

# ***The Unforgettable Bank Robbery***

**A radio drama**

## Cast

### Main Characters

- Dr Fang
- Alex
- Ash
- Mr Chan
- Gold Delivery Worker

### Supporting Characters

- Speaker
- Announcer
- Soldier 1
- Soldier 2

### Character Descriptions

- **Dr Fang** – *an evil, mean, rude and selfish scientist who plans to steal gold and use it to buy a rocket*
- **Alex** – *Dr Fang’s assistant. They speak slowly, is naïve, kind and forgetful*
- **Ash** – *A security guard at the bank. They are polite and take care of the bank vault.*
- **Mr Chan** – *The bank manager. Nervous, hard working and worried about the gold*
- **Gold Delivery Worker** – *a tired and hard-working person carrying lots of gold*
- **Speaker** – *makes announcements inside the bank. Polite and professional.*
- **Announcer** – *Loud, energetic and excited about crocodiles*
- **Soldier 1** – *loud, shouting and serious*
- **Soldier 2** – *loud, shouting and serious*

### Sound effects

- *Thunder and the crackle of electricity*
- *Beeps as codes are typed into a machine*
- *Customers talking*
- *The vault door creaking open and closed*
- *Teleportation device activating and whirring*
- *Teleportation device door closing*
- *Monkey noises*
- *Insects buzzing*
- *Mosquito buzzing and being swatted*
- *A tiger roaring*
- *Icy winds*
- *A wolf howling*
- *A crocodile snapping*
- *People clapping*
- *Gun fire*
- *Bombs and explosion*

## Scene 1

**Sound effect:** *The sound of thunder and the crackle of electricity*

**Dr Fang:** *(laughing in an evil way)* Ha ha ha! My work is done. The greatest invention the world has ever seen. Finished at last!

**Alex:** Congratulations, Dr Fang. You are a genius. *(confused)* What is it? Sorry, I forgot.

**Dr Fang:** Alex, you are the most forgetful assistant I have ever had. It is a teleportation machine!

**Alex:** Wow! A telephone. My mum has one of those at home.

**Dr Fang:** No, Alex! A *teleportation* machine. You step inside it and it will send you anywhere you want to go in the world – instantly! *(laughing)*

**Sound effect:** *thunder rumbles*

**Alex:** Can I phone my mum on it?

**Dr Fang:** *(impatiently)* No! For the final time: it is *not* a telephone. It is a *teleportation* machine. It takes you where you want to go. You step inside it. If you want to go to the beach it will send you there instantly. If you want to go to Stanley Market, it will send you there in 0.3 seconds.

**Alex:** Can I go and see my mum?

**Dr Fang:** No! It is for me, not you.

**Alex:** But you said –

**Dr Fang:** - Alex, please! You are spoiling my moment. Yes, you could visit your mum in England if you wanted but you are not allowed to use it.

**Alex:** But why –

**Dr Fang:** Because it is not easy to use. You forget the simplest things, Alex. I have been working on this machine every day for the last year. I ask you to bring me coffee and you bring me tea. I ask for an egg sandwich and you bring me a chicken. Where is the cha siu bao I asked for?

**Alex:** Cha siu bao – oh it's -

**Dr Fang:** - What is that behind your back?

**Alex:** Nothing it's -

**Dr Fang:** - Show me! Show me now! *(pause)* That is not a cha siu bao, it is an enormous chocolate bar!

**Alex:** Sorry, I forgot –

**Dr Fang:** Exactly, you forgot! Again! I don't want *chocolate* for breakfast. If I cannot trust you to bring me breakfast then how can I trust you to use the greatest invention ever created? Answer me that!

**Alex:** I don't know, Dr Fang. I'm sorry. I just really want to see my mum. You said you would only need me to work for a week and it's been a year!

**Dr Fang:** Silence! I am tired of your complaining. You will have everything you want soon.

**Alex:** Really? Why?

**Dr Fang:** Have you forgotten again? Today the Bank of Hong Kong will receive its big gold delivery. I am going to teleport into the bank steal it and teleport out again. And you Alex -

**Alex:** - Yes?

**Dr Fang:** You are going to help me!

**Alex:** You want me to telephone the bank?

**Dr Fang:** No! Sit down and listen carefully. You cannot forget this!

## Scene 2

*Inside a bank.*

**Sound effect:** *Customers are talking to bank tellers.*

**Speaker:** Would the next customer please go to desk number 4. If you would like to borrow up to 100,000 Hong Kong dollars today, please visit our website at [www.hongkongbank.com.hk](http://www.hongkongbank.com.hk). Would the next customer please go to desk number 5.

**Ash:** Good morning, Mr Chan.

**Mr Chan:** Good morning, Ash!

**Ash:** Is that a new tie, sir? It looks very nice!

**Mr Chan:** Thank you. A birthday gift from my wife.

**Ash:** It's your birthday today, sir?

**Mr Chan:** It is.

**Ash:** Happy birthday, sir! What a shame you need to come to work today.

**Mr Chan:** Yes, unfortunately being a bank manager means boring birthdays. But as you know Ash, we have an important delivery of gold today.

