

MY MIXED UP FAMILY

"Pilot"

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FADE IN:

INT. LOO HOUSE - NIGHT

INSIDE THEIR ORANGE COUNTY MIDDLE-CLASS HOUSEHOLD, THE DECOR IS A MIX OF SMALL TOWN USA AND CHINATOWN ANTIQUE SHOP.

IN THE LIVING ROOM, ANDY LOO (14, HALF CHINESE, HALF CAUCASIAN) STUMBLES THROUGH A DANCE VIDEO GAME ALONGSIDE BOHAI "BO" (14, CHINESE), THE FAMILY'S SUAVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT.

ANDY

Wow, how are you so good at this?

BO

Back in Hong Kong, I was part of a Chinese boy band called "The Yellow Fellows."

ANDY

Really? What happened when you moved in with us?

BO

They replaced me. Sadly, no one really noticed. Turns out, we all do look alike.

ANDY SEES HIS FATHER, DENNIS LOO (MID 40'S, CHINESE), STARING OUT THE PEEPHOLE TO THE FRONT DOOR.

ANDY

What are you doing, Dad?

DENNIS

Your sister is talking to some boy...
or man?

(MORE)

DENNIS (CONT'D)

Fact that I can't tell is a bad sign.
Now he's touching her hair, now her
shoulder, now down to her--

DENNIS SWINGS THE DOOR OPEN AND PRETENDS TO BE SURPRISED.

DENNIS (CONT'D)

Heeeeeey, back already?!

DENNIS PULLS MADISON INSIDE (16, HALF CHINESE, HALF
CAUCASIAN), THEN TURNS TO THE BOY/MAN.

DENNIS (CONT'D)

Thanks for bringing Madison home.
Getting late though, so best you get
back to your parents... or wife and
three kids. Whichever! Bye!

DENNIS SLAMS THE DOOR.

MADISON

Dad! What the hell?!

DENNIS

I saw what he was doing, putting his
hands all over your... fun parts!

MADISON

You were spying on me?!

DENNIS

You bet I was. It's like a non-stop
episode of "The Bachelorette" on that
doorstep. Except these guys aren't
waiting for roses. They want another
type of flower -- your flower!

MADISON

Ew! Dad! Stop!

DENNIS

You can slut it up in college like God
intended. Until then, lock it up!

IN THE KITCHEN, AN ARGUMENT BREWS. STEPHANIE LOO (MID 40'S,
CAUCASIAN) SCURRIES IN AND SETS FOOD ON THE DINING TABLE.

STEPHANIE

(CALLS BACK) Thank you, I'll try doing
that next time! (TO SELF) I only cook
for a living. (THEN) Dennis, you know
I think it was sweet you took your
mother in after your dad died. But
just so you know, she makes me want to
drink... gasoline... a lot of it.

DENNIS

Stop it. You know she loves you. She
tells me all the time.

GRANDMA LOO (LATE 60'S, CHINESE, SPEAKS WITH CANTONESE
ACCENT) ENTERS WITH MORE FOOD.

GRANDMA LOO

(IN CANTONESE, SUBTITLED) Who throws
away the head when serving catfish?
That's the best part. Silly white
people.

STEPHANIE

What did she say?

DENNIS

(COVERING) She said uh... she loves
you like a daughter.

BO

(CALLS OUT) That's not what she said!

DENNIS

Yes, she did!

STEPHANIE

Come on kids, time for dinner.

NO ONE MOVES. GRANDMA LOO POUNDS HER FIST ON THE TABLE.

GRANDMA LOO

Dinner! Now!

ANDY/MADISON/BO

Yes, ma-mah. / Sorry, ma-mah. / Ai ya!

THE KIDS DROP EVERYTHING AND SCURRY TO THE DINING TABLE.

STEPHANIE

Try the Lemon Crusted Catfish, it's a
new dish I made for the restaurant.

DENNIS

But... we already printed the menus,
we can't change it now, that would
waste money, are you insane?!!

STEPHANIE

No, but clearly someone's been lying
about taking their anxiety meds.
Relax, we'll just make it one of the
specials.

BO

I wouldn't. This is special like the
Special Olympics are special. Blech!

BO SPITS SOME CATFISH HE WAS CHEWING INTO A NAPKIN.

DENNIS

Listen up, the restaurant opens in one
week. We really need to get the word
out if it's going to be a success.

ANDY

I could post something on Instagram.

MADISON

Seeing as how you only have one
follower, I don't see that helping.

ANDY

No way, I have a follower now?!
(LOOKS AT PHONE) Aw, thanks, mom.

STEPHANIE

You're welcome, sweetie.

BO

Why don't you shoot a TV commercial?

MADISON

Ooh, and I can be the star! I love
performing on camera.

BO

(SOTTO TO ANDY) No wonder she gets so
many dates.

DENNIS

That's a good idea, Bo. The whole family can be in the commercial.

STEPHANIE

I dunno... cameras make me look fat.

GRANDMA LOO

(IN CANTONESE, SUBTITLED) Yeah, it's the camera. Not your shitty, shitty, cooking that makes you look fat.

BO AND GRANDMA LOO SHARE A LAUGH. STEPHANIE GLARES ACROSS THE TABLE. GRANDMA LOO PLASTERS ON A FAKE GRIN AND HOLDS OUT THE PLATE OF CATFISH.

GRANDMA LOO (CONT'D)

More catfish?

STEPHANIE FAKE SMILES BACK.

STEPHANIE

No thanks, I'd rather just have more gasoline, I mean, wine. Honey, you mind?

STEPHANIE HOLDS UP HER EMPTY GLASS. AS DENNIS POURS:

STEPHANIE (CONT'D)

More... More... Still more...

DENNIS POURS UNTIL THE GLASS IS FILLED TO THE BRIM.

STEPHANIE (CONT'D)

Perfect.

SHE TAKES A LOOOOOOONG SIP. AS EVERYONE LOOKS ON, AMAZED, WE:

FADE OUT.

