

Mile High Private Eyes

Pilot

"Chinese Stakeout"

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A reckless single-camera sitcom.

Margaret Cho stars...

...costumed as an old Asian matriarch who runs a Private Investigation family business in marijuana-friendly Colorado, using every sneaky Asian trick to solve the case.

Written to coincide with the Valentine's Day, 2015 release of 50 Shades of Grey.

CHARACTERS

Yu Hu – 70s Asian female. Eccentric and tough. A first generation immigrant who was once a Kung Fu champion. She came to America to pursue the dream of having her own business, but along the way has developed a taste for marijuana and bi-sexual men.

Harry Hu – 30s, Asian male. Yu's son. A charismatic underachiever who still isn't sure what he wants to be when he grows up. When it comes to right and wrong, Harry always takes the easy way out.

Eleanor Hu – 30s Asian female. Harry's wife. Smart and pretty. Upstanding and a little uptight, she's always trying to do the right thing, but also loves a good fight.

Dick Taylor – 30s Caucasian male. Harry's childhood friend. Dick's real name is William, but he thinks Dick is funnier. Dick will do anything. A jackass with a heart of gold.

Marilyn Gonzalez – 30s Hispanic female. A little nerdy, a little plain, but an absolute sex magnet.

COLD OPEN

FADE IN:

INT. YU'S APARTMENT - LATE NIGHT

YU, an old Asian woman, lights a joint while reading a book: "START YOUR OWN BUSINESS". She exhales.

YU
Chinese Laundry?

She imagines it...

CUT TO:

INT. LAUNDROMAT

Yu empties a pocket of change into a jar full of money. She checks another pocket and finds \$20! Then she finds a jockstrap. And the cup.

CUT TO:

INT. YU'S APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER

Disgusted, she starts reading again. A fly buzzes by and she waves her hand, but it won't go away. She swats the air violently, which sparks an idea...

YU
Kung Fu School?

She imagines it...

CUT TO:

INT. KUNG FU SCHOOL

Yu instructs a 5 year old. He punches her in the boob.

CUT TO:

INT. YU'S APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER

Wincing, Yu quickly turns to the next chapter: "DO WHAT YOU LOVE". She takes another hit.

YU
(thoughtfully)
Do what you love.

CUT TO:

INT. 60'S DORM ROOM - LATE NIGHT - FLASHBACK
COLLEGE-AGED YU sits between two male friends watching
PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. The half-naked wrestlers trap
each other's heads between their legs in a "69". Yu and
her friends laugh hysterically until suddenly the boys
lock eyes. Yu sees them and grins sheepishly.

MATCH DISSOLVE TO:

INT. YU'S APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER
Yu wears the same grin.

YU
Do what you love.

Yu grabs her COMPUTER and searches GAY PORN. She clicks
and we see a guy wearing nothing but a lab coat holding
up a speculum like a magnifying glass. The name of the
website: "PRIVATES INVESTIGATORS".

YU
Privates Investigators. Of
course.

Close-up on PRIVATES INVESTIGATORS.

MATCH DISSOLVE TO:

INT. YU'S APARTMENT - DAY
"MILE HIGH PRIVATES INVESTIGATORS" is printed on a
BUSINESS CARD. Yu gives the card her to son HARRY, 30s.

HARRY
Mile high. That's funny mom.

Harry lights a joint.

YU
Funny? This is Denver, Harry.
We're a mile high.

Harry laughs and exhales.

HARRY
Exactly!

Yu doesn't get it. She grabs the joint from him and takes
a hit.

HARRY

Ironic. Anyway, I'm pretty sure
it's Privatee. Not privates.

YU

No. Privates. Plural.

Yu hands him another BUSINESS CARD with "HARRY" on it.

YU

Partners?

She puts out her hand to shake, but Harry won't. She
grabs his hand and bends his pinky backward. Harry
buckles and offers up his other hand. Yu shakes it and
smiles.

YU

Partners.

ROLL CREDITS.

END OF COLD OPEN

ACT I

INT. HARRY APT - BEDROOM - NIGHT

Harry gives the business card to his wife, ELEANOR, 30s.

HARRY

We're going to be Private
Investigators.

ELEANOR

You?

HARRY

Me and mom. A few others. You.

ELEANOR

No.

HARRY

Why?

ELEANOR

One, your mom is crazy. Two, I'm
not going into business with
crazy.

HARRY

We'll be our own bosses.

ELEANOR

With your mom, there's only one
boss.

HARRY

That's what she said about you.

ELEANOR

(bossy)

What did you say?