**Ash:** Yes sir, I know. For the World Food Program. I came in early today to prepare. It's so wonderful that we are giving so much to those people who need it. I have all the keys and promise I will be on guard by the vault.

**Mr Chan:** Thank you, Ash. You have a good memory.

**Ash:** How much is it worth, Mr Chan?

**Mr Chan:** Well, I shouldn't really say but (*whispering*) it is worth at least 100 million dollars.

**Ash:** Wow! Goodness me.

**Mr Chan:** Yes. Luckily this is the safest bank in Hong Kong. Nobody can get into our vault. Especially with you here.

**Ash:** Yes Sir.

**Mr Chan:** Ah, here comes the delivery now. Please open the vault, Ash.

**Ash:** Yes sir!

**Gold Delivery Worker:** (*breathing heavily*) Where do you want all this gold, Sir? It's heavy!

**Mr Chan:** In the vault, please! Ash will keep an eye on it all.

**Sound effect:** *Beeps as Ash types in the code for the vault door. The vault door creaking open. The workers breathing and carrying the heavy gold and putting it inside.*

**Gold Delivery Worker:** 70 million (*breathes heavily*) 80 million (*breathes heavily*) 90 million (*breathes heavily*) 100 million! Done.

**Ash:** I'll close the door.

**Sound effect:** *Beeps as Ash types in the code for the vault door. The vault door creaking closed.*

**Mr Chan:** All ok?

**Ash:** Yes Sir, 100 million. All in the vault.

**Mr Chan:** That money is going to help buy food for a lot of children. You know, this is a happy birthday after all!

**Gold Delivery Worker:** Oh no. I'm sorry. I left my hat inside. Could you open the door again. I am so sorry!

**Mr Chan:** Go ahead, Ash.

**Sound effect:** *Beeps as Ash types in the code for the vault door. The vault door creaking open.*

**Ash:** Oh my goodness!

**Mr Chan:** What on Earth?

**Gold Delivery Worker:** I can't believe my eyes!

**Ash:** The gold. It's all gone!

**Mr Chan:** This is the worst birthday of my life!

### Scene 3

**Sound effect:** *Teleportation device whirring*

**Dr Fang:** *(singing happily)* I did it. I did it! Yes, Alex. Look at all this gold! 100 million dollars.

**Alex:** That's a lot of gold!

**Dr Fang:** It's all mine, yes!

**Alex:** Where is it from?

**Dr Fang:** I knew the bank was getting a delivery today. I typed in the coordinates on this panel here.

**Sound effects:** *beeping sounds*

**Dr Fang:** You pressed 'teleport' and I appeared in the bank vault.

**Alex:** I did a good job?

**Dr Fang:** Yes, Alex. For once you did a good job. You remembered to press the button and bring me back here with all the gold. Here, this is for you.

**Alex:** \$20?

**Dr Fang:** Yes. You deserve it!

**Alex:** Why did the bank have so much gold?

**Dr Fang:** I read on the internet that the Hong Kong Bank was receiving all the gold today. It was to help pay for food for children. Now it will pay for my new house, speedboat and private jet!

**Alex:** What about the children?

**Dr Fang:** Oh forget about the children. You will forget too. You forget everything.

**Alex:** I remember I want to go and see my mother in England.

**Dr Fang:** Well, now you can! You have money!

**Alex:** \$20?

**Dr Fang:** Yes! Keep saving and you might have enough to buy a ticket home soon!

**Alex:** But, that will take years. My mum is old. I want to see her now.

**Dr Fang:** Keep working hard for me Alex. Keep all this a secret and I promise you another \$20 next month!

**Alex:** That's not fair.

**Dr Fang:** Life is not fair, Alex. *I invented this.*

**Alex:** This isn't right.

**Dr Fang:** It isn't right that you are so stupid and forgetful, Alex.

**Alex:** I want to see my mum!

**Dr Fang:** Oh be quiet and eat your chocolate.

**Alex:** I want to see my mum!

**Dr Fang:** Alex, what are you doing?

**Alex:** I want to see my mum!

**Dr Fang:** Alex, get off of me. Let me go! (*struggling with Alex*) Let me go! What are you doing? No. Get me out of the teleportation machine. Let me out.

