**Title:** I **WeirDo**

**Genre: Fantasy romance**

**Runtime: 101mins / feature film**

**Language: Mandarin / Taiwanese**

**Release date: 2020.8.7**

**DIRECTOR / SCREENPLAY: Ming-Yi Liao**

***Synopsis***

Po-Ching is an OCD patient, with serious symptoms of mysophobia. He has been conditioned to the endless cleaning habits in his daily life. His “quirkiness” has also isolated him from the general public and people see him as a completely weirdo. Po-Ching goes out for daily needs shopping on the 15th of each month. Someday, he meets another weirdo Chen Ching.

It is fate to make Po-Ching and Chen Ching to meet each other. They finally find another who is in the same boat. Their relationship is spotless and perfect. But everything becomes different when Po-Ching’s OCD disappear suddenly.

In the world of love, we are each other’s weirdos. When the love is gone, I am not attracted to your quirkiness anymore.

***About Director***

1980, born in Taipei. Graduated from the Graduate School of Applied Media Arts in National Taiwan University of Arts. 2005, started creating his own productions. He has accomplished 7 short films so far, including “The Gift”. 2011, worked as Executive Director and Editing Director in You Are the Apple of My Eye. 2012, worked as Editing Director in two Taiwan films Bad Girls and Forever Love. 2015, worked as Executive Director and Editing Director in At Café6. 2017, worked as Screenwriter and Executive Director in Didi's Dream. Working on directing, shooting and editing films, music videos, and commercials.

***Filmography***

• 2011 / You Are the Apple of My Eye / Executive Director, Editing Director

• 2012 / Bad Girls / 2nd assistant film editor

• 2012 / Forever Love / Editing Director

• 2015 / At Café 6 / Executive Director, Editing Director

• 2017 / Didi’s Dream / Screenwriter, Executive Director

• 2020 / IweirDO / director (debut film)

***Director's statement***

 "In the past, I was an executive director, like a babysitter. "I WeirDo" was my first own work, from script to film completed. Why it called "I WeirDo"? Because I am one of them. Everyone has their own paranoid side, and when it happens, it will encounter a lot of acceptance and no acceptance. Love is also a paranoid, I want to tell the promise of love through the story."

***Crew***

* Directors: Ming-Yi Liao
* Producer: Chi-Yuan Chen, Ivy Chen, Steve Wang
* Screenplay: Ming-Yi Liao
* Cinematographer: Ming-Yi Liao
* Edit Director: Ming-Yi Liao
* Music: Chia-Wei Hsu, Triodust
* Sound: Aacross Studio
* Production: Activator Marketing Company

***Cast***

**Austin Lin (as Chen Po-Ching)**

**Awards**: Won the 53rd Golden Horse Award for Best Supporting Actor in *At Café 6*.

**Filmography**: *Someone In The Clouds, The Knight of Shadows: Between Yin and Yang, Go Lala Go, Anywhere Somewhere Nowhere, Sweet Alibis.*

**Character introduction:**

Po-Ching is an OCD patient, with serious mysophobia. Due to his neurotic and weird behavior, he has been called a “weirdo” since childhood. Po-Ching spends most of his time cleaning everything in the house every day. Luckily, his mother left the house to him, all he has to do is make enough money to live on his own. Po-Ching is a full-time translator, with an average income, but the merit is he won’t need to go out, he can just work with the publishers through mails, which is perfect for Po-Ching since he is afraid to go out due to mysophobia. Po-Ching can do translations really fast, and he has helped the publishers to translate several top selling novels, and has received a handsome bonus. Yet, Po-Ching has trouble with his typing. He types really slow, which is unimaginable in such a modern time where consumer electronics are so advance. It prevents him from translating more works simultaneously to increase more of his income. Po-Ching once believed that he would spend the rest of his life in this small house, then he comes across a person of his kind, someone who can understand him, and make up for his flaws.

**Nikki Hsieh (as Chen Ching)**

**Awards**: Won the 43rd Golden Horse Award for Best Supporting Actress in Reflections. Won the 10th Asian Film Festival in Italy for Best Leading Actress in *Make Up*.

**Filmography**: *The Scoundrels, The Assassin, Make Up, The Rice Bomber.*

**Character introduction:**

 Chen Ching is an OCD patient as well. Her mysophobia standards are even higher than Po-Ching. Besides spending a lot of her time cleaning, Chen Ching also has another OCD symptom, which is stealing. Chen Ching would steal stuff in a certain mall every week. She doesn’t really need those items, it’s just her compulsion acting up. Hence, Chen Ching would collect all her stolen goods, and donate them to children’s home every few months. Chen Ching has a special skill, that she can do real-time typing in Mandarin really fast. Yet, such skill is not that popular in the modern time where consumer electronics are so advance. Thus, she finds a job as being an art model, trying to make a living in the fastest way possible. Yet, to her disadvantage, her skin would start having allergic reactions after going outdoors for 4 hours. She can only work one case per week, and spending rest of the time waiting for her skin to recover. Chen Ching would complain about having OCD every day. She believes that one day she would have enough of it and end her own life. Then, she meets Po-Ching, who is also a weirdo having the same issue with her, and is able to understand her and make up for her flaws. This is a future that Chen Ching has never imagined before. She begins to feel that it would be nice to live like this for the days to come. However, can such days really last forever?

***OCD Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder***

OCD, short for Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, is a mental disorder in which a person feels the compulsion to perform certain routines repeatedly, in order to reach certain expected criteria, otherwise the person would have a strong sense of anxiety and insecurity. Common routines include organizing things, washing hands, wondering if the gas is still on, etc. People with OCD are like an operating system

that is infected by computer virus, as soon as it boots, the system would crash, and once it reboots, it would crash again, stopping the system from working properly.

Po-Ching is an OCD patient, with serious symptoms of mysophobia, and has been treated as a weirdo by others since his childhood.