

**\*Video ( An advertisement for a popular game show “You can be a millionaire!”. This popular programme is going to have a special series this season. Only people living in Tin Shui Wai can enjoy the privilege of playing in this game show! )**

### **Scene 1**

**( The audience of the game show sits on the left of the stage. The treasure boys, who carry a treasure box with them, stand on the right of the stage. The host enters. The audience claps hands and cheers. )**

The host: **( proudly )** Welcome to our show, ladies and gentlemen! Let’s welcome our guest tonight! He is a fifteen-year-old boy living in Tin Shui Wai North! He is Steven.

**( The teenage boy enters. The audience claps hands and cheers. The boy stands behind the stand. )**

The host: **( to the teenage boy )** Steven, welcome to the show! **( to the audience )** Last time, Mrs Wong, an ordinary housewife from Tin Shui Wai, won \$100, 000. We all feel happy for her, don’t we? REMEMBER, WE’RE ALWAYS HERE TO HELP YOU!

**( The audience cheers. )**

The host: Our treasure boys look very smart today! **( to Steven )** Steven, please choose one treasure box. Hope the God of Luck stands by you!

Steven: Number One, please.

The host: Great, number 1, please.

**(The treasure boy puts the treasure box on the stand.)**

The host: Please choose three treasure boxes.

Steven: Number two and three and sixteen, please.

**( The treasure boys open their treasure boxes.)**

**(The host phones the banker.)**

The host: **( on the phone )**: Banker, what is the offer?

The host: The banker said the offer is \$4,000. Will you accept the offer?

**( The audience shouts “No” together. They all cross their hands. )**

The host: Are your family with you today? They may give you some ideas.

Steven: My mother is busy working. My father is not around.

The host: Steven, never mind. Money can bring you a perfect family life. It’s time for you to change your miserable life. There is always hope!

Steven: I don’t think I am really miserable. I just come for fun!

The host: **( doesn’t listen to Steven and talks to the audience )** Therefore, friends in Tin Shui Wai, don’t lose hope. You will be the next lucky person. Yes, it is you! You will get rid of poverty! Join us! REMEMBER, WE’RE ALWAYS HERE TO HELP YOU!

Steven: Please don’t always say you are helping us!

The host: Money! Money! Money! Even you don’t work, it doesn’t matter! Money for different people! Come and follow me!

**( The audience stands up and follows the host. They walk in a circle around Steven. )**

The audience: The uneducated!

The audience: The low-skilled labour!

The audience: The poor!

The audience: The new immigrant!

The audience: The jobless!

*(The audience walks faster and faster.)*

Steven: Stop! Stop all this nonsense! *( throws the treasure box on the floor )* It is crazy!

*(The audience stops walking around and stares at Steven with surprise. )*

Steven: *( to the host )* I don't need your money! I don't need your sympathy. *( to the audience )* Why are you so happy? Can they help us till we die? What we need is.....

*(The audience covers their ears and exits )*

Steven: *(shouts )* Listen, what we need is .....

*( The host exits. )*

*(Steven is alone on the stage.)*

*(Lights off)*

*(The ringing of an alarm clock)*

*( curtain )*

*( Lights on )*

*( The treasure boys and the host enter. Each of the treasure boys carries a chair and sits down. The host carries the value board. )*

The host: Treasure box number 4.

*( Treasure boy number 1 opens his treasure box. The host crosses out the value on the value board. )*

The host: Treasure box number 5.

*( Treasure boy number 2 opens his treasure box. The host crosses out the value on the value board. )*

The host: Treasure box number 6.

*( Treasure boy number 3 opens his treasure box. The host crosses out the value on the value board.)*

Treasure boy 1: Why? Tell me why!

Treasure boy 2: Why? Tell me why!

Treasure boy 3: Why? Tell me why!

Treasure boy 1: Why did you marry a man who is much older than you?

Treasure boy 2: Why do you always hit me with your dirty flippers?

Treasure boy 3: Why are you so poor?

The host: Why do you ask me? I am not your mother! Go and ask your mother!

The host: *( to treasure boy 3 )* Why don't you phone me when you come home late?

The host: *( to treasure boy 2 )* : Why do you look down on me?

The host: *( to treasure boy 1 )* : Why don't you like me?

Treasure boy 1: Why do you ask me?

Treasure boy 2: We are not your sons.

