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學校名稱 : 聖公會靈愛小學

Name of Play 劇名 : Today

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Synopsis 故事大綱 :

After a couple of weeks, Toby, Ophelia, Doris, Ashley and Ysabelle have finally scheduled a meeting on Zoom. How do they feel? What are they going to talk about? Will they recount their memories in the past or share their plans about the future? What is the best way for them to spend the time together?



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SCENE 1

Opening music in.

OPHELIA enters the Zoom meeting room. (Music fades out) Waiting for the others to join the meeting. Playing with the filter functions. Humming the melody of Today.

DORIS enters the Zoom meeting.

DORIS: Oh hey Ophie! Do you hear me? (*waiting for a response*) You're so early! Much earlier than scheduled! You must miss them 3000.

OPHELIA: I just... happened to remember the wrong time...

DORIS: Don't be shy! Just admit you miss them! So do I! That's why I came in early too. And I promised I wouldn't be late! Oh wait, before I forget to ask you - have you started preparing for the test next week? I can't remember the scope and I can't find the notice. Can you remind me?

OPHELIA: I'll have to check. Wait...

DORIS: No worries. WhatsApp me later. I'm not in the mood for revision anyway. Oh speaking of WhatsApp, you've been so quiet in the group. Didn't we promise to keep in touch even though we're apart? (*joking*) Or you don't wanna talk to us anymore, huh?

OPHELIA: ... I'm just busy with my studies.

DORIS: Oh my god you hesitated! You really don't wanna talk to us? And what revision are you being busy with? You don't even remember the scope of the test! Oh I know... you're one of those who tell others you're lazy but turn out getting the highest score!

OPHELIA: Don't be silly...

DORIS: But seriously, why don't we study together? We can support each other. I'm sure Toby wants to join us too. Let's invite him when he enters. I think our parents won't say no to us as long as we promise to spend our time wisely.

OPHELIA: Oh again!

DORIS: What?

OPHELIA: You're using the word 'promise' so casually.



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DORIS: I am not! I just want to convince our parents to trust in us.

OPHELIA: It's not easy to keep every promise.

DORIS: But we can try our best, can't we?

TOBY enters.

DORIS: Oh hey Toby. Here you are!

TOBY: Hey! Only you two are here? I thought I was late.

DORIS: We should've scheduled it at a later time. It's too early for them. Maybe they're still asleep.

TOBY: No problem. We three can enjoy a little "us-time" without them, can't we?

DORIS: That's right!

TOBY: Ophie, have you prepared an apology?

OPHELIA: What for?

TOBY: I think Ash should be fine with it... but maybe Ysa's still mad...

OPHELIA: But I'd told them I couldn't make it.

TOBY: I'm just worried... you know...she looked really disappointed that day.

DORIS: Yes... but I guess she would understand...

An awkward silence.

TOBY: Do you two have any plans for Christmas?

DORIS: Isn't it too soon to talk about it?

TOBY: Come on! Tell me first!



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DORIS: Okay okay. I just wanna stay home binge-watching, playing games and most importantly – sleeping!

TOBY: That means you have no plan.

DORIS: What? No plan is the best plan!

TOBY: Ophie, what about you?

OPHELIA: I'm going to the tutorial centre to focus on my studies.

DORIS: Boring! The first exam will've been over before the holiday! You should give yourself a break! Working too hard does you harm!

TOBY: Well, I think YOU are simply lazy... but Ophie, I think you shouldn't give yourself too much pressure either, or you'll burn yourself out! But no worries, here's a plan for all of us to relax! My parents have planned our holiday and they want to invite you two to join us!

DORIS: Oh you said in the WhatsApp group that you have something to tell us. This is what it's all about?

TOBY: Not really... listen to me first! We've got a 5-day plan. Day 1, we're going to Ocean Park in daytime and the Peak in the evening. Day 2, 3, 4, we'll travel around some outlying islands – Cheung Chau, Lamma Island, Tai O, and we'll be staying in a resort in Discovery Bay. Day 5, Disneyland!

OPHELIA: It doesn't sound relaxing... It's a very packed schedule...

DORIS: Did you force your parents to take you around?

TOBY: Not really! It's actually THEIR idea. "I" am forced instead!

DORIS: I didn't know your parents are that... energetic and outgoing!

TOBY: They aren't... but... anyway come join me!



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DORIS: It sounds thrilling but I have to ask for my parents' approval. Can your parents help persuade my parents please?

TOBY: Mum seems to have said that she's gonna call your mum. Hopefully it'll be alright! What about you, Ophie?

OPHELIA: Why don't you just spread it out a little? The schedule's too tight.

TOBY: Again – not MY idea. But come on! It'll be fun! It's about US going together!

OPHELIA: I'll think about it...

DORIS: Don't be such a nerd, Ophie! You weren't like that! Get some fresh air with us! What about this? I still have to wait for my parents to say yes. If they do, you must come along!

TOBY: Yes yes! That's that! Now I'm looking forward to it!

DORIS: Oh what about this? Just now I was talking to Ophie that we can do revision together. If we can perform well in the coming exam, there's no reason for our parents to say no. Do you wanna join us, Toby?

OPHELIA: I think I didn't say yes...

TOBY: Um... I can't decide yet either... Let's talk about this later... Hey, have you seen the notice from the school website about the Christmas concert? We're performing again this year, aren't we?

DORIS: Of course!

Another awkward silence.

TOBY: Ophie?

OPHELIA: I ain't sure...

DORIS: Not again! You are driving me mad today! Why not?

OPHELIA: It's different this year.

DORIS: What's the difference?