

DABAI (in English):

"No...Professor..."

The PROFESSOR takes several steps to leave and then turns back around.

PROFESSOR (in English):

Oh Dabai, I have two extra tickets to a concert at Royal Albert Hall. You can bring TIAN JIN if you like - be a nice date.

DABAI GU shuts his mouth. He takes the tickets without question.

PROFESSOR (in English):

It doesn't matter who you fall in love with. I'm just glad you've found your soulmate - I'm very proud of you and your music."

DABAI GU is moved and surprised by the Professor's words.

51. EXT. DOUBLE DECKER BUS - DAY (ENGLAND)

A double decker bus drives through London's streets.

VIVIAN and TIANJIN place XIAOQI in the first row where she will have the best view.

XIAOQI holds onto the railing and looks around gleefully.

TIAN JIN (in English):

"Xiaoqi, we'll go to the park and blow some bubbles, ok?"

XIAOQI (in English):

"Yeah! Bubbles!"

VIVIAN:

"You spoil her."

TIAN JIN:

"She's a kid. She should be happy. Are you working the night shift at your other job today? XIAOQI can stay with me."

XIAOQI (in English):

"I love bubbles! I love bubbles!"

VIVIAN:

"I can't trouble you again."

TIAN JIN (in English):

"It's ok. Then how about you stop working that night job? After all, I just play with her. I can't replace you."

VIVIAN:

"For a single mother, the money is never enough."

VIVIAN looks out the window and stares off into the sky.

52. EXT. BY THE THAMES - DUSK (ENGLAND)

The sky is filled with floating bubbles. The camera lowers and we see TIAN JIN blowing bubbles with XIAOQI. XIAOQI chases bubbles. VIVIAN stands to the side smiling.

XIAOQI is running all over the place and almost runs into a boy on a skateboard. TIAN JIN pulls her back in the nick of time.

VIVIAN yells at the skater boy.

VIVIAN (losing her temper, in English):

"What's wrong with you? Look where you're going!"

VIVIAN's hot temper is on full display. The skater boy tries to explain but is frightened by VIVIAN, so he flees instead. VIVIAN tries to chase after the skater but TIAN JIN grabs her.

TIAN JIN:

"Don't get mad."

VIVIAN:

"Didn't you see? He almost bumped into XIAOQI!"

53. EXT. STREET OUTSIDE OF SHARED FLAT - MORNING (ENGLAND)

MR. WATSON walks towards DABAI and TIAN JIN's flat and stops right outside their front door. He looks at his watch: it's nine o'clock.

doors close. To his surprise, DABAI GU never got off and remains inside.

The train starts to move. TIAN JIN glares angrily at DABAI GU from the platform. Satisfied with himself, DABAI GU gives him two middle fingers. The train disappears into the dark tunnel.

87. INT. LONDON UNDERGROUND PLATFORM - NIGHT (ENGLAND)

A furious TIAN JIN is sitting on a bench. He's preparing to get on the next train to go back after DABAI GU.

XIAOQI:

"TIAN JIN!"

TIAN JIN raises his head. Not far away, VIVIAN waits for the underground with her daughter XIAOQI. XIAOQI wants to run over to see TIAN JIN, but VIVIAN holds her in place. TIAN JIN slowly walks over.

TIAN JIN:

"I went to your place to see you, but..."

VIVIAN:

"We moved."

TIAN JIN can see a CV in VIVIAN's hand. VIVIAN tries to hide the CV behind her.

VIVIAN:

"I just came from a job interview."

XIAOQI (in English):

"No one's called us back."

VIVIAN tightens her grip on XIAOQI's hand. She doesn't want her to add anything else.

TIAN JIN:

"Well...I...why don't you come back?"

VIVIAN pretends to be relaxed.

VIVIAN:

"Actually, I still have some work opportunities. But the hours aren't good, you know, I need to take care of her."

TIAN JIN:

"VIVIAN..."

VIVIAN:

"I need some time to forget certain things. My family just called to urge me to go to Australia with them. Maybe that's a good idea."

XIAOQI:

"I don't want to go!"

The next train enters the station.

VIVIAN:

"TIAN JIN, thank you for looking after us all this time. Good luck to you."

VIVIAN pulls the girl to enter the train. XIAOQI looks back at TIAN JIN the whole time.

TIAN JIN watches as the train doors close and it pulls out of the station. He feels helpless. He stands alone on the platform.

(A sad love song wafts through the tube station)

88. INT. SHARED FLAT HALLWAY - NIGHT (CHINA)

DABAI GU knocks on HERMIONE's door. HERMIONE's face is red and her eyes listless. She's drunk.

DABAI GU:

"What are you doing drinking like this?"

HERMIONE:

"It'd be so great if you were straight."

DABAI GU: