

Time Travelling Tuk Tuk

CAST

BOY- Brother of Girl, orphan, strong willed, misses father

GIRL- Sister of Boy, orphan, concerned about environment

PROFESSOR- Genius inventor whose inventions often go wrong

MR CHANG- Tuk Tuk driver, likes to make a good fare

TV PRESENTERS (2) - Set the scene for each scene

REPORTER – Live on Soi 15

BOSS- Lord of the Soi, collects money, ambitious and crafty, saved orphans

SIDEKICKS (3)- The Bosses men, crafty, wily, sneaky, bullies

TIMEREAPER- Lord of the Time Portal- Speaks in Riddles, must answer to pass (Grim Reaper like)

BLIND MAN- Busking and begging

MOO DAENG LADY- Soup Cart

MAYOR - Decrees the changes taking place

PEASANTS 1,2,3,4- Farmers in old time BKK

FATHER – Caught in Time Portal

CHORUS- Soi 15 2011- Motorbike drivers, Beggars, Tourists, Sellers

Old Town- Monks, Peasants, Farmers, Sellers

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ACT 1

PREAMBLE- TV Presenters on large screen or at news desk side off stage left- *BBC News Music*

TV1 Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm Tracey Truescript

TV2 And I'm Eddie Anchorman, and welcome to...

TV1 & 2 "Soi Sip Ha News"

TV1 In Tonight's edition, Black goo over Beijing....(*music continues*)

TV2 Acid rain falls in Chiang Mai...(*music continues*)

TV1 And Jakarta disappears under giant piles of rubbish (*Music Continues*)

TV2 And in local news, a three eyed fish pulled from Khlong Toey Khlong
(*News Music fades out*)

TV1 But now in our lead story, residents of Beijing were told to remain indoors today after rain fell as thick black goo. The government has long been under pressure from the international community to curb its excessive pollution levels.

TV2 Eye witnesses report that the entire city is coated in a thick black sludge, which glows in the dark at night. Authorities deny this and have blocked social media sites, in fact the internet has been disconnected completely!

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TV1 In our other lead story, residents of Chiang Mai were forced indoors today after a torrential downpour of Acid rain!

TV2 Trees were said to have turned brown, rice crops ruined and large holes appearing in the rooves of homes. The Mayor of Chiang Mai has declared a state of emergency. *(TV1 & 2 Hold Ear pieces)*

TV 1 We interrupt this news broadcast to bring you live breaking news from Downtown Bangkok!!! A large electrical disturbance has been detected above the Sukhumvit area, power, phone, internet and TV are all inactive.
(lights begin to flicker, sound on and off)

TV2 We now switch live to our reporter on the ground at Soi 15

REPORTER Good evening Eddie, Tracey, I'm Izzie Integrity reporting live from Soi 15 where a strange electrical disturbance has been causing havoc to local businesses and residents in the area.

TV1 Just what appears to be the cause of the disturbance Izzie?

REPORTER Well Tracey, it seems something, or someone is drawing a large amount of current directly from the city mains..... the police are currently searching households along Soi 15 for the source of these disturbances.

TV2 And are there any signs of power being restored before daybreak....
(static sounds, lights flicker)

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REPORTER I'm sorry Eddie, you're breaking up can you hear me?....anyone...

Eddie? Tracey?... (**louder static, lights flicker and fade, cue song "Sticky Rice"**)

SCENE 1

The musical begins with the orphan twins approaching the stage from the rear singing "Sticky Rice/Somtam." They are dressed as street sellers with balanced baskets. As they sing they also try to sell things to the audience, beggars? They make their way to the stage and Bang into each other backwards

BOY & GIRL Whoooaah! (*bump into each other*)

BOY & GIRL Huh???? (*Look at each other through gloom, shade eyes*)

BOY & GIRL Aaaahh (*hug each other*)

BOY & GIRL Uuuurh (*turn back to back and slide down to sitting position*)

BOY Powers out again...

GIRL Yeah, Third time tonight...

BOY Hard to sell anything when there's no street lights aint it?

GIRL Not long till sunrise though eh? My favourite time of the day (*dreamy look*)

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BOY Hey...how many did you sell?

GIRL *(pauses, looks in basket)* Only two! *(sadly)*

BOY Two! *(looks alarmed)*

GIRL How many did you sell?

BOY *(checks basket, counts)* Three

GIRL Three!..That's 2 plus 3...*(counting on fingers)*that's... *(long pause)*

BOY FIVE!!!!

GIRL Yeah I know, I know, I'm just checking that you know!

BOY Oh no....Only five! The Boss is gonna kill us!!! Remember what happened last time we made less than 100 baht.