END OF COLD OPEN

ACT ONE

SCENE A

FADE IN:

INT. SCHOOL CAFETERIA - NEXT DAY

ANDY SITS ALONE AT A TABLE AND UNPACKS CHOPSTICKS, SOY SAUCE, AND ENDLESS FOOD CONTAINERS FROM HIS BACKPACK. ANDY LOOKS LONGINGLY AT THE OTHER TABLES, EACH POPULATED BY A DIFFERENT CLICK (JOCKS, NERDS, ASIANS, ETC). BO PLOPS DOWN BESIDE HIM.

BO

Wuddup, A-money?! (THEN) Sweet! Ma-mah made you jook? And chashu faahn?!

BO STARTS EATING ANDY'S FOOD.

ANDY

Bo, do you ever feel like people treat you different? Like you don't belong anywhere?

BO

Not really. Ever since "Crazy Rich Asians" came out, everyone's been extra nice to me.

ACROSS THE CAFETERIA, BO NOTICES MADISON SITTING WITH HER FRIENDS. HE STARES AT HER, MESMERIZED.

ANDY

She's heavenly, huh? One day, I'm gonna marry that girl.

BO

Your sister? Whoa, someone's been watching too much "Game of Thrones".

ANDY

I'm talking about Madison's friend,
Kelsey, you sicko. She's sweet,
beautiful, and elegant like a swan.

ANGLE ON: KELSEY (15, FRUMPY, FRIZZY HAIR, BRACES) CHATS WITH
MADISON. SHE LAUGHS AND FOOD FALLS OUT OF HER MOUTH.

BO

Swan? No. Swine? Bingo! (OFF HIS
LOOK) Sorry. Well, what's the hold
up? Go ask her out!

ANDY

Nah, the moment isn't right.

BO

Look. Where I come from, disappointed
parents have been throwing their
newborn daughters off bridges for
generations. Is it possible I have a
sister decomposing at the bottom of
the South China Sea? Probably. But--

ANDY

Is there a point to this very
depressing story?

BO

In China, there's way more guys than
girls. So if you don't snatch up the
one you want now, someone else will.

ANDY

I dunno...

BO PULLS ANDY BY THE ARM OVER TO MADISON AND KELSEY'S TABLE.

ANDY (CONT'D)

No! I'm not ready! Stop! How are
you so freakishly strong?!

NEARBY STUDENTS TAKE NOTICE. MADISON LOOKS MORTIFIED.

MADISON

Andy, I told you and your foreign
exchange creeper to stay away from me
at school. (CALLING OUT) I don't know
them!

BO

Hey there, sexy, beautiful lady. (TO
KELSEY) Hey there... lady. My friend
has something he wants to ask you.

BO PUSHES ANDY FORWARD. HE FIDGETS UNCOMFORTABLY.

ANDY

Hey Kelsey. I see you went for the
neon rubber bands in your braces
today. They look really... stretchy.

KELSEY

(LISPY) Thanks?

ANDY

I just uh... wanted to know if... and
you can totally say no... if like,
sometime... doesn't have to be now...
if you'd maybe guhhh... If you'd
maybe guhhhhh... Guhhhhhhhhh...

ANDY STRAINS TO GET THE WORDS OUT, BUT CAN'T. KELSEY LOOKS AT HIM LIKE HE'S A WEIRDO. BO STEPS IN.

BO

What my verbally-challenged friend is trying to ask is if you'll go out with him. Perhaps to the Bruno Mars concert this Friday.

KELSEY

(LISPY) Bruno Mars?! I love him!

BO

So it's a date! See ya Friday! Well, not me, Andy-- You get it.

ANDY STRUTS AS HE AND BO CROSS OFF.

ANDY

I did it! I finally asked Kelsey out!

BO

Yep, it was all you.

ANDY

Wait, how am I going to get tickets? They're crazy expensive, I don't have that kind of money.

BO

Don't worry, I have a plan.

ANDY

Oh my god, I can't believe this is happening. Do I need a haircut? How are my eyebrows? What should I wear?

BO

(UNDER BREATH) Maybe a skirt to hide
your huge vagina.

ANDY

What?

BO

What?

OFF ANDY'S CONFUSED LOOK, WE:

CUT TO:

SCENE B

INT. TOO DA LOO - DINING ROOM - LATER

INSIDE THE FAMILY'S CHIC RESTAURANT, WHITE TABLE CLOTHES AND FANCY GLASSWARE FILL THE SPACE. DENNIS, STEPHANIE, ANDY, AND MADISON STAND IN FRONT OF A VIDEO CAMERA. BEHIND IT, BO HOLDS UP CUE CARDS. GRANDMA LOO WATCHES OFF TO THE SIDE.

DENNIS

Alright, we need this commercial to be perfect, so everyone just read the cue cards. (TO MADISON) No ad-libbing.

MADISON

I can be professional, okay?

MADISON UNZIPS HER JACKET TO EXPOSE A LOW-CUT TOP AND MAKES SEXY EYES INTO CAMERA.

BO

You're a professional something alright. Okay, here we go! Lights! Camera! (DRAMATIC) And act.

DENNIS

(STILTED) Welcome to Too Da Loo, Orange County's newest and finest American cuisine.

STEPHANIE

We cater to every diet, whether you're vegetarian, pescatarian, flexitarian, fruitarian, vegan, raw vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free, sugar-free, carb-free, even a Jew! (TO DENNIS) Can't I just say "kosher"?

ANDY

Try our garlic sautéed spinach.

ANDY HOLDS UP A PLATE OF SPINACH AND TAKES A BIG BITE.

ANDY (CONT'D)

(MOUTH FULL) Mmmmm. I guarantee each
bite will leave you with a smile.

ANDY SMILES INTO CAMERA. A BIG CHUNK OF SPINACH IS STUCK IN
HIS TEETH. MADISON DOES A SERIES OF SEDUCTIVE MODEL POSES.

MADISON

(SEXY VOICE) So come on over this
Saturday and enjoy our grand opening.
I promise you'll be fully satisfied.
We're located just off the 57 freeway
on Mission Boulevard. If you pass the
Korean church, you've gone too far.

