



Game, Set and Match

Characters: Alysha, Li Bin, Ravi, Billy, Ricky

Synopsis: Ricky returns to find Li Bin involved with both Billy and Ravi. Li Bin goes to a tennis match with Ravi and is late for a date with Ricky. Ricky takes Li Bin to Bendyburgers and, as in the old days he lights a candle as they eat their burgers. But then Ravi appears, he has followed Li Bin. Ravi challenges Ricky to a game of tennis and in the final scene he thrashes him.

Scene 1

(Alysha is annoyed with Li Bin. She is being very critical of her)

Alysha: (Annoyed) Li Bin!... You're dating my brother aren't you... you're dating Ravi!

Li Bin: No...I'm not DATING him Alysha... he's teaching me how to play tennis, that's all.

Alysha: (Suspicious) Huh! Really? Is that all?

Li Bin: Yes.

Alysha: Are you sure?

Li Bin: Yes!

Alysha: I know what my brother's like... he's a big flirt!

Li Bin: You're wrong Alysha.

Alysha: And what about Billy?

Li Bin: What about him?

Alysha: You're always talking to him.... whenever there's a break or at lunch time, you're with Billy! I might just as well not exist!

Li Bin: I don't talk to Billy... Billy talks to ME!

Alysha: Nonsense. You both talk to each other... I've seen you.

Li Bin: Anyway, what's wrong with talking to Billy Alysha... Billy's interesting.

Alysha: What about Ricky? I thought you loved Ricky? Have you forgotten

him?

Li Bin: No Alysha! Of course I haven't...

Alysha: Are you sure? Dating Ravi and chat chat chatting with Billy all the time... it seems like Ricky is a thing of the past!

Li Bin: Please Alysha, don't say that... when Ricky ran away... he ran away with my heart!

Alysha: So... how many hearts have you got Li Bin?... Three?

Li Bin: Three? What do you mean by that Alysha?

Alysha: One heart for Ravi... one heart for Billy... and one heart for... Ricky?

Li Bin: Alysha... don't say that... it hurts... Ricky is my number one... and always will be.

(SFX: Romantic Indian sitar music)

Fades into (SFX: Sound of tennis balls being hit back and forth)

Li Bin: Oh no Ravi... I'm useless at tennis! Completely useless!

Ravi: Nonsense Li Bin... you're marvellous. Okay... let's try again... This time... YOU try serving.

Li Bin: Me?!

Ravi: Don't be nervous... just throw the ball up into the air... keep your eye on it... and then before it starts to fall... hit it as hard as you can.

Li Bin: Okay... I'll try.

(SFX: A mighty thwack of the tennis racquet as it hits the ball in a blistering ace)

Ravi: My God! I don't believe it... an ace! ... the ball went past me like a bullet.

Li Bin: (laughing) Was that okay?

Ravi: Okay?...it was unbelievable! You know what I'm going to do Li Bin? I'm going to treat you to dinner in the club.

Li Bin: But Ravi... I've got to home and do my homework.

Ravi: No, I insist.... and you can order whatever you like! You're a star Li Bin... a rising star.... soon your name will be on everyone's lips... Li Bin.... Number One Seed... Number One Girl.

Li Bin: Oh Ravi.

(SFX: Indian sitar music fading into romantic classical Chinese music)

Billy: Li Bin, are you okay?
Li Bin: (Coming out of a dream) What.... um sorry Billy... I was miles away.
Billy: Day dreaming?
Li Bin: Yes.
Billy: What were you day dreaming about Li Bin?
Li Bin: (Sighs) My life... the people in it.
Billy: I day dream too.
Li Bin: Do you Billy.... what about?
Billy: You.
Li Bin: Me?
Billy: In class just now I closed my eyes and suddenly you were there...
dressed in pale blue silk... with white flowers in your hair... like a Ming
dynasty princess.
Li Bin: A princess?
Billy: You were sitting under a tree, your face lit up by the sun... you were
reading a book of poetry.
Li Bin: (Sighs) Oh Billy.

