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Good Take Too

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When I was a little girl
Grandma told me
The most interesting story I've ever heard
Every night
The Guia Lighthouse turns and turns
Illuminating the night skies of Macao
But there's a secret no one knows about
At some point the lighthouse
will stop turning for a very brief moment
and shine its light beam towards the post
the Northern Jetty "Waiting is an awful desert"
When that happens
The treasure hidden underneath
the post will be uncovered
and whoever is brave enough
to row a boat out there
will get the treasure
Really? Have you ever gone out there, Grandma?
What's the treasure?
Tell me! What's the treasure?
Which means...
If you get the treasure,
you won't be afraid of anything
How about my dad?
Has he gone out there?
I've heard of that story long ago
My cousin said he's been out there
He went by himself? That's so brave
Lucky him. I wish I could have the treasure
That's no big deal
Even my grandma's been out there
Grandma
I want to go out there
You think Dad will go with me?
Your dad is learning to do business
like everyone else, so he has no time
Besides, he's not brave at all
Grandma loved me very much
She knew I loved milk, so every day after school
She would heat up some milk for me
Here, have some milk
She practically raised me
No one knew me like she did

There's some coins on the table
Go get yourself some game cards
Hello?
Hello, Dad
I want to go see something, can you go with me?
You know how busy I am, honey.
I don't have the time
But Grandma said...
Hello? I'm busy now, let's talk later, okay?
Lok-yi, It's time to set out
Set out?
Tomorrow I'll go with you
Don't you be afraid
I'll be shining this light on you
Mr. Lin?
I'm Lok-yi Peng from National Realty
Any thoughts on the house we saw yesterday?
Didn't I tell you to leave work on time?
You still went over
at the expense of your personal time
Is it worth it? Don't you feel tired?
Carol
Of course I'd like things
to go my way if possible
But it's not up to me
Don't you know
Money isn't everything
But without money you can't do anything
I don't want to end up with nothing but a dream
I bet you'd be a great teacher
What you said makes a lot of sense
But my dream is different from yours
I WANT TO -- MAKE BIG BUCKS!!!
You're exaggerating
- Gold digger
- No, I'm not
Nope
Greedy for money, you do LOVE money
True. Just a little, not much at all
Are you worried about not finding Mr. Right?
Of course not, you're losing it
Honestly?
Yes
Okay... Bye bye

Excuse me nurse, where's the emergency room?
End of the hall turn left
Thank you
Ma'am
it's getting late
Dad
If you won't work with us
I'll have to take you back to the precinct
Officer
You don't need to ask her anymore
Who in her right mind would take
her granddaughter out to the sea?
The kid's only ten
she doesn't know anything
Your grandmother took you out to the sea?
I see
I'll return to my post, then
Thank you, officer
I thought you were too busy to come visit
I don't know
why you're so obsessed with that story
Yes
It's true I don't have the time
to take care of her
I'm not brave enough to take her out to the sea
She said she really wanted to do it
But she was afraid to do it alone
That's human nature
If this goes on
How do you think she'll
turn out when she grows up?
But it's for the two of you
that I'm working so hard
She's my only child
Can you promise not to
take her out to the sea again?
How many people
can remain true to themselves until the very end?
Actually
I was the one who wanted to go out there
Had I found the treasure then
would I be any different now?
After Ponte de Amizade was built
The society

Became more and more profit-minded
And with it went...
My childhood

HEY:

Want me to come give you a lift?
No, thanks
I'm home already
Okay
Come home to eat whenever you have time
Okay
By the way
Yesterday a client
gave a really good offer for grandma's house
Grandma gave you that house
You do as you see fit
You should get some rest, it's late
Don't sleep in the car all the time
Alright
I go work now
Talk soon, bye
Bye
Hello?
What?
You mean my client, Mr. Lin?
He signed with Carol?
I forgot to dye my hair
Dad
Yes?
Am I a useless pushover?
Of course not
When you were little
You went out to the sea
Even though you didn't reach the destination
I couldn't even get in the boat
Your grandma used to call me a coward
If I sold the house she left me
Do you think she would be upset?
You've decided to sell it?
Either way is fine with me
Your grandma and I
Do not have much to leave you
The house will be our way to make it up to you
Do you still remember...