Treasure boy 3: Go and ask your son!

*( The treasure boys and the host exit. )*

*( The ringing of an alarm clock )*

## Scene 2

*(Steven is folding his paper airplane. His grandmother is choosing the lucky numbers on her lottery card. His mother enters with a lot of shopping bags. She looks angry. )*

Mother: *( to Steven )* Your teacher phoned me and told me you cheated in the quiz. Why can't you be a good child? It is very competitive out there. You'll lead a hard life if you don't.....

*( Steven keeps on folding his paper airplane. )*

Grandma: Stop scolding Ah Fung!

Mother: *( to grandma )* He cheated in the quiz!

Grandma: Why are you so upset? It's just a quiz. He won't do it next time. *( to Steven )* Ah Fung, come on. Help me choose some lucky numbers for the New Year lottery. I may become a millionaire!

Mother: *( to grandma )* How can you ask Ah Fung to help you gamble?

Grandma: Stop making a fuss about nothing! New Year is coming, if you grumble like this, all the good luck goes away!

Mother: Teaching children.....

Grandma: How long have you taken care of him? Just one year! Who understands him better than I do?

Mother: *( to Steven )* We are talking about you! Work hard! You know I spend a thousand dollars on your tutorial classes. It is a thousand dollars! Whenever I talk to you, I am like talking to the air!

Why are you always folding these paper airplanes? Are you listening to me? *( gets really angry and picks up one of the planes. )*

Steven: Don't touch it! This is for the paper airplane competition at school!

Mother: Does it mean anything if you win? Will your science get better? *( pause )* By the way, why is the air-conditioner on?

Grandma: I turned on the air-conditioner. Ah Fung said it was hot.

Mother: *( turns off the air-con )* We have a fan over there! We should save money!

Grandma: It's so hot. How can ah Fung study well? *( turns on the air-con again )*

*( Mother turns off the air-con again.)*

*(Grandma turns on the air-con again.)*

*( Mother turns off the air-con again.)*

Steven: *( get annoyed )* It wastes even more money if you keep switching buttons.

*( Grandma and mother freeze. Steven comes to the front. )*

Steven: I had a strange dream last night. In the dream, the host of the programme "millionaire" told me he would give me a lot of money... Could money help me get rid of all my worries? .....I don't know why the two women have different topics to argue every day. How can I study in such an environment? I want to do well. I shouldn't let my family down. I really try hard, but I just can't memorize all the stuffs in the books. How can I do well? I didn't want to get low marks in the quiz, so I cheated...I looked at the book in the drawer. ....if dad was here, he would understand me!

*( Steven sits down. Grandma and mother stop freezing. )*

Grandma: Actually we didn't need to worry so much about money when we lived on subsidy from the government. I don't know why you insist on working. You make less money. How ridiculous!

Mother: If we can work, we should not depend on subsidy from the government!

Grandma: If only your salary had been enough to feed the whole family!

Mother: I am not like you. You never think and work.

Grandma: What do you mean? I know I am old. I am useless! I can never earn money! It is better for me to die!

Mother: Don't pretend that you are miserable and ask for pity from others!

***( Mother and Steven freeze. Grandma comes to the front. )***

Grandma: I can't stand that woman. She just brings bad luck to us. She has just come from Mainland for one year, but our house gets noisier and noisier because she grumbles so often! If my son was still here, he would understand me.....My backache and my cough gets serious. The pain is so much that I can't sleep at night. I just think I can't live long. But what is the purpose even if I can live longer?

***( Mother and Steven stop freezing. Grandma sits down. )***

Mother: ***( to grandma )*** I don't want to argue with you on this anymore!

Steven: Aunt phoned me when you were out. She reminded us to meet her for dinner tomorrow night.

Mother: Oh! I forgot to prepare some presents for her son. What should I buy? Have you got any idea?

Steven: I have bought the present.

Mother: Why didn't you tell me earlier?

Steven: Why did I need to tell you?

Mother: You could tell me you had bought the present.

Steven: It is the same!

***( Steven and grandma freeze. Mother comes to the front. )***

Mother: Life is hard, but I can stand it! The most painful thing is that my son doesn't treat me as his mother. I have come here for a year, but I am still like a stranger to him. What can I do to make him study well? When will he listen to me? If my husband was here with me, he would help.....

