

ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF SCRIPT LOVE LETTERS

// XIAOXI LI

ACT I

1-1

Li: I didn't mean it. Please stop crying.

1-2

Li: Take this pencil, as good as new. I really didn't mean to trip you over. Sorry!

1-3

Chen: The teacher said not to run on the stairs in the corridor. You misbehave. All the exercise books dropped onto the ground floor and got dirty because of you. I'm sorry for the classmates who kept their exercise books tidy and clean. I don't want your pencil. You should apologise to the whole class.

1-4

Li: I will apologise to them only if you take the pencil.

1-5

Li: A deal is a deal.

1-6

Chen: Shame on you!

1-7

Li: You asked me to apologise to the whole class!

1-8

Chen: I didn't ask you to apologise on the podium.

1-9

Li: I'm collecting stamps. Can you write to me?

1-10

Chen: I, I've never written before. You write to me first, and I will reply.

1-11

Chen: Hey, you said you would write to me.

1-12

Li: I only know your name. I don't know your address!

1-13

Li: "Skinny" is what they call me. You should write my name, "Zhengguo Li".

1-14

Chen: Next time, Skinny!

1-15

Li: Thank you, Weepy!

1-16

Both: Passing notes is not allowed in class...

1-17

Chen: Dear Zhengguo, Christmas here is very lively. Christmas lights are everywhere on the streets. It even snows when it gets colder. I suppose you haven't seen snow, have you? Me neither. I wish it could snow soon!

Merry Christmas and I hope you scratch out some good grades this term!

1-18

Li: You finally wrote to me! I heard that the US is the state of wealth. Is it difficult to learn English?

I came first in class in the exam this month. If we were still in the same class, I would come second as you were always the first. I remember that you got the top score every month for a whole term.

I wish you a happy and healthy Christmas!

1-19

Chen: Are you really going to a private, middle school?

1-20

Li: My father insists. Happy New Year!

1-21

Chen: You asked me for postcards. Here it is.

1-22

Li: You should write something about yourself on the back. Like, how do you feel about the Niagara Falls, do you like it? (No.)

Did you have fun at your grandma's? (No.)

Are your parents really getting a divorce? (Yes.)

Have you learned how to swim? (No.)

Any boys you'd like to hang out with in class? (No.)

ACT II

2-1

Li: Hi, Shufen Chen! I'm Zhengguo Li. Do you remember me? I'm at the beach. I hope you don't mind me writing to you all in a sudden. It is beautiful here. Sky filled with stars at night. I can smell the sea in the wind. I will be here for a few more days. I guess I will go swimming.

Actually I'm most looking forward to see the sunrise on the last morning of my stay. I've never seen sunrise by the sea before.

Have you learned how to swim?

I haven't heard from you for a long time. I look forward to hearing from you!

Letters

2-2

Chen: What a surprise to receive a letter from you! I'm glad you still remember me. However, I'm now an unwelcome person. If you just know me, you may not write to me. I'm literally in hell. People here are so snobbish. I hate snobs the most!

My parents are divorced!

Does your family prefer sons over daughters?

I might transfer to another school next semester. I'd go anywhere as long as it's not here! I'll let you know the new address.

2-3

Chen: Sorry, it took me so long to write to you. Like your father, my mother's new boyfriend also serves in the army and he is a major general as well. However, since he's American, he's got a beard and lots of breast hair. Ewww!

Honestly, I don't like writing letters. You're likely to be the only person I write to.

2-4

Li: You really have a talent in drawing. In your letters, writing only takes half of the page at most. This time the elephant is painted with eyes the size of mung bean and there's a pen curled on his nose. I know the elephant is me. I admire your humour, sharpness and talent. One day you will become a famous artist. Don't forget to give me your masterpiece then!

By the way, you should mastered swimming skills now right?

2-5

Chen: God! My mom said your mother worries that you can't get in Jianguo High School. Do you know that they know each other?

2-6

Li: No, but my father does know you because every letter you wrote to me, he read it first. He believes that he ought to know my friend and that I should focus on my study!

2-7

Chen: I'm so shocked just reading your letter. My eyes and mouth are wide open for such a long time that they can't return to their original size!

2-8

Li: I haven't heard from you for a long time...

2-9

Li: Are you mad?

2-10

Li: I talked to my father and he promised that he wouldn't read my letter.

3-1

Chen: Merry Christmas! Tell you a secret, I'm seeing a shrink.

