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寒冬將近，剛出獄的流浪漢Soapy為了解決溫飽，想盡千方百計，試圖回到監獄。於是到餐廳吃霸王餐、調戲陌生女子、行竊、砸商店的櫥窗，一心希望警察抓住他，卻屢遭警察「寬容」釋放。而正當Soapy受詩歌感化決心改過、腳踏實地的過生活，「寬容」的警察卻逮捕了什麼事也沒做的他，可謂絕妙的諷刺。

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▲**Scene one：jail / park**

（In the jail）

（Soapy was released from the jail by the cop.）

（At night）

**Cop 1**（impolite）：Your term of imprisonment has already expired. Go change into a good person after leaving here. Never turn back here. Got it?

**Soapy**（unwilling）：But... but I still want to stay here, with warm shelter and...

**Cop 1**：This is none of my business. Some charity groups may help you. Get out of here！ I'm tired of seeing you over and over again. I don't want to see you in the prison any more.

（push Soapy）  
（Soapy was cast out, roaming in the park.）

（In the park, a couple are flirting with each other.）  
（The couple stare at Soapy）

**Soapy**（trembling）：Sleeping here in the park can't be a good choice in the long run, not  to mention that so many couples are carrying on a flirtation. Yuck！It's really annoying. （irritated）Do I really need to sleep on the street this year?

（The next day）  
（complaining）

**Soapy**：（feeling cold）（trembling） How can I live through this severe winter? It's  time to find a place for winter. Hawaii？no. no. no. Disneyland？ no. no. no. Turn to the charity for help？ With the cost of humiliation and privacy, being a guest of the law might be much more acceptable to my proud spirit. Oh, well, I had better go back the jail again. There's always warm shelter and free meals! But, how can I be arrested by the policemen?  
  
（Soapy is walking and thinking）

▲**Scene two： the restaurant**

**Narrator**：Soapy is starving and trembling. He roamed on the street with complicated train of thought, thinking about some new schemes to make him arrested again.

**Soapy**： Last year, I robbed a little girl of her lollipop. （The little girl and the old lady come out.） And I got caught peeping at an old lady in bath the year before last year. What else can I do next?

（set foot into a fancy restaurant）

**Soapy**：Ahhhhh I’m so hungry. Maybe... I can have meal in this restaurant. And when the waiter asks me to pay the bill, I just tell him that I don't have any money! Of course, they'll call 911 immediately! Ha ha ha!

（Soapy enter to the restaurant）

**Soapy**：Give me the most luxurious dishes!  
（eat the instant noodles）

**Waiter**（courteous）：Excuse me. This is your bill for tonight, sir.  It's 250 thousand dollars in total.

**Soapy**（arrogant）：But I don't have a single penny left on. How about bringing me to the police station? （flossing his teeth）

**Waiter**（yelling）：No cop for you ! GO ! Pikachu !（throw the po ke ball）

（Guards pikachu pull Soapy away. Beat him and throw him away）

**Soapy**：Why don't they call the cop？What problems do they have？ eww , so hurt（bruises are painful）   
  
（walking in a bad mood）

▲**Scene three：on the street**

（In the afternoon）

**Narrator**：Soapy assumed that he could successfully go back to the warm prison. But, unexpectedly, the guard beat him to death instead. In the afternoon, Soapy walked through the street.

（walking on the street）

**Soapy**: What else should I do next?  Ummm How about... I pretend to be a despicable masher? Sounds great! As long as I harass that young girl（she is sure to call the cop! What a simple method!

（A girl walks out with an umbrella and puts it in the bucket in front of the hotel）  
（Soapy takes out a rose and stands in front of the girl.）

**Soapy**（obscene）：hey baby , Are you available tonight?？Why don’t we enter the hotel there and explore the origin of life together? We can XXX together all night yo.

（The cop just passes by. The girl ignores Soapy）  
（after the cop goes away）

**Girl**（within temptation）：Wow, I would have spoken to you sooner, but the cop was watching.  What do you think? 5 million dollars for me, tonight?

（the light dimmed）

（turn the light on the thief）  
（the thief steal the umbrella to the store nearby secretly and enter the store ）

（play the music）

（Soapy and Girl act like a mime show）

**Girl**：5 million dollars？   
**Soapy**：4 million dollars！  
**Girl**：7 million dollars. No more.

（ Soapy pushes the girl away）

**Soapy**（angry）：What ? Did I meet hooker just now?  And she said 7 million dollars! Is she a robber actually?

（Soapy picks up the umbrella and tries to drop it to the ground）  
（At this moment, the thief comes out of the store）

**Thief**（confused）： My umbrella？

**Soapy**（in a bad mood）：Oh, it is? Well, why don't you call the policeman? I took it, your umbrella! Why don't you call a cop!

**Thief**（hastily）：ehh...umm..yeah..That is…you know how these mistakes happen...If it's your umbrella...I hope you can excuse me...I hope you will....（run away）

**Soapy**（viciously）：Enough! Another thief! Am I really the most unlucky person in the world? What the hell are the cops doing?

（take the umbrella and dash it to the glass , the store was destroyed）  
（people and cops out of the crowd）

**Soapy** (excitedly tells the cop)：Don't you think that I might have something to do with it? It's I that did all of the crimes!

**Cop 2**：Do you think of me as an idiot? No criminal would appear at the crime scene and turn himself to the police after committing crimes right away.

**Soapy**：Please bring me back to the police station! It's me! It's me!

**Cop 2**：Stop disturbing me. Get out of here！

（push him and go investigate）  
（Soapy runs in low spirits）

**▲Scene four：church**

（In the midnight）

**Narrator**：No matter how desperately Soapy tried, he just couldn’t be arrested successfully. Just when Soapy was on the verge of collapse , （Soapy calmed down and walked in a smooth step）  
on an unusually quiet corner Soapy came to a standstill. There was a old, quaint church, through violet-stained window, soft organ music drifted out to Soapy's ears , and held him transfixed against the convolution. Those solemn but sweet organ notes had set up a revolution in him.

（Soapy walks to the church）  
（Jesus climbs on the seat）

（play the music）

**Soapy**：ahh , the beautiful pure hymn. It reminds me of the elegant girl at the hotel this evening.  I've got a crush on her at first sight. I think she may be my soul-mate. I'm young. I still have time. I will fight to change my life. I will pursue my ambition without faltering ; I will find a job tomorrow , and give that prostitute girl a better life ; I will be somebody in the world！Thank you so much , Christ my buddy.

（Jesus looks back）  
（Cop1&2 take the cage out and lock Soapy in the cage）

**Cop 2**：Soapy！It's you that devoured in the restaurant without paying, and intended to patronize the prostitute, and even broke the glass. You get ready to stay three more months on the island!

**Soapy**：nooooooo I'm just resolved to begin a new fresh life!

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