

Phone Conversations with Dad

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CHARACTERS:

Quang, Roger's dad

Roger, Quang's son

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*In dark, the sound of a cellphone ringing.
As lights rise, Quang answers his cellphone.*

QUANG: Hello?

ROGER: Dad.

QUANG: Oh, son.

ROGER: Hey dad.

QUANG: Is everything ok?

ROGER: Yeah.

QUANG: Did you get into an accident?

ROGER: What? No.

QUANG: Do you need money.

ROGER: No.

QUANG: Ok.

ROGER: Ok.

QUANG: Alright, I'll let you go then.

ROGER: What?

QUANG: What?

ROGER: Do you have to leave?

QUANG: No.

ROGER: Then why are you hanging up?

QUANG: I don't want to keep you.

ROGER: But I called you.

QUANG: Ok.

Pause.

QUANG: I'll let you go then.

ROGER: But dad –

QUANG: What?

ROGER: Don't you want to talk?

QUANG: About what?

ROGER: I don't know.

Pause.

QUANG: No. Not really.

ROGER: Seriously?

QUANG: I have nothing to say.

ROGER: Nothing?

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QUANG: I already asked you if you needed money.

ROGER: I don't need money!

QUANG: Ok then, I'll let you go.

ROGER: Ok fine.

QUANG: Ok, see you next time.

ROGER: Ok.

QUANG: Your mom wants to know when you are coming over next time.

ROGER: I don't know, I'll have to check.

QUANG: Ok.

A quick beat.

ROGER: Dad.

QUANG: What?

ROGER: I love you, dad.

Silence.

QUANG: Ok, I'll let you get back to your things. Bye.

QUANG hangs up.

ROGER: ... bye.

END OF PLAY.