



Under the Table

Characters: Alysha, Li Bin & Emily, Daisy, Iris & Anita, Big Dollar & Hammer, Billy, Bax & Bart, Miss Ho & Miss Perkins

Synopsis The three B's try to date Alysha, Emily and Li Bin but Li Sin can't forget Ricky and she will not go. The three B's then date Daisy, Iris and Anita. Daisy only consents to date them on condition the boys take them to expensive places. Bitty doesn't want to go and Ted takes his place. When Ted realizes he is on a date with Daisy he wants to run but it's too late. In the restaurant Daisy orders expensive dishes and then Ted sees Big Dollar and Hammer. To avoid conflict Daisy orders Bart, Bax and Ted to hide under the dinner table.

Scene 1

(In the classroom)

Miss Ho: Good morning everyone.

All: Good morning Miss Ho.

Miss Ho: Now I want you all you welcome three new students to our school...
Billy, Bart and Bax.

B & B & B: Hi everyone.

Billy: I'm Billy.

Bart: I'm Bart.

Bax: And I'm Bax.

Miss Ho: Now I want you to all make a special effort to welcome our new friends and show them what a warm and friendly school we are.

Music

Big Dollar: Hey, you're new aren't you.

B & B & B: Yes.

Hammer: Sir.

B & B & B: Sorry?

Hammer: When you talk to Big Dollar, you call him ' Sir.'

B & B & B: Why?

Hammer: Because Big Dollar is Big Dollar that's why.

Bax: I don't get it. If his name is Big Dollar, why should we call him Sir.

Hammer: Because if you don't call him 'Sir' you get my fist in your nose.

Bax: Oh, oh, I see.... (nervous laugh) in that case,... sure,.. we'll call him Sir
won't we boys.

B & B & B: Sure.

Big Dollar: Okay, now listen up boys... your new, right?

B & B & B: Yes.

Big Dollar: Now there's gonna be big boys asking you for money.

Bax: Really? I thought...

Big Dollar: Thought what?

Bax: That this was a good school.

Big Dollar: Hear that Hammer? He thought this was a good school.

Hammer: Crazy.

Big Dollar: Now you want an easy life don't you boys?

B & B & B: Yes Sir,

Big Dollar: Good... Okay... this is your lucky day... it's special offer time... one
week's protection is usually fifty dollars each but for you three boys it
will only be a hundred.

Hammer: Well go on... say thank you to Big Dollar.

B & B & B: Thanks you Sir.

Big Dollar: Okay, now give me the money,

Hammer: (warning tone) Teacher!

Big Dollar: (Nervous) Where?

Miss P: Hello boys.

Big Dollar: Hello Miss Perkins.

Hammer: Hey Miss Perkins... I really like that dress you're wearing.

Miss P: Do you Hammer.

Hammer: Yes, it's pretty.

Miss P: Why thank you Hammer... I made it myself... I had some old curtains
that I was going to throw away and I suddenly thought... no, I won't
throw those old curtains away I'll turn them into a dress.

Hammer: You mean that dress was an old curtain.

Miss P: Yes Hammer... this dress was hanging up across my window last
week... stopping people peering in at me... and now it's doing the same

thing, only instead of hanging across a window... it's hanging across me.

Hammer: Cool.

Miss P: And the three new boys.

B & B & B: Hello Miss Perkins.

Miss P: Well I must say Hammer, and you Big Dollar... it's very nice of you to be friend these new boys.... I hope you appreciate that you three... Big Dollar and Hammer are good boys and I hope you'll follow their example.

B & B & B: (with no enthusiasm) Yes Miss Perkins.

Miss P: Well done Hammer and you too Big Dollar... it's so nice to see some of the older boys taking time to welcome the new boys to the school.

Big Dollar: It's our duty Miss Perkins.

Hammer: And our honour Miss Perkins.

Miss P: You three new boys I hope you appreciate the tune and effort these two scholars here are putting in to welcoming you to the school.

B & B & B: (Unenthusiastic) Yes Miss Perkins.

Miss P: Good, now I'd better continue my rounds of the playgrounds... there are some bad boys in the playground and I'm determined to find out who they are. Hammer, Big Dollar... if you see anyone trying to extort money from the smaller boys you will tell me won't you.

Big D & H: Yes Miss Perkins.

Miss P: Good boys. Well goodbye-

All: Goodbye Miss Perkins,

(Pause)

Big Dollar: Has she gone?

Hammer: Yes.

Big Dollar: Good. Now listen you three little maggots... if you breath a word about giving us money to anyone... you're in deep trouble... understand?

