

# To Kill the Chicken

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**RETURNING TO HIS HOMETOWN, A 27-YEAR-OLD CHINESE GAY MAN GRAPPLES WITH HIDING HIS SEXUALITY TO MEET HIS FAMILY'S MARRIAGE EXPECTATIONS, LEADING TO A TENSE SHOWDOWN DURING THE TRADITIONAL CHICKEN SLAUGHTER RITUAL.**

# CAST



A close-up portrait of Yanan Zhu, a young man with dark hair and bangs, looking slightly to the left. He is wearing a white t-shirt. The background is dark with a warm, golden light source on the right side, creating a soft glow.

# YANAN ZHU

ZHU GRADUATED FROM THE PERFORMANCE DEPARTMENT OF SICHUAN MEDIA COLLEGE. HIS FIRST FEATURE FILM WAS DIRECTED BY THE OSCAR-NOMINATED CHANGWEI GU AND STARRED LEADING CHINESE A-LIST ACTORS YOU GE AND JUNKAI WANG. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY APPEARED IN ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BRANDS LIKE COCA-COLA, TENCENT, AND LEAGUE OF LEGENDS. IN 2023, HE STARRED IN THE FILMING OF THE CENTRAL TELEVISION SPRING FESTIVAL GALA, WHICH IS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED AND GARNERS THE LARGEST AUDIENCE, OFTEN DUBBED THE "CHINESE SUPER BOWL."

# QIN QUE

QUE IS AN EXPERIENCED AND PROMISING ACTRESS WITH A PARTICULARLY STRONG ABILITY TO SHAPE CHARACTERS. SHE STARRED IN THE SHORT FILM "EXAM," WHICH WAS SELECTED FOR THE SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES. ADDITIONALLY, THE SHORT FILM "SUMMER COPY," IN WHICH SHE PARTICIPATED, WAS CHOSEN FOR THE DIRECTORS' FORTNIGHT AT THE 2023 CANNES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL.





# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

**SAME-SEX MARRIAGE REMAINS UNRECOGNIZED AND EVEN ILLEGAL IN CHINA, AS WELL AS IN MOST ASIAN COUNTRIES. THE MAIN REASON BEHIND THIS IS THE TRADITIONAL BELIEF IN CHINA THAT INDIVIDUALS MUST MARRY AND CONTINUE THE FAMILY LINEAGE, WHICH IS CONSIDERED OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE. AS A RESULT, THOUSANDS OF LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS IN CHINA ARE AFRAID TO COME OUT AND EITHER CHOOSE TO ENTER INTO A HETEROSEXUAL MARRIAGE OR REMAIN SINGLE. EVERY YEAR DURING THE SPRING FESTIVAL, WHICH IS A TIME FOR FAMILY REUNIONS, UNMARRIED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE REACHED A CERTAIN AGE ARE OFTEN CRITICIZED AND PRESSURED BY FAMILY MEMBERS. THE SPRING FESTIVAL HAS BECOME A NIGHTMARE FOR MANY IN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY. AS A MEMBER OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY MYSELF, I HAVE WITNESSED TOO MANY CASES OF GAY INDIVIDUALS BEING COERCED BY THEIR PARENTS INTO MARRYING SOMEONE OF THE OPPOSITE SEX.**

**IN THIS SHORT FILM, I AIM TO FOCUS THE CAMERA ON THE MORE CONSERVATIVE BACKDROP OF RURAL CHINA, EXPLORING HOW A HOMOSEXUAL MAN NAVIGATES A CONVERSATION WITH HIS PARENTS IN A RIGID AND CONSERVATIVE SOCIETAL ENVIRONMENT, AS HE SEEKS UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE FROM WITHIN.**

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