***( Lights off )***

***( The treasure boys and the host enter. Each of the treasure boys carries a chair and sits down. The host carries the value board. )***

The host: Treasure box number 7.

***( Treasure boy number 1 opens his treasure box. The host crosses out the value on the value board. )***

The host: Treasure box number 8.

***( Treasure boy number 2 opens his treasure box. The host crosses out the value on the value board. )***

The host: Treasure box number 9.

***( Treasure boy number 3 opens his treasure box. The host crosses out the value on the value board.)***

***( The three treasure boys show the audience three pieces of paper with three words "I am alone". )***

The host: I am alone. No!

***( The treasure boys show the audience the three words "You are alone". )***

The host: You are alone. No!

***( The treasure boys show the audience the three words "We are alone". )***

The host: We are alone. Yes!

Treasure boy 3: How can more than one person be alone?

***( The host and the three treasure boys exit. )***

***( The ringing of an alarm clock )***

### **Scene 3**

***( The sound of the key turning in the key hole. )***

***( Grandma, mother and Steven enter. )***

Mother: Why is it so messy here?

Steven: What's going on?

**( Grandma opens the wardrobe. A thief pops out from the wardrobe. Grandma is stunned. )**

Thief: Shut up, all of you. If you don't want to die, sit there properly! I don't want to hurt people. I just want money. **( points at mother )** You! Tie the two of them on the chair!

**( Mother ties grandma and Steven on the chairs. )**

Grandma: I'm poor! I'm just a miserable old woman! Please.....have mercy on me! Do you know that three of us lived on subsidy? We only have five thousands a month!

Thief: Don't pretend you are miserable! Even you get subsidy, a family should have about nine thousands a month! Do you want me to stab you.....

Grandma: No.....no.....We really have no valuables. We need to pay two thousand dollars to the tutorial school for the boy.

Thief: Stop fooling me! Everyone cares about his family! My son goes to tutorial school too. How can it be so much as two thousands a month? Stop your nonsense! You can just blame yourself for not shutting the window in your room properly! Do you want to be here for the New Year?

**( The thief ties mother on the chair. )**

Mother: Please don't harm my mum and my son. You go to the room next to the toilet. You can find a bracelet in the bottom drawer.

Thief: **( to grandma )**Your daughter-in-law is much smarter!

**( The thief exits )**

Grandma: Why are you so stupid? You tell him where the valuable is! The bracelet is from my son!

Mother: He may let us go! He just wants money. He won't harm us!

Grandma: How long have you come to Hong Kong? What do you know? The thieves are so bad! A thief breaks into our house on New Year Day. All our luck goes away!

Mother: Yes, I know nothing! But I won't be so careless to leave the window open for a thief to come in!

Grandma: I just bring trouble to all of you! You will be happy if I die!

Mother: Stop being so childish! Who wants you to die?

Grandma: You say I am childish? You want to argue again!

Mother: You have great imagination!

Steven: Please stop.....

Grandma: I never want to live with you! Never!

Mother: Listen, I never want to hear you grumble! Never!

Steven: Stop! I never have a peaceful day. Never! **( pause )** We are in danger! Why do you two keep arguing?

**( The thief enters. He puts the valuable he collects from the room into a big bag. )**

Thief: Why are three of you so noisy? Shut up! Do you want me to stab you to death!

Grandma: No...No...

Thief: **( points at the electronic dictionary and some textbooks on the desk. ) ( to Steven )** Are you a F.3 student?

Steven: Yes.

Thief: Have this electronic dictionary got pronunciation demonstration?

Steven: Yes.

**( The thief puts the electronic dictionary and the textbooks into his bag. )**

Thief: I found this cash card in the drawer. *( points at mother )* You! You should know the password! Go with me to the ATM and take the money after I search through the house.

*( The thief keeps searching in the dining room. )*

Steven: No, choose me!

Mother: No, choose me!

Grandma: No, choose me!

Steven: No, choose me! I don't want to live anymore! I don't want to sit for the public exam. It puts me under pressure! I don't like listening to you two argue! How many times I want to kill myself!

Grandma and mother: Why don't you tell us? Do I give you too much pressure?

Mother: No, choose me! I don't think I belong to this family! They can live very well even without me! I am just a stranger here! I'm useless here!

Grandma: Choose me! I'm useless! I am sick! I won't live long! My cough and back pain get more serious every day. I don't want to live. Choose me!

