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**Name of School** : TSEUNG KWAN O CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**學校名稱** : 將軍澳天主教小學  
**Name of Play 劇名** : A Robot's Life  
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**Synopsis 故事大綱 :**

A group of scientists are trying to re-mode a group of misbehaved children by turning them into robots. During the process, they put chips in their brain but something has gone wrong. A few of the children still have the feeling and sense of a human. They then try to wake the others up and unveil the plot behind. Are they able to do so or they discover something else .....



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**SCENE 1:**

Characters: *Alex1, Alex 2, Alex3, Child 1, Child 2, Child 3, Scientist 1, Scientist 2, Boss, Trainer 1, Trainer 2, Guard 1 & 2*

*(Curtain opens, Children are sitting in a row, two guards are standing beside them, 2 scientists are examining the children)*

SCIENTIST 1: They are ready, we could give them the pill and put them to sleep.

*(Guards give all children the pills, once children took the pill, their heads drop and become unconscious, except Alex1, 2, 3)*

SCIENTIST 2: They are all asleep; I will put the computer chip inside them.

GUARD 1: *(looks at Alex 1 who is not asleep)* Can you please come over? This child has a problem.

SCIENTIST 1: Let me try *(fix Alex 1's chip, Alex 1 drops his head)* this should be okay.

GUARD 2: *(Referring to Alex 2 & Alex 3)* These two robots seem to have a problem too.

SCIENTIST 2: Let me see. *(fix Alex 2 & 3's chip)* this should be okay.

GUARD 1: Great! They are all set. Let me call the boss.

*(Scientists 1&2 work at their computer, all children begin to act like robots)*

*(THE ROBOT BOSS enters the factory with TRAINER 1 and TRAINER 2)*

BOSS: How are my robots today?

SCIENTIST 1: They are all good.

SCIENTIST 2: They are ready for the training.

BOSS: Excellent! I can't wait to see them helping others! Good job everyone *(Boss exits)*

*(Trainers 1 & 2 walk towards the robots)*

TRAINER 1: Let's start our training. Please activate Function 1

Scientist 1: Function 1 activated.

TRAINER 1: Help someone when they fall down.



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(Trainer 2 pretends to fall down, all robots run over to help)

(Alex1,2,3 help trainer 2 as other robots but their facial expressions are confusing, they don't understand why they are behaving like that)

SCIENTIST 2: Function 1 normal. Let's try Function 2.

TRAINER 1: Help someone when they are upset.

*(Trainer 2 starts to cry, all robots go to comfort trainer 1, Alex 1,2 & 3 stand there first, then move to comfort trainer 2)*

CHILD 1: (robot voice) Don't cry. What's the matter?

CHILD 2: (robot voice) Everything will be okay.

CHILD 3: (robot voice) Do you need tissue?

SCIENTIST 1: Trainers, these robots are slower than the others.

SCIENTIST 2: Noted. Let's try function 3 first.

TRAINER 1: Ask "how may I help"

(Trainer 2 stands there looking lost, all children go to trainer 2, including Alex1, 2, 3)

ALL CHILDREN: (robot voice) Are you okay? How can I help you?

TRAINER 2: I lost my mom! (crying)

ALL CHILDREN: (robot voice) Where did you last see her?

TRAINER 2: Five minutes ago.

ALL CHILDREN: (robot voice) You remember what she is wearing?

TRAINER 2: She is wearing a blue T-shirt.

ALL CHILDREN: (robot voice) I will help you to look for her. (walk around) blue T-shirt, blue T-shirt...

*(TRAINER 1 takes a blue T-shirt out and put it in front of him)*

ALL CHILDREN: Blue T-shirt! Here's your mom!

Alex 1, 2 & 3: (robot voice) Blue t-shirt! But he's a man!

*(All scientists & children looked at Alex 1, 2 & 3 and freeze, blackout)*



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**SCENE 2:**

Characters: *Alex 1, 2 & 3, Boss, Secretary, Scientist 1, Scientist 2, Scientist 3, Scientist 4*

(Alex 1 is lying on a table and scientists are gathering around him, Alex 2 & 3 are standing next to the table.

