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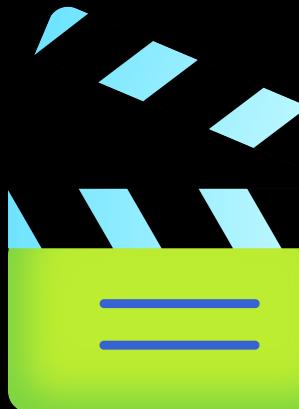
Очень рады, что вы присоединились
к нашему интенсиву «Проживи неделю
с нейтивом».

Сегодня мы разберем первый фильм —
«Отпетые мошенники»
(«*Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*»).



Вы можете прочитать краткое саммари фильма ниже или посмотреть сам фильм.

Мы рекомендуем посмотреть сам фильм на английском



Так вы потренируетесь преодолевать языковой барьер и начнете лучше понимать английский на слух.



Но если вы сейчас не можете посмотреть фильм — ничего страшного, мы подготовили саммари (краткое изложение фильма). Его будет достаточно для квиза в телеграм-канале.

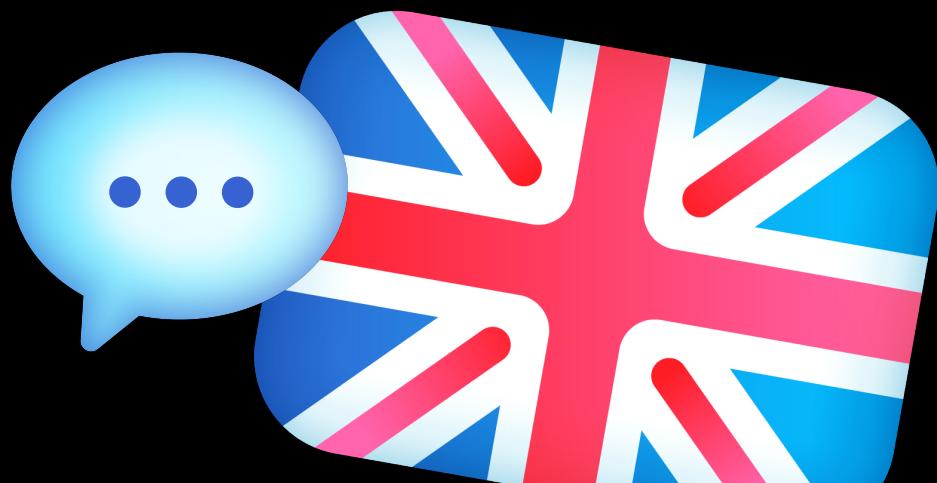
Но все же настоятельно рекомендуем сейчас или позже посмотреть фильм на английском, чтобы потренировать аудированием и просто хорошо провести вечер.

<<Dirty Rotten Scoundrels>>



Read and translate the words before reading the summary or watching the movie:

Rotten scoundrel	Wicked	Psychiatrist
Pearls	To have someone on a leash	Astronomical fees
Accept charity	To give a lift	Numb
Innocent children	Decoy	Remains
Extremely rich	To catch a man with another woman	To cremate
Powerful enemies	Terrific guy	Satellite dish
Widower	To finance sth	To return feelings
Freedom fighters	Cork	To perform a miracle
Starving	Out of someone's league	To get off the plane
Raise someone	Emotional problem	Mute
Shabby trick	To be engaged to sb	
Naive		



Film summary

Lawrence Jamieson is an intelligent and sophisticated British con artist operating in the fictional town of Beaumont-sur-Mer on the French Riviera. With the help of manservant Arthur and amoral police official Andre, he seduces wealthy women and cons them out of money by posing as a prince in exile trying to raise money for his country's «freedom fighters». His only concern is another con artist — an American known as «The Jackal» — who has been reported in the area.



While on a train, Lawrence crosses paths with small-time American hustler Freddy Benson, who brags about his meager accomplishments at conning rich women out of money with a sob story about a sick grandmother.

Worried that Freddy's inexperienced antics will scare away his prey, Lawrence attempts to trick Freddy into choosing a different destination, then has him arrested and put on a plane out of town. However, after Freddy meets one of Lawrence's former marks, he blackmails Lawrence into taking him on as a pupil.

Lawrence attempts to teach Freddy style and refinement, with limited success. He then involves Freddy in his cons, having him play his mentally challenged brother Ruprecht to scare away women Lawrence has seduced (and now, in the new con, proposed to). When Lawrence refuses to give Freddy a cut of the profits, Freddy angrily quits but refuses to leave town.



Lawrence is unwilling to share his territory with Freddy, so the two agree on a bet: the first to con \$50,000 out of a selected mark wins, and the other must leave town. They target new arrival Janet Colgate, the naive «United States Soap Queen». Freddy poses as a psychosomatically crippled U.S. Navy veteran who needs \$50,000 for treatment by the celebrated psychiatrist Dr. Emil Schaffhausen of Liechtenstein. When Janet shows sympathy to Freddy, Lawrence poses as Dr. Schaffhausen and agrees to treat Freddy but stipulates that Janet pay the \$50,000 fee directly to him.

Lawrence discovers that Janet is not actually a soap heiress, having won her vacation and «Soap Queen» title in a sweepstakes; nevertheless, she plans to liquidate most of her assets to pay for Freddy's treatment. Lawrence attempts to call off the bet, as he only cons wealthy marks. Freddy counters with a new bet: Janet herself, with the first in bed with her declared the winner. Lawrence is disgusted and refuses to seduce Janet, but agrees that should Freddy fail with Janet, he wins.



Under the guise of continuing Freddy's treatment, Lawrence dances with Janet and taunts Freddy, raising the ire of some nearby British sailors, whom Freddy convinces to waylay Lawrence. He rushes to Janet's hotel room, where he demonstrates his love by standing and walking to her. However, Lawrence has secretly been present the whole time and declares Freddy cured.

Ushering Freddy out of the room, he explains that the sailors released him after discovering that he is a Royal Naval Reserve officer. Lawrence leaves Freddy at a party with the sailors — who, realizing that he can walk, haze him and keep him occupied until Lawrence can put Janet on an airplane home.

However, Janet instead returns to her hotel room and finds Freddy there. She declares her love for him, and they kiss and begin undressing. Andre reports this to Lawrence, who accepts his defeat with grace. He waits for Freddy to return and gloat over his victory, but instead Janet arrives in tears and says that Freddy stole the money her father sent. Disgusted, Lawrence calls Andre to have Freddy arrested, gives Janet a bag containing \$50,000 of his own money, and takes her to the airport.



Before her plane departs, Janet returns Lawrence's bag, refusing to take what isn't hers. Andre arrives with Freddy, who claims that Janet stole his wallet and clothes. Lawrence disbelieves him, pointing out Janet's honesty in returning the \$50,000. Opening his bag, he finds that the money has been replaced with Freddy's clothes and a note wherein Janet reveals herself to be the Jackal. Freddy is furious, but Lawrence is delighted at having been deceived so skillfully.



The following week, Freddy and Lawrence contemplate their loss at Lawrence's villa. They are about to part ways when Janet, posing as a New York City real estate agent, arrives in a yacht filled with wealthy people.

She prompts the shocked Lawrence and Freddy to assume roles in her scheme and, after sending her guests off to refresh themselves, takes the pair aside and announces that, while she made three million dollars the previous year, «[their] fifty thousand was the most fun». Joining arms, they set out to fleece their latest victims.



Answer the questions

1. Where does the action take place?

2. What do Freddy and Lawrence do?

3. What do they bet on and why?

4. What is Freddy's disguise?

5. Who is Janet?

