The dog takes a taxi, a Chinese short story for HSK 2

Wáng Lěi gets out of a taxi, and a small white dog jumps in, all alone. Where does it want to go?

你见过狗坐出租车吗？我见过！
Nǐ jiànguo gǒu zuò chūzūchē ma? Wǒ jiànguo!
Have you ever seen a dog take a taxi? I have!

每个星期六下午，我都坐出租车去公园，跟朋友下棋。
Měi ge xīngqīliù xiàwǔ, wǒ dōu zuò chūzūchē qù gōngyuán, gēn péngyou xià qí.
Every Saturday afternoon, I take a taxi to the park to play chess with my friends.

那天，我到了公园，给了钱，下了车。车门还开着。
Nà tiān, wǒ dàole gōngyuán, gěile qián, xiàle chē. Chē mén hái kāizhe.
That day, I got to the park, paid and got out. The car door was still open.

这时候，一只白色的小狗跳上了车。旁边没有人。
Zhè shíhou, yì zhī báisè de xiǎo gǒu tiàoshàngle chē. Pángbiān méiyǒu rén.
Just then, a small white dog jumped into the taxi. There was nobody with it.

它坐好，看着司机，像一个乘客。你猜，它想去哪儿？
Tā zuò hǎo, kànzhe sījī, xiàng yí ge chéngkè. Nǐ cāi, tā xiǎng qù nǎr?
It sat down and looked at the driver, like a passenger. Guess where it wanted to go?

狗不会说话。可是它脖子上有个小牌子：名字叫豆豆，还有一个地址。
Gǒu bú huì shuōhuà. Kěshì tā bózi shang yǒu ge xiǎo páizi: míngzi jiào Dòudou, hái yǒu yí ge dìzhǐ.
A dog can't talk. But there was a small tag on its neck: its name, Dòudou, and an address.

地址不远。司机说：“好，豆豆，我送你回家！”
Dìzhǐ bù yuǎn. Sījī shuō: “Hǎo, Dòudou, wǒ sòng nǐ huí jiā!”
The address wasn't far. The driver said: “OK, Dòudou, I'll take you home!”

我也很想看看，就又上了车。
Wǒ yě hěn xiǎng kànkan, jiù yòu shàngle chē.
I really wanted to see this too, so I got back in.

路上，我一直告诉司机怎么走：“左拐！右拐！”豆豆什么也没说。
Lùshang, wǒ yìzhí gàosu sījī zěnme zǒu: “Zuǒ guǎi! Yòu guǎi!” Dòudou shénme yě méi shuō.
On the way, I kept telling the driver which way to go: “Turn left! Turn right!” Dòudou said nothing.

十分钟以后，我们到了。一个老人站在楼下，左看右看，很着急。
Shí fēnzhōng yǐhòu, wǒmen dào le. Yí ge lǎorén zhàn zài lóu xià, zuǒ kàn yòu kàn, hěn zháojí.
Ten minutes later, we were there. An old man stood outside the building, looking left and right, very worried.

我打开车门，豆豆跳下车，跑到老人那儿。老人高兴极了！
Wǒ dǎkāi chē mén, Dòudou tiào xià chē, pǎodào lǎorén nàr. Lǎorén gāoxìng jí le!
I opened the door. Dòudou jumped out and ran to the old man. He was so happy!

他看了看出租车，又看了看司机。你猜，他问了什么？
Tā kànle kàn chūzūchē, yòu kànle kàn sījī. Nǐ cāi, tā wènle shénme?
He looked at the taxi, then at the driver. Guess what he asked?

他问：“它坐出租车回来的？多少钱？”
Tā wèn: “Tā zuò chūzūchē huílai de? Duōshao qián?”
He asked: “He came home by taxi? How much is it?”

司机说：“十六块。”老人给了钱，笑了。
Sījī shuō: “Shíliù kuài.” Lǎorén gěile qián, xiào le.
The driver said: “Sixteen kuài.” The old man paid, and laughed.

他说：“豆豆每个星期六都自己去公园玩。”
Tā shuō: “Dòudou měi ge xīngqīliù dōu zìjǐ qù gōngyuán wán.”
He said: “Every Saturday, Dòudou goes to the park on his own to play.”

“以后每个星期六，你去公园接它回家，好吗？”司机说：“没问题！”
“Yǐhòu měi ge xīngqīliù, nǐ qù gōngyuán jiē tā huí jiā, hǎo ma?” Sījī shuō: “Méi wèntí!”
“From now on, every Saturday, can you pick him up at the park and bring him home?” The driver said: “No problem!”

下个星期六，我又去公园下棋。豆豆已经坐在路边，在等车。
Xià ge xīngqīliù, wǒ yòu qù gōngyuán xià qí. Dòudou yǐjīng zuò zài lùbiān, zài děng chē.
The next Saturday, I went to the park to play chess again. Dòudou was already sitting by the road, waiting for the taxi.

那个司机来了，豆豆跳上了车。
Nàge sījī lái le, Dòudou tiàoshàngle chē.
The same driver came, and Dòudou jumped in.

我问：“我也能上车吗？”司机看了看我。你猜，他说什么？
Wǒ wèn: “Wǒ yě néng shàng chē ma?” Sījī kànle kàn wǒ. Nǐ cāi, tā shuō shénme?
I asked: “Can I get in too?” The driver looked at me. Guess what he said?

“不行。豆豆是我最好的乘客，它从来不告诉我怎么开车。”
“Bù xíng. Dòudou shì wǒ zuì hǎo de chéngkè, tā cónglái bú gàosu wǒ zěnme kāi chē.”
“No. Dòudou is my best passenger. He never tells me how to drive.”

Words in the story

出租车
chūzūchē
taxi

司机
sījī
driver

下棋
xià qí
to play chess

跳
tiào
to jump

乘客
chéngkè
passenger

脖子
bózi
neck

小牌子
xiǎo páizi
a small tag

地址
dìzhǐ
address

送你回家
sòng nǐ huí jiā
to take you home

一直
yìzhí
kept (doing), all the time

左拐，右拐
zuǒ guǎi, yòu guǎi
turn left, turn right

老人
lǎorén
old man, old person

着急
zháojí
worried

接
jiē
to pick up (a person)

已经
yǐjīng
already

从来不
cónglái bù
never

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