Boss and Secretary looks worried)

BOSS: Scientists, how are these three robots doing?

SCIENTIST 3: There is nothing wrong with their bodies.

SCIENTIST 4: But... they are thinking like a human being even though they listen to our commands.

SCIENTIST 1: They were fine when they first become a robot.

SECRETARY: But now they are NOT fine. Do something!

BOSS: How could they still have the mind of a human? How about the other robots?

SCIENTIST 2: The other robots are all fine. It's just these three.

BOSS: I give you two days, destroy them if you fail. (Boss and secretary leave)

SCIENTIST 3: What shall we do? I don't want to destroy them.

SCIENTIST 4: We need to re-run their programs.

SCIENTIST 3: We don't have enough time for it, it will take 3 days to do so.

SCIENTIST 2: We need to find another way to save these 3 robots.

SCIENTIST 1: There will be new computer chips arriving tomorrow, let's put new chips in them and see.

SCIENTIST 4: Let's put them together with the other robots for now and hope they can learn from the rest.

(*Scientists help Alex1, 2, & 3 down from the table*)

SCIENTIST 2: Alex 1, Alex 2, Alex 3, go back to your room.

ALEX 1, 2 & 3: Command received. Going back to my room.

(*Alex1, 2 & 3 start to walk like a robot and exit, Scientists exit the other side*)

(*Enter THE ROBOT BOSS talking on the phone, Alex1, 2, & 3 follow the boss but BOSS doesn't see him*)



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BOSS: (to the phone) Yes sir, all robots are trained to be good helpers. We can turn naughty kids into helpful robots.

SECRETARY: Boss, you have to go for your meeting, we are running late already.

BOSS: (to secretary) Okay, give me 1 more minute.

(to the phone) We have to be able to sell the robots next month? But..

Yes sir. We will try our best. Goodbye (Hang up)

SECRETARY: Next month? Scientists say they still need to run some tests.

BOSS: I know, and there's something special about these robots, I need to run more tests in person. (Take a deep breath) Tell the scientist the robots have to be ready next month and all robots will be out in the market!

(Alex 1, 2 & 3 heard what the boss said)

ALEX 1: Oh no! I am going to be sold to strangers!

ALEX 2: What is happening?

ALEX 3: Why the others didn't seem to care at all!

ALEX 1: We have to get out of here.

ALEX 2: Yes! I don't want to be sold to some strangers.

ALEX 3: Neither do I.

(Alex 1, 2 & 3 run away)

SECRETARY: Yes Boss, I will let them know. But Boss, why do you think some Robots are different?

BOSS: I don't know, may be they are not supposed to be robots? May be I am treating them too harsh?

SECRETARY: You did what's best for them Boss.

(Boss and secretary leave. Alex 1, 2 & 3 enter and see a group of robots walking back to their bedroom)

ALEX 1: Hey! Stop! Listen to me!

ROBOT 1: (Robot voice) I am a helpful robot, I am always helpful.



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ALEX 2: Do you know we are turned into robots? Do you know why?

ROBOT 2: (Robot voice) I am a helpful robot, how can I help you?

ALEX 3: I know you are a robot, but why am I a robot but not a human being!

ROBOT 3: (Robot voice) You look angry.

ROBOT 1: (Robot voice) Yes, and sad too.

ROBOT 2: (Robot voice) How can I help you?

ALEX1,2 & 3: You are not helpful at all!

ALL ROBOTS: (Robot voice) Oh dear, we are not helpful! We failed. (Walk away)

ALEX 1: Who can help us here?

ALEX 2: The Boss!

ALEX 3: Let's go!

*(Alex 1,2 &3 walk to the direction where the boss left, blackout, curtain close)*

**SCENE 3:**

*(Alex is walking in front of the closed curtain looking for Robot Boss)*

*(Two guards passed by and Alex1, 2 & 3 hide behind the curtains)*

GUARD 2: Why are we here again?

GUARD 1: I am telling you the 10<sup>th</sup> time today. We have to make sure no robots leave this place.

GUARD 2: I know, but they don't even know how to leave their room.