B & B & B: Yes Sir.

Big Dollar: Good. Come on Hammer... let's go for a smoke.

Hammer: Okay Boss.

Scene 2

Miss Ho: Hello boys... how's everything going?

B & B & B: Fine thank you Miss Ho.
Miss Ho: I saw you talking to Big Dollar and Hammer just now.
B & B & B: Yes Miss Ho,
Miss Ho: Um... what were you talking about?
B & B & B: Um.... nothing Miss Ho.
Miss Ho: Nothing? Come on boys, you must have been talking about SOMETHING.
B & B & B: Nothing Miss Ho.
Miss Ho: Is everything alright boys?... you look a bit...downcast... Big Dollar and Hammer weren't... in any way upsetting you were they?
B & B & B: Um....
Miss P: Hello Miss Ho... I wasn't aware that YOU were on playground duty as well as me.
Miss Ho: No, no I'm not, I was just walking across the playground to get to the drama lab and...
Miss P: Is anything the matter?
Miss Ho: No, no... it's just that I saw Billy, Bax and Bart talking to Big Dollar and Hammer and I...
Miss P: Yes, I was only saying how proud I was to see some of our older boys taking the opportunity to chat with and welcome these the new boys,
Miss Ho: Yes, yes indeed., if that's what they WERE doing.
Miss P: Oh yes I'm sure they WERE Miss Ho... Big Dollar and Hammer are very good and responsible young men... I have no doubt that they were trying to welcome and assist these three new comers... and now Miss Ho seeing as I'M on playground duty and YOU are not, perhaps you'd like to continue on your way to the drama lab and leave the management of the playground to me.
Miss Ho: Certainly Miss Perkins. Um... Billy, Bax, Bart... if you DO have any problems....
Miss P: Miss Ho why do you persist in seeing trouble were there was only kindness.
Miss Ho: I'm sorry Miss Perkins but I feel unable to place as much trust in Big Dollar and Hammer as you do.
Miss P: Perhaps that's because you don't teach them and I do Miss Ho.
Miss Ho: Possibly... good day Miss Perkins,
Miss P: Good day Miss Ho,

Scene 3

Ted: Hi guys.

B & B & B: Hello.

Ted: Hey guys, do you usually all speak at the same time?

B & B & B: Yes... no... um... sometimes we do and sometimes we don't.

Bax: Like now I'm speaking by myself but....

Billy: Now we're speaking all together,

Ted: How do you do that?

B & B & B: Easy... we're triplets... we were born at the same time and so we have the same mind.

Ted: The same mind?

B & B & B: Yes... if one of us is hurt the other ones will know.

Ted: How?

B & B & B: We just know... we can feel it.

Ted: Wow, that's cool... like you can all talk to each other from a distance even without mobile phones.

B & B & B: Yes.

Ted: So, um... how do you like your new school?

Bax: It's okay.

Bart: Not bad.

Billy: So so.

Ted: Wow, you don't sound very enthusiastic.

Bax: We like Miss Ho.

B & B & B: Yes we like Miss Ho,

Ted: So what DON'T you like about the school?

Bax: Something beginning with a B.

Bart: Second letter 'I'

Billy: Last letter 'G'

Ted: Big? What do you mean, 'BIG'?

Bax: Big Something,

Ted: Oh.... wait a minute... you don't mean Big Dollar do you?

B & B & B: Yes.

Bax: And his friend.

Ted: Hammer?

B & B & B: Yes.

Ted: Have they been asking you for money?

B & B & B: Um...

Ted: It's alright, you can tell me... I won't tell anybody.

B & B & B: Yes.
Ted: And you gave it to them?
B & B & B: Yes.
Bax: Hammer is a big guy... he's taller than my father.
Bart: And he's got big muscles.
Billy: And if you don't pay he'll beat you up.
Ted: Big Dollar sucks he really does... so does Hammer.... How much you pay?
B & B & B: A hundred dollars.
Ted: Each?!
Bax: No for three... he said it was a special offer.
Ted: Yeah it is... they usually charge fifty dollars each a week,
B & B & B: Do you pay?
Ted: I used to... but not any more... we've come to a kind of truce.
B & B & B: We didn't have to pay anybody in our last school.
Ted: Mmm, you were lucky.
Bart: What shall we do Ted?
Ted: Not much you can do Bax.
Bart: I'm not Bax, I'm Bart.
Ted: Right... sorry Bart.
Billy: Should we tell Miss Ho.
Ted: (Exhales noisily) You... could do but... if Big Dollar finds out you've squealed on him he'll go crazy... they HATE it when one of their 'clients' tells a teacher.
Bax: What will they do?
Ted: Don't ask... probably the toilet trick.
Billy: What's that?
Ted: You know when they tip you upside down and dip your head in a toilet.
B & B & B: (Disgusted) Ugh!
Ted: Yeah I know.
Bax: It's better to pay the money.
Ted: I dunno, that's up to you.
Billy: I don't want to have my head dipped in a stinky toilet.
Ted: No one does... that's why kids pay up out of their pocket money.
Bart: I wish we hadn't come to this school now.
Ted: Hey, don't say that Bax.
Bart: Bart.
Ted: I mean Bart... Hey, just think, if you hadn't come to this school... you