GIRL Yeah....We got a hard beating

BOY I couldn't sit down for days *(both rub bottoms)*

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GIRL What are we going to do? At this rate we'll never make enough money to see father again...I miss him. (*sadly*)

BOY Me too (*arm around girl*)Don't worry.....I'll think of something (*Hands on Head.....long pause*)

GIRL Well????

BOY Still thinking... (*long pause*)nothing

GIRL Uuuugh....POOOOOH!!! What's that smell?? (*holds nose, sick feelings*)

BOY (*Sniffs*) Oh that's just the Khlong....it always smells like that before the boats start in the morning....it's all the rubbish and chemicals in it.....you know, they say in the old days you could swim in it. Sniff (*sniffs the air*) aaah, the scent of the city. Hey Look! (*Points out over the audience, lights slowly fade up, spot as sunrise*)

GIRL What is it?

BOY The sunrise haha!..And you know what that means?

GIRL We can finally get some sleep?

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(start track #2 "Out on the Soi) *(People begin to walk out of the wings and set up the soi, soup cart, motorbike stand, shoeshine, tourists etc)*

BOY No dummy, morning time on the soi is the best time of day...fresh food...people opening up shops, it's the life of the city, there's nothing like life on the Soi. Nothing like it!

Chorus number ("Out on the Soi") full chorus with solos etc.

GIRL Well? *(awkward pause)*....

BOY Well what?

GIRL What are we gonna do about our sales? We haven't got enough to pay the boss, and if we can't pay the boss, we'll never see Father again *(Boss and sides on)*

BOY I'm still thinking.....*(taps head)* *(Boss and Sidekicks creep up from rear of stage)*

GIRL Got anything yet?

BOY No ...nothing up there, nothing at all *(Boss creeps up behind them and grabs ears)*

BOSS Allo allo allo and what do we have ear???? Hehe *(sidekicks laugh)* Get it what do we have ear?? Hehehe ...A couple of wayward orphans cloggin up my Soi

BOY&GIRL AHH, Sorry Boss, we didn't see you there

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BOSS Silence!!!! You will speak when being spoken to!!!!

(sidekicks look at each other puzzled)

Sidekick 1 *(taps boss on shoulder)* Uh Boss...I think you mean "not speak when you're spoken too?" *(sidekicks snigger)*

BOSS That's what I said you imbediles! You will not speak when spoken too and you will do precisely what you say! *(sidekicks puzzled again)*

SIDEKICK 2 aaah BOSS,*(interrupting speech)* don't you mean do precisely what I say??

BOSS What?? No.....I will not do what you say, I am the BOSS of this Soi not you. I am the master of all that lives, works and plays. I own everything here and all of you etc etc etcnow, where was I??

SIDEKICK 3 Errrr,*(interrupting again)* what about the Air Boss?? Do you own the air??

BOSS No I don't own the air *(high pitch sarcastic voice)*

SIDEKICK 1 What about the Sun?? *(sidekicks look at each other and nod heads)* do you own the sun?

BOSS No I do not own the sun! *(getting more angry)*

SIDEKICK 2 What about that little Moo Daeng stain on my shirt from breakfast *(all snigger)*

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BOSS Uhhhhh! (*turns to audience*) see what I gotta work with!?!?!?! (*turns to kids*)
You, Kids... where is my money????

GIRL Ummm.. Here you go sir (*hands him change, kids back away holding each other*)

BOSS (*Shocked*) What is this???? 85 baht...you call this a good day's work(*sidekicks shocked*) I told you I need 100 a day or else..... you think this is some kind of game??? This is how you treat me???(*turning on the tears, violin music*) I've been like a father to you....took you in when no one else would, gave you a job and a roof over your heads and this is how you repay me (*sidekick passes hanky*)

BOY Sorry Boss- we'll try harder...honest we will.....we can work day and all night....
(*consoling boss*)

GIRL Yeah double shift.

BOSS You'd better (*turning nasty again and grabbing ears*)...and don't come back till you've got my money! If you ever want to see your father again, you'll need to pay off his debts...at this rate it will take to 2050.....now go on- get outta here! (*sidekicks laugh*)

(*Boy and Girl collect things and run off stage*)

SIDEKICK 3 Hey Boss, how we going with the master plan?? (*all yeah, yeah*)

BOSS Silence fools!!! Only I may speak of the plan here on the Soi.

This is my domain, my kingdom, my palace of trash, smoke and dirt.

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Soon this city and all its inhabitants will be under my control and
then.....hehehehe and then (*evil laugh, choking hit back of neck*) ..hairball!
The world!

(*Cue music "Evil is my Game" song...evil laugh with cough*)

Song "**EVIL IS MY GAME**" Boss and Sidekicks terrorizing Soi people throughout

Lights down , **OUT ON THE SOI INSTRUMENTAL** change set to Professor Workshop

(*Chorus Boss and sidekicks exit through theatre aisles scaring the audience*)

SCENE 2- Professors Workshop-

Professor wildly working on an invention made of pipes, hoses, stereo, plastic junk etc

Orphans arrive on the Tuk Tuk (***tuk tuk sound***)

GIRL Thanks for the lift Mr Chang

DRIVER No Problem at all kids, no problem at all, now..about my fare....