When you were young, you said you wanted to teach
To be a good teacher
But now you're working in real estate
The world we live in makes us change
So...
Whether or not to sell the house
It's entirely up to you
If Grandma were still here
Would she be very disappointed
to see how I've turned out?
No, I'm sure of it
I always feel...
You've inherited the good things
from your grandmother
If you stick to your guns
It's only a matter of time that
you will find the treasure
"The Waiting"
"Waiting is an awful desert"
"Between where we are and where we want to be"
"People do not like such a desert"
"We want to get out by doing something..."
"Something awful to ourselves"
Hello, it's me
I was out yesterday,
I'm calling to tell you that
I'm fine, you don't need to worry
Even if we hadn't broken up,
I didn't suppose you were really going to wait
for me for 10 years, I just want to...
I just want to...
I want to thank you
for visiting me for the first 9 years
I don't know how to thank you
Even though you didn't come for the past year
But I completely understand
I'll work hard and start a new life
You have to keep chasing your dream too
Even in different corners of this city
Together, we shall forget what is behind and...
Forget what is behind
and strain toward what is ahead
Strain toward what is ahead
Goodbye

Hello?

Hello, it's me

Who is this?

When did you come out?

Just yesterday

1.

Can you come out now?

I'm in the middle of something now

I won't take up a lot of your time

I just want to see you,

for just a little while

I'm sorry, I just can't today

I'm waiting for you at Antonio's

"7I34am"

Sorry, I'll clean it up later

The waiter just quit, it's chaotic

It was packed during lunch

And now it's dead

Get busy living

Or get busy waiting

The clock stopped running for years

It's now 2:

You've been working the whole day, eat something

Whenever it rains, the roof leaks

Mom and Dad have arthritis

I want to fix it before I leave

Towel, toothbrush,

I've packed everything for you

I'm going to prison, not camping

Have you been to prison?

You know how it is inside?

Of course it's better to be prepared

HEY:

HEY:

I made this

You have to be looking sharp when you come out

And

Sometimes, when I smell you on my clothes

I feel that as if you're beside me

Why aren't you eating?

It took me the whole day to make it

The whole day? It must stink now?
I don't care, you finish it
You really are not telling your parents?
They'll be worried about you
I'm not telling them,
because I don't want to worry them
But 10 years is such a long...
It's not the right time to talk about it now
Then let's talk about something
which is also not the right time
Do you have US\$10?

HEY:

HEY:

We will register once you get out
Promise me
You will wait for me
"Waiting is painful, Forgetting is painful"
"But not knowing which to do is
the worst kind of suffering"
Hello there, may I sit down here?
Not really
I've noticed you haven't eaten anything
since this morning
You only drank coffee,
that's bad for your stomach
I ordered too much food, and I can't finish this
Could you help me eat it, if you don't mind?
C'mon, help me out here, okay?
C'mon, why don't you eat? Have some
I really don't have the appetite, thank you
Oh, I can order something else for you
Don't worry about it
I really can't eat anything now, thank you
I've been watching you since this morning
You had 5 coffees, didn't eat a single thing
You know this is very bad for your health?
If your parents see you like this
They will be extremely heartbroken
Why do you do this to yourself?
A perfectly nice home you abandoned
Rather sit around at a restaurant the whole day
Granny, why don't you take it home,

and please take a hike
You snubbing me
What? You want to hit me?
What have I done wrong?
I saw you looking all confused over here
And brought you something to eat
How ungrateful of you
Granny, I'm actually a convicted murderer
You're threatening me?
Pretending to be murderer
Your parents will be devastated
if they heard this
You take it back
Sorry, excuse me
Sit down, I'm not finished
It's still warm, eat some, or it'll be cold
C'mon
Have some
There's no rush, don't choke yourself
Just like my son
Waiting for someone?
If not, you won't be only drinking coffee
And looking at the door the whole day
Waiting for your girlfriend?
You're also waiting for someone?
I'm waiting for my son
For almost 11 years
When you came in this morning
I almost mistaken you as my son
11 years? Where is he?
If I knew, I'd go find him
I used to be a school headmaster
But I couldn't even handle my own son
He was always drunk and making trouble
I rarely saw him at home
But he called me up one day
And wanted to celebrate my birthday with me
He told me to meet here at this restaurant
So I waited here until it closed,
and he never came
Never went home either
As a parent, what could I do?
He asked me to wait, so I'm waiting
Driver, just wait here for a minute