(SFX: Romantic classical Chinese music fades into romantic Indian sitar music)

Ravi: Here Li Bin... let me show you how to hold the tennis racquet... I'll just
stand behind you and... (inhaling) Mmm... Li Bin... your hair smells so
fresh.
Li Bin: Thank you Ravi.
Ravi: And your neck... it smells like a field of delicate scented flowers.
Li Bin: (Trembly voice) Really?
Ravi: You're shaking Li Bin.... Why are you shaking?
Li Bin: Oh Ravi.

(SFX: Brief slow evocative sitar music fades into some romantic Chinese music)

Billy: Li Bin.... you are my inspiration.
Li Bin: Am I Billy?
Billy: And I know you are sad Li Bin... I know you are searching.
Li Bin: What am I searching for Billy?
Billy: For your soul mate Li Bin... someone to share your life with... share
your dreams with...

Li Bin: (Dreamy) Share my dreams with.
Billy: Someone to share your soul with.
Li Bin: Oh Billy.

(SFX: Romantic Chinese music)

Ricky: (No echo effect. Ricky is hiding behind a dust bin. He is trying to catch Li Bin's attention. But Li Bin is day dreaming.) Pssst... pssst.... (Loud whisper) Li Bin.... hey, Li Bin... over here.... behind the dustbin.

(Echo effect)

Ravi: Let me place my burning lips on your smooth white skin.
Li Bin: Oh Ravi.
Billy: Let our souls dance together in eternity
Li Bin: Oh Billy.
Ravi: Look deep into my eyes... that's it... yes... yes... let me enfold you in my arms and love and protect you forever.
Li Bin: Yes Ravi... yes.
Billy: My Princess... say goodbye to sadness... together we shall fly like geese to another land... together we shall find love and joy.
Li Bin: Yes Billy... yes.

(End of echo effect)

Ricky: (No echo effect) Pssst.... Li Bin... Li Bin.... over here... behind the dustbins.
Li Bin: (Waking up from her day dream) Uh? Who was that?
Ricky: (Loud whisper) Over here! I'm over here!! By the dustbins.
Li Bin: Uh? I must be dreaming... I, I thought I heard...
Ricky: It's me... Ricky.
Li Bin: No, no it can't be, it can't possibly be..
Ricky: (To himself) What's the matter with her! Li Bin! Li Bin!
Li Bin: Uh! I don't think I am dreaming... that WAS Ricky... and his voice was coming from.....
Ricky: Here! Here! Behind the rubbish bin!
Li Bin: Behind the rubbish bin. (Gasps) It's You Ricky! You've come back!
Ricky: Shhhh.... not so loud! Someone will hear you!

Li Bin: Ricky... oh Ricky...I've missed you so much!
Ricky: Have you Li Bin?
Li Bin: Oh yes Ricky, yes... I've thought about you every day, every hour,
every second you've been away!
Ricky: That's nice. Me too.
Li Bin: What's that?... that horrible smell?
Ricky: It's the rubbish... I hid here so no one would find me here... it's too
smelly.
Li Bin: Where have you been?
Ricky: I can't speak now. ... (gasps) Somebody's coming!
Li Bin: Ricky! Where are you going?
Ricky: I'll be back soon.
Li Bin: No! Don't go! Ricky! Come back! Please. Come back!

(Echo effect)

Ravi: Li Bin.
Billy: Li Bin.
Ravi: Come to me.
Billy: Come to me.
Ravi: Forget Ricky.
Billy: Forget him.
Li Bin: (No echo) Stop! Stop! These voices in my head are driving me mad!
I'm so confused... I wish... I wish I could cut my heart up into three
pieces and give one piece to Ravi... one piece to Billy and one piece to
Ricky... Only one piece to Ricky?!... what am I saying?.... Oh dear...
I'm so confused... so very confused!

Scene 2

(SFX: Phone rings)

Li Bin: Wai?
Ravi: Li Bin! Is that you?
Li Bin: Yes... hello Ravi.
Ravi: Can you play tennis after school to-day?
Li Bin: Um... I don't know Ravi... I should really go home and do my
homework.

Ravi: You can do it later... and you'll feel much more refreshed after a game of tennis.

