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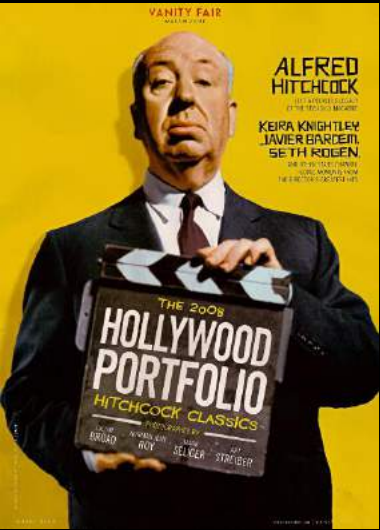
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Actor

A person who plays a character in a film

Movie studio

A place where people make movies

Director

The person who makes a film

Producer

The person who helps make and pay for a film

Lead actor

The most important actor in a film

Stuntmen

People who do all the dangerous 'stunts'

Stunt double

A person who does dangerous things for the lead actor

An Oscar

An award given to a very good actor



HERE WE GO!!!!



In Hollywood in America they make famous films.
Our favourite movie stars live there in very big houses
With swimming pools and palm trees.
One day, the Ranterino decided he wanted to be one of these....

HOLLYWOOD





He flew to the United States of America.

He took a bus to Hollywood Boulevard.

He went to acting school and got a certificate in acting.

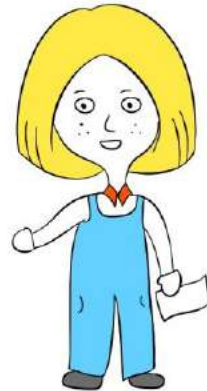
It wasn't very hard.

He went to a movie studio and asked the people there for a job.

They asked him what kind of job he would like to do.

The Ranterino said 'I don't know. Any movie job!'

They smiled and said, 'Well, we are making a new film called *Rob!*'





The Ranterino said, 'That sounds good. What's the film about?'

They said it was about a bank robber, whose name was Robert Rob.

They said the film was fast, furious and fun.

And filming had just begun.

'And I am to be the actor to play this Robert Rob?' the Ranterino asked.

Everyone looked at him and laughed.

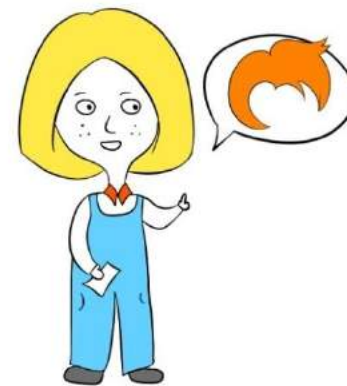
'Oh no, we already have our lead actor to play Robert Rob.
Oscar winner and Kung-Fu master, Tindle Dimplestink.
We need a stunt double. You look like him, don't you think!'

The Ranterino looked at the movie studio wall
And in a big picture he saw the most famous Dimplestink.
'Yes, he looks a bit like me,' the Ranterino said.

'But he's got very big muscles and he looks a lot bigger than me.
And he has a much bigger head, as far as I can see.'

'Don't worry about that,' the movie people said.
'If you put on a wig you will look just like him.
On Monday you can begin.'

Tindle Dimplestink



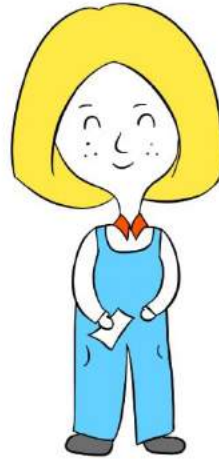
The Ranterino nodded his head slowly, then he turned and said,