3-2

Chen: There is where I went to skiing last week. Skiing is fantastic!

3-3

Li: You broke your leg. This is not funny! Get well soon!

3-4

Chen: Mom said I broke my leg deliberately because I have self-destructive tendencies. All I know is that I wish it is the arm. Then I will have a proper excuse not to write letters. The schoolwork in Jianguo must be heavy right? P.S. something I drew to cheer you up. It is the bedpan under my bed in hospital. Don't you think it's nicely shaped?

3-5

Chen: Help! Let me out! They sent me to this monastery-like school! It's literally the end of the world. You will be asked to drop out just getting caught up drinking beers. This is a terrible place, not just me, everyone is screaming and shouting. You went to a boy's school and I'm here with nuns. I feel sorry for both of us. We can invite guys for afternoon tea in the front yard 4-6 pm every Sunday, but nuns would sit around reading books. I'm sharing room with a noisy women in a cell-like dormitory and the wall is painted in disgusting mustard... Come and save me, Zhengguo! At least write to me. They can't read Chinese anyway. It would make me feel connected with the outside world. Besides, I can be mean to them in letters. Please!

3-6

Li: Every time when I write to you and wait for your letter, I would be filled with endless hope and joy. Time seems to be occupied by books and schoolwork. I found out that I like writing and I like to write to you.

I talked to my father about choosing subjects in school. He recommended me to choose natural science. Medicine, of course, is the prior choice. He also said that being a doctor is a great and profitable profession and brought up the notion that the poor shouldn't be charged in hospital. Besides, he said that I have an introverted, careful and gentle personality and I will make a good doctor in the future. I totally agree with him!

3-7

Chen: I dropped out from school! I'm over the moon! I'm gonna go psycho sooner or later if I stay. I think you're too obedient. You shouldn't just be your parents' puppet! My mom can't control me. Her own life is a complete mess. Knowing me dropped out made her mad as hell.

Aw, did I tell you about Charlie? He's my boyfriend. I got dropped out all because of him. He knocked me up!

3-8

Chen: You didn't write to me. Is it because I'm pregnant? I know you might look down on me. I have nothing to explain. I have to be responsible for what I did, but I really don't like you saying nothing.

If there is one person I ever care about in the world, it is you. Please don't turn your back on me at this time, alright? Please write to me, please be mean to me, please say the most vicious words to me, please! Don't abandon me, please!

3-9

Li: I'm so sorry for this late reply. I lost interest in studying or going to class recently. Last Wednesday, I fought with a guy in the class next door and got a notice of minor misconduct. My father lectured me madly over one hour.

My ranking fell from the top fifth to the last ten. My father threw the exam paper into my face after he saw the grade. I honestly don't know what is wrong with me. I just smoked a cigarette with my neighbour in the alley.

There are so many things in this world that I don't understand. So many of them that I thought I understand but I don't.

Maybe you think that I didn't reply is because of the things you didn't tell me. Actually all I feel is distressed and worried.

You can't give up on yourself. The person I know is smart, sharp and talented and she has incompatible resilience and endurance towards life. I think you already know these but you just pretend that you don't. Pluck up your courage and get back on your feet! I need your guidance! It's a pity that we are so far apart.



3-10

Chen: Your letter made me cry for a whole night...

3-11

Chen: I'm going to an art school. Congratulate me!

3-12

Li: I got scholarship this term. Congratulate me too!

3-13

Chen: A guy with pimples all over his face asked me out. I wouldn't want to kiss him!

3-14

Li: Are all Americans very open? Is kiss easy?

3-15

Chen: Kiss is just a social manner. Chinese are too conservative!

3-16

Li: Do you believe it? A short guy in our class insists that a boy and a girl sleep together will have babies!

3-17

Chen: Did he start high school straight away after primary school?

3-18

Li: ...Does it hurt for girls on the first night?

3-19

Chen: It hurts like hell! It so fucking hurts that I want to beat someone up!

3-20

Li: I have to admit that I would imagine going hand in hand with you just looking at your photo.

3-21

Chen: I have to admit that I would close my eyes and picturing you in my head when I have sex.

3-22

Li: I don't want to know the details of you having sex with others.

3-23

Chen: You're jealous!

3-24

Li: I think you should only have sex with people you love, not with some random guy!

3-25

Chen: I'm not a slut. I don't sleep with guys I don't like!