Li Bin: Um.... (Echo effect. The following shows what Li Bin is thinking) What shall I say? Ricky is back and maybe he'll try to see me again after school... I should say no to Ravi.... but when I hear his voice.... I feel so helpless... and I know... in my heart... I really want to be with him)

Ravi: (Laughing) Li Bin? Li Bin... are you still there?

Li Bin: Okay Ravi... okay... tennis after school to-day.

Ravi: Great. See you then..

Scene 3

Billy: Hi Li Bin.

Li Bin: Hello Billy.

Billy: Have you had your lunch yet?

Li Bin: No, no I haven't.

Billy: Let's eat together.

Li Bin: Um... (Echo effect to show what's happening in Li Bin's mind) I should say no... Ricky is back and he may want to make contact with me... but... but I really DO want to have lunch with Billy... he's so interesting.

Billy: (no echo) What's wrong Li Bin?

Li Bin: Sorry... nothing... I'm fine, I'm fine.

Billy: Let's go and have lunch together and talk together and fall into the same dream together.

Li Bin: Okay Billy... let's go.

Alysha: Li Bin! Where are you going? I thought you said we were going to have lunch together.

Li Bin: Um, did I?

Alysha: Yes you did.

Li Bin: Um, sorry Alysha... I must have forgotten... I'm having lunch with Billy.

Alysha: (Uptight) Very well... I shall just have to eat my curry all on my own! huh!

Billy: Come on Li Bin... let's go and sit under that tree over there.

Scene 4

Ricky: Pstt... Psttt.
Li Bin: Who's that?!
Ricky: (Whisper) It's me.... Ricky.
Li Bin: Ricky!
Ricky: Okay, quick... let's get out of here before any of the teachers see me...
Li Bin: Go where Ricky?
Ricky: Bendyburgers.
Li Bin: Bendyburgers... I'd love to... but... can we go later... I've... I've got a tennis match... but I could meet you later?... in a couple of hours?
Ricky: (Hurt) Don't you want to see me Li Bin?
Li Bin: Yes, yes of course I do Ricky.
Ricky: I haven't seen you for so long.
Li Bin: I know, I know... Look, I won't be long.
Ricky: Do you want me to go away again?
Li Bin: No... oh Ricky of course not!
Ricky: But... but... oh never mind. I'll see you later... maybe.
Li Bin: Maybe? Only maybe?
Ricky: I have to be careful... if they find me... they'll take me to a home.
Li Bin: Where have you been hiding Ricky? I've been so worried!
Ricky: I'll tell you later.
Li Bin: Okay... Oh, look at the time... I'll be late... See you later Ricky.
Ricky: Okay, okay. Good bye. (Pause) (Echo effect to show what Ricky is thinking) What's happened... Doesn't she... care about me anymore... all these months I've been dreaming of her and I come back and what does she do?... she hurries off to play tennis... Who with? Who is she playing tennis with?... I'll follow her... see where she goes... see who she plays with.

Interval

Scene 5

(SFX: Game of tennis)

Ricky: (Hiding behind a tree and observing what is going on) Look who Li Bin's playing tennis with! A man! An Indian man! Who is he?! Wa! And he's so tall. Good looking guy. Huh! Who is he? Why is Li Bin

playing with HIM?!

(SFX: More tennis sounds)

Ravi: Fifteen... love... ! Well done Li Bin, that was a great shot.!

Li Bin: Thanks Ravi.

Ravi: I'll have to be careful... you learn so fast... soon you'll be a better tennis player than me!

Li Bin: No Ravi... I don't think so... I'm average... you're brilliant!

Ravi: You know Li Bin your body is like a magnet... wherever I hit the ball your body seems to follow it and your arm swings and there's the ball, flying back at me like a bullet.

Li Bin: (Laughing) Oh Ravi... you make me sound like a professional.

Ravi: You are Li Bin... you're my number one seed.

Li Bin: YOUR number one seed Ravi... but compared to everyone else I'm nothing... nothing at all.

Ravi: Not true... Soon you will be better than Monica Selesh, you'll see.

Li Bin: (laughing) I don't think so Ravi.