MADISON BLOWS A KISS INTO CAMERA.

DENNIS

For the best food you can chew...

DENNIS/STEPHANIE/ANDY/MADISON

(BARELY IN UNISON) Come and eat at Too
Da Loo!

BO PRESSES STOP ON THE VIDEO CAMERA.

BO

Wow, that was... yeah.

ANDY

(MOUTH STILL FULL) How'd I do?

MADISON

Did I look hot? I looked hot, right?

GRANDMA LOO

(IN CANTONESE, SUBTITLED) That was,
what's the word... (IN ENGLISH) A
piece of shit.

DENNIS

Ma!

GRANDMA LOO

What? I won't lie. If I no like
something, I tell you.

STEPHANIE

It's true. She tells me what she
doesn't like about me all the time.

DENNIS

We really need this commercial to be
good. Damn!

GRANDMA LOO SLAPS DENNIS ACROSS THE FACE.

GRANDMA LOO

Don't swear.

DENNIS

But you just--

SHE SLAPS DENNIS ACROSS THE FACE AGAIN.

GRANDMA LOO

Don't talk back to your mother.

MADISON

Dad, let me make the commercial. I
know some guys that are really good
with cameras and stuff.

DENNIS

I guess we could use the help.

MADISON

Don't worry, they're pros. They're always hanging outside the girl's locker room asking if they can film me and my friends after school. They'll do a great job, I promise.

BO

(SOTTO TO ANDY) I know how she's paying for college.

OFF MADISON'S EAGER SMILE, WE:

CUT TO:

SCENE C

INT. DENNIS AND STEPHANIE'S BEDROOM - THAT NIGHT

STEPHANIE LIES IN BED READING A BOOK. WE HEAR A TOILET FLUSH AS DENNIS ENTERS FROM THE MASTER BATHROOM.

DENNIS

Whoo hoo, eighty six points! There's nothing like a long poop to really bring out my best on "Words with Friends".

DENNIS PATS HIS STOMACH AND JUMPS INTO BED.

DENNIS (CONT'D)

Alright, who's ready for the...

(SEDUCTIVELY) Asian invasion?

DENNIS GOES FOR A SMOOCH. STEPHANIE PUSHES HIM AWAY.

STEPHANIE

We need to talk about your mother.

DENNIS

Uh, that's not the dirty talk I was hoping for, but if that's what you're into... (SEDUCTIVELY) My mom has the biggest--

STEPHANIE

Ewww, no! I mean a serious talk. Your mother is always criticizing me, running the family, making up new house rules like she owns the place. If I want to wear shoes inside my own house, I will, damn it!

DENNIS

What do you want me to do? I can't throw her out. I mean, before, my dad would take care of her. He'd pay the bills, drive her around, teach her how to stalk my cousins on facebook so she can tell me how much better they are than me... But we're all she has now.

STEPHANIE'S EYES LIGHT UP.

STEPHANIE

I got it! What if we teach her how to drive? Then she can get out of the house sometimes and won't always be a huge pain in my ass.

DENNIS

Or you could love and accept her for who she is because that's what families do.

STEPHANIE

I could do that. I could also drown her in the tub and frame you for it.

STEPHANIE HOLDS UP HER BOOK AND POINTS TO THE COVER. THE TITLE READS: "HOW TO MURDER YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW AND GET AWAY WITH IT".

DENNIS

Ya know what, I like your first plan.

STEPHANIE

Good decision. (THEN) This could
actually work. Sweet sweet freedom,
here I come! Ooh, I'm getting excited
just thinking about it!

DENNIS

Really? How excited?

STEPHANIE

Lights on, bra off, excited.

DENNIS

Finally!

DENNIS AND STEPHANIE START TO GET FRISKY. SUDDENLY, GRANDMA
LOO BARGES THROUGH THE DOOR HOLDING A LAPTOP. DENNIS JUMPS
BACK, STARTLED.

GRANDMA LOO

How do I "like" something on facebook?

DENNIS

Mah, you have to knock!

GRANDMA LOO

I want to let your cousin know I saw
picture of her shake hands with
President. (TO STEPHANIE) She a rich
doctor and raise four kids, you know?

AS DENNIS AND STEPHANIE EXCHANGE ANNOYED LOOKS, WE:

CUT TO:

SCENE D

INT. SCHOOL CAFETERIA - NEXT DAY

ANDY CHEWS BUBBLE GUM ALONGSIDE BO, MADISON, AND KELSEY.

KELSEY

(LISPY) I can't wait till the concert,
you're so sweet to take me!

KELSEY WRAPS ANDY IN A HUG. HE MELTS IN HER ARMS. ANDY
BLOWS A BUBBLE FROM HIS GUM AND IT POPS IN KELSEY'S HAIR. HE
QUICKLY BACKS AWAY LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED.

ANDY

Can't wait either, see ya Friday!

BO

(TO MADISON) Bye, beautiful!

BO BLOWS MADISON A KISS. AS KELSEY AND MADISON CROSS OFF:

MADISON

In your dreams, dork!

BO

Love you too! (TO ANDY) Okay, time to
make some dolla' dolla' bills y'all!

ANDY

What, right now?

BO

You still need money for the tickets,
right? Well, follow me.

BO AND ANDY CROSS TO A DOOR LABELED "EQUIPMENT ROOM." BO
KNOCKS. A SHIFTY ASIAN STUDENT CRACKS THE DOOR OPEN.

SHIFTY ASIAN STUDENT

(CRYPTICALLY) What do you call a rich
Chinese man?

BO

Cha Ching!

THE DOOR OPENS. BO STRUTS INSIDE, FOLLOWED BY ANDY.

CUT TO:

INT. EQUIPMENT ROOM - CONTINUOUS

REVEAL AN UNDERGROUND MAHJONG CLUB. HORDES OF ASIANS AND MAHJONG TABLES CROWD THE SPACE. THE SOUND OF TABLE CHATTER AND MAHJONG TILES CLANKING FILL THE AIR.

BO

Don't worry, I've never lost a game of mahjong in my life. I'll win you that cash in no time.

