I know the way, a Chinese short story for HSK 1

Sūn Lán's husband never asks for directions. Today they walk to lunch at a friend's new home. Will they get there?

你喜欢走路吗？我有一个走路的故事！
Nǐ xǐhuan zǒu lù ma? Wǒ yǒu yí ge zǒu lù de gùshi!
Do you like walking? I have a walking story!

上个月，我的好朋友搬家了。她的新家离我家不远。
Shàng ge yuè, wǒ de hǎo péngyou bān jiā le. Tā de xīn jiā lí wǒ jiā bù yuǎn.
Last month my good friend moved. Her new home is not far from mine.

星期天，她请我们去吃午饭。我和我爱人走路去。
Xīngqītiān, tā qǐng wǒmen qù chī wǔfàn. Wǒ hé wǒ àiren zǒu lù qù.
On Sunday she invited us for lunch. My husband and I walked there.

我说："我们问问路吧。"我爱人说："不用问，我认识路。"
Wǒ shuō: "Wǒmen wènwen lù ba." Wǒ àiren shuō: "Bú yòng wèn, wǒ rènshi lù."
I said: "Let's ask the way." My husband said: "No need to ask. I know the way."

我们走了二十分钟。你猜，我们到了哪儿?
Wǒmen zǒule èrshí fēnzhōng. Nǐ cāi, wǒmen dàole nǎr?
We walked for twenty minutes. Guess where we got to?

我们到了一个大商店前面。我问："是这儿吗？"他说："我认识路。"
Wǒmen dàole yí ge dà shāngdiàn qiánmiàn. Wǒ wèn: "Shì zhèr ma?" Tā shuō: "Wǒ rènshi lù."
We came to a big store. I asked: "Is it here?" He said: "I know the way."

我们往左走，往右走，又往左走。
Wǒmen wǎng zuǒ zǒu, wǎng yòu zǒu, yòu wǎng zuǒ zǒu.
We went left, then right, then left again.

我说："那儿有一个人，我们问问他吧。"他说："不用。我认识路。"
Wǒ shuō: "Nàr yǒu yí ge rén, wǒmen wènwen tā ba." Tā shuō: "Bú yòng. Wǒ rènshi lù."
I said: "There's a man over there. Let's ask him." He said: "No need. I know the way."

我朋友打电话来："孙兰，你们在哪儿？饭好了。"我说："你问我爱人吧，他认识路。"
Wǒ péngyou dǎ diànhuà lái: "Sūn Lán, nǐmen zài nǎr? Fàn hǎo le." Wǒ shuō: "Nǐ wèn wǒ àiren ba, tā rènshi lù."
My friend called: "Sūn Lán, where are you? Lunch is ready." I said: "Ask my husband. He knows the way."

我们走了一个小时。天很热，我很饿。
Wǒmen zǒule yí ge xiǎoshí. Tiān hěn rè, wǒ hěn è.
We walked for an hour. It was hot, and I was hungry.

我说："我们坐出租车吧。"他说："出租车？为什么？我认识路。"
Wǒ shuō: "Wǒmen zuò chūzūchē ba." Tā shuō: "Chūzūchē? Wèi shénme? Wǒ rènshi lù."
I said: "Let's take a taxi." He said: "A taxi? Why? I know the way."

然后，我们又看见了那个大商店。还是那个商店！
Ránhòu, wǒmen yòu kànjiànle nàge dà shāngdiàn. Háishi nàge shāngdiàn!
Then we saw that big store again. The very same store!

我没说话。他也没说话。
Wǒ méi shuōhuà. Tā yě méi shuōhuà.
I didn't say anything. He didn't say anything.

他走得更快了。
Tā zǒu de gèng kuài le.
He walked faster.

我朋友又打电话来："孙兰，饭凉了。"
Wǒ péngyou yòu dǎ diànhuà lái: "Sūn Lán, fàn liáng le."
My friend called again: "Sūn Lán, lunch is getting cold."

我爱人不走了。他很高兴，说："看！我们到了！"
Wǒ àiren bù zǒu le. Tā hěn gāoxìng, shuō: "Kàn! Wǒmen dào le!"
Then my husband stopped. He was very happy. He said: "Look! We're here!"

我看了看。这个门我认识。你猜，这是哪儿?
Wǒ kànle kàn. Zhège mén wǒ rènshi. Nǐ cāi, zhè shì nǎr?
I looked. I knew this door. Guess where we were?

是我们家。我们自己的家！
Shì wǒmen jiā. Wǒmen zìjǐ de jiā!
It was our home. Our own home!

我看着我爱人。他看着门。
Wǒ kànzhe wǒ àiren. Tā kànzhe mén.
I looked at my husband. He looked at the door.

他说：“你看，我认识路吧！”
Tā shuō: “Nǐ kàn, wǒ rènshi lù ba!”
He said: “See? I know the way!”

Words in the story

走路
zǒu lù
to walk, to go on foot

搬家
bān jiā
to move (to a new home)

离
lí
from (how far)

午饭
wǔfàn
lunch

爱人
àiren
husband or wife (an older people's word)

路
lù
road, the way

认识路
rènshi lù
to know the way

不用
bú yòng
no need

商店
shāngdiàn
store, shop

往左走
wǎng zuǒ zǒu
to go left

往右走
wǎng yòu zǒu
to go right

又
yòu
again

饿
è
hungry

出租车
chūzūchē
taxi

更
gèng
even more

凉
liáng
cold (food)

门
mén
door

自己
zìjǐ
own

你猜
nǐ cāi
guess!

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