**Sound effect:** *door closing, and Dr Fang banging on the door.*

**Alex:** Let's push some buttons

**Dr Fang:** Alex, Alex! No. Do not push those buttons!

**Sound effect:** *beeps as buttons are pushed and the machine makes lots of whirring noises.*

#### Scene 4

**Sound effects:** *a jungle – a monkey howls, insects buzz.*

**Dr Fang:** *(confused)* Where am I?

**Sound effect:** *monkey noises*

**Dr Fang:** It's so hot

**Sound effect:** *swatting a mosquito*

**Dr Fang:** Mosquitoes! Green trees. Monkeys. Humid weather. The jungle!

**Sound effect:** *a tiger roars*

**Dr Fang:** Oh no! Alex! If you can hear me, get me out of here!

**Sound effect:** *buttons are pushed and the machine makes lots of whirring noises.*

**Dr Fang:** *(worried, shouting)* Where are you sending me?!

**Sound effect:** *icy winds blowing,*

**Dr Fang:** It's so c-c-c-c-cold! And dark! Alex?

**Sound effect:** *a wolf howls*

**Dr Fang:** I have to stop him. Alex is going to kill me. Alex? Alex? Can you hear me.

**Alex:** *(his voice through the telephone in the teleportation device)* Yes, Dr Fang?

**Dr Fang:** Take me back right now. This isn't fair.

**Alex:** I wonder what this button does?

**Sound effect:** *buttons are pushed and the machine makes lots of whirring noises.*

**Dr Fang:** Alex!

**Announcer:** Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to Australia's greatest crocodile show!

**Sound effect:** *clapping*

**Announcer:** Today we are going to feed these big beasts but – what's that?



**Sound effect:** *the machine makes lots of whirring noises.*

**Dr Fang:** Where am I? Oh my word. Who are all these people? Alex?

**Announcer:** Wow. It appears we have a guest in the crocodile farm today. Sir! You need to get out of there now.

**Sound effect:** *crocodile roar and snapping*

**Dr Fang:** Oh my, so big! Be a good crocodile, be a good crocodile. Alex?

**Alex:** *(through the telephone)* Dr Fang?

**Dr Fang:** *(nervous, pleading)* Let's forget about all this, shall we?

**Alex:** Forget? You said I am so good at forgetting.

**Dr Fang:** Yes. I did. I said a lot of mean things and I am sorry.

**Announcer:** Sir! You need to get out of the crocodile pen immediately!

**Alex:** Let me see my mum.

**Dr Fang:** Ok! Ok! I promise!

**Alex:** Give back the gold too. You could use this invention for good. Not stealing.

**Dr Fang:** Give back the gold? But... but

**Alex:** Let's see what this button does.

**Sound effect:** *buttons are pushed and the machine makes lots of whirring noises.*

**Dr Fang:** Alex wait!

**Sound effects:** *guns firing, bombs exploding, a war zone.*

**Soldier 1:** Charlie Bravo, this is Tango Oscar. Do you receive me, over?

**Soldier 2:** Receive you loud and clear.

**Soldier 1:** I want you to fire the rockets at these coordinates right now.

**Dr Fang:** Rockets! Wait. No! I'm here.

**Soldier 2:** Roger that. Firing in ten seconds. Ten, nine, eight -

**Dr Fang:** Wait, I'm here!

**Soldier 1:** Charlie Bravo, there is a civilian at the target site. I repeat there is a civilian at the target site! (*calling to Dr Fang*) Sir, what are you doing?! It is going to explode - get out of there.

**Dr Fang:** Ok Alex! I'll do it. I'll give all the money back. I'll send you to see your mother.

**Soldier 2:** four, three,

**Alex:** Do you promise?

**Dr Fang:** Yes, I promise! I won't forget!

**Soldier:** Two, one, fire!

**Sound effect:** *beeps and the teleportation device noises.*

### Scene 5

**Speaker:** Would the next customer please go to desk number 22. If you would like to borrow up to 100,000 Hong Kong dollars today please visit our website at [www.hongkongbank.com.hk](http://www.hongkongbank.com.hk). Would the next customer please go to desk number 6.

**Ash:** I am so sorry Mr Chan. I don't know where the gold could have gone.

**Mr Chan:** This is the worst birthday ever. All those children will never get the money or food.

**Ash:** I don't know how this happened.

**Dr Fang:** (*shouting behind the vault door and hitting the door*) Help! Help!

**Mr Chan:** What was that noise?

**Ash:** It sounds like it is coming from inside the bank vault. How is that possible? Stand back, Sir. I am going to open it up.

**Sound effects:** *beeps and the vault door creaks open.*

**Dr Fang:** Oh gentlemen, thank you. Thank you. I thought I was going to die in there with no air.

**Mr Chan:** Who are you? How did you get in here?

**Dr Fang:** Here is your gold. Look!

**Ash:** Yes sir, look! All the gold is back.

**Dr Fang:** There was a misunderstanding. I am very sorry.

**Mr Chan:** I think you have some explaining to do.

**Dr Fang:** I made a terrible mistake. I know someone who can explain everything. Wait a moment. (*calling*) Alex?

**Sound effect:** *beeping sound and the whirring of the machine.*

**Ash:** Good gracious! Where did he go?

**Mr Chan:** I must be dreaming. But the gold is all back here. My birthday wish has come true.

**Sound effect:** *beeping and teleportation device sounds*

**Dr Fang:** I am back!

**Ash:** My goodness! How did you do that?

**Mr Chan:** Who are you?

**Alex:** Hello Mr Bank Manager, my name is Alex and this is Dr Fang. He has an invention he would like to share with you. Perhaps we can use it to share food all around the world.

**Dr Fang:** Yes, Alex! What a great idea.

**Mr Chan:** I don't understand.

**Ash:** Neither do I.

**Alex:** You will soon. I have remembered how to use the machine. But first, let me share some of my food. Would anybody like some of my chocolate?

**The End**