



Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In

Movie Production Note

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Starring : Louis Koo, Raymond Lam

Starring : Terrance Lau, Philip Ng, Tony WuTsz Tung, German Cheung

Co-starring : Richie Jen, Wong Tak Pun Kenny, Fish Liew, Chu Pak Hong,
Cecilia Choi, Lau Wai Ming

Guest appearance : Sammo Hung

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Introduction

Set in the eighties inside the dangerous and enigmatic Kowloon Walled City, which was a de jure Chinese enclave within British colonial Hong Kong, *Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In* follows troubled youth Chan Lok-kwun as he accidentally enters the Walled City, discovers the order amidst its chaos, and learns important life lessons along the way. In the Walled City, he becomes close friends with Shin, Twelfth Master and AV. Under the leadership of Cyclone, they resist against the invasion of villain Mr. Big in a series of fierce battles. Together, they vow to protect the safe haven that is Kowloon Walled City.

Synopsis

In the 1980's, Hong Kong has become a global economic powerhouse. Ethnic Chinese from overseas cross the sea to reach the city. Among them is young Chinese-Vietnamese man Chan Lok-kwun, who is using Hong Kong as a transit point after making the perilous journey across the sea. Though there is little chance that he will be able to emigrate elsewhere, Lok risks his life as an underground fighter in order to make the money he needs to secure a better life.

However, Lok is such a skilled fighter that he attracts the attention of the powerful Mr. Big. He tells Lok that he can secure a passport for him, but his true intention is to rob Lok of his life savings and force Lok to work for him. Far from being a docile sheep, Lok takes revenge by stealing Mr. Big's shipment. When Mr. Big puts out an underworld bounty on him, Lok unwittingly enters the infamously enigmatic Kowloon Walled City for safety and ends up crossing paths with Cyclone, the Walled City's leader.

Mr. Big invades the Walled City to capture Lok, but when Cyclone fights back to protect the Walled City, he also indirectly ends up protecting Lok as well. The Walled City has always been a claustrophobic place with its own laws. As long as Lok doesn't do anything to disturb its order, Cyclone agrees to let Lok stay and start with a clean slate.

Cyclone was once an underworld legend in the 1960's and 70's. Though he is feared and revered outside, everyone inside the Walled City knows him for his benevolent nature. This is why he lent a helping hand to Lok, a mere stranger who has been pushed into a corner.

Aside from small businesses, the Walled City also has many workshops, making it one giant factory. Cyclone helps Lok find work and settle down. Lok's once-turbulent life has now found peace. Once a lonely soul, Lok now lives among the residents of the Walled City, including close friends Shin, Twelfth Master and AV.

Cyclone has given Lok the first taste of a real life. After spending most of his life adrift, Lok seems to have found a place worth living in and people worth caring for.

When the Sino-British Joint Declaration is signed, Hong Kong's colonial government secretly makes plans to demolish the Walled City and prepares a large sum of money for compensation. To ensure the demolition goes smoothly, British police officials recruit Mr. Big, using criminals to fight criminals. King, Mr. Big's right hand man, suggests an alliance with Chau, the Walled City's biggest landlord, resurrecting a grudge from the past to start a war inside the Walled City.

It turns out that Lok's father was Jim, the notorious "King of Killers" who murdered Chau's family.

Cyclone has been Chau's best friend for many years, but he is also a close confidante of Jim. During the Battle of the Walled City many years ago, Cyclone and Jim found themselves facing each other in battle. After Jim died in the fight, Cyclone fulfilled Jim's final request by sending Lok away, but fate ends up bringing Lok back many years later. Chau nearly gets his long-awaited revenge by killing Lok, but Cyclone steps in and stops Chau. This ends their friendship once and for all.

To get revenge, Chau hires Mr. Big to hunt down Lok. Taking advantage of the situation, Mr. Big invades the Walled City to take Cyclone's place.

As the Walled City is attacked from all sides, Lok finds himself in danger. Cyclone is caught in a fierce battle against Mr. Big as he tries to send Lok away and protect the Walled City. However, Cyclone is defeated and killed due to weakening health from his illness. Shin, Twelfth Master and AV also go missing during their fight to protect Lok.

After successfully taking over the Walled City, Mr. Big turns the tables on Chau, seizing his properties to become the kingpin of the Walled City. In one swift stroke, the Walled City returns to chaotic state of the 1960's. However, King seizes the opportunity to stage a coup and kills Mr. Big. As the new overlord, King is even more ruthless than his former employer, bringing guns-for-hire from across the border into the Walled City. Under King's rule, life in the Walled City is more miserable than ever.

After Lok recovers from the attack, he decides to regroup and stay in the Walled City. For his friends and for his new home, he must reclaim what he has lost.

A battle of life and death is about to unfold.

Character Introductions

LOUIS KOO as Cyclone

Underworld legend Cyclone got his nickname from the time when he wiped out many of his enemies' sites in a single night, just like a cyclone. In the 1960's, he defeated Kowloon Walled City's evil Ching Tin gang with his two fists, taking over as its protector. Over the years, he has brought order to the Walled City, turning it into a place for the lower class to live and work in peace. Unfortunately, he has been afflicted with a terminal illness. To prevent others from taking advantage of his weakened health, he hides his condition from the world.

SAMMO HUNG as Mr. Big

Mr. Big rules the Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market single-handedly, making him the biggest crime lord of the Kowloon peninsula. Mr. Big is a temperamental tyrant who has refused to concede his powers for years. To solidify his rule, he acts aggressively to satiate his greed for wealth and

power. When he learns about the colonial government's plan to demolish Kowloon Walled City and the compensation money involved, he aligns himself with the British police superintendent to seize properties owned by Chau, the biggest landlord of the Walled City. Just as he thinks that his evil plan has paid off, he is suddenly betrayed by the man he trusts the most just as he faces ferocious resistance from Lok and others in the Walled City.

