)	孫中山	Sun Yatsen 孙逸仙, Sun Wen 孙文		revolutionary, 1 <sup>st</sup> President of the Republic of China; founder of the Guomindang	9-10, 13-17, 21, 25, 28, 30-34, 37-38, 42-60
Tan Sitong	谭嗣同	Fu-sheng 复生		one of the 1898 reformers, sacrifices his life for the reforms	19-21
Tan Zhonglin	谭钟麟			governor of Guangdong and Guangxi	15, 29
Tang Qingchang	唐庆昌			leading official in the Ministry of Revenue	34 - 37
Tang Shaoyi	唐绍仪	Shao-chuan 少川		prime minister by appointment of Yuan Shikai and member of the Guomindang	47
Tennô see Meiji-Tennô					
Tian Mo	田沫			reporter of the "Shibao" 时报, Luo Wen's girlfriend	43, 46-54, 57-60

Waldersee, Graf von	瓦德西			German general, leader of the allied forces during the Boxer Rebellion	24, 26
Wang Afa	王阿发			antiques dealer	52-53
Wang Zhao	王照			official and reformer	18, 21
Wang Zhuo-sheng	王卓生			sent to assassinate Sun Yatsen, but instead joins the newly founded party in Japan ("Gemingdang") and becomes Sun's bodyguard	56-57
Wen Tingshi	文廷式			one of Weng Tonghe's disciples	14, 16
Weng Tonghe	翁同和	Shengpu 声甫	minister of revenue (户部尚书)	minister of revenue, tutor of the Guangxu emperor and also of his predecessor, the Tongzhi emperor	1-4, 7-8, 10-18
Wu Chuan	武川			beggar	32
Wu Yuding	吴毓鼎			one of Qu Hongji's disciples	29, 36, 38-40
Wu Tingfang	伍廷芳			Chinese ambassador to Japan; took part in the negotiations between China and Japan following the Sino-Japanese War (1894-1895)	4, 12-13
Xiao Dezi	小德子			eunuch, works for Li Lianying	4-9, 19, 21-22, 21-28, 34, 37-38, 41-42, 44, 46
Xiao Fengxian	小凤仙			prostitute and Cai E's lover	56, 58 (mention)
Xu Chengyu	徐承煜			official, Xu Tong's son	18, 26
Xu Jingdeng	许景澄			official who opposes the Boxer Rebellion and is executed	23
Xu Qin	徐勤			one of Liang Qichao's disciples	17
Xu Shichang	徐世昌	Juren 菊人		Yuan Shikai's advisor, composes writings for Yuan	13, 15-16, 20-21, 37, 44, 46, 56, 57, 58, 59
Xu Tong	徐桐			head of the Hanlin Academy	4, 13-14, 17-18, 21-24, 26
Xu Xilin	徐锡麟	Bosun 伯荪		revolutionary, one of Liang Qichao's disciples	37, 40

Yan Fengsheng	严凤笙		盐运使	official in charge of salt transportation in Tianjin; wants to forbid his niece Lü Bicheng to work as a teacher for the women's school in Tianjin	31
Yan Fu	严复	Jidao 几道		scholar, proponent of a constitutional monarchy	14 (mention)
Yan Jingming	阎敬铭			minister of revenue who is discharged by Cixi because he directly contradicts her	1
Yang Cuixi	杨翠喜			Duan Zhigui's lover	37-39
Yang Du	杨度	Xizi 皙子		scholar, proponent of a constitutional monarchy, temporarily Yuan Shikai's advisor	32 - 34, 43-44, 46-47, 50-51, 57-59
Yang Rui	杨锐	Shuqiao 叔乔; Dunshu 钝叔		one of the 1898 reformers, sacrifices his life for the reforms; one of Zhang Zhidong's disciples	19-21
Yang San	杨三			actor at the Beijing opera who commits suicide in order to accuse Li Hongzhang	13
Yang Shenxiu	杨深秀			censor, one of the 1898 reformers, sacrifices his life for the reforms	18, 21
Yang Shiqi	杨士琦	Xing- cheng 杏成		official who works for Yuan Shikai	24-29, 37-40
Yihuan (Chun Prince)	弈环		Qi ye 七爷 ("seventh lord"), Chun wangye 醇王爷 (Chun Prince)	the Guangxu emperor's father, Cixi's deceased husband's brother	1-2, 4-6, 42
Yikuang (Qing Prince)	弈勳		Qing wang 庆王, Qing wangye 庆王爷 ("Qing Prince")	successor of the Chun Prince Yihuan; chief responsible for the construction of the new Summer Palace; later responsible for foreign affairs	7-13, 20-23, 25-26, 28-30, 34-40, 43-44