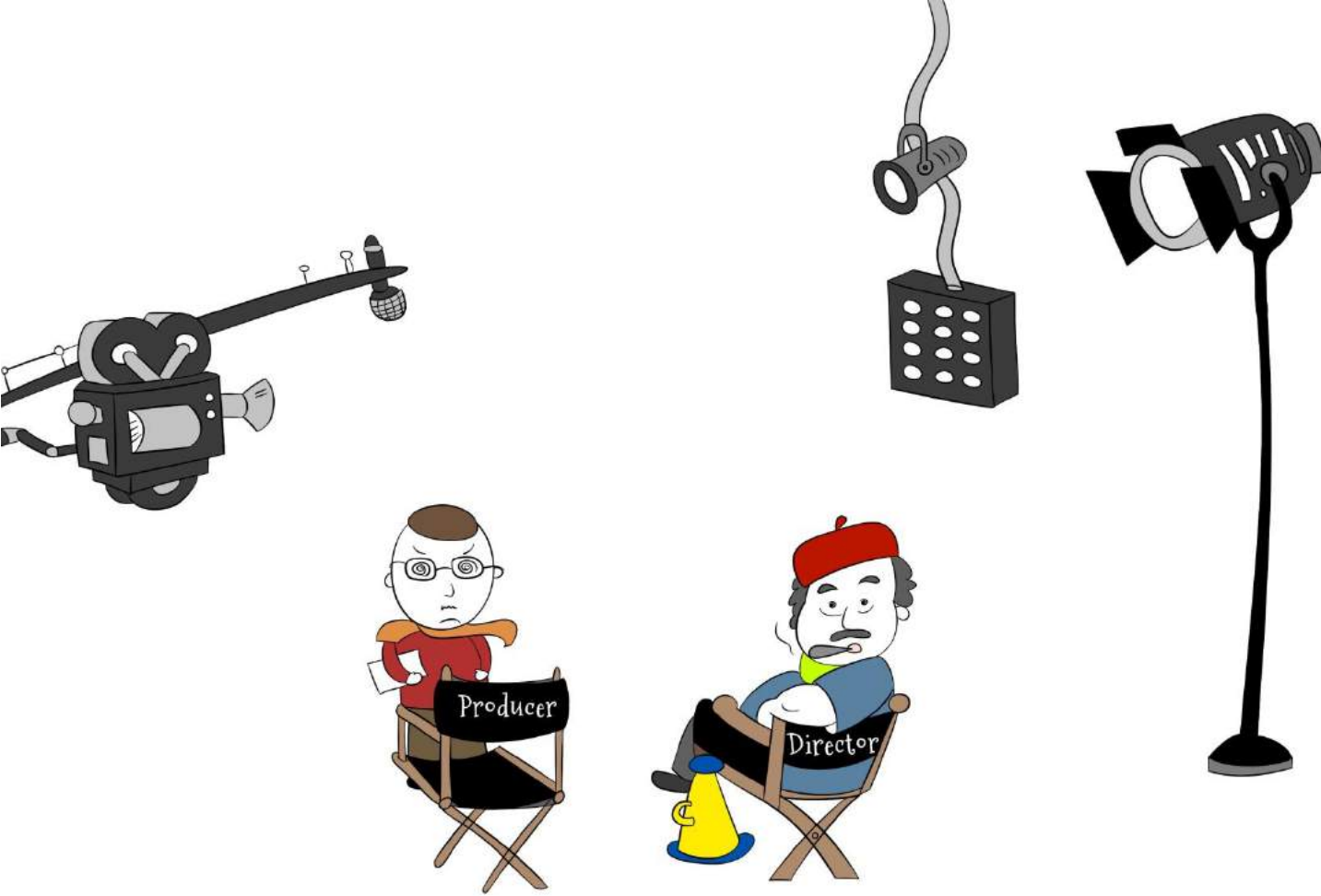
‘Oh, by the way, what is a *stunt double*, exactly?’

The movie people smiled and said,

‘Don’t worry about that.

Just be here on Monday morning, you’ll see.’





On Monday morning the Ranterino went down to the film studio.
What was a stunt double? He thought to himself. He still didn't know.