wouldn't have met me!

Scene 4

Alysha: Hello Li Bin.
Li Bin: (Depressed) How are you feeling?
Emily: Yes how are you feeling Li Bin?
Li Bin: Sad.
Alysha: Because Ricky has disappeared.
Li Bin: Yes... oh Alysha... Emily... I hope Ricky is alright.
Alysha: So do I.
Emily: Me too.
Li Bin: I wish he had told me he was going to run away.
Alysha: Why Li Bin... what difference would that have made?
Li Bin: I would have run away with him.
Emily: Li Bin... that wouldn't have helped anybody.
Alysha: Just think how frightened and worried your parents would have been.
Emily: Yes Li Bin... if you had run away with Ricky your mother and father would have been sick from worrying.
Li Bin: I keep waking up in the middle of the night and I wonder... where are you Ricky?... are you sleeping by the side of a road... are you in danger from snakes or robbers.
Alysha: I'm sure he's alright Li Bin.
Emily: Ricky can look after himself Li Bin.
Li Bin: I miss him so much,
Alysha: Poor Li Bin.
Li Bin: You know he took me to Bendyburgers once... he had a candle and he lit it... it was so romantic... eating our hamburgers by candlelight.
Emily: Hasn't he phoned you?
Li Bin: No, nothing.
Alysha: He probably doesn't want to get you into trouble.
Li Bin: If only the social worker hadn't told him he had to go back home.
Emily: But he HAD to say that... every child belongs with their mother and father Li Bin.
Li Bin: But Ricky's father used to hit him... he was terrified of his father.
Alysha: Couldn't Ricky have gone somewhere else?
Li Bin: Yes, a boys' home but he didn't want to go... he said there were boys there who would beat him worse than his father would.

Emily: So he ran away.
Li Bin: Yes... and now who knows where he is? He might have hidden on a ship and be thousands of miles away from Hong Kong and my heart.
Alysha: No Li Bin... Ricky will never be far away from your heart.
Emily: Ricky lives in your heart.
Alysha: And he will always live there.
Li Bin: Thanks you Alysha, thank you Emily... thank you for understanding me.
Emily: Oh look... here come those three new boys,
Alysha: The three B's,
Emily: Why do you call them THAT Alysha?
Alysha: Because their names all begin with B... Billy, Bart and Bax.
Emily: The three B's.
B & B & B: Hello.
Alysha: Hello.
Emily: Hello.
Li Bin: (Sighs) Hello.
B & B & B: What are you names?
Alysha: Alysha.
Emily: Emily.
Li Bin: (Sighs) Li Bin.
Alysha: Now let me see if I can get it right... um... you're Bart.
Bax: No I'm Bax.
Alysha: But you look so alike.... okay if you're Bart and you're Bax you MUST be Billy.
Billy: Yes.
B & B & B: Do you want to come and see a film with us?
Alysha: A film?
Emily: What film?
B & B & B: Any film you like... we don't care we like all films.
Emily: When?
B & B & B: Tonight.
Alysha: Tonight?
B & B & B: Why not?
Alysha: I don't know... what do you think Emily?
Emily: Um... maybe.
Alysha: Li Bin?
Li Bin: Go out with... another boy?