Yinchang	荫昌			general who is supposed to lead the imperial troops to Hubei in order to suppress the revolutionary uprising	27, 43-44
Ying Guixin	应桂馨			official in Jiangsu who is involved in Song Jiaoren's assassination	52-53
Yingzi see Shen Yuying					
Yuan Chang	袁昶			official who opposes the Boxer Rebellion and is executed	23
Yuan Ke-ding	袁克定		Da shao ye 大少爷	eldest son of Yuan Shikai, general of the Beiyang Army	42, 46-47, 55, 57-59
Yuan Kewen	袁克文			Yuan Shikai's second eldest son	42, 58
Yuan Shikai	袁世凯	Weiting 慰廷		military governor of Tianjin, Li Hongzhang's successor as head of the Beiyang Army, later president of the Republic	1, 3, 9, 13-21, 24-59
Yulu	裕禄			governor general of Zhili	23
Yuxian	毓贤			Prefect of Shandong and Boxer sympathiser	22, 26
Zaifeng (Chun Prince)	载沣	醇王 (Chun-Prince)	prince regent Shezheng wang 摄政王	son of the Chun Prince Yihuan 弈环 (brother of Guangxu)(Zaifeng's and the emperor's mother is Cixi's sister)	6(young), 25, 29-30, 35, 38-43, 60
Zaize	载泽			the emperor's cousin, member of the Qing delegation to go abroad, proponent of constitutionalism	32, 34, 44
Zaizhen	载振	Beizi 贝子		son of the Qing Prince Yikuang	25, 27, 29, 34-38, 40
Zhang Jian	张謇	Jizhi 季直		best examination candidate during the palace examinations of 1894, Weng Tonghe's favourite (later influential and important in the industry and the educational system)	4, 8, 10, 12-13, 22-23
Zhang Xun	张勋	Shao-xuan 绍轩	Xuzhou Dudu 徐州都督	trained under Yuan Shikai, military governor of Xuzhou, later warlord	16, 19, 21, 36, 50, 55, 58, 60

Zhang Zhenwu	张振武			Commander of the revolutionary troops	48-49
Zhang Zhidong	张之洞	Xiaoda 孝达	Xiang-shuai 香帅; Hu-Guang zongdu 湖广总督	governor general of Nanyang, scholar	1-4, 14,17-20, 22-23, 30-32, 40-43
Zhao Bingjun	赵秉钧	Zhi'an 智庵		trained under Yuan Shikai, head of the Beijing police forces, temporarily prime minister, coordinates Song Jiaoren's assassination	15-16, 21, 24-27, 30, 44, 46-47, 49-54
Zhao Fengchang	赵凤昌	Zhujun 竹君		Zhang Zhidong's disciple	3-4
Zhao Qilin	赵启霖			censor	38-39
Zhen fei	珍妃			the Guangxu emperor's favourite concubine	6, 16, 19-20, 24
Zheng Shi-liang	郑士良			revolutionary	25
Zhou Fu	周馥			governor general of Guangdong	40 (mention)
Zhou Rongyao	周荣曜			corrupt maritime customs services administrator in Canton	28-29
Zhu Baokui	朱宝奎			Sheng Xuanhuai's subordinate; later changes allegiances	34-35, 38