3-26

Li: I haven't written to you for awhile. How are you? There was a downpour in the morning. The cloud on the mountain top afar was changing slowly and the mountain was in the embrace of the cloud. It seemed so peaceful. The gloomy clouds slowly covered the entire sky, and there was indeed a weird and terrifying atmosphere. Suddenly, there was a heavy shower. It started and finished all in a sudden. A very light and soft rainbow appeared above the other side of the mountain. The rain left no mark on the earth but many droplets here and there. How is the weather on your side? Are there any unpredictable changes like these as well?

3-27

Li: I received your drawing. Although not a single word is written, I know you're trying to cheer me up. It must cost you a lot of time to paint. Thank you and I will work harder. Are you in the garden behind the gate? In such a wonderful garden, you are not the dandelions floating in the wind, are you? I wonder what a view it is looking back from within the garden!

ACT III

4-1

Li: Congratulate me! I was admitted to the Chinese department in Normal University. My father had a stroke and taking care of him has aged my mother. I have a full scholarship for Normal University, so that going to university won't be a burden to my family. My younger sister always struggles with her study. She might not pass the entrance exams for middle school.

4-2

Chen: I never knew that chickenpox is such a terrible thing. I was shocked just looking in the mirror. It's everywhere on me! Inside my mouth, my nostrils and even in my vaginal. I had a fever for three days. It felt like I was dying. I can't go anywhere. It's itchy when it's getting better and the most itchy chickenpox are the ones in my vagina. Don't worry, you won't have this trouble.

4-3

Chen: As a female, I sometimes feel a bit pathetic. My mom was drunk again last night. She cried like a baby. I was, nonetheless, calm, more than ever. Listening to her incoherent talk of her pathetic life, I felt that she was both familiar and strange to me. I clearly know that I'm her daughter, but I'm not her. I have no control over her life. I can't change it or manage it. I can only live my own life. All I could do was holding her in my arms. I didn't judge her. There was no feelings of being ashamed nor feelings of like or dislike. I just held her, my crying mother.

My mom has always been pursuing happiness and has made up her mind to rely on happiness several times, but happiness is unreliable, it is a fleeting moment. After it fades away, she looks for the next. Finally, the 27-years-old fraud took away all the happiness my mother has left in her life today.

Women don't just pursue or rely on happiness. Women are women.

4-4

Li: I don't know what to say. I wish you and your mother can get through the difficult times with your strength and courage. In fact, not every man in this world is a bastard. Don't be too radical. We need to build our own lives. You have always been braver than me, but it is my duty to remind you now, don't get stuck in hatred and complaints. That will only make you feel unhappier. You are, comparing to other, quite lucky indeed. You've seen and learned more than I do. You will find your happiness. Don't just rule out all the possibilities in your future just because there are a few unsuccessful cases. Someone in this world will love you with all his heart. He will protect you, make you feel safe and he is reliable. He is somewhere in your future. man is the breadwinner and woman is the homemaker. Being together, they conceive lives. This is the ingenious arrangement of mother nature. Don't you think that Chinese people's concept of family makes great sense?

4-5

Chen: If I knew you're like this, I would never write a single letter to you. Don't think women as weak or the second sex. Men are actually a lot more vulnerable than women. They can't stand a blow! The aggressiveness in men simply shows how naive and ignorant they are!

4-6

Li: I don't understand why you have such a strong reaction. It proves that men and women are two different types of human being indeed. Men need to be cared for by women and women requires love and protection from men. I think it is perfectly fair. Why do you think it is disrespectful and unequal?

4-7
Chen: I bet you'll never get to know women in your entire life!
4-8
Li: I think you're mad!
4-9
Li: I'm sure you're mad!
4-10
Li: Are you mad?
4-11
Li: Have you learned swimming on earth?
4-12
Chen: Do you really care if I learned how to swim or not?

4-13
Li: What you said about "Do you really care if I learned how to swim or not?" really hurts me!
4-14
Chen: I didn't know you can be upset. I always thought feeling upset is the kind of emotion that only women have.
4-15
Chen: I'm destined to be a non-swimmer. I'm convinced that I can master any skills if I want to, but today I realised, I could never learn how to swim.
4-16
Li: Please don't give up on yourself! Swimming is not difficult. Perhaps you should familiarise yourself with water. Then you won't be terrified.



Chen: It is a subconscious fear of water. Didn't anything horrible happen when you were little?