Mother: Are you serious? Why don't you tell us?

Thief: Enough!

*( Grandma, mother and Steven freeze. There is a change in background music. The thief makes a step forward. )*

*( The thief's boss enters. )*

Boss: See how useless you are! You are talking about credibility with me? Everyone's credibility goes bankrupt nowadays!

Thief: I haven't done anything wrong!

Boss: You are redundant here because you choose to be an honest man. That is your own business!

*( The boss freezes )*

Thief: You destroy my job! Now my job is to destroy you! I will get my revenge! I'll phone the customs and tell them you are using pirated software in your computer. You will be caught because you steal! *( laughs )*

*( The boss stops freezing. The customs come in and catch the boss. The thief laughs happily. )*

Thief: *( pauses and stops laughing suddenly )* However, I just had such idea. I did not get my revenge at last. Why am I so useless? Why can't I put what I think into action?

*( Ringing of the phone )*

Thief: *( on the phone )* Hi!

Shark loan: *( on the phone )* Listen! Two more days for you to return the money! If you have no money, make some by stealing or robbing! It's none of our business! What we want is money!

*( hangs up )*

Thief: What can I get for being so honest? I should not be useless anymore!

*( Mother, grandma and Steven stop freezing. )*

Thief: *( points at mother )* Enough! You go with me! *( finds a box )* What is it?

*( The thief opens the box and throws the contents of the box on the floor. There are a lot of paper airplanes. )*

Steven: These are for my dad!

Thief: You three keep talking! Are you stalling off? You want your dad to come and save you, right? You *( points at mother )* We will go now!

Steven: My dad died a year ago.

*( Lights off )*

*( curtain )*

*( Lights on )*

*( The treasure boys and the host enter. Each of the treasure boys carries a chair and sits down. The host carries the value board. )*

The host: Treasure box number 10.

*( Treasure boy number 1 opens his treasure box. The host crosses out the value on the value board. )*

The host: Treasure box number 11.

*( Treasure boy number 2 opens his treasure box. The host crosses out the value on the value board. )*

The host: Treasure box number 12.

*( Treasure boy number 3 opens his treasure box. The host crosses out the value on the value board. )*

*( The treasure boys play with their paper airplanes. )*

*( The host shows the audience the words "My wish". )*

Treasure boy 1: My wish is to become a lawyer. My mum and dad always argue. When I become a lawyer, I can help them divorce. It is free of charge!

Treasure boy 2: My wish is to become a doctor. My mum always scolds me. If I become a doctor, I can get a lot of medicine to kill myself. Then my mum will regret scolding me!

Treasure boy 3: My wish is to become an owner of a printing factory. If I can print a lot of money, my family will not be so poor!

*(The host shows the audience the word "naïve". )*

*( The host and the three treasure boys exit. )*

*( The ringing of an alarm clock )*

#### **Scene 4**

Steven: My dad died a year ago.

*( The thief is surprised. )*

Steven: When I was three, my dad told me I could throw paper airplane into the sky to make my wish come true. When dad was in hospital, I wrote down my wish on the paper airplanes. It was "dad comes home to have dinner".

Thief: Stop stalling off!

Grandma: Oh! We're sorry! He's just a child. He doesn't know what he is talking about!

Steven: You always ask us where our valuable is. My most valuable thing is the paper airplane. Unfold the paper and you'll see.

*( The thief starts reading the paper. )*

Thief: You sometimes told lies.....

*( Mother and grandma freeze. There is a change in background music. Steven unties himself and steps forward. The thief keeps reading the paper. )*

*( A father and a child enter. The father looks angry. He hits the child with his stick. )*

Steven: You sometimes told lies. You hit me when I did something wrong. If I cried, I would suffer for a longer time. When others parents saw the bruise on my legs, you always said, "My son is so careless. He fell flat on his face yesterday!" However, after that, you always asked me if my

wound hurt. You told me I should never cry. I should be strong enough to stand up even I fell.

*( Steven takes a photo of the father and the child. )*

*( The father is drunk and wakes the child up. )*

Steven: You were sometimes a bad role model. You sometimes woke me up with your torrent of foul language when you were drunk at night. With your foul language, you asked after my mum and my dad. However, when you were drunk, you sometimes said, "You are a good son!"