Alysha: Just for fan... it's not a date.
B & B & B: Yes it is.
Alysha: Oh. Oh it is a date.
B & B & B: Yes.
Li Bin: You see Alysha... these three boys are asking us three girls to go out on a date.
B & B & B: Yes we are.
Emily: Oh, nobody's ever asked me to go out on a date before.
Alysha: Nor me.
Emily: Why don't we try it.
Alysha: I'd have to ask my mother's permission.
Li Bin: You two go... I'm not going,
B & B & B: But we are three boys... there HAS to be three girls otherwise we can't go.
Alysha: You mean if Li Bin says no then no one will go.
B & B & B: Yes.
Bax: We go everywhere together you see.
Bart: If one goes, we all go
Billy; And if one stays... we all stay.
Alysha: But, um... who will go with whom? I mean... if we all go out together... who will we sit next to?
B & B & B: You can chose.
Alysha: (Laughing) You three B's are really funny.
Emily: Oh come on Li Bin... we can have some fun... it will help you're your mind off Ricky.
Bax: Ricky? Who's Ricky?
Aysha: A friend of Li Bin.
Bax: Friend? What kind of a friend?
Li Bin: A dear sweet kind friend whom I shall never forget,
B & B & B: A boyfriend?!
Alysha: But he isn't here... he's run away.
Li Bin: Alysha... don't tell them that.
Alysha: Look Li Bin... Ricky is a nice boy but he's not here... so why not go out with the three B's and Emily and me and have some fun?
Li Bin: Just now when I was talking to you Alysha... I thought you and Emily were so understanding... I thought you could look straight into my heart and see what was there... Now suddenly everything has changed... the three B's come along and all your understanding flies out of the

Anita: (Giggles) They make me laugh.
Ins: They go everywhere together,
Anita: I can hardly tell them apart.
B & B & B: Hello.
A & I: Hello.
Daisy: What do you want?
B & B & B: Would you like to come to see a film with us?
Daisy: What?!
Anita: Oh Daisy... they're asking us out on a date!
Daisy: What a cheek!
Anita: Can we go Daisy?
Daisy: With those little boys?
Anita: They're cute.
B & B & B: Thank you.
Anita: (Giggling) They make me laugh.
Iris: They are kind of funny.
Daisy: Listen you three... if we DO go out with you tonight... who's going to pay for the tickets?
B & B & B: We will.
Anita: You see Daisy... they'll pay,
Daisy: And who will pay for our dinner?
B & B & B: We will.
Anita: You see Daisy they said they'll pay for everything.
Daisy: Wait a minute Anita... And who'll pay for the karaoke after the film and after dinner?
B & B & B: We will.
Billy: (Surprised) Will we?!
Bart: We've got to.
Bax: These girls aren't cheap.
Daisy: You're right there little brother.
Anita: You see! You see Daisy!
Iris: Why don't we go Daisy... it will be a bit of fun.
Daisy: Well, if these little suckers are paying... then... I don't see why not.
Okay... I wanna see 'Dangerous Living' it's on at the Golden Palace Cinema and afterwards I wanna go to The Shark's Fin Paradise Restaurant in Tsim Sha Tsui East and then I wanna go to the Diamond Hall Karaoke Parlour, Okay with you guys?
Billy: Bax, Bart... can we afford that?!

Bax: Billy... these girls are classy.
Bart: They like nice places.
Daisy: And if we don't get what we want... we don't go, is that clear.
B & B & B: Yes Daisy.
Daisy: No fast food outlets for us.
B & B & B: No Daisy.
Daisy: We like good food in our stomachs don't we girls.
A & I: Yes Daisy.
Daisy: And we like high class Karaoke lounges don't we girls.
A & I: Yes Daisy.
Daisy: Okay boys... meet us tonight at seven o'clock in front of the Hang Seng Bank at Tsim Sha Tsui.
B & B & B: Okay. Thank you girls.

Scene 6

Billy: Hey Bax, Bart... are you both crazy?! How are we going to pay for cinema tickets and expensive restaurant bills and karaoke lounges... we haven't got enough money.
Bax: We'll manage.
Bart: Something will turn up.
Billy: We've already given away a hundred dollars to-day to Big Dollar and Hammer and now you get us into this expensive date.
Bax: Cool it Billy.
Bart: Stop worrying brother.
Billy: Those other three girls were better... not so greedy.
Bax: Yeah, and not so pretty.
Billy: They were okay.
Bax: Yeah, okay... but not very okay.
Billy: I liked that Li Bin one.
Bart: She was moody.
Bax: Yeah, she kept going on about that other guy as well.
Ban: AND she had pig tails.
Bax: Yeah, that was kind of embarrassing.
Billy: What's wrong with pig tails, she looked cute.
Bax: Old fashioned.
Bart: That Daisy's hot.
Bax: Yeah, nice legs.

Billy: Hmmm... maybe... but she's money minded.
Bax: That's because she's cute.
Billy: I thought she was hard.
Bax: Good, so you don't like her... so she's my date then.
Bart: Hey Bax... I saw her first.
Billy: You're crazy... both of you... you know you can't afford to take them out... what you gonna do when the bill arrives and you can't pay?
Bax: We'll think of something.