BO TAKES A SEAT AT A TABLE WITH SEVERAL OTHER PLAYERS.

BO (CONT'D)

Daddy's home! Andy, throw down your Chinese New Year money.

ANDY

I dunno... (WHISPERS) Is this legal?

BO

Maybe. Do you want to make out with brace face or not?

ANDY DETACHES A MONEY BELT FROM UNDER HIS SHIRT. HE EMPTIES IT'S CONTENTS ON THE TABLE: CASH, COINS, RED MONEY ENVELOPES, AN INHALER. ANDY SNATCHES THE INHALER BACK.

ANDY

Sorry, I need that.

ANDY TAKES A PUFF OF THE INHALER, AND WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

MONTAGE - BO DOMINATES AT THE MAHJONG TABLE

IN A STYLIZED MONTAGE A LA "RAINMAN", BO GOES ON A WINNING SPREE. ANDY AND ONLOOKERS WATCH AS BO'S WINNINGS PILE UP.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. EQUIPMENT ROOM - CONTINUOUS

BO SLAMS HIS TILES DOWN TO WIN THE FINAL GAME.

ANDY

You did it you yellow bastard, we're
rich! Make it rain!

ANDY GRABS A STACK OF CASH AND "MAKES IT RAIN" ON THE TABLE.

BO

Well, boys, pleasure doing business.
You guys are good, but as long as I'm
around, you're second best.

AS BO SHAKES HANDS WITH PLAYERS, A FEW MAHJONG TILES FALL OUT OF HIS SLEEVE ONTO THE TABLE. EVERYONE FREEZES.

BO (CONT'D)

Wuh oh.

ANDY

Ohhhhh, that's why you never lose.

SHIFTY ASIAN STUDENT

He's a cheat! Get him!

BO AND ANDY STRUGGLE AS SEVERAL PLAYERS HOLD THEM DOWN AND ROB THEM OF THEIR WINNINGS.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL CAFETERIA - MOMENTS LATER

WEARING NOTHING BUT THEIR TIGHTY WHITIES, ANDY AND BO ARE LITERALLY THROWN OUT THE DOOR. NEARBY STUDENTS LAUGH, AS WE:

CUT TO:

SCENE E

INT. TOO DA LOO - DINING ROOM - LATER

MADISON FINISHES PACKING SOUPS IN A PAPER TO-GO BAG AT THE COUNTER. DENNIS DOES PAPERWORK AT A NEARBY TABLE.

MADISON

Dad, prepare to be impressed. I think
I've finally learned how to pack soups
in the to-go bags.

MADISON PICKS UP THE BAG AND THE BOTTOM IMMEDIATELY FALLS OUT. SOUP SPLATTERS ONTO THE FLOOR.

MADISON (CONT'D)

Not again! No matter how I wrap it,
it always leaks! Story of my life...

DENNIS

Yeah, remind me to have your mom give
you the safe sex talk again. Like
ASAP.

MADISON'S PHONE BEEPS.

MADISON

My friend, Boner, just texted me.
He finished editing the commercial!

DENNIS

Wait, what's your friend's name?

MADISON

He put it online. Apparently, it's
getting a lot of views.

MADISON CROSSES TO DENNIS. WE ZOOM INTO THE SCREEN ON HER PHONE TO SEE A FULLY PRODUCED COMMERCIAL.

INTERCUT WITH:

INT. TOO DA LOO - COMMERCIAL - DAY

THE CAMERA SWOOPS ACROSS THE BEAUTIFUL RESTAURANT, LANDING ON MADISON DRESSED IN A RESPECTABLE BUSINESS SUIT.

MADISON

Looking for class, friendly service,
and delicious food? Then I'd tell you
Too Da Loo is the place for you...

DENNIS NODS APPROVINGLY TO MADISON.

DENNIS

Wow, sweetie, this looks really good.

DENNIS TURNS HIS ATTENTION BACK TO THE COMMERCIAL.

MADISON

...but to tell you would be a waste of
time, instead I'm just gonna bust some
rhymes. Boner, gimme a beat!

MADISON TEARS AWAY HER SUIT TO REVEAL A SKANKY OUTFIT. BONER
(17, CAUCASIAN, FLAVOR FLAV WANNABE) JUMPS INTO FRAME AND
BEAT BOXES. MADISON DANCES PROVOCATIVELY AS SHE RAPS.

MADISON (CONT'D)

(RAPPING) *Here in the O.C., my food is
the O.G. / Enjoy my rump roast, it's
hot and it's juicy. / Our flavors are
the freshest, there is no denial. / My
service is so friendly, you'll leave
with a smile. / Want something sweet,
taste my pine nuts with snow peas. /
Want something wet, taste my warm and
moist poultry.*

MADISON JUMPS ON A DINING TABLE AND TWERKS INTO CAMERA.

MADISON (CONT'D)

(SINGS) *Too Da Loo, show me what
you're twerkin' with. / Too Da Loo,
our taco's made with real fish.*

BONER

(RAPIDLY) Located off the 57 freeway
on Mission Boulevard. If you pass the
Korean church, you've gone too far.

(THEN) Holla!

MADISON AND BONER THROW UP GANG SIGNS.

BACK TO:

INT. TOO DA LOO - CONTINUOUS

MADISON GRINS, PROUDLY. DENNIS' BRAIN OVERLOADS...

DENNIS

Who... How... What was that?!

MADISON

Uh, the start of my music career.
Move over, Nicki Minaj's ass, your
competition has arrived!

DENNIS

Have you lost your teenage mind?!
You've completely embarrassed us! And
who taught you to dance like that?!

MADISON

Bone--

DENNIS

I don't want to know!

MADISON'S CELL PHONE RINGS, SHE ANSWERS.

MADISON

(INTO PHONE) Madison Loo, Internet Superstar... You're from where..? Uh huh, hold on. (TO DENNIS) Dad, that hot news anchor with the butt chin from KBTV-7 wants to come over and interview me. I'm kind of a celebrity now.