He was taken to the 'set' where the film *Rob* was to be made.

He said hello to the producers and the director.

He also met most of the cast.

Then he met Tindle Dimplestink, the lead actor, at last.

Tindle Dimplestink

The Ranterino looked up at the photo of Dimplestink,
Hanging on the studio wall.
In the photo he looked very big and tall.



The Ranterino looked down at Dimplestink and said,
'You seem much shorter in real life...'
'Erm...nice to meet you Ranterino,' Dimplestink replied.
'I'm Tindle Dimplestink and this fine lady here is my wife.'

The director called everyone together on his megaphone.

‘People! Chop Chop! Time is money!

Let’s makethecarchasescenefirst! Ranterino, drivethecaratfullspeeddownthatroad.

Thepolicecarswillbeclosebehind. Wewillbefilmingfromthehelicopterupabove.

Whenyougettothecliffedge DRIVE STRAIGHT OVER...’



The Ranterino scratched his head.

He wasn’t sure he had understood what the director had said.

‘Can you say that again, please...?’

The director sighed, pointed and said,
'Drivethecaratfullspeeddownthatroad. Thepolicecarswillbeclosebehind.
Wewillbefilmingfromthehelicopterupabove. Whenyougettothecliffedge



DRIVE STRAIGHT OVER...'

‘What do you mean...drive straight over?’ the Ranterino said.

‘Ranterino, you are the stunt double. It’s your job to do all the dangerous things
Because we don’t want our lead actor Dimplestink dead!’

The Ranterino looked at the director and then at Dimplestink and simply said,

‘Oh. *That’s* a stunt double? I’m in trouble! Blah, blah, blah!!!!!!’



And so...



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

The Ranterino drove the car fast and drove it over the cliff.

The car plunged down.

Somehow he survived when the car crashed into the ground.



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!



He did a fight scene in a bank.

Other stuntmen, in police uniforms, punched him in the face.

By the end of the day all the bones in his head seemed to be in the wrong place.

On Tuesday he felt very sore.
He wasn't sure he could do any more.
But he knew that there were more stunts to do
To make the movie good.
But he was so, so sore he wasn't sure
If he really could.



But the director said,

'This morning is the parachute fighting scene, then this afternoon another car chase scene.

Then tomorrow we can do the tiger-wrestling circus scene...

And if that goes well we can finish off with the final scene of Robert Rob, the human cannonball.

FLYING INTO A WALL!'



The Ranterino sighed and looked down at his feet.