Scene 7

Anita: So I finally get a date. Great.
Iris: They look so young though.
Daisy: Who cares, as long as they can pay.
Iris: Hey Daisy... what are you gonna say to Big Dollar.
Daisy: Nothing stupid... you think I'm gonna tell him? No way.
Anita: And how about Hammer Iris.
Iris: Are you crazy? I'm not gonna tell Hammer! He'd go beserk. I'm gonna keep it a secret.
Anita: Hey Daisy... which one are you gonna have?
Daisy: The serious one.
Anita: Billy?
Daisy: Yeah, he needs cheering up.
Iris: Reckon you can cheer him up Daisy?
Daisy: Sure, I can put a smile on ANY boy's face if I want to.
Anita: I'm having Bax.
Iris: No you're not Anita... I am.
Anita; No Iris... he's mine.
Iris: Mine!
Anita: Mine, mine, mine!!!
Daisy: Shut up arguing and toss a coin,
Anita: Okay... heads his mine... tails he's yours.

(SFX: Spinning coin)

Anita: Heads.
Iris: You cheated.
Anita: I didn't.

Iris: Do it again.
Anita: No!
Iris: Daisy, Anita cheated.
Daisy: You've had Hammer, Anita's had no one. Shut up moaning Iris... give her first pick.
Iris: Not fair.

Scene 8

Ted: Hi guys, where you off to?
Bax: Hot date.
Bart: Real hot.
Billy: And real expensive.
Ted: Wow, who with?
Billy: Three girls.
Ted: One each.
Billy: I don't want to go.
Ted: Why not?
Billy: I don't like them.
Bax: Come on Billy, stop being a drag.
Billy: I'm not. I don't like them that's all, I like the other three.
Ted: What other three?
Bax: These three dogs.
Billy: They're not dogs.
Ted: Hey Billy... if you don't want to go... I'll go in your place.
Billy: Okay.
Bax: But Billy, you can't, you gotta come,
Billy: Ted can go in my place.
Ted: Thanks Billy,, 1 could do with a date.., I haven't had a date in months.

Scene 9

Anita: A hot date with three little brothers.
Iris: This is fun.
Daisy: It better be.
Anita: There they are!
Iris: Hi! Hello little brothers!
B & B: Hello girls.

Ted: Oh no.
Bax: What? What's wrong Ted?
Ted: I don't believe it?
Bart: Don't believe what?
Ted: You've... you've got a date with Daisy Chiu!
Bax: Yeah... cool isn't she.
Ted: I'm getting out of here.
Bart: Why?
Ted: Bye guys.
Daisy: Hey you, Ted... where do you think you're going?
Ted: Oh, hello Daisy... how nice to see you.
Daisy: Where's the other one?
Bax: Um, Billy couldn't come, so Ted's come in his place.
Daisy: What?! You mean Billy's stood me up?! No boy ever stands me up.
Anita: Never mind Daisy... you can have Ted instead.
Daisy: Ted? Ted is trash.
Ted: Thank you Daisy... it's sweet of you to say so.
Daisy: Go and get Billy.
Ted: I'll go and get him.
Iris: It's okay Daisy... I'll have Ted and you can have one of the other two.
Daisy: Hm! I'm hungry. Let's eat.
B & B: Certainly Daisy.

Scene 10

Ted: (Whispering to Bax) Do you know how expensive this place is?
Daisy: Hey Ted... stop whispering.
Ted: I wasn't whispering Daisy,.. I was only saying how nice you are looking tonight.
Daisy: Waiter! Shark's fin soup.
Waiter: A big bowl or a small bowl Miss.
Daisy: A big one... the biggest you've got.
Ted: (Whispering) Oh no! Bax... have you any idea how much this is going to cost?!

Daisy: Ted! Stop whispering.
Ted: I was only saying what a nice dress you're wearing tonight Daisy,
Daisy: Waiter! I want some abalone.
Waiter: Large or small Miss?

Daisy: Large.
Ted: Ouch!
Daisy: What's wrong Ted? Something the matter?
Ted: No Daisy... nothing... it's just that I'm wearing new shoes and they hurt.
Oh no!
Daisy: What now?
Ted: (Terrified) There's... there's... Big Dollar... and and Hammer.
Daisy: What?! Where?!
Anita: Over there Daisy!
Iris: Oh no! What if they see us?!
Daisy: Quick! You three! Under the table.
B & B & T: What?!
Daisy: I said... under the table... NOW... and if you don't get under the table
now I'm going to pour this pot of hot shark's fin soup all over your
silly heads. Now go!
B & B & T: Okay Daisy., we're going... we're going.

The End