Ravi: Now where were we? What's the score?

Li Bin: Fifteen, love.

Ravi: Say that last word again Li Bin.

Li Bin: (laughing) Love.

Ricky: (Observing them) Huh! He's flirting with her! He's flirting with my Li Bin! And SHE's flirting back!

Ravi: Say it again three times.

Li Bin: (laughing) Love, love, LOVE.

Ravi: Oh that word!... that word on your lips drives me insane!

Li Bin: (laughing) It's only the score Ravi... nothing else...

Ravi: Really... so you're fifteen... and I'm love.

Li Bin: I'm not fifteen... I'm sixteen.

Ravi: So... sixteen and in love.

Li Bin: (Laughing) I didn't say that. Now stop messing around Ravi and let's get on with the game.

(SFX: Tennis sounds)

Ricky: On no... what's happened... is that Li Bin's boy friend?... he must be rich to play tennis in an expensive club like this. Oh Li Bin.... have you

forgotten me... have you forgotten your Ricky?
Li Bin: Oh no!
Ravi: What?
Li Bin: Look at the time!
Ravi: It's only six o'clock... we've got plenty of time... I booked the court until seven.
Li Bin: But... I've got to meet someone.
Ricky: (To himself) Me... yes me... she's got to meet me!
Ravi: Who have you got to meet Li Bin?
Li Bin: Um... someone.
Ravi: Just someone? That sounds mysterious. Who is this someone?
Li Bin: Just someone I knew a long time ago.
Ricky: (To himself) Is that how she describes me?... some one she knew a long time ago?
Ravi: Phone her up and tell her you'll be late
Li Bin: Can't. They don't have a mobile phone.
Ravi: Don't go Li Bin... you look so... ravishing in your tennis outfit.
Li Bin: Sorry Ravi... I have to go... I really have to go.
Ravi: But we haven't finished the match... let's finish the match, then you can go.
Ricky: (To himself) Say no Li Bin.... please... please... say no.
Li Bin: Um... okay... but we'd better be quick... I really don't want to be late.
Ravi: Okay... I'll play like greased lightning.

(SFX: Tennis sounds)

Ricky: Li Bin... Li Bin... you put a game of tennis before me... ayyia... what has happened...what has happened while I've been away?!

Scene 6

Li Bin: (calling) Ricky! Hi! I'm sorry I'm late!
Ricky: Where have you been?
Li Bin: I told you... playing tennis... the game went on longer than I thought... and I didn't know if you had a mobile phone.
Ricky: Who were you playing with?
Li Bin: A friend.
Ricky: Girl or boy?

Li Bin: (pause) Boy.
Ricky: Do you like him?
Li Bin: It's Alysha's brother... you remember Alysha?
Ricky: Yes.
Li Bin: I was playing with him... he's teaching me how to play, that's all.
Ricky: Is he your... you know... your new boyfriend?
Li Bin: No Ricky... no he's not.
Ricky: Are you sure?
Li Bin: Yes! Now let's stop talking about him and let's talk about YOU... I want to know where you've been, what's been happening to you. Does Daisy know you're back?
Ricky: No, I haven't told anybody... if the police or social workers know I'm back they'll put me in a home.
Li Bin: Oh Ricky... you look so thin... have you been eating properly.
Ricky: I've always been thin.
Li Bin: Not as thin as this.
Ricky: Yes I have... you just don't remember anymore
Li Bin: Come on Ricky... let's go to Bendyburgers and feed you up.

Scene 7

Li Bin: Where shall we sit?.
Ricky: Over there... in the corner.
Li Bin: Okay..... Here?
Ricky: Yes.

(SFX: They sit down. Sound of LI BIN taking the paper off her Bendyburger.)

Li Bin: What's that Ricky?
Ricky: Look. Remember?
Li Bin: A candle! Oh Ricky, how sweet! Just like the old times. Quick... light it.
Ricky: Okay.

(SFX: lighter or match.)

Li Bin: Oh Ricky... Bendyburgers by candlelight... we haven't done this for so long.

Ricky: I know.