Keep the meter running, I'd be back soon
"Not everyone could understand our choices"
"But I believe in your choosing"
"That is for the better"
Congratulations
Do you remember me?
Years ago,
my boyfriend and I saved up
for a long time to eat here
But we only had enough for one dish
And you treated us to some deserts too
You guys are getting married?
No
Can you help me return this to the man inside?
Okay
Your son must have his reasons,
he just didn't know how to tell you
Maybe he didn't want to worry you
You think he really
doesn't want to come home?
I also slept in the park last night
What can't you tell your own family?
Leaving without even saying one word
How'd it make us parents feel?
Try stepping in our shoes
and understand our concerns?
So, you'd tell your son everything?
Good or bad, even if it'd hurt him
You'd tell him, right?
If you're so sympathetic
Why don't you step into your son's shoe
And figure out why
he left without saying anything
Don't hit me again
You're very punctual everyday
Did Headmaster trouble you today?
No, the young man
kept her company the whole day
Headmaster, let's go
Thank you
Goodbye
Not goodbye, it's 'see you later'
See you later
Nobody knows where her son went?

He died a long time ago
Does she know?
She went crazy
This is her son
She's been handing these out to everyone
She went bald from chemotherapy
But she still wears a silver wig,
"Waiting is an awful desert"
"But I know you're with me
throughout this journey"
"And you're waiting for me
on the other side of the desert"
"Dad"
Telephone for you
Hello
I know, I'm trying hard already
Sure, let's have supper tonight
Oh Mom, Dad's medicine is on the cupboard
I've got to go now
See you tonight
Good morning, Headmaster
"Directed by Clement CHENG"
In all the time I've lived here
I have never seen
the place like this before
Every time I come home
I walking on the streets and would wonder
if the picture is real
This is a computer-generated dream
Of course it's fake
I think this world is full of fakes
just like both of us standing here now
it isn't real either
But they could start building
at any moment, actions are quick
Maybe it will soon become reality
"Counting on Hong Kong - Serving the Mainland
Facing the World"
Mr. Lee
Mr. Lee, are you Ok?
Do you need to go to hospital?
I'm fine, thanks!
I'll be ok in a minute,
thank you

No, you should go to the hospital
Trust me, I'm fine
I usually see my doctor in Hong Kong
it's safer
So Hong Kong doctors are safe...
but not the doctors here?
Oh, that's not what I meant
I never see any doctors here
You always eat take-out, it's so unhealthy
I cook myself,
let's bring the food and eat with you?
Eat with you?
"I'm having dinner with my kids
for the winter festival"
(Talking to older daughter) What's up?
Sure, never mind... Work comes first
How late will you be?
Call me when you're done
(Talking to younger daughter) Where are you now?
Still at work?
Should we go ahead and eat first?
Okay
I want you to have the winter festival dinner
with your mother in law
that's why I want to
have dinner with you before the day
it's Okay, I mean it
Work comes first
Okay
Dear, No need to rush home
your sisters are not coming
so I didn't cook anything
You too, Happy New Year
I am going to get through the customs
Are you asleep yet?
Happy New Year
"Qianhai welcomes all benchmark enterprises"
"Together we build the future"
In all the time I've lived here
I have never seen
the place like this before
Every time I come home
I was walking on the streets and would wonder
if the picture is real