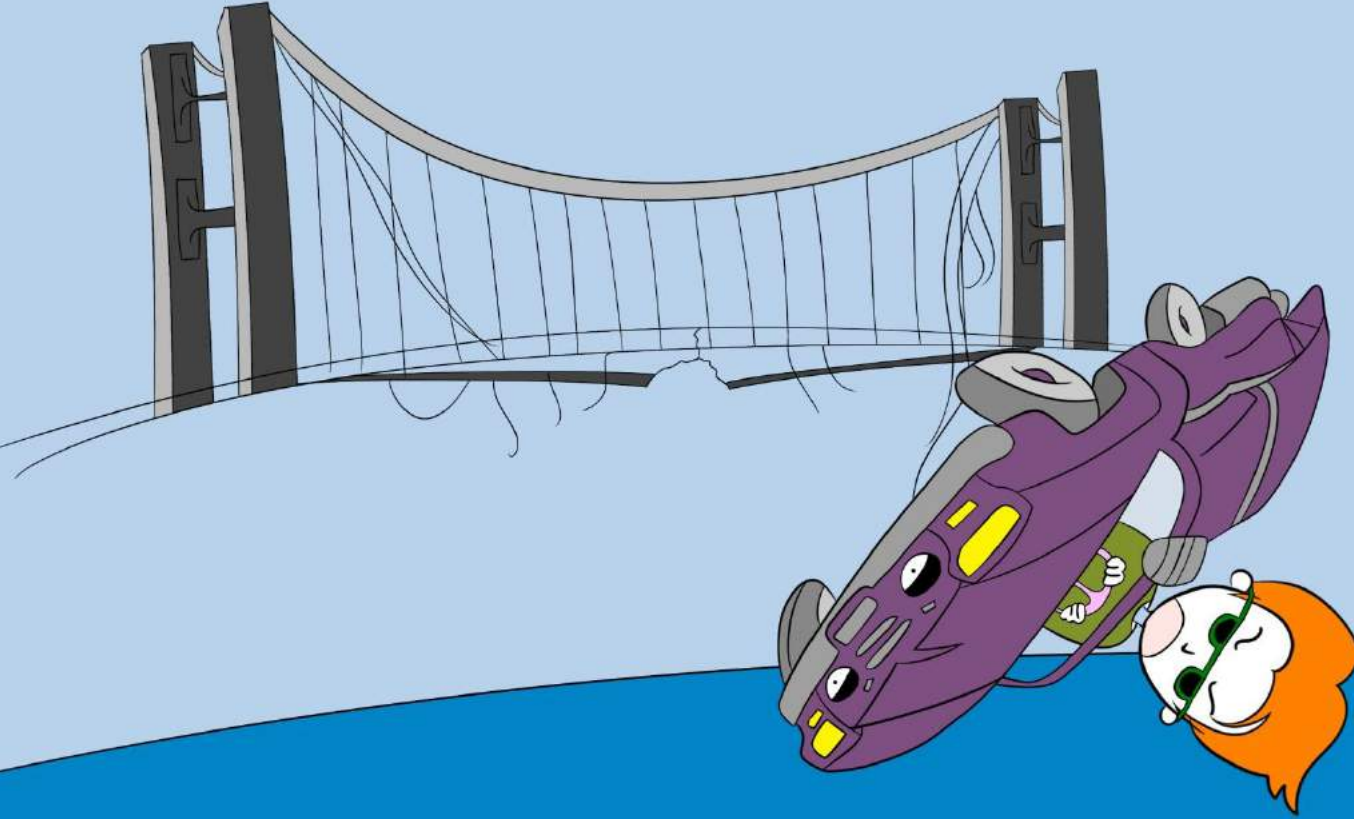
This was going to be a very long week!

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

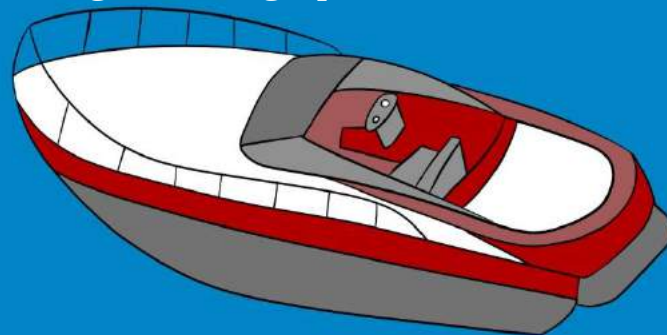


The Ranterino jumped from a plane without a parachute and fought some sky police officers.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!



He drove another car through 37 police cars then under a truck, through a shopping mall and, finally, off a big city bridge, landing upside down on a boat.



