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City of Great Large

(This story was written in China, utilizing broken English picked up from the street).

Chinquai is the nice place not to say Goodbye.

Chin Li sad, but to say Goodbye is true. Travel the land to City of Great Large is necessary. That wealth for family lives to need.

Chin Li adores the Father, Mother, Sister of Small. Is long the water eyes to run. Sister of Small love leg of **Chin Li**. To hold but not give back. **Chin Li** uncollect the hands of Sister of Small to return to Father, Mother. **Chin Li** float goodbye with hand to Family. Only to eyes the front and not back at Place of Born, **Chinquai**.

Sniffing the dust to journey the foot to bus, many times the hour.

Desire come round to travel to Place of Born, but not to stop now.

The light above uncollects.

The night sun forgotten in cloud.

Chin Li gather the sleep by tree of Great Comfort.

The light to come again. **Chin Li** journeys the foot.

Gathering the people of new Place. **Chin Li**, new stranger. **Chin Li** search for righteous bus. To call the question of strangers, but answer in laugh to **Chin Li**. His voice not righteous for new Place.

Born from the dark of bodies, a Girl of Young Freshness. Find him to help. **Chin Li** smile. To offer the heart when no history is known. Is wonder and righteous of human companys best.

The smile of Girl's spirits gave, carry the dark and ugly away of companys saddest ways. Girl borrowed hand of **Chin Li** to give to righteous bus.

Chin Li honour help yet fingers is lost of Girl. Too much companys.

Chin Li count faces but Fresh Girl uncollecting among too much faces. Hands to press on him. Walk to in of bus. Bus uncollect from companys and new Place.

Chin Li in next step of long paths to journey to City of Great Large.

Sleep come to rescue after display of ticket is gone.

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*The sun of many faces of Born companys share with **Chin Li**.*

The tree of happiness stand tall over Place of Born.

The light of dark come over, to swallow peace of tree like hungry mouth.

*Follow the mouth to swallow **Chin Li**, into lung of Beast.*

Eyes of **Chin Li** open. His heart swim of forget. Return the memory of Girl of Young Freshness, give to smiles of heart. Eyes shining of glass illume.

Still to sit on Bus of righteous. Bent of legs in space tight.

To pray is next to guidance of asking. For Happiness. For wealth of Family. For Fresh Girl return. **Chin Li** eyes the spice of water.

Sleep not return to **Chin Li** for next rise of night sun.

City of Great Large before him born. Smoke like Red Dragon fire. Fires gas to breath.

Hot eating flesh of many companys. Too much companys in City of Great Large. Time less of life, arms to all.

Journey of bus did come to close.

Chin Li not see ever City in life journey. His Place of Born, **Chinquai** to hunger over.

Chin Li no company. He walk and walk. To find in busy of cars and companys, many nothings. Dust and smoke. Too much. Lost **Chin Li** question, but companys not to help. Not to eat. **Chin Li** wish the water.

Hearts empty vat.

Darker the sky but lights not close in City of Great Large.

Chin Li empty sleep to reach him, on front of dried water step of concrete.

The fat light of day stand to high. Stink of breath of transports.

Chin Li see the Sweeper Boy. To push for a question. Too busy is boy.

Chin Li follow boy to push for question, to push to push. Boy find trouble to understand **Chin Li** voice of **Chinquai**. The boy do talk to **Chin Li** of more help than **Chin Li** have to history in City of Great Large.

Chin Li help boy of that day to sweep and talk. Side by work as one.

Chin Li meet owner of Sweepers Boys after fat light of day recollect. **Chin Li** rest to eat with Sweepers Boys. And sleep do come.

Now **Chin Li** Sweeper Boy too.

Days that are many travel by. Many. Work is all for the day. Wealth too little for **Chin Li**. More little for Family. **Chin Li** eyes that water for Father, Mother, Sister of Small. **Chin Li** eyes that water for Sweeper Boys. And for

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many companys in City of Great Large. Dogs of Poor Places live higher.
Dogs of Chinquai live higher.

Rains of season show.

And show.

To show once more.

Soon river is fat too much. To vomit the flood.

In belly of night sun, Sweeper Boys do sleep.

Fat river enter to space of boys. Sweeper Boys cannot learn to float.

Chin Li float in Place of Born **Chinquai** river. Now to float. He wish to help of Boys.

Fat river too heavy. **Chin Li** away to float.

Not to float Sweeper Boys.

Chin Li catch the table that float. **Chin Li** do sense of heart that swells for Sweeper Boys.

Much time travel by. The safe of shore find **Chin Li**. Heart swells for hope for Sweeper Boys. **Chin Li** journey the foot.

Sweeper Boys not to remain, only one of **Chinquai**. The last Sweeper Boy **Chin Li**. Eyes that water hard.

Anger turn **Chin Li** to wish that City blister. To sprinkle away as seed from petal of Autumn.

Now **Chin Li** make firm of mind. To return to Place of Born, Chinquai.

Fat river to loss to tight river again. Then to make more unhappy companys with water made sick with bitterness of flood. **Chin Li** make firm his anger.

Companys to die in street and steps.

Chin Li heart swells too much. **Chin Li** hopes but cannot uncollect from City of Great Large. Cannot own fare of ticket of righteous bus.

Today **Chin Li** anger to blossom. Walk from City to never wish to look once more.

Chin Li walk to many days. Legs to pain that wish to sleep.

Chin Li hope to Family to look. Please to continue.

Sleep do come off balance of road. To eat of seed of plant. To eat cicada and slug of dirt.

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Chin Li rest under plant. Sleep not come. Visit by faulty men. Not friend to **Chin Li**. To wish to take money of **Chin Li** who has not. To strike. To kick. To hurt. To break.

Blood like rains to run.

Faulty men laugh. To leave.

Chin Li only two rise of sun to Place of Born **Chinquai**.

But **Chin Li** to walk no more.

Eyes of **Chin Li** to close, must do.

Darker the sky. Night sun rise.

Flight of Death to linger close.

The fat light of day to stand tall.

Chin Li eyes to wish to see.

Boys of Youth Freshness stand tall, smile of spirits to help.

Chin Li not to smile but wish for help.

Boys of Youth Freshness to carry **Chin Li** on bamboo to Place of Born of Boys.

Chin Li to sleep and sleep.

The City of Great Large scream. And dust pour to mouth. And stink smoke of transports too much.

*The Sweeper Boys wave to **Chin Li** but the fat river vomit the flood, push them away.*

***Chin Li** wish to help but faulty men take arms of **Chin Li** and strike and hurt over.*

Eyes of **Chin Li** open. His heart swim of forget. Return the Girl of Young Freshness. Give smiles to heart. Dreams of smiles do make.

Fresh Girl not dream. Boy of Youth Freshness to help **Chin Li** be Fresh Girl Brother.

Now Fresh Girl help **Chin Li** with the good like Doctor. Like Family. Soon come to life again.

In switch of season, **Chin Li** return to Place of Born, **Chinquai**. Now to walk with help of stick.

And help of Fresh Girl, now wife.

Part is Last.