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I think this world is full of fakes
just like both of us standing here now
it isn't real either
But they could start building
at any moment, actions are quick
Maybe it will soon become reality
How long it will take?
Twenty years, thirty years
We can't see it until we die
"To the line, dare to do,
do it quick, just do it!"
"Innovation is the heart and soul of Qianhai"
Can I smoke?
Sure
I didn't know you smoke
I didn't before
I only started when I lived alone
I used to smoke too
but I quit a long time ago
I also quit drinking and eating sweets
My health caught up with me after retirement
but the truth is
if you are not happy,
it doesn't matter what you quit
it's true!
If you are happy, you will never get sick
That's why I'm completely healed now
Yes
because I'm happy
Were you happy just now?
You've been living here for so long now
Do you miss Hong Kong?
Can't really say if I miss it
Hong Kong is not my home anymore
In the past,
everybody wanted to go to Hong Kong
but now they say
Qianhai is the new Hong Kong
We might even have to dial 852
to call here later
and we'll be able to go on Facebook here too
You know how to use Facebook?

Not a clue
Then what difference does it make to you?
It doesn't matter
If it's fun, I could open an account
People say that we'll be under Hong Kong Law
a special, special administrative region
And you believe what they say?
I choose to believe
Maybe gay marriage will be legal here
before Hong Kong
What does gay marriage have to do with you?
Didn't you notice?
It doesn't matter
as long as they are happy, it's fine
More happy people make a happier world
Maybe...
maybe marijuana would becomes legal here
Crazy!
Isn't it great?
Of course not
Weather update is next
The current temperature is 35C
with humidity at 94%
a heat alert is in effect
The UV index is at a high of 10...
Our target was 1 minute
but we finished in 58 seconds
Not bad for a bunch of old guys?
We used 2 cars...
one to escape, one as a decoy
You could count the crew on one hand
"Arrested for shooting"

"Directed by:

The robbery suspects: Pow, Picnic...
and their leader, Yip Foon...
How did you meet them?
I supposeu.
Common interests
"5 Jewelry Stores Looted during Armed Robbery"
"Followed by Police Shootout..."
Mr. Yip Foon
It's an honor to meet you
I'm here today...

for a consultation on robbery
I'm a film industry veteran
I've worked as a PA, AD... every post imaginable
Now I'm preparing to shoot a major crime drama
Everything is in place
except funding
Sir, do people ever cancel prison meetings?
Mr. Yip Foon!
Please sit
How are you?
Are you Tsui Sai-man?
Yes, I am
It's an honor to meet you
I'm here today
Sir!
"FELONS - the synopsis"
Wow, so many typos
Sir!
I guarantee no misspelling this time
I went through it
You've got... "drilling"
"Tunnefing"
"Detecting infrared beams with red wine"
Why waste good wine?
And...
where's the helicopter you talked about?
I'm taking a minimalist approach this time
To achieve the effect
the production has been scaled down
Just admit you have no money
- Foon, how have you been?
- "Long Walk to Freedom"
I've thought about it
Why am I letting others cash in on my script?
I'm entering the Post-Wave Film Contest
I could win a movie deal
You'll soon be released from prison
I was thinking...
consulting is a waste of your talent
You should consider acting
Be my lead actor
Let's collaborate!
Sai, life isn't just about one thing
There's a whole world out there

You either have it or you don't
Don't limit yourself...
to stupid gangster movies
Stupid?
I grew up on HK gangster films!
You call that stupid?
You were one smart thief
But who's in prison now?
I know nothing...
except making movies
I must see this project through...
even if it costs me my life
Do you have a death wish?
Then let's do it
We'll shoot this
- See you outside
- "The Perfect Heist"
Guys, let's go
"Today"
"8 days 89"
Sha Tsui Road turning onto Chuen Lung Street...
90, 120, a total of 2 shops
Wow...
It's a red light!
Switch
You're good...
Picnic, slow down
Keep your distance, do you copy?
We'll block traffic at this speed
Why not let them pass?
Sir, Car B's cover might be blown
Act natural, overtake them
Go past them
Turn at Sha Tsui Road
Circle around and tail them again
Roger that
The bakery unloads at 10:25
The egg tarts come out at 10:45
Are egg tarts important?
No, but the delivery truck is
The truck will block the entire lane
It's the best time to act
Fewer cars means fewer variables
But there are cars here all the time