DENNIS

Oh, so you want all of O.C. to laugh at us now?! You know how many people... (GETS IDEA) Wait, maybe this is a good thing. Once they taste our great food, they'll talk about that on the news instead of your friend's stupid video!

MADISON

Hey, Boner worked hard on that! Really hard! (THEN) Hehe, that's funny cause--

DENNIS

(POINTS TO PHONE) Madison!

MADISON

Oh, right! (INTO PHONE) We're in. Send over butt chin guy!

AND WE:

CUT TO:

SCENE H

INT. CAR - MOMENTS LATER

PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY, GRANDMA LOO SITS IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT. STEPHANIE TALKS ON HER PHONE FROM THE PASSENGER SEAT.

STEPHANIE

(INTO PHONE) That's great, hun, we'll see you at the restaurant in a bit!

(THEN) Yes, I taught Madison the proper way to wrap it years ago but I'll show her again.

STEPHANIE HANGS UP.

STEPHANIE (CONT'D)

Alright, let's get started.

GRANDMA LOO

But I go whole life not know to drive. Why learn now?

STEPHANIE

Because... of... God. Yep. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is your God-given right. And how can you pursue happiness if you have no way to drive there? Now we wouldn't want to go against God, would we?

GRANDMA LOO

My English not perfect, but I know bull shit when I hear it. How about--

STEPHANIE

For fucks sake, will you just give it a try?! One try! It'll help me, it'll help you, and then maybe, just maybe, there will be one less worry in our crappy miserable lives! (THEN, CALMLY) Sorry. Please, just give it a try.

GRANDMA LOO

(SIGHS) Fine. But if we get in accident and I die, it be your fault.

STEPHANIE

I'm willing to accept that responsibility. (THEN) Okay, first step on the brake and move the gearshift down to reverse.

GRANDMA LOO SHIFTS THE CAR INTO REVERSE.

STEPHANIE (CONT'D)

Now look over your right shoulder and slowly take your foot off the brake.

GRANDMA LOO DOES SO. THE CAR STARTS TO REVERSE.

STEPHANIE (CONT'D)

Good... good... you're drifting right... still drifting... steer left to straighten out...

GRANDMA LOO

Steer left?

STEPHANIE

Right.

GRANDMA LOO

Steer right?

STEPHANIE

No, steer left. And keep your hands
at ten and two.

GRANDMA LOO

What's a ten-n-two?

STEPHANIE

On the steering wheel, like a clock.

GRANDMA LOO

There no clock on wheel.

GRANDMA LOO LOOKS FORWARD TO ADJUST HER HANDS ON THE WHEEL.

STEPHANIE

Don't look forward, look back! Now
you're veering left, straighten out...
Straighten out... Straighten out!!!

GRANDMA LOO SLAMS ON THE BRAKES.

GRANDMA LOO

That is it! I quit!

STEPHANIE

(COVERING) Aw, what, but you were
doing do so well...

GRANDMA LOO

I don't want be yelled at. No more!
Especially not by you!

(MORE)

GRANDMA LOO (CONT'D)

(IN CANTONESE, SUBTITLED) Ai ya! Why
did I ever come to America?!

GRANDMA LOO JUMPS OUT OF THE CAR AND SLAMS THE DOOR SHUT.

STEPHANIE

Geez, I yell at her for five seconds
and she freaks out. Try twenty years.

THE CAR STARTS TO ROLL BACKWARDS. GRANDMA LOO FORGOT TO PUT
THE CAR IN PARK.

STEPHANIE (CONT'D)

Why am I moving? Why am I moving?!

STEPHANIE LUNGES FOR THE EMERGENCY BRAKE, BUT HER SEAT BELT
STOPS HER SHORT. GRANDMA LOO WATCHES AS STEPHANIE SCREAMS
WHILE THE CAR ROLLS DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE DRIVEWAY AND
BULLDOZES INTO THE FAMILY'S BRICK MAILBOX.

STEPHANIE (CONT'D)

Aaaaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhh!

BRICKS EXPLODE EVERYWHERE. THE REMAINS OF THE MAILBOX GET
LODGED UNDER THE CAR, GRINDING IT TO A STOP. STEPHANIE IS
BEYOND FRAZZLED. GRANDMA LOO WALKS UP AND OPENS THE DOOR.

GRANDMA LOO

Good. Now you can get new mailbox.

Old mailbox -- ugly.

OFF STEPHANIE'S DAZED LOOK, WE:

CUT TO:

SCENE J

INT. TOO DA LOO - KITCHEN - THAT NIGHT

ANDY AND BO STOCK THE PANTRY.

ANDY

I can't believe you lost all my money.
You pushed me to ask Kelsey out before
I was ready, and now you've blown my
one shot with her.

BO

Sorry, bro. But don't worry, you'll
get another chance. That girl is like
herpes. She ain't going away any time
soon.

ANDY IS NOT AMUSED. ACROSS THE KITCHEN, DENNIS PREPS MADISON
FOR HER INTERVIEW.

DENNIS

Make sure you mention we only serve
locally grown food. And our new
seafood specials. And--

MADISON

Yeah, yeah, do you think they'd rather
see me do the dougie or booty pop?

DENNIS

No popping booties! And I don't know
who Dougie is, but you will not be
doing him either!

STEPHANIE BURSTS IN, FOLLOWED BY GRANDMA LOO.

STEPHANIE

Your mother wrecked the car!

DENNIS

What?!

GRANDMA LOO

Nooooo, I not even behind wheel.

STEPHANIE

That's my point. No one was behind
the wheel!

GRANDMA LOO

I no want to drive in first place.
This why you no push people before
they ready!

ANDY

I feel ya, playa.

ANDY AND GRANDMA LOO HIGH FIVE.

STEPHANIE

We only wanted you to learn so you
could leave the house every once in a
while. It was the only way to keep
you from driving all of us insane!

DENNIS

I wouldn't say "all of us..."

GRANDMA LOO

(TO STEPHANIE) How dare you speak with
such disrespect!

GRANDMA LOO LETS OUT A FLURRY OF INSULTS IN CANTONESE.

BO

Aw snap, it just got real!

STEPHANIE

(TO DENNIS) What did she say?