4-17
Li: I don't remember!
4-18
Chen: "Merry Christmas". I'm going to have my own art exhibition!
4-19
Li: Congratulations! I'm joining the army! I dropped out from university!

5-1
Chen: We should stop writing to each other. It's a meaningless process. Do we really care about each other? You didn't see my exhibition and I can't imagine your life in the army. Writing makes us feel that we know each other well but most of the time, I couldn't even picture your face in my mind. We're lying to ourselves and to each other. We are not familiar with each other. Don't you think so?
I kept asking myself while I was writing, how can we write for so long? Simple. Because we are lonely. Your loneliness comes from living a life that you never wanted. You're living in other's expectation. You're so used to this fake self that you might have forgotten the real you, as if you act long enough, it would become real. Nevertheless, what is fake is fake. The boy who ran freely in the corridor and made me dropping the exercise books is no longer there. I have pulled up the vulnerable string between the current you and the real you. Talking to me is like talking to yourself. You feel lonely, but without me, you probably won't even be able to feel lonely. All you feel is numbness. However, the loneliness I feel is because I'm always being myself. It's like I have thousands of thorns on me. Whoever comes close will get hurt.

Only you, who are from the other side of the planet, are not afraid of the thorns. If we want to grow up, we need to stop writing!

5-2
Li: This place is suffocating. In the alternate cycle of embracing the joy of a holiday and of facing the pain when the holiday finishes, I hope that my time of discharge will get closer.

5-3
Li: I finally realise that you won't write to me anymore. I have received the four letters returned.

5-4
Li: This is the 18th letter returned. I can't stop writing. My letter brought the whole self to you. You can tear it apart, dispose it or keep it. Of course, you can also send it back to me straight away. Even like that, the letters have fulfilled their duty as they are back. They have travelled afar.

5-5
Chen: I'm in Taipei. Please call the following number.
5-6

Chen: Thank you for being with me in the last two days. To be honest, it shocked me a little when you cried on top of me!
Why did you start crying after taking off all your clothes? Five minutes felt like five hours. A thousand ideas flashed through my mind, but I got you later on. When I held you tightly, I felt the feeling of understanding. I cried because I understood you. It was something I never felt before. Unexpectedly, I understood the person who I had sex with.

I was so touched by this feeling that I cried bitter than you. I didn't feel sad but tears kept rushing out my eyes spontaneously. It is such a dreadful feeling. You can't pretend you know it and you can't pretend that you don't. I can't control myself but following after the feeling. I really wanted to understand some people, something and I do now, but what's next? I'd rather that I don't but I can't because I already do!

You're as quiet as always.

You didn't say a word about not receiving any letters from me for nearly a year. Actually I've read every letter I received.

What can I say? Everything is out of my expectation.

You avoided my kiss on the first night and it made our relationship real. If everything is an illusion, we could continue with what we were doing since we can't create an illusion when we already have one, but it all became so real when you avoided me and I couldn't help but apologising. I was thinking about the guy I'm going to marry next month and the person in front of me at the same time. I didn't realise what dreadful and chaotic state I will be facing. So we spent two wonderful days together.

Am I real or am I not? Were yesterday and the day before real or not? I got confused by the cuddle last night!

How could we cuddle for a whole night so calmly and naturally? I didn't sleep. I know you didn't either. There's so much going on in my head and I don't have a clue. Anyway, love you!

5-7
Li: These 32 letters belong to you. I'll send them back.

5-8
Chen: I'm getting married tomorrow. Wish me luck!

5-9
Li: I'm leaving the army tomorrow. Wish me luck too!

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6-1

Chen: I'm in Cairo, painting and busy with other things.

6-2

Li: I was confused for three months after I left the army. Now I'm working during the day and studying at night.

6-3

Chen: I read your article on the supplement of Central Daily News. I'm so proud of you! Happy birthday!

6-4

Li: I heard that you won a prize in art. I'm sorry that I never been to your exhibition. Please accept my congratulations and sincere wishes. Merry Christmas!

6-5

Chen: I heard that you had a Japanese girlfriend. You insisted seeing her while your family disapproves. She must be special. Please send her my greetings.

ACT 4

7-1

Li: Fen, Congratulations on having a daughter! My long-distance relationship ended bitterly.

7-2

Chen: My painting exhibition in New York has caused a sensation. I told you I can be outstanding. Unfortunately most of the time I can't focus on art creation. I wish you were here. Love you!