Busy traffic
Figure it out, Mr. Filmmaker
"8 days 89"
"Today"
We're not supposed to stop here
Our view is blocked
Go to the next intersection
Get out, keep watch
Tzik, follow me
Everyone, stay calm
Keep the channel open
Don't lose the bosses
- I'm ready.
- Walk slowly
Everyone, stay calm
Cheung, Sir
The sign says "shooting in progress"
But the proposed shoot is for
the day after tomorrow!
The delivery truck finished unloading
What's the hold up?
The truck is leaving!
Take action!
What're you waiting for?
Chun, check out the car
Sir, they're dummies!
Sai, roll camera!
You pretended to shoot a film to rob a store!
No! We faked the shoot...
I mean we staged the robbery to shoot a film!
You switched cars
The schedule was pushed up 2 days
When did you start planning this robbery?
It wasn't a robbery!
We were filming a documentary
This film will be awesome
I'm shooting it semi-documentary style
In other words
up to the day of the robbery...
I'll be living with you guys
Can you please turn off that light?
The color seems off
Never mind, just be yourselves
Wow...

even thieves are vain about their nails

Pow,

please move to the left a little

No! To my left, your right

Right

Good

5, June

I followed Foon and his two henchmen to...

What "henchmen"?

"Brothers" sounds better, don't you think?

5, June

I followed Foon and his two "brothers"...

to their den

The big heist is happening in 20 days

HEY:

What's the prize if you win this film contest?

A million bucks?

No...

but I could win a movie deal to direct

What? No money?

Why bother?

He's filming, shut up

Don't interrupt

Young people have dreams

Money isn't everything

If I give you a million dollars

can you go buy me a dream?

Alright, I'm sorry, Boss

Keep shooting

Okay

Picnic

Did I say something wrong?

It's not you

- Okay

- Foon just hates blabbermouths

Never interrupt him

Okay

Also

I'm not vain

Drivers need to keep their hands in shape

No calluses

Okay

"Form and Ideology in Crime Films"

You used your filmmaking expertise
to help the suspects plan a robbery...
under the pretext of making a film
Some people strip for their art
I committed a robbery
Sorry
"staged" a robbery
Fine, let's say you were filming
Does it give you the right to endanger lives?
Even your permit was fake
FSO never approved your application!
Falsifying a government document...
is a criminal offense under section 73...
of the Crimes Ordinance, Cap. 200
The maximum penalty is 14 years!
As if FSO cares...
Everything I did was for the shoot
Those guns were fake
The stolen jewelry were props
Jewelry was missing from the shop
They're still tallying
If the jewelry doesn't turn up
you'll be charged as an accomplice
Your sentence will be just as long
So where are the goods?
Ask your Brother Yip Foon!
He used you
Idiot
When the operation begins
you two charge in
Take care of the display cases
Smash them all
Sai
Stop playing
I'm working on car stunts
You have 1 minute to complete the operation
- I'll keep watch at the entrance...
- Foon!
Can you repeat what you just said?
I didn't get it on camera
You have 1 minute to complete the operation
I'll keep watch at the entrance
I'll alert you if there's a situation
You have a 5 to 8 second window

Okay?

Good!

"Director:

Not sleepy?

What are you watching?

A film

What film?

Never seen "A Better Tomorrow"?

HK movies...

I haven't been a Big Brother

for a very long time

Between brothers...

Just like this?

Why not let Mark finish his sentence?

"Between brothers," then what?

What kind of ending is this? You call this art?

It's the director's approach

What I hate the most...

is when someone interrupts me

It's been 23 years

For 23 years, the police never let me finish

Like you said

once you start something

you must see it through to the end

Right?

Right!

Not to show off

but to prove you can take back what you lost!

23 years ago

I had over ten police guns pointed at my head

Why? For the money!

You people are something else

You blow your money on a pipe dream

Hah...

I may have a dream

but I have no money

I've got a hundred dollars in the bank

I can't even rent fake jewelry

I have to pay if they break

Each of those prop glasses cost thousands

What now?

