



The Pursuit  
of  
Happyness



# About Movie

(2006 - Columbia Pictures)

Chris Gardner is a bright, but marginally employed salesman who finds himself and his five-year-old son evicted from their apartment with nowhere to go.

When Gardner lands an internship at a prestigious stock brokerage firm, he and his son endure many hardships living in shelters, in pursuit of his **dream of a better life** for the two of them.



# The Pursuit of Happyness



Chris

This movie is a 2006 American biographical drama film based on entrepreneur **Chris Gardner**'s nearly one-year struggle being homeless.



Directed by

# Gabriele Muccino

- Gabriele Muccino is an Italian film director
- He is best known for his first American film *The Pursuit of Happyness*.
- Will Smith wanted Gabriele Muccino to direct the movie, although, a film director could barely speak English.

# Cast: **Will Smith**

At first real Chris Gardner thought Smith, an actor best known for starring in action movies, was miscast to play him before his daughter Jacintha told him,

**"If Smith can play Muhammad Ali, he can play you!"**





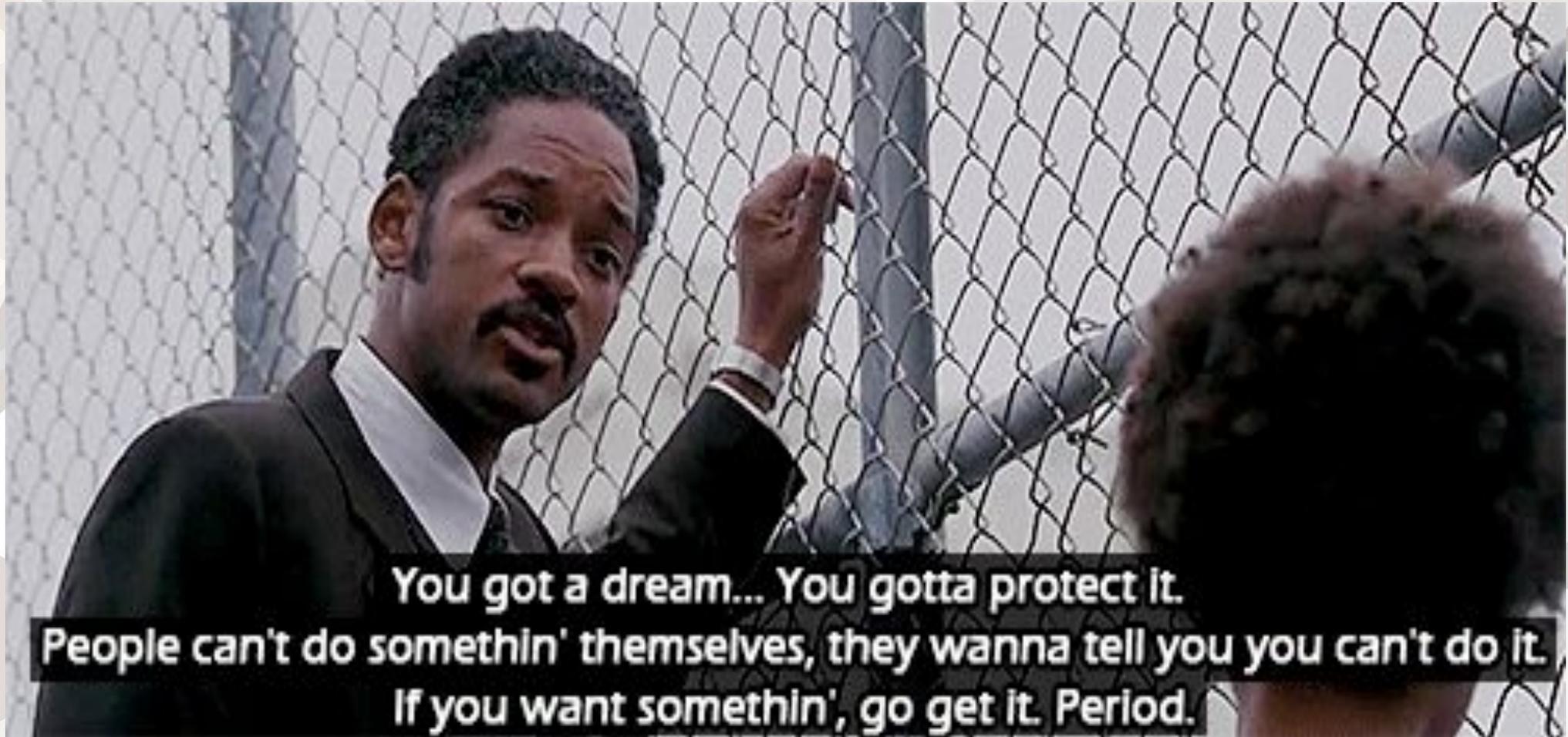
Speed-cubing champions **Tyson Mao**, **Toby Mao** and **Lars Petrus** were hired to coach **Will Smith** to solve a Rubik's Cube in under two minutes.

The unusual spelling of the film's title

It was spelled that way on purpose because it is what Gardner sees on the wall outside the daycare facility his son attends.



# Quote:



**You got a dream... You gotta protect it.  
People can't do somethin' themselves, they wanna tell you you can't do it.  
If you want somethin', go get it. Period.**

# Cast: **Jaden Smith**

**Jaden Smith**, Will Smith's son, plays  
Chris Gardner's son,  
Christopher Jr.



**Christopher** is Jaden's  
middle name.

# From the movie:

“Hey dad, you wanna hear something funny? There was a man who was drowning, and a boat came, and the man on the boat said “Do you need help?” and the man said “God will save me”.

Then another boat came and he tried to help him, but he said “God will save me”, then he drowned and went to Heaven. Then the man told God, “God, why didn't you save me?” and God said “I sent you two boats, you dummy!””



# Ending scene: Cameo



At the end, the real **Chris Gardner** walks past Chris (Will Smith) and Christopher.