

The Missing Plunger:

There are some words you'll never learn in a traditional classroom, and plunger is one of them. Which is where Popup Chinese comes in. Because when the day comes you have a genuine sewage emergency, the last thing you're going to want to do is bring your dictionary into the fray. So join us in this podcast as we plumb the depths of toilet humor with a podcast that is quite literally the filthiest thing we've ever recorded.

Text:

甲: 我們家馬桶堵了。

women jiā matong du le o Our toilet at home is clogged.

乙: 馬桶堵了?

mătŏng dǔ le ? Your toilet's clogged?

甲: 剛拉了肚子,拉完就堵了。

gāng lā le dùzi , lā wán jiù dǔ le 。
I just had diarrhea, and it backed up.

乙: 那還不趕緊通通?

nà hái bù gǎnjǐn tōngtong?

Then you should hurry up and unblock it, no?

甲: 皮搋子丟了。

pí chuāizi diū le 。

The plunger's gone missing.

乙: 可以用手掏啊。

kěyǐ yòng shǒu tāo a 。

You can scoop it out with your hands.

甲: 那咱倆一起掏吧。

nà zán liǎ yīqǐ tāo ba 。 Ok, let's scoop it out together.



乙: 掏完可得請我吃飯。

tāo wán kě děi qǐng wò chī fàn 。

When we're done you've gotta treat me to dinner.

甲: 好,掏完咱就吃。

hảo , tāo wán zán jiù chī 。

Great. We'll grab a bite when we're done scooping.

乙: 好嘞。

hǎo lei 。

OK.

Vocabulary:

馬桶 toilet måtŏng 堵 dŭ clogged 拉肚子 lā dùzi to have diarrhea 趕緊 gǎnjǐn with all haste 通通 to clear through tongtong 皮搋子 pí chuāizi plunger

表 diū to lose

指o to scoop out

咱倆 zán liǎ us two