This... forget it

Cut that out too

You've got money!
Pow and Picnic kept this for me
It's not dirty money
Use it
Remember
This job...
isn't just about you
It's about us
"Jewelry store"
Yip Foon treats you well
because you see him as a movie outlaw
He's been using you
He switched cars without telling you
Because he used you as bait to distract us
He exploited your passion for cinema
You even wrote the script for him
You helped him with a robbery like a fool
We're shooting
a training video about ethics
You say you'll give us...
a \$200,000 security system in return
How is it different from the one we have?
It's safer
Safer...
Actually it doesn't seem safe...
to let you shoot here
Why do you say that?
You can trust me
How can I trust you?
Well, you relax
because we'll replace everything...
with fake jewelry and sugar glass
and restore everything afterwards
So you'll switch everything to props
I'll hide the real jewelry first...
Actually, I'm a cinephile myself
I admire young people with heart
I'll find a way to help you
It's a deal
Freeze!
Stop!
There's a camera over there
Turn to the side so it gets your face
As for you

show your strength
Get down!
Cut!
You must look like you're aiming
Director!
How did we perform?
- Very well
- Those gentlemen were very intimidating
Of course, they're pros
I only forgot the seatbelt
No need to draw your guns, sir!
Damn!
Stop the car!
We're investigating! Go!
What?
Watch that taxi
- Freeze!
- Behind you, find cover!
Watch out, they're armed!
Put up your hands!
Freeze! Put up your hands!
Step out slowly!
Freeze! Put up your hands!
Freeze!
Cut!
I said cut!
Director
We did okay
didn't we?
Good take!
That's a wrap!
Wow!
Yeah!
Yeah!
If you confess your crimes now
and return the stolen goods
I'll consider...
going easy on your two brothers
Excuse me
I have three
I lost a brother...
23 years ago
Today I gained another brother
I'm happy that...

I've helped him realize his dream
Give me a break
Stop pretending
As a Big Brother, at least...
don't drag them down with you
Sir
I haven't been a Big Brother for a long time
I didn't steal a thing
I even invested my own money
All I did was help a kid fulfill his dream
If you still don't believe me, so be it
When I finished my script...
no one believed I could pull it off
Only Foon believed in me
Now it's my turn to believe in him
Wake up, kid
You still think those crooks are your brothers?
I believe cinema...
can do more than inspire me
I can also use it to inspire others
Sir, Customs just intercepted
the jewelry shop manager
He tried to skip town with the stolen jewelry
He confessed to everything
Chief is angry
He's on his way
Sir!
What's wrong with you?
The reporters are camping outside
The management thinks
you're targeting "reformed citizens"
Know what "reformed citizens" means?
Remodeled?
Not "remodeled"
"Re-formed"
"Reformed citizens"
Repeat after me
Remodeled
Not "remodeled"
remodeled means updated
They can't be updated!
"Reformed citizens"...
after serving their sentence
they should be given a chance...

to re-enter society
What are you charging him with?
I'm a filmmaker
Filmmakers are valuable to society!
How can you arrest him...
for being a filmmaker?
You used the Bureau's resources...
to persecute reformed citizens for making films
If the word gets out, it'll be...
shame on you!
And shame on me!
We must work with the People
Support the HK film industry! Understand?
Yes, sir!
Follow procedure, take them to the cell
Yes, sir
Come sit down...
What's the fuss?
I want to...
record a message for your loved ones
Look at the camera
Say whatever you want
to anyone you want
Hey, kid
We have work to do
I don't have time to play with you
Foon, wait
Jane, I'm sorry...
for disappearing for a month
I've been working
Not that kind of work
I promised you I'd go straight
and stay straight
I'm helping a young man
to make a film
I know you won't believe me...
and you'd yell at me
Imagine yourself...
about to die
What would your final words be?
Can you try to look more sincere?
More serious?
With more heart?
Morn

You loved watching movies, remember?

Grace Kelly, Cary Grant and so on

A director hired me...

to act in his film

I'll be a movie star!

Awesome?

I have no family

...except for Pow and Picnic

...and you

Sai

Remember when we were watching...

"A Better Tomorrow"?

In the end, Mark says:

"Between brothers..."

and BAM! he was shot dead

Remember how pissed off I was?

Why couldn't they let him finish?

After thinking about it, I finally understood

Between brothers - says it all!

Hmm

Between brothers...

Hmm