Li Bin: Now tell me Ricky... where have you been all this time?

(Ravi, who has been following them, suddenly appears)

Ravi: Hi Li Bin.

Li Bin: Ravi?! What are YOU doing here?

Ravi: Popped in for a quick bendyburger... .um... aren't you going to introduce me to your friend?

Li Bin: Ravi, this is Ricky.... Ricky... Ravi.

Ravi: Mmm... a candle... what's that for... to keep the mosquitoes away?

Li Bin: Something like that.

Ricky: Huh... I'll blow it out... it didn't work.

Li Bin: No don't Ricky.

(SFX: Ricky blows out the candle)

Ravi: Mind if I join you?

Li Bin: Um Ravi... I, er... haven't seen Ricky for ... for a long time and...

Ravi: Really? Where have you been Ricky?

Ricky: Um... sort of... here and there.

Ravi: Really? Interesting. Where's 'here' and where's 'there'?

Ricky: Just places.

Ravi: Gosh, are you a spy or something?

Li Bin: (reproachful) Ravi.

Ravi: Well your little friend is being very mysterious.

Li Bin: Ricky's got his reasons Ravi.

Ravi: Really?... so he IS a spy!

Li Bin: No!

Ricky: I better go.

Li Bin: No Ricky... no!

Ravi: Off on a secret assignment are you Ricky?... Mister 007... alias James Bond secretly going here and there.

Ricky: Something like that.

Ravi: D'you play tennis Ricky?

Ricky: Yes.

Li Bin: Do you Ricky? I didn't know that.

Ravi: Ha... there's a lot you don't know about your friend Li Bin... and that's

as it should be... double agents should have secrets that nobody else knows. Fancy a game Ricky?

Li Bin: Another time Ravi.

Ricky: Yes... sure. I'll give you a game.

Li Bin: Ricky?! Are you sure?

Ricky: Yes, I'm sure... sure..

Ravi: Great... come on then, what are we waiting for?... let's get out of this greasy dump and go play some tennis.

Li Bin: You don't have to play NOW do you? You've just finished playing Ravi.

Ravi: I can ALWAYS play tennis Li Bin... I can even play it in my sleep!

Li Bin: But Ricky hasn't even got a tennis racquet.

Ravi: I'll lend him one.

Ricky: Okay, let's go.

Ravi: Okay, come along then James Bond... let's hop in a cab and hit those courts.

Scene 8

Ravi: I love nothing better than a flood lit tennis court... makes you feel like a star with a spotlight on you.

Li Bin: Are you sure you want to go through with this Ricky?

Ricky: Yes, yes I'm sure.

Ravi: Okay, let's go... Li Bin, you keep the score.

Li Bin: Okay.

Ravi: Ricky... you can serve first if you want.

Ricky: No. You start.

Ravi: That's very noble of you Ricky... but then 007 was always a gentleman... a perfect gentleman.

Li Bin: Yes... Ricky has always been a gentleman.

Ravi: Let's go.

(SFX: Tennis match)

Ricky: Aiyaa... (says some things in cantonese to show he has missed the ball and is angry with himself)

Li Bin: Fifteen love.

(SFX: Tennis)

Ricky: Aiyaa... (says some things in cantonese to show he has missed the ball and is angry with himself)

Li Bin: Forty love.

(SFX: Tennis)

Ricky: Aiyaa... (says some things in cantonese to show he has missed the ball and is angry with himself)

Li Bin: Game to Ravi.

(SFX: Tennis)

Ricky: Aiyaa... (says some things in cantonese to show he has missed the ball and is angry with himself)

Li Bin: Fifteen love.

(SFX: Tennis)

Ricky: Aiyaa... (says some things in cantonese to show he has missed the ball and is angry with himself)

Li Bin: Forty love.

Ricky: Aiyaa... (says some things in cantonese to show he has missed the ball and is angry with himself)

Li Bin: Game to Ravi.

(SFX: Tennis)

Ricky: Aiyaa... (says some things in cantonese to show he has missed the ball and is angry with himself)

Li Bin: Fifteen love.

(SFX: Tennis) (This continues and then fades)

The End