8-1

Chen: I'm so sorry for your loss. He had a great influence on you. Did I tell you that I wish I had a father like him? Love you!

8-2

Li: Fen, Congratulations on your successful exhibition. I always know that you are outstanding and thanks for your comfort.

My father was the person I respect the most in my entire life. He taught me all the way through since I was a child. He is the reason why I want to become a procurator. I believe my father will be proud and delighted if one day, I can stand up and do justice to others.

9-1

Chen: Merry Christmas! Yesterday my mom finally told me that I'm not my dad's daughter. Although he was mostly absent, I still felt empty after I knew the truth. All that matters to me now are my two lovely daughters. I love them so much, but I fear they are not real either.

9-2

Li: Fen, please take hold of everything you have at this moment. Attention! I'm an official lawyer now. If I don't receive your congratulations, you shall wait for court summons! The charge is: Not being happy and make those who care about you worry.

10-1

Li: Dear Shufen, Jialin and I would like to thank you for the wedding gift you sent us.

10-2

Li: Happy birthday! I heard about your struggles in life and I hope you get better soon. If you ever write to me, please send letters to my office.

10-3

Li: Did you receive the 12 roses last month? Are you alright?

10-4

Chen: Guo, I received the roses. I'm not well. They locked me up in this luxury prison giving me IV sedation just because I drank a little bit more than usual. Two girls are with my ex. The best time during the day is the time for psychotherapy sessions. I talked and talked, non-stop. I'm the most hated person in Boston.

10-5
Li: Have you ever thought of drawing again?
11-1
Chen: Merry Christmas! I picked up drawing. Thank you. I'm in Saint Antonio.
11-2
Li: We all wish you a merry Christmas!
11-3
Chen: Exhibition by Shufen Chen. Ray Hughs Gallery. 3.18-4.30.
11-4
Li: Sorry, I couldn't make it. The tickets were booked but...

11-5
Chen: I'm glad you didn't come. I'm dancing on the edge of a cliff. You better stay away from me. Otherwise I might drag you down with me when I fall off the cliff.
12-1
Li: Jialin can't get pregnant again after giving birth to Qiangqiang. She has been upset about this. Qiangqiang is healthy. He really is an angel. The only thing worries me is the stammering. Next month there will be adjustments within the party. I will take up a new position, also sort of a promotion. Next year I might run for city councillor!
12-2
Chen: I'm more and more experienced with quitting alcohol. I walked into a church for the first time yesterday. I don't know why I got in. I've been convinced that I was left outside of the kingdom of God. It seems that he is more powerful than I could imagine.
13-1
Chen: Egypt, Los Angeles, New York... I woke up next to a twenty-year-old young man. A black. Who am I? I've been thinking, the world is so peculiar that it creates YOU and ME. One is Mr. Justice who carries great social responsibility, yet the other is a drunk, radical, old slut!
13-2
Li: Don't be mean to yourself. Return to your art!
14-1
Chen: Merry Christmas! I'm trying to make something with clay, to find an ancient feeling through the touch of fingertips. The urge to see you has never been so strong. I'd like to retrieve memories that were once alive. The great wheel of destiny seems to have completed a circle. Do you see what I mean?
14-2
Li: Please write "To Miss Weijing Wang" on the envelope. She is my secretary. Recently some of my opponents are doing everything in their power to get the goods on me. We have to be cautious. Thank you!
14-3
Chen: I have an exhibition on 3.28-4.25. Can you make it? Maybe this exhibition will recall the past for you...
14-4
Li: I really can't. Because... maybe there will be a chance to meet at the beginning of May.
15-1
Li: I haven't received your reply. How is the exhibition?
15-2
Li: Talk to me. Stop torturing me!
15-3
Li: I suddenly realised that you're the only person that tells the truth to me. Jialin and I haven't had a proper conversation in the last six months. We don't even bother to argue. Life just goes on... I'd like to hear from you. Please!
16-1
Chen: My exhibition sucks. It is purely a pile of nostalgic trash, an almost distinct tragedy. Man can never go back to where we started. I'm studying photography. It is all about realism. No fantasies or imagination. I shall see the world with my bare eyes without a single blink. Can I see you? You're my only present and past.
16-2
Li: Next Tuesday, the 19th. I will fly to New York just for you.
17-1
Chen: I'd like to meet you again. What about you?
17-2
Chen: I will be in Hong Kong next week. Are you coming?
17-3
Li: I look forward to seeing you in Hong Kong.

