

Notes on the objects and found footage videos in *Every Bilibious Honeymoon*

I. *Minh Dĩ Ký*

* Grandma reading a story: Footage of a monkey from Sony Walkman's advertisement in the 1980s (found on Youtube)

II. *Seeking the Orchids*

* *Following the Hunters of the Wild Orchids*

Footage taken from a well-known movie, *Platoon* (1986), directed by Oliver Stone, about the Vietnam War. A scene of a jungle flickering as if moved by the light of the Hoả Châu rocket (a type of flare that are often used in military wars).

* *Since When Came the Ice-Breaking Tool (Aluminum-cast module)*

The so-called rock-breaking tool originated from a war scrap that is the Hoả Châu rocket above mentioned. It normally takes the form of an aluminum-cast tube with a 8–9cm diameter and 18–20cm length. This tube consists of 4 aluminum pieces. When it explodes, it will be broken out into separate and fall to the ground. An aluminum piece is collected and utilized as a tool for breaking ice (for drinks and beverage). Gradually, it becomes so popular that its typical function becomes only a ice-breaking tool and people are not even aware of its origin but only its usage. Later, in order to meet the demands, a new type of ice-breaking tool was produced based on the original version with poorer quality in terms of delicacy and precision of the ratio and angularity

About 10 years ago, when a trend of using designs and decorations from the wartime and Subsidy period, the price of such original ice-breaking aluminum-cast tool was rather expensive. Later on, when there were more and more new types of the tools made from other materials such as inox, secondary aluminum, and cast-iron, the price of the original version is 230.000-300.000 VND. Those made of new secondary aluminum cast are 150.000 – 160.000 VND. Those made from thick inox is 70.000 – 80.000 VND. Those made from thin inox is 50.000 – 60.000 đồng. Those made of cast iron is 30.000 – 40.000 VND. We can easily buy all of those on Shopee.

III. *The Liturgical Ceremony of The Telly Deity*

1. *Mr. Walkman* is inspired by the advertisement campaign of the Sony Walkman's audio player that was once very popular in the 1980s and 1990s.

2. A video of two old men walking:

a. A Western 80-year-old who walked with quite fast pace and appeared in Hanoi in the 1995 and 1997 in his important business trips to Vietnam as an important figure from World Bank (he was Director of World Bank from 1968 to 1981). In the 1960s, we also know of another man that is Robert McNamara, the United States Secretary of Defense. However in Hanoi in 1995, he was already an old 8-year-old man.

b. Another Vietnamese old man also 80 years olds who walked with a slower pace on a sand table (modeled after the S-shaped Vietnamese map with mini scenes). The act of walking on a sand table is an everyday ritual that he undertook as a public judgement. He once referred to this series of acts as a belief that once he did it enough, there would be no war between Northern and Southern Vietnam. He is the founder of the Religion Coconut Nguyễn Thành Nam. People would usually call him Uncle Hai.

2. *Six Wooden Slides / Laptop on the carton box*

a. *Six Wooden Slides*: A footage that captures the scene in which the neighbors came around to help prepare for the funeral of Hồ Văn Lang, more specifically when six wooden slides were being shipped to prepare for the packing of the coffin.

b. *Laptop on a carton box* is a scene in which Hồ Văn Lang, Hồ Văn Chi (his younger brother) and their neighbors are together watching a documentary film produced by Alvaro Cerezo about Hồ Văn Lang.

3. *Thiên Lý Nhãn - Thuận Phong Nhĩ* (An eye seeing ten thousands miles, an ear hearing ten thousands miles)

A short video recorded Alvaro Cerezo when Hồ Văn Lang took a plane for the first time with much bewilderment. Every time he looked down through the window plane window, there is a transition scene in the "lower world" with something a bit like a person jumping like a monkey moving over a natural terrain. This is actually the view from heaven of two gods called *Thien Ly Nhan* (eyes see through ten thousand miles) and *Thuan Phong Nhi* (ears hearing ten thousand miles) in the movie *Journey to the West*. When the Jade Emperor saw a great earthquake, he sent these two gods to go see what was happening in the lower world. They said that a stone monkey was just born from a broken sacred stone.

4. *Indoors Sport Festival*

A footage using 9 seconds from the famous comedy *Forrest Gump* (1994) directed by Robert Zemeckis. The scene of two table tennis players, also representative of two great powers in a significant diplomatic development, based on a real historical event in Beijing 1972. Before that, in the 1971 World Table Tennis Championship held in Nagoya (Japan), Chinese and American teams met in one round by accident. With true sportsmanship, the athletes from both teams still gave each other friendly encouragement and promised to meet again one day, despite intense conflicts between the two countries. Henry Kissinger along with his politicians seized this opportunity to advance a meeting between American and Chinese table tennis players in Beijing when Mao Zedong also gave a green light for this diplomatic opportunity. The event was held successfully, then soon followed by a summit between President Nixon, Mao Zedong and Zhou Enlai. Among the most important points of discussion in the summit was related to the Vietnam War. The initial impacts it brought about is the significant decline in military aid from China for Northern Vietnam, especially when compared to the aid packages in the previous years. At the end of that year, the United States confidently bombed the B52 in the LineBacker II Campaign with the statement that it would bring Northern Vietnam back to the Stone Age. After that, the two sides went into a negotiation that led to the 1972 Paris Peace Accords.

IV. *Leaves Sleep into Deep Unawokenness*

A quite special thing that happened in the Nobel Prize 1973 in the Peace category is that the prize was awarded to two Henry Kissinger (USA) and Lê Đức Thọ (Vietnam). These two figured played an important role in the negotiation that led to the Paris Peace Accords being signed.

Every person that is awarded the Nobel prizes is all recognized with a profile picture in their online platform. However, since Lê Đức Thọ refused to receive the award, his "profile picture" on the Nobel's site is replaced with a photo of a leaf (which might also be a riceflower or a laurel), which is even more recognizable across all other profile pictures. The image is so unique that it is easy to be remembered because of its visual correlations.