DENNIS

Uh... she loves your hair. Did you
just get it done?

STEPHANIE

Bo, what did she say?

DENNIS

(TO BO) Don't you dare!

STEPHANIE

Bo, tell me what she said or I'm
stuffing you in a tiny box and mailing
you back to Hong Kong!

BO

Okay, okay! It doesn't translate
exactly to English, but she said
something to the effect of "ungrateful
whore"... and "unworthy of my son"...
and "diseased monkey rectum." (TO
SELF, IN CANTONESE, SUBTITLED) Ai ya,
why did I ever come to America?

STEPHANIE

That's it! Dennis, tell your mom
she's moving out!

DENNIS

Please don't make me do that. I'll do anything else. I'll clean the rain gutters! I'll buy you a new car! We can have another child!

STEPHANIE

I'm going to make this very simple for you. It's either me... or her.

CONFLICTED, DENNIS LOOKS BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN STEPHANIE AND GRANDMA LOO.

STEPHANIE (CONT'D)

Well?

DENNIS

(FLUSTERED) But you're my-- And she's my-- Are you sure I can't just buy you something?!

STEPHANIE THROWS HER HANDS UP IN THE AIR AND STORMS OUT.
GRANDMA LOO SMILES DEVIOUSLY. OFF DENNIS' WORRIED LOOK, WE:

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SCENE K

FADE IN:

INT. TOO DA LOO - KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

ANDY, BO, AND MADISON WATCH DENNIS PACE FRANTICALLY. GRANDMA LOO HUMS HAPPILY TO HERSELF AS SHE POLISHES DISHES.

DENNIS

We're screwed! Butt chin news guy is
on his way and we have no chef, no
food, no story! So long restaurant
biz! Hello life of poverty! So long
beach house! Hello cardboard box! So
long expensive robot butler, hello--

BO SLAPS DENNIS ACROSS THE FACE.

DENNIS (CONT'D)

What the-- Did you just slap me?

BO

Sorry, you were going to a dark place.
It was the only way to bring you back.

DENNIS

Was it?

MADISON

Bo's right, we need to focus on what's
important. Like do my boobs look good
in this top? Should I lose the bra?

DENNIS

Kids, stay here. I'm gonna apologize to your mom. If I don't return, make sure she didn't drown me in the tub.

DENNIS RUNS OUT THE BACK DOOR.

BO

Wow, talk about being in the dog house. Am I right? (TO MADISON)
Ruff! Ruff! Awooooooooooooo!

MADISON GIVES HIM A PERTURBED LOOK AND SCOOTs AWAY.

BO (CONT'D)

(TO ANDY) Speaking of dogs, what did you tell Kelsey about the concert?

ANDY

Don't speak to me. You're not my friend anymore.

BO

Come on, it's just Kelsey. If it was that chesty girl on the track team, I'd understand. (DREAMY) There isn't a sports bra in the world that can cage those chumbawambas. (THEN) But Kelsey? She's a troll, ya feel me?

ANDY

I'll kill you!

ANDY TACKLES BO AND CHOKES HIM LIKE BART SIMPSON. GRANDMA LOO GRABS THE BOYS BY THEIR EARS AND SEPARATES THEM. THEY SQUEAL IN PAIN.

GRANDMA LOO

(TO ANDY) This not like you, Dai-Dai!
Tell me, before Bohai, who was your
best friend?

MADISON

He didn't have any friends.

GRANDMA LOO

That's right, it was trick question.
See, it meant to be. The world bring
you together and now you best friends.
No, more than friends, you are
brothers. He is your dai-gah. We all
family now and that not changing. And
family are kind to each other. (THEN)
Now work it out or I whip you both!

THE BOYS LET HER WORDS SINK IN. ANDY APPROACHES BO.

ANDY

Bo... I'm sorry I yelled at you... and
said you weren't my friend... and
tried to choke the life out of you.

BO

(STRAINED VOICE) It's okay. (CLEARS
THROAT, THEN) It's okay. Sorry I lost
your money. I just wanted to help.

ANDY

I know.

BO

So... we're friends?

ANDY

Family.

THEY HUG. A LOOK OF REALIZATION WASHES OVER GRANDMA LOO.

MADISON

Uch, boys can be so dramatic. One
moment they're happy, then sad, then
happy, then sad, then-- (OVERDRAMATIC)
Oh my god, Dick Wagner from KBTB is
here, I'm gonna be on TV!

MADISON CLAPS EXCITEDLY. GRANDMA LOO LOOKS OVER TO SEE DICK WAGNER (40'S, TOTAL STUD, BUTT-CHIN) AND A CAMERAMAN ENTER THE DINING ROOM. GRANDMA LOO ROLLS UP HER SLEEVES.

GRANDMA LOO

Boys, we cook and save restaurant.
(TO MADISON) Jeh-Jeh, go stall. But
no funny business. Make family proud.

MADISON

Got it!

MADISON ADJUSTS HER TOP TO REVEAL MORE CLEAVAGE, HIKES UP HER SKIRT, AND THEN SASHAYS OUT THE DOOR.

GRANDMA LOO

Bohai, can you--

BO

Yeah, I'm on it.

BO FOLLOWS MADISON OUT. AS GRANDMA LOO AND ANDY START COOKING, WE:

CUT TO:

SCENE L

INT. CAR - LATER

IN THE PARKING LOT, STEPHANIE SITS IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT WITH THE WINDOW DOWN, ENJOYING A CIGARETTE. DENNIS WALKS UP AND KNOCKS ON THE PASSENGER SIDE WINDOW.

STEPHANIE

(STARTLED) I'm not smoking!

STEPHANIE FLICKS THE CIGARETTE AWAY. DENNIS SITS DOWN IN THE PASSENGER'S SEAT. HE PICKS UP A BRICK OFF THE CAR FLOOR.

DENNIS

Is this from our mailbox?! (OFF HER
LOOK) Not important. Let me start by
saying you're right, and I'm wrong.

STEPHANIE

I'm listening...

DENNIS

I'm sorry I didn't stand up for you
back there. I should have.