18-1
Li: I really miss you. I called several times after I got back to Taiwan, but no one answered. Thinking of you erodes my heart badly.

18-2
Chen: Guo, I'm back to New York. The last three days next months, shall we meet in Singapore?

19-5
Chen: We will pay the price!

19-6
Li: I don't want to think about anything but how we can be together.

19-9
Chen: What about Jialin? Qiangqiang? And your political career?

19-10
Li: Did I tell you that I went to the primary school where we first met? It felt so strange. Many things came flooding back. "Passing notes is not allowed in class" Yet we've been passing notes for forty years. I feel deeply that life is so unpredictable. You have been the centre of my life. Without you, I don't think I can...

19-12
Li: Five days in Hawaii...just five days?

20-1
Chen: Hawaii is so pretty. Three days are quite enough for me. I will write to you. Love you, Fen.

20-2
Li: I'm up now. I hate myself for not hearing a thing. When did you leave?

Did I make you cross? What did I do wrong? Did I let you down? I don't understand, is this some sort of punishment?

Waking up alone in an empty room. I was in heaven the night before and the next morning I was in hell. How can you leave me doubting if everything was real, if that ever happened? It's heartbreaking! How can you treat me like this? Why?

21-1
Chen: Congratulations on your re-election!

21-2
Li: Thank you. I need to see you!

21-3
Chen: We finally survived the most difficult days, please don't ...

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21-4
Li: I need to see you!

22-1
Li: Merry Christmas! The new year is coming. I wish you all the best! From Zhengguo Li

22-2
Chen: Merry Christmas!

22-3
Li: Fen, how are you recently? I spent a week in hospital last month. losing almost 10 kg and half of my liver function made me realise how vulnerable human can be. No one stops the world from changing no matter what a great and important person you are.
The world stops without me. In fact, the world is perfectly fine without me!
As I look back on my life, you were right. I become the person people want me to be. I only realised it when half of my life has passed. How pathetic.
Once in awhile I wanted to live a life that I truly want, but you stopped me and I'm back to reality. I don't blame you. I'm just surprised. You have always been brave. Why did you get cold feet when we were together? The only reasonable explanation is, you are in love with the me in letters.
Like you said, let's be penpals forever! Write to me soon!

ACT 5

23-1
Li: Why didn't you reply!

23-2
Li: I heard what happened. Are you okay? I will fly to New York next month to visit you!

23-3
Chen: No! Please! Don't come! Please don't get anywhere closer!
I don't want you to see my slovenly look. Absolutely not! I'm terrible. They said half of the time I was rambling.
I messed up everything I have, everything! I spent my whole life learning just one thing, that owing is the beginning of losing, but I'm a weak student. I can't accept the fact that, having youth is the start of losing youth; having marriage is the start of losing marriage; having fame and you will lose fame; same with wealth, health or even a dog.
Having love, oh god! Losing love is more unacceptable. Why do we start to lose the things we pursue for a lifetime the moment we get them? If I never have anything, then I got nothing to lose! It is so hard to not craving for anything. Life! I hate you! Why did you give me so much and took them away one after another? God! Why do you torture me like this! Don't get near me! I want you to leave! Guo, please!

24-1

Li: Shufen, good day. I haven't written to you for a whole year.
How are you?

The cemetery is calm and peaceful. I am standing in front of your
tombstone. 12 white roses represent the blessings of 12 months in
a year!



I took the box you left me back to Taipei the way it was. I haven't got the courage to open it in the last year. Until two hours ago, I finally did. As I thought it would be, it's the letters I wrote to you. One, two, three, the letters you left to the world.

I read all of them carefully. What a flourishing garden! I have long forgotten what I planted in your garden! I guess you are the same, but now both sides are barren!

I often picture some scenes in my head these days: two people that are almost 50 years old lying on a bed in the hotel with lollipops in our mouths. You took away mine all in a sudden that my eyes and mouth were widely open! I suppose no one in this world would do this to me apart from you. That strong sense of loss...You really are so cruel!

Do you remember saying that you want us to be penpal for life? We have no control over our lives, but you...you're so capricious. It's my fault! I should be mean to you when you asked me to. It's all my fault... I saw the pencil in your box... still as good as new...Fen, I really miss you... I...I love you.

24-2

Chen: Thank you, Skinny!