HARRY

She said you could be the boss.
Sometimes. Too.

She looks at the business card again.

ELEANOR

Privates Investigators? Where
did she get that? Watching gay
porn?

They laugh. They stop.

HARRY/ELEANOR

Nah. Ewww. Nah. Ewww. Ewww.

HARRY

Look, it's just a way to make
some extra money. Besides,
remember what I did for your
business?

CUT TO:

INT. HU DID YOUR NAILS? SALON

Eleanor happily stocks shelves while a very UNATTRACTIVE
WOMAN gets a foot massage from Harry.

UNATTRACTIVE WOMAN

Best 15 bucks an hour I ever
spent.

Harry fumes. Eleanor sits down next to him.

ELEANOR

I'll finish here. There's a
bikini wax for you up front.
Brazilian.

HARRY

You sure?

ELEANOR

Absolutely.

Harry rushes up front. Nobody there. Then he discovers a
HAIRY MAN in a short satin robe bending over to stretch.
Harry gags.

CUT TO:

INT. HARRY'S APT — BEDROOM — CURRENT DAY

We hear retching from the bathroom. Harry emerges and
pleads to Eleanor.

HARRY

Need I vomit more?

She's softening, but still doubtful.

CUT TO:

INT. HU DONE IT OFFICES - DAY

Harry, Eleanor, MARILYLN and DICK are standing at attention. Yu paces in front of them.

YU

Pay attention people!

Eleanor glares at Harry.

HARRY

(aside to Eleanor)

I pulled pubic hair for you.

YU

I have known you all a long time. Each of you has qualities that combined will make us the best Privates Investigators in Denver.

The following scenes are flashbacks with Yu's voiceover.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK - DAY

A group of BULLIES taunt 10 year-old LITTLE ELEANOR.

YU (VO)

Eleanor, dear daughter-in-law, you have always been one tough bitch. In a good way.

Eleanor kicks a Bully in the head and knocks him out cold. The other Bullies scatter.

CUT TO:

EXT. SURBURBAN SIDEWALK - DAY

YOUNGER YU, 30s, cleans her driveway with a POWER BLOWER. She sees 10 year-old LITTLE MARILYN approaching with a big, heavy backpack.

YU (VO)

Sweet, innocent Marilyn. You're a born manipulator.

Chubby Little Marilyn steps in front of the blower, her dress flies up, and she poses like Marilyn Monroe. BOYS swoop in, take her backpack and carry her off.

CUT TO:

EXT. ALLEY — DAY

A group of 10 year-old DAREDEVIL BOYS put a firecracker in a pile of dog poop and take turns jumping over it.

YU (OFF SCREEN)

Harry, my son, you have always been fearless.

Reveal adult Harry. He jumps over too. Then he turns.

HARRY

Look out, I'm going again!

YU (OFF SCREEN)

And Dick, I know you always have my son's back.

Reveal adult Dick. He sees the fuse getting too short.

DICK

It's going to blow! No...

Slow-Motion: Dick dives in front of Harry just as the firecracker explodes. Freeze frame on Dick, mouth open.

CUT TO:

INT. HU DONE IT OFFICES — CURRENT DAY

The team listens to Yu.

YU

That's why I believe we're ready for our first case.

Yu opens the door. Enter KAT, 20s in a very short dress, with her INTERPRETER.

YU

Team, meet Kat.

The door bursts open and paparazzi push in. Yu closes it.

YU

Kat is on the Real Ex-Wives of Denver. She's famous for being loud and self-absorbed.

KAT

Famous. Yes!

Kat sits in a chair facing the team, like the interrogation scene in Basic Instinct.

YU

Kat's interpreter will help us communicate today.

ELEANOR

(slowly)

What can we do for you Kat?

Kat speaks with a thick Slavic accent.

KAT

I am very scared.

INTERPRETER

(with the exact same accent)

I am very scared.

KAT

I need help.

INTERPRETER

I need help.

KAT

I don't know what to do.

INTERPRETER

I don't know what to do.

ELEANOR

You get paid for this?

Now Kat gives a long explanation in Slavic. Eleanor looks to the Interpreter.

INTERPRETER

(snotty)

Her ex-husband Yuri kidnapped her cat. Catnapped if you will.

The Interpreter laughs. No takers.

ELEANOR

I'm sorry, animals are not--

KAT

I will pay \$5,000 to get my
little pussy back.

YU

Cash, check or charge?

Kat claps her hands and uncrosses her legs. Harry and
Dick lean in for a better angle and bang their heads
together.