

Mannamûi kwangjang / *Underground Rendezvous*



Synopsis

Set during the early 1980s, "Underground Rendezvous" tells the story of Yeong-tan (Im Chang-jung), an aspiring schoolteacher who, caught along a series of mishaps, ends up teaching children in a small mountainous village. Meanwhile, the "real" teacher (Ryoo Seung-bum) who was supposed to move into town is trapped in the middle of nowhere, unable to move his right foot after stepping on a landmine. All seems swell for Yeong-tan, and he even falls in love with an angelic beauty, Seon-mi (Park Jin-hee), the sister-in-law of the town chief (Im Hyeon-sik). One day, Yeong-tan catches Seon-mi and the chief in an awkward moment, and immediately proceeds to disclose the so-called incestuous scandal. Over the course of his investigation, however, Yeong-tan discovers that Seon-mi lives in a town up north -- in North Korea. It turns out that 30 years before, the chief's family had been separated when they accidentally stood on the wrong side of the fence while the 38th parallel was being drawn. However, the family members (especially the chief's brother and their mother who live in the North) have been able to visit one another through an underground passage between the North's southernmost village and the South's northernmost village. But with authorities of both sides closing up on their clandestine rendezvous, the family must risk everything to stay together. Meanwhile a relationship is developing slowly between Yeong-tan and Seon-mi. Finally as they are going to get caught, the Northern members of the clan decides to cross over and defect to the South. They destroy the tunnel and accidentally leave behind the couple Yeong-tan-Seon-mi. Few years later, the latter manages to defect to the South in a fishing boat, being the first "boat people" refugees, while the family is adapting well to capitalism and the ancient tunnel is turned on the South side as an educational 'infiltration tunnel'... Happy ending. (Source: Korea Times)

Data Sheet:

Director: KIM Jong-jin (김종진 / 金種眞)

Main Cast: IM Chang-jung, PARK Jin-hee

Release Date: AUG 15 2007

Genre: Comedy

Production: CY Film Co. Ltd

Executive Producer: KIM Woo-taek
Producer: JUNG Phil-su
Screenplay: LEE Hyun-chur
Cinematography: MOON Yong-shik
Editing: SHIN Min-kyung
Lighting: NAM Young-hyun
Music: LEE Ji-soo
Art: YOON Ju-hoon

Production Budget US\$3.97M

107 mn, 35mm, Color

Rate: Over 12

Box-office results: 1,306,434 nationwide on 281 screens (18th position).

Pictures