Raymond Lam as Chan Lok-kwun

Lok has been an orphan all his life. While growing up in Vietnam, he saw the fires of war up close. Living in an uncertain and tumultuous environment, Lok was forced to turn to crime to survive. Despite making the perilous journey to Hong Kong as a refugee, Lok has little chance of emigrating elsewhere. He decides to put everything on the line by making a daring escape out of the refugee camp. Later, when he gets into trouble with crime lord Mr. Big, Lok finds safe haven in Kowloon Walled City thanks to Cyclone, whom Lok comes to respect as a father figure. After becoming friends with Shin, Twelfth Master and AV, Lok finally gets his first taste of a normal life. After drifting all his life, Lok has finally found a place worth staying in and people worth fighting for. But just as he thinks that he has found a home to call his own, his shocking past is exposed.

RICHIE REN as Chau

The biggest landlord in Kowloon Walled City, Chau owns two-thirds of the Walled City's property deeds. He is the blood brother of Cyclone, with whom he works closely to maintain peace in the Walled City. During the Battle of the Walled City in the 1960's, Chau's family was murdered by Ching Tin gang. Mr. Big ends up using this unresolved grudge to sow discord between Chau and Cyclone, setting off a series of violent battles in the Walled City.

PHILIP NG as King

The rebellious King has been on the streets since a young age, when he ran away from home. In his teens, King got into trouble with local hoodlums and was saved by Mr. Big. Since then, he has admired Mr. Big and followed him like a loyal dog. For over 20 years, King has protected his boss with his vicious fist, earning him the coveted spot of Mr. Big's right-hand man. After helping his boss take Kowloon Walled City, King becomes greedy for power. Out of selfish desire, he kills Mr. Big.

TERRANCE LAU as Shin

Before his death, Shin's father left his only son, Shin, under the care of Cyclone in Kowloon Walled City. Since then, Cyclone has treated Shin like a son, entrusting him with various tasks in the Walled City. To help Shin protect himself, Cyclone even taught him fighting skills. Not only is Shin grateful to Cyclone as his savior, but he also respects Cyclone as a mentor. Over time, he became Cyclone's trusty assistant. A loyal man, Shin is a man of his word and hates being lied to.

TONY WU as Twelfth Master

Twelfth Master is the youngest heir of the largest rice shop in Sai Wan. As his name implies, he has eleven older brothers. Thanks to his family's wealth, Twelfth Master enjoyed a decadent lifestyle that led to his drug addiction. After carelessly escaping into Kowloon Walled City, his friendship with Lok, Shin and AV gives him new possibilities in life. Thanks to Cyclone's help, he even quits drugs and ends up making a name for himself on Temple Street after leaving the Walled City. When he hears about Mr. Big's invasion of the Walled City, he gathers his men to help save it.

GERMAN CHEUNG as AV

Real name Lam Kit-sum, AV and his girlfriend Yip Chi smuggled to Hong Kong by sea in hopes of taking advantage of Hong Kong's "Touch Base" immigration policy. However, they missed the expiration date of the policy, making them illegal immigrants. Since AV's medical license isn't recognized in Hong Kong, he and Yip Chi are forced to work at a nightclub to make a living. To protect Yip Chi, who was forced into prostitution, AV gets into a fight that left his face deformed. Yip Chi was taken away, never to be found again. With Cyclone's help, AV is able to recover at Kowloon Walled City, where he becomes friends with Shin, Lok and Cyclone. When he learns that Yip Chi has been sent to Japan, AV works extra hard to save money so that he can look for his beloved in Japan.

Producer - John Chong

Veteran producer and Co-founder of Media Asia Entertainment Group, Chong has worked in the film industry for nearly 40 years. He has served as a member of the Hong Kong Film Development Council and the Chairman of the Hong Kong Screenwriters' Guild. As a screenwriter, producer and presenter, he has worked on over a hundred films, including the *Infernal Affairs* series, *Initial D*, *Beast Cops* and *Z Storm*.

Producer - Wilson Yip Wai Shun

The most successful action director of his generation, Yip's works include *Ip Man 4* (2019), *Paradox* (2017), *Ip Man 3* (2016), *Ip Man 2* (2009), *Ip Man* (2008), *Flashpoint* (2017), *Dragon Tiger Gate* (2006), *SPL* (2005), *Bio Zombie* (1998) and *Mongkok Story* (1996).

Director - Soi Cheang

Renowned Hong Kong producer and director. His films include: *Limbo* (2021), *The Monkey King 3* (2018), *The Monkey King 2* (2016), *SPL II: A Time for Consequences* (2015), *The Monkey King* (2014), *Motorway* (2012), *Accident* (2009), *Shamo* (2007), *Dog Eat Dog* (2006) and *New Blood* (2002).

His films have earned the following accolades:

Limbo - Berlinale Special, 71st Berlin Film Festival; Purple Mulberry Award, 23rd Far East Film Festival, Italy; Best Photography, 54th Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia; Best Production Design and Best Sound, 15th Asian Film Awards.

Motorway – Piazza Grande, 65th Locarno Film Festival; Best Film and Best Director, 19th Hong Kong Film Critics Society Awards; nominee for Best Film and Best Director, 32nd Hong Kong Film Awards.

Accident - Competition, 66th Venice Film Festival.

Shamo - Nominee for Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Action Choreography and Best Cinematography, 44th Golden Horse Awards.

Dog Bite Dog - Competition, 19th Tokyo International Film Festival.

New Blood - Nominee for Best New Director, 22nd Hong Kong Film Awards