*( Steven takes a photo of the father and the child. )*

*( The father shares something happy with the child. The child laughs happily. )*

Steven: You were sometimes annoying. When you encountered something unhappy with your work, you phoned me suddenly, just to say, "Study harder. Bye!" However, when you came home, you told me a lot of funny things about your work. I was proud of my humorous dad, even you always said you never earned enough for the family.

*( Steven takes a photo of the father and the child. )*

*( Mother and grandma stop freezing. Son is tied on his chair again. The thief finishes reading the paper. There is a change in background music. )*

Thief: *( to Steven )* This is not valuable! *( to mother )* We are going now! *( Walks towards mother and wants to untie the mother )*

Steven: Your son will lose a father if you are sent to prison!

*( Steven, mother and grandma freeze. The thief makes a step forward. )*

*( A child enters. )*

*( Thief takes off his shoes and wears a pair of flippers. )*

Child: Dad, play with me!

Thief: Let's play the doctor and patient game! I will be the patient and you will be the doctor! Doctor, I am sick!

Child: Let me see. Open your mouth! You have a stomach ache. You should go to hospital immediately!

Thief: I don't want to go to hospital!

Child: Then you should take medicine!

Thief: No medicine, please!

Child: Then come home on time to have dinner with me every day!

*( A teenage boy enters. )*

Teenage boy: Dad, why do you always wear the wrong flippers? You wear my flippers again!

Thief: Oh! Why do you get zero mark in your English dictation?

Teenage boy: Don't shift the topic! My flippers!

Thief: Why is your English so bad? Is an electronic dictionary useful for you?

Teenage boy: You wear my flippers!

Thief: You always tell me you want to become a high-ranking policeman. If your English is so bad, how can you become a high-ranking policeman?

*( The child and the teenage boy exit. )*

*( Steven, mother and grandma stop freezing. )*

Thief: Mind your tongue!

Mother: Oh, we are sorry...

Steven: You are an important man to your family!

Thief: Shut up! Who will think I am important?

*( The thief hurts mother with his knife accidentally. )*

*( The thief is frightened, unable to believe what he has done. )*

VO: Dad, come home to have dinner with me!

VO: Dad, you wear the wrong flippers!

VO: Dad, let's play the doctor and patient game!

VO: Dad, my wish is to become a policeman!

Thief: *( frightened )* I'm sorry.

*( The thief exits, leaving the big bag behind. )*

*( The mother unties Steven and grandma. )*

Grandma: Does it hurt?

Steven: Are you OK?

Mother: I'm alright. This robbery is a blessing in disguise!

*( Lights off )*

*( Curtain )*

*( lights on )*

*(The treasure boys enter and smile to each other. They pull their chairs together. They play with their paper airplanes. )*

The host: Treasure box number 13.

*( Treasure boy number 1 opens his treasure box. The host crosses out the value on the value board. )*

The host: Treasure box number 14.

*( Treasure boy number 2 opens his treasure box. The host crosses out the value on the value board. )*

The host: Treasure box number 15.

*( Treasure boy number 3 opens his treasure box. The host crosses out the value on the value board. )*

*( Curtain )*

*( Steven enters )*

The host: Steven, thanks for joining our game show! Can you share your feeling with the audience?

Steven: I am happy to...

The host: *( to the treasure boys )* How many times have I told you? Don't throw these paper airplanes everywhere!

Treasure boy 1: I don't like your rules!

Treasure boy 2: I don't like the way you talk!

Treasure boy 3: I don't like the cosmetics you wear on your face!

*( The host gets very angry. )*

Son: *( to the host )* Don't be angry with them! They are just sharing what they want to say.

Treasure boy 1: Why do we still need these treasure boxes? All of us have already had a treasure box at heart!

Treasure boy 2: Why don't some people open their treasure box and share it with others? They just waste the treasure in their treasure box!

Treasure boy 3: Why is the value of every treasure box different?

Steven: The value of the treasure box depends on our willingness to share. My family doesn't have money to help the thief, but we can help by sharing. Through sharing with the thief, we understand more

about our family. Why did we keep everything to ourselves? We should share happiness and unhappiness. No one should suffer alone. Do you know that I have added value to my treasure box?

**\*\*\*Video**

*( What we need is the willingness to share, help others and help ourselves! )*

*( All of us can be millionaire! )*

*( A blue sky )*

*( More and more people come and throw paper airplanes into the blue sky. )*