BOY Aaah..we're a little short...put it on our tab

MR CHANG Times are tough eh, no problem...I'll wait here and look for some
"unsuspecting tourists"you take care crossing the Soi, Tuk Tuk....Tuk Tuk
(*Driver crosses stage touting for a ride into the wings*) (*kids walk to workshop,*
Large explosion and smoke)

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BOY Professor?

GIRL Professor?

BOY&GIRL Professor!!!!!!!

GIRL Are you alright? (professor emerges covered in black smoke etc)

PROF Well hello children , hello... (hugging them) Just one of my latest experiments
hehe, I've tapped into the local power grid see...

BOY That might explain the power cuts around here

PROF How was school today? (*Boy and Girl look at each other*)

GIRL We didn't go

PROF Didn't go???What do you mean you didn't go???

BOY We didn't sell enough of the bosses stuff, he's making us work all day

GIRL And all night!

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- PROF Terrible, (*shakes head*) just terrible... to think in this day and age. Kids not allowed to go to school...outrageous! Not to worry. Do I have something to show you.
- BOY & GIRL (*Excitedly together*) what is it, what have you got??? Wow I can't wait
- GIRL Hey Remember the do it yourself shower suit?? (*Professor readying machine*)
- BOY Yeah .that caused a real splash... hehe ,get it splash.hehehe... what about the pocket sized watermelon peeler (*Prof looking sheepish*)
- GIRL Oh yeah....remember it got loose and shaved the hair off the entire Soi (*laughing uncontrollably*) Khun Pattys hair salon didn't do any business for a month.
- BOY Oh and my personal favourite...the auto paint roller.....(*kids in hysterics*)
- PROF Alright ...alright....I know some of my plans may have been a little sticky when it came to testing...but money is tight...and you can't always invent without the right materials.....but this invention is different....(*pulls kids over*)I've really cracked it this time...I followed and diagrams from your fathers notebook....I've connected up all the components and now it's ready to test...
- (*Holds notebook under arm*)
- BOY-GIRL What is it Prof, yeah what is it? (*Boss and Sidekicks appear lurking at the back of the stage, listening in, hide out of the way as Prof looks*)

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PROF (Checks the Soi) ...It's top secret kids...whatever happens the Boss and his men must never find out... is that clear....If he were to get his hands on this, there would be serious consequences for all of us...serious....can you keep a secret?

BOY GIRL (both nod)

PROF Ok, let me tell you about it...

SONG- (*"The Incredible Machine" Chorus On .At the end he pulls off the sheet and reveals it .During the song the prof and kids test the machine and it works.Boss and men see this and begin scheming. At the end of the number he sees the sidekicks as they exit*)

PROF Quick children, the Boss knows about it by now, we must get the Time Machine out of Soi 15!

GIRL But where to Professor?

PROF Hmmmmm (thinking) somewhere with water tight security, Impossible to get to....surrounded by impenetrable traffic...somewhere with piles of useless electronic junk and cables so we can hide it ... I've got it...MBK!

BOY&GIRL MBK???

PROF Yes, they'll never find it in that maze of cellphone and gaming shops..have you ever tried to find the same shop twice in MBK? Quick, into the tuk tuk (*They lift the machine over to the tuk tuk and secure it to the roof*)

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MR CHANG Tuk Tuk, Tuk Tuk ... Hello professor, long time I not see you in the Soi huh??

PROF Sorry Mr Chang but this is an emergency

MR CHANG Oh you mean like the “Pocket sized watermelon peeler” (*sniggers uncontrollably*)

PROF No Mr Chang, more serious than that...If the Boss gets his hands on this it will be the end of us all! I need you to take us full speed to MBK!

MR CHANG But it’s rush hour!!! It will take ages, not to mention the fare...

PROF No time to lose, no time to lose..*(Try to get it into the tuktuk)*

BOY It won’t fit

GIRL Put it on the roof (*All secure it on the roof, then sit in Tuk Tuk*)
(Boss and Sidekicks enter and see they are escaping)

Mr CHANG Ok everyone, here we go!*(start to drive weaving through traffic, leaning left right together etc, Boss and sidekicks appear on scooters to chase, tuk tuk sound)*

SIDEKICK 1 Look Boss, there they go, and they got the time thingy on the roof

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BOSS After that Tuk Tuk boys, if it leaves Soi 15 it's off my turf and that contraption will fall into the hands of another BOSS! I need that machine! If I can control time , I can control anyone and everything, why the world will be mine ..(*sinister laugh, Boss and Sidekicks grab motorbikes and set off after them, tuk tuk sounds*)

PROF Faster Mr Chang ...the boss is right on our tail. He must not get his hands on the machine

BOSS Bring me up alongside and I'll get onboard, closer you idiots (*bikes come up alongside tuktuk, Boss reaches over and grabs handlebars..a wrestling match ensues*)

Mr CHANG Look out!!!

