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SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

A film by Sam Quah Boon Lip

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About SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD:

A remake of the Indian-Malaysian film *Drishyam*, this Chinese box-office blockbuster is a Hollywood-esque cat-and-mouse crime thriller. Working family man and self-described movie-geek Li (Xiao Yang) is thrown into a battle of wits with the law after his daughter accidentally kills, and his wife hurriedly buries, a fellow student who had sexually molested her. The dead boy's father is an ambitious politician, and his mother (Twin Peaks' Joan Chen) is La Wen, a steely eyed, morally corrupt police chief. Utilizing his encyclopedic knowledge of crime cinema, Li concocts a complicated alibi but for La Wen, the crime is personal, and she smells a coverup. *Sheep Without a Shepherd* is an inventive, twistily-plotted tale of blackmail, murder and justice, with the two families caught up in a deadly game.

ABOUT THE FILMMAKER:

Sam Quah Boon Lip is an Malaysian-born filmmaker who has long resided in Taipei. His award-winning short, *The Free Man* (2014), was shortlisted for a Live Action Short Oscar. He recently in 2020 directed four episodes of the TV series, *Detective Chinatown* and is in development with a Netflix-produced series called *Bardo*.

AWARDS:

Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival - **Audience Award for Best Feature**

China Youth Handbook - **Best Commercial Film of the Year**

China Youth Handbook - **Joan Chen - Best Performance of the Year**

Crew

Directed by Sam Quah Boon Lip

Produced by Sicheng Chen, Eric Zhaowei Zhang

Written by Jeethu Joseph (based on the film by), Sheng Lei, Kaihua Fan, Peng Li, Yuqian Qin, WeiWei Yang, Pei Zhai

Cinematography by Ying Zhang

Edited by Hongjia Tang, Xinyu Zu

Art Direction by Xuehao Zhao

Costume Design by Miao Li

With

Joan Chen – La Wen

Yang Xiao – Li Weijie

Zhuo Tan – A Yu

Philip Keung – Du Peng

Audrey Hui – Ping Ping

Tianyang Bian – Su Cha

Xiran Zhang – An An

Paul Chun – Song En

Ming-Shuai Shih – Sang Kun

Jerry Chih-Wei Huang

Yang Gu – Contractor

Julian Chen – Suspect

Wenshan Xu – Ping Ping (younger)