STEPHANIE

Ya think? (THEN) Is it always going
to be like this?

DENNIS

That depends.

STEPHANIE

On what?

DENNIS

On whether my mom dies of old age or
you run her over like the mailbox.

THEY SHARE A CHUCKLE.

STEPHANIE

That's horrible. But yeah, I wouldn't rule that out.

DENNIS

Oh, I know. (THEN) You have to understand, my mom just feels threatened by you because you're such a great caretaker to me and the kids. She's never had to compete with anyone like that before and that just makes her act a little crazy.

STEPHANIE

A little?

DENNIS

Fine, former child actor meets North Korean dictator crazy. (THEN) But you come first. So if kicking her out of our lives is the answer, then that's what we'll do.

STEPHANIE

Oh, honey, you don't have to-- yes, let's do that. Let's definitely do that!

STEPHANIE JUMPS ON TOP OF DENNIS AND SHOWERS HIM WITH KISSES. SHE'S PULLS THE LEVER ON DENNIS' SEAT CAUSING THEM TO RECLINE OUT OF FRAME. AND WE:

CUT TO:

SCENE M

INT. TOO DA LOO - DINING ROOM - LATER

A CAMERAMAN FILMS DICK INTERVIEW MADISON. BO WATCHES NEARBY.

DICK WAGNER

So, Madison, what were your thoughts
when you saw the video had gone viral?

MADISON

Well, Dick, at first I thought, this
is totes amaze. And then I thought,
is my ass really that big? I mean, I
know it's juicy, but I didn't think--

BO LOUDLY CLEARS HIS THROAT.

MADISON (CONT'D)

Oh, right. (THEN) At Too Da Loo, we
only serve locally grown food. Also,
try the seafood specials, like our
baked shrimp balls. I guarantee once
you put our balls in your mouth,
you'll beg for more. I know I will!

MADISON SMILES TO CAMERA. BO SLAPS HIS FOREHEAD, AND WE:

CUT TO:

INT. TOO DA LOO - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

GRANDMA LOO BARKS ORDERS AT ANDY AS THEY FRANTICALLY COOK.

GRANDMA LOO

Stir sauce! Dice up onions! And
don't eat extra shrimp ball. We put
in soup, okay?

GRANDMA LOO WAITS FOR AN ANSWER. ANDY LOOKS GUILTY.

GRANDMA LOO (CONT'D)

You eating it now, aren't you?

ANDY

(MOUTH FULL) No.

DENNIS AND STEPHANIE BARGE IN THROUGH THE BACK DOOR.

DENNIS

Ma, we've come to a decision. Pack
your bags, because you're--

GRANDMA LOO

Stop! Before you say more... I sorry.
All I done is push you out of family
when I should have welcome you to it.

STEPHANIE

Say what now?

GRANDMA LOO

Yes, I wanted my son to marry Chinese
girl, have Chinese babies, become
doctor instead of manage this dump.
It just... when I come America, I
worry it erase who I am. But it can
not because what I am most is a
mother, and you are now my néui.

STEPHANIE LOOKS TO DENNIS.

DENNIS

Her daughter.

GRANDMA LOO

This is only family I have now, and
that not changing. My son love you,
so I love you. Please forgive me.

STEPHANIE IS STUNNED SPEECHLESS. AFTER A BEAT, SHE WALKS
AROUND THE KITCHEN, AND TASTES ONE OF THE DISHES.

STEPHANIE

Did you change my recipe?

GRANDMA LOO

Just a little bit. Added some Chinese
flavor.

STEPHANIE

Hmmm, it's good. Different, but good.
(THEN) That gives me an idea,
actually. We just need some time.

ANDY

Yeah, you might want to hurry.

ANDY POINTS OUT THE WINDOW IN THE KITCHEN DOOR.

CUT TO:

INT. TOO DA LOO - DINING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

ON TOP OF A TABLE, MADISON BOOTY POPS FOR THE NEWS CAMERA.
BO STARES UP AT HER, COMPLETELY MESMERIZED. AND WE:

CUT TO:

SCENE P

INT. TOO DA LOO - DINING ROOM - LATER

THE FAMILY WATCHES ON AS THE CAMERAMAN FILMS DICK WAGNER ENJOY THE LAST BITES OF HIS MEAL. HIS TABLE IS FILLED WITH DIFFERENT FOOD DISHES.

MADISON

(SOTTO TO BO) When he chews, it looks
like his butt chin is talking to you.

BO ROLLS HIS EYES AS MADISON GIGGLES TO HERSELF.

DICK WAGNER

That is delicious. What is that?

STEPHANIE

Bok choy and garlic coleslaw.

DICK WAGNER

And that one?

ANDY

Turkey Wonton Soup with Spinach.

DICK WAGNER

And what sauce did you use on that
chicken? It's amazing!

GRANDMA LOO

Ah, yes. Blend of barbecue, orange
ginger, and my own special sauce.
Thousand year-old secret family recipe
that go back to Tang Dynasty.

DENNIS

(SOTTO TO GRANDMA LOO) I thought you
just used soy sauce.

GRANDMA LOO

(SOTTO TO DENNIS) Shhhh. (IN
CANTONESE, SUBTITLED) Idiot.

DICK WAGNER

Well, I am blown away. When I first
saw your TV commercial, I had two
thoughts. One: Thank God that's not
my daughter because her future has
stripper written all over it. (THEN)
No offense.

DENNIS

It's okay. We've known for awhile.

DICK WAGNER

And two: there's no way the food would
be good. How'd you come up with these
flavors?

STEPHANIE

In the end, I realized... we realized
that by mixing some Asian ingredients
into my American dishes, I could
create something really original.

STEPHANIE LOOKS AROUND TO HER FAMILY.

STEPHANIE (CONT'D)

Something new and special. Something
that... with enough love and care,
could live together in harmony.

SHE WRAPS AN ARM AROUND MADISON AND ANDY.

STEPHANIE (CONT'D)

(TO GRANDMA LOO) All I've ever wanted was to be part of your family. But that's the problem, I've always thought of it as your family. Well, it's not your family anymore.

