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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(verb) shang-HI

Trick or force somebody to do something unpleasant or to go somewhere; to drug or inebriate and send to sea as a sailor; take control of.

To British and French reporters Communist Barmine had told how he refused to dine aboard a Soviet steamer sent to Greece, suspecting the Captain had been ordered to **shanghai** him and take him back to Russia.

Unattributed, *Time Magazine*, 10 January 1938. *Time Magazine*

At 15, a rebel militia tried to **shanghai** him into their ranks, the lawyer said.

Bill Mah, *Edmonton Journal*, 18 July 2006. *Edmonton Journal*

Sometimes a superstructure the firm had bid for and lost - there were a number of them, more than Barbet wanted to count - but one in particular, in China, seemed persistently to **shanghai** her nightworld, grafting failed CG skinsketch onto gauzy somnambulist constructions.

Bruce Wagner, *Memorial*.

And what's nice about being in a broadcast center is that with CBS "This Morning" being on for two hours, there's always a parade of people going in and out on any number of subjects, and I've been known to **shanghai** them on occasion.

Albert Parisi, *The New York Times*, 24 April 1994. *New York Times*

They have attempted to set him up and to **shanghai** him into something that he does not know about.

Mr Lamont, *Australian Hansard*, 22 February 1994. *Australian Hansard*