PROF A Bus!!!

BOSS Look Out!!!

BOY- GIRL AAAAAHHHHHH

SIDEKICKS AAAHHHHHHH

EVERYONE AAAAAAAHHHHHHH

(Huge screech of wheels, sound of car crash, whirring sound, spacey sounds and lights,machine activated)

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GIRL Professor what's happening?

PROF My dear girl...I do believe the accident has triggered the machine.....We are now being sucked into a super time vortex.....and anything may happen.....

Cue song... TIME TRAVELLING TUK TUK...(sound effects fade into track)

"Time Travelling Tuk Tuk" Chorus Number

PREAMBLE 2 TV Presenters – Cue News music (*set change during*)

TV 1 We interrupt regular programming to bring you some breaking news. A large traffic accident has occurred on Sukhumvit Soi 15

TV 2 A Bus, two taxis, four motorbikes and a tuk tuk are said to be involved

TV 1 Traffic could be backed up around the city until next week!

TV2 And still Bangkok authorities have no clue as to the origins of the electrical disturbances around the city tonight....

TV1 In other news, yet another three eyed fish was pulled from the Khlong Toey Khlong earlier today. The fish, said to be the result of high toxin levels and waste in the waterways, was said to be the result of a diet of plastic, cardboard and building materials.

TV2 Investigators from the ministry of science, have issued severe warnings of waterways pollution. The city as we know it runs the risk of becoming a toxic wasteland in the future.

TV1 Stay tuned for more breaking news including.....

TV2 How to survive a future toxic apocalypse

TV1 Air Purifiers in every home by 2020

TV2 And how to shop plastic bag free...

(News Music again)

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Scene 3- TIME PORTAL -

MR CHANG Hold on everyone, I think we are coming to a stop

EVERYONE Whooooooooooooooah!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (*smoke machine, spinning hub cap, crash sound effects*)

BOY Where are we?

GIRL I don't know but it sure is strange here

PROF I can't be certain, but it looks as though we're caught in a time portal

BOSS/ SIDEKICKS A time Portal!?!?! (*Boss and Sides Appear from rear*)

MR CHANG Hey! Who said you guys could hitch a ride, that's gonna be 40 baht extra!
Come on, pay up! (*Boss reluctantly hands over cash*)

BOSS What have you kids done? You and your crazy professor uncle. I demand you return me to Soi 15 this instant!

PROF Ummm..... I don't know how to tell you this boss butwe seem to have been sucked into a super vortex time vacuum

SIDEKICK 1 You what???

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SIDEKICK 2 A Vacuum

SIDEKICK 3 Vacuum cleaner?

SIDEKICK 1 Oh, like my aunt Pitchaya, she's always vacuuming up around the place

BOSS Silence you imbeviles!

SIDEKICK 2 Aaah..don't you mean imbeciles?

BOSS That's what I said you idiot, remind me to get your ears cleaned out when we get back to the soi. Now, since I am the Boss, I declare that I am now the owner of this vacuumawhatsit. Everyone here must now pay me (*timereaper creeps up behind, all others retreat to the tuktuk*)

SIDEKICK 2 Aaah Boss???? (*scared and move back behind Tuk Tuk*)

BOSS Silence minion, do not interrupt me during a speech!

SIDEKICK 3 BBbbbbbbBoss!!!! (*holding each other*)

BOSS Did you not hear me!!!! I am the lord of all this.....etc

SIDEKICK 1 Boss...Look out (*REAPER creeps up behind and taps Boss on the shoulder*)

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BOSS *Aaahhh (Boss turns and sees, then jumps into arms of sidekicks)*

REAPER *AAaaaaaaaaahhhhhh (all retreat to Tuk Tuk and hide behind it in cluster)*

BOY *(boy is reluctantly pushed out) ..who are you?*

REAPER I am the reaper of time, the master of all that has been, all that is and all that is to come.

GIRL P PPPPlease sir, can you tell us where we are?

REAPER Hahahaha...in time...but first you must answer a question for me...
What is it your heart truly desires?

GIRL Desires...(thinks).... All I want is to see father again...

BOY And to live in a cleaner, safer world.... If I could have that, well..... life would be perfect!

Cue Song "ALL I WANT" Duet Girl and Boy

REAPER Hahahahaha (evil laugh) yes and now for a riddle..... answer correctly and you may pass through this place and continue your journey through the portals of time, but answer incorrectly and you will forever wander these tunnels of time, always hoping for but never reaching your destination...hahahahaha,