(TEARING UP) And it's not mine either. From now on, it's our family. I love you, ma-mah!

STEPHANIE PULLS GRANDMA LOO INTO A HUG AND SOBS UNCONTROLLABLY.

GRANDMA LOO

(IN CANTONESE, SUBTITLED) What just happened?

BO

(IN CANTONESE, SUBTITLED) Just go with it.

GRANDMA LOO SLOWLY MELTS INTO THE HUG, PATTING STEPHANIE ON THE HEAD.

DENNIS

You've never hugged me like that.

What the hell?!

STILL HUGGING, GRANDMA LOO SLAPS DENNIS ACROSS THE FACE.

GRANDMA LOO

Don't swear!

AFTER A BEAT, DICK WAGNER STARTS SLOW-CLAPPING. STEPHANIE AND GRANDMA LOO BREAK THEIR HUG.

DICK WAGNER

Now this is a story! Here I thought I'd be doing a puff piece on another dumb Internet celeb without any discernible talent.

MADISON

(GENUINE) Awww, thank you.

DICK WAGNER

Now I see the real story is the restaurant and the family behind it. I love how the mixing of cultures in your cooking is a reflection of your family. This has Emmy award written all over it! Suck it Barbara Walters, you should have slept with me when you had the chance!

EVERYONE LOOKS AT DICK, BEWILDERED.

DICK WAGNER (CONT'D)

Anyway, it was nice meeting you all. You can rest assured I'll be giving Too Da Loo a glowing review in my newscast. And as long as you keep cooking food like that, this place will be a huge success. (TO MADISON) As for you, I'm sure you're going to make an NBA player very happy one day.

DICK SHAKES HANDS WITH STEPHANIE AND DENNIS, THEN EXITS WITH HIS CAMERAMAN.

DENNIS

I can't believe it, it worked! We're not going to be a failure!

ANDY/BO/MADISON

Yes! / Whoo hoo! / NBA player!

STEPHANIE

Well, if we're going to keep cooking food like this, then I'm going to need some help. (TO GRANDMA LOO) What do you say? Would you like to help me cook at the restaurant?

GRANDMA LOO

I don't know. Does that mean I no move out of house?

STEPHANIE

Yes.

GRANDMA LOO

I no want to drive. Do I still have to learn to drive?

STEPHANIE

No.

GRANDMA LOO

I have ideas. You listen to my ideas?

STEPHANIE

Sure.

GRANDMA LOO

Okay, I take job.

GRANDMA LOO SHAKES STEPHANIE'S HAND.

GRANDMA LOO (CONT'D)

First, we move furniture. Bad feng shui. Next, repaint walls. This color ugly. Also, I no like your hair. Go to my lady, she make it pretty, like mine.

STEPHANIE

(TO DENNIS) Honey, a little help here.

DENNIS

Sorry, you did this to yourself.
C'mon, kids. Let's let them talk business.

DENNIS, MADISON, ANDY, AND BO HEAD TOWARD THE EXIT.

GRANDMA LOO

These clothes too sexy. We shop Chinatown tomorrow. Buy mailbox there too since you break old one. Let's talk about home. I need new bed, new VCR, new TV, and new pajamas -- brand name, no more Costco bull shit...

AS GRANDMA LOO CONTINUES TO NAG STEPHANIE, WE:

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

TAG

FADE IN:

INT. EQUIPMENT ROOM - NEXT DAY

ANDY AND BO WATCH INTENTLY AS GRANDMA LOO PLAYS MAHJONG.
AFTER A DRAMATIC STARE DOWN, SHE TURNS OVER HER MAHJONG
TILES. THE OTHER PLAYERS CRY IN DEFEAT.

GRANDMA LOO

(IN CANTONESE, SUBTITLED) I am
invincible!

GRANDMA LOO GIVES BO AND ANDY AN ELABORATE SECRET HANDSHAKE.
THEY COLLECT THEIR MONEY AND STRUT TO THE EXIT.

ANDY

(TO ROOM) Recognize!

SEVERAL PLAYERS STAND UP. ANDY SCURRIES OUT THE DOOR.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL CAFETERIA - CONTINUOUS

GRANDMA LOO TAKES A \$20 AND HANDS ANDY THE REST OF THE CASH.

GRANDMA LOO

Consider this my fee. Grandma need
new sun visor.

GRANDMA LOO PUTS ON AN OVERSIZED SUN VISOR (THE CRAZY DARTH
VADER-LOOKING ONES) AND EXITS.

BO

(CALLS AFTER) I'll never join the dark
side!

KELSEY WALKS UP TO ANDY.

KELSEY

(LISPY) Hey, how close are our seats?
If Bruno sweats on me, I will diiiiie!

ANDY LOOKS DOWN AT THE WAD OF CASH AND THEN OVER TO BO.

ANDY

You know what, I've changed my mind.

I'm not taking you to the concert.

I'm taking my best friend, Bo.

KELSEY

BO

(INCREDULOUS) Seriously?

(EXCITED) Seriously?

ANDY

Yeah, you know what they say: bros

before (OFF KELSEY'S LOOK)

...respectable young women.

BO

Thanks bud, that means a lot.

ANDY AND BO HUG. KELSEY STARES AT THEM, STUNNED.

KELSEY

Uch, whatevs. Enjoy the show, losers!

KELSEY STOMPS OFF AND TAKES A SEAT AT MADISON'S TABLE. MADISON LOOKS UP AND CATCHES BO STARING AT HER. BO SMILES AND WAVES. AFTER A BEAT, SHE DOES THE SAME. BO THEN NOTICES KELSEY POINTING AT HIM AND ANDY WHILE TALKING TO SOME FOOTBALL PLAYERS. THEY DON'T LOOK HAPPY.

BO

Hey buddy, I think Kelsey just told

those guys you dissed her. And...

yep, they're coming to kick our ass.

Run, run, run, run....

ANDY AND BO RUN OFF. THE FOOTBALL PLAYERS GIVE CHASE, AS WE:

FADE OUT.

END OF SHOW