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

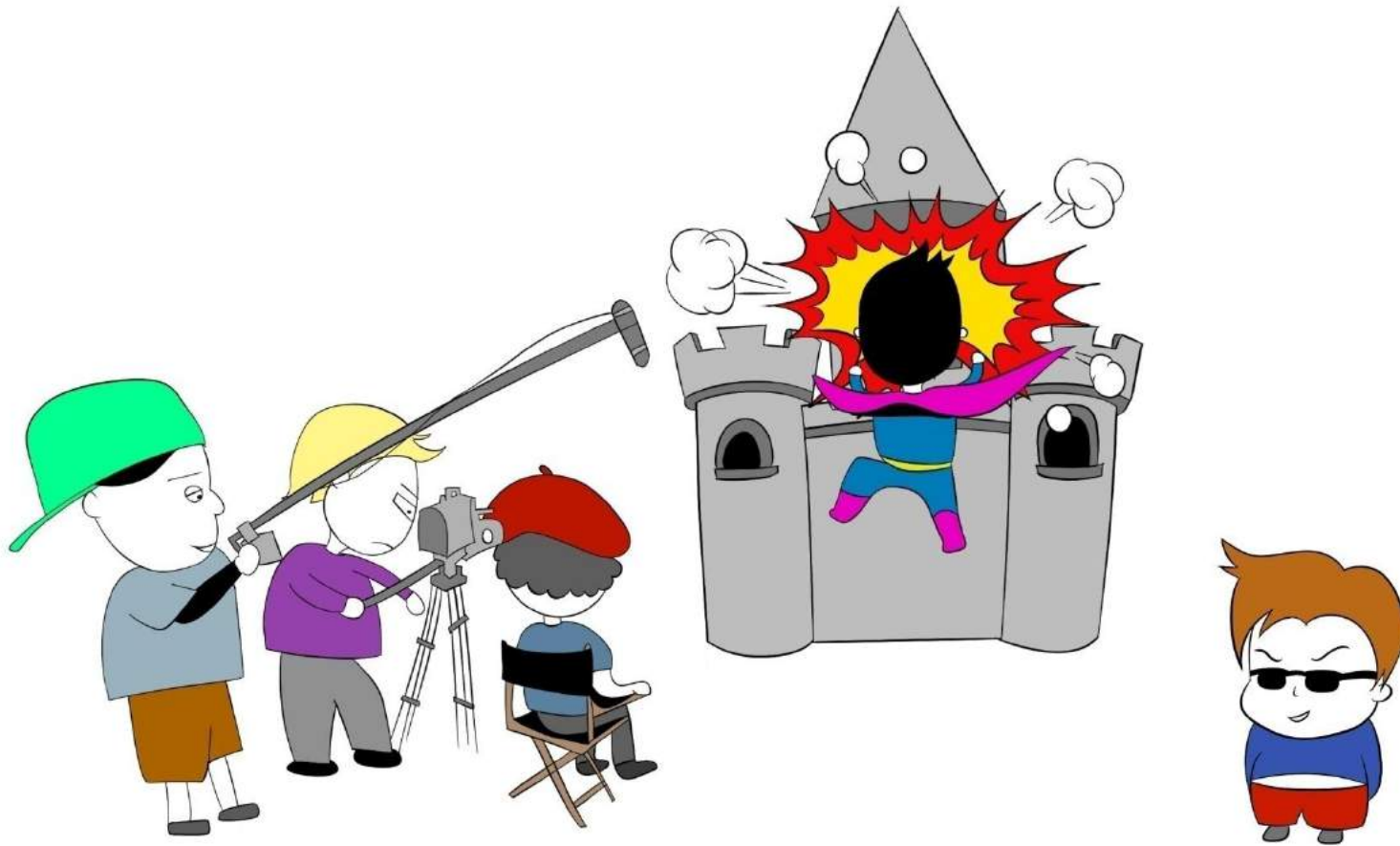


He wrestled a briefcase full of money from a tiger's mouth in a circus tent.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!



He climbed into a canon and was fired into a wall.



He did all these stunts and broke a thousand bones or more
And all the while Dimplestink just stood there watching it all.

‘BLAH, BLAH, BLAH!’

When the movie was finally finished the director said to everyone,
‘This will be the greatest action movie the world has ever seen.
Dimplestink, my friend, you will win an Oscar!
And Ranterino... you look terrible! Go get yourself clean.’



The Ranterino hobbled away, with blood all over his face and purple hair.

He looked down angrily at Dimplestink who smiled and said,

‘Hey, Ranty, sometimes life’s not fair!’



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