GUARD 1: I know! This is a meaningless job.

GUARD 2: I am hungry, why don't we go to eat something first?

GUARD 1: Good idea, I am starving.

*(Guard 1 & 2 leave, curtain opens, Robot Boss is sitting behind a desk and Alex1, 2 &3 walk in)*

BOSS: Why are you here?

SECRETARY: (using her remote control) stop, stop! Boss! It's not working!

ALEX 1,2 & 3: Boss. I need help!



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BOSS: What do you mean?

ALEX 1: Why did you turn us into robots?

BOSS: You shouldn't be asking this question. How come you can think differently?

ALEX 2: I don't know. I just can.

SECRETARY: Boss, shall I call security?

BOSS: Wait, I want to hear what he has to say.

ALEX 3: Boss, we don't want to be robots, we want to be a human being. I mean we are, we were human beings.

BOSS: Sorry kids, too late. You all have been really bad, that's why we are turning you into helpful robots to help people.

ALEX 1,2&3: You have no right to do so!

SECRETARY: Yes, we do. Your teachers, parents and friends are so upset by what you did.

BOSS: They sent you to us, so we can turn you into helpful students.

ALEX 1: No, that's not true!

BOSS: You don't believe me? Take a look!

*(Boss points to a remote in the air and the past of the three Alexes appear in front of him)*

*(Grandma is carrying a lot of things and walking with young Alex 1)*

GRANDMA: Alex, can you help grandma to carry some bags?

YOUNG ALEX: No! *(And runs away)*

GRANDMA: Don't run Alex! *(Grandma runs after young Alex but falls down and her stuff is everywhere)*

BOSS: See!

ALEX 1: That's not fair, I was very young at that time.

BOSS: How about this?

*(Teacher is explaining some mathematics to young Alex 2)*

TEACHER: You have to add this and this first. Do you understand?



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YOUNG ALEX: Yes!

TEACHER: Great! Try again and come to me if you have any questions.

(Teacher turns and leaves but drops her pen behind, Alex 2 picks it up but when he sees the teacher has walked away, he took the pen for himself)

(Teacher returns to look for her pen, she couldn't find it and cries)

BOSS: That pen was very important to Miss Lam.

ALEX 2: That's not fair. I didn't know that!

BOSS: You didn't even bother to walk and give the pen to your teacher.

ALEX 2: I..... I...

SECRETARY: You have nothing to say right?

BOSS: How about this?

*(Young Alex 3 and his friends are playing, one of his friends falls down, but they all continue to play and ignore him/her)*

BOSS: None of you helped your friend!

ALEX 3: I thought the others would help him/her.

BOSS: Exactly! All of you thought the others will help, and did nothing, and what happened?

SECRETARY: Now you understand why you are here?

(Guard 1 & 2 rush in)

GUARD 1: BOSS, we are so so so sorry, please don't get mad, but... we have lost 3 robots.

BOSS: They are here. Locked them in the special room with the other robots that cannot pass the test.

GUARD 2: Yes Boss. We won't lose them again, you can count on us.

ALEX 1,2 & 3: No! I don't want to be a robot!

BOSS: Sorry Kids. Too late kids! Not everyone has a second chance. Enjoy your new robot life!





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ALEX 1: Haven't you even made a mistake when you were young?

ALEX 2: I don't think you did everything right since you were small.

ALEX 3: Someone must have forgiven you and gave you a second chance.

BOSS: .....

ALEX 1,2 &3: We deserve a second chance!

*(Guard 1& 2 brings Alex away)*

*(Blackout)*



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**SCENE 4:**

(Lights up, ALEX 1, 2 & 3 are being transported to a room with other robots standing)

GUARD 1: (to guard 2) Put them here.

GUARD 2: Are you sure? Do we need to lock them up? We just lost them

GUARD 1: This room is secured. They can't go anywhere.

(Guard 1 & guard 2 leave)

ALEX 1, 2 & 3: (to the other robots) Hey! Wake up!

ROBOT 1: What's the matter? Who is shouting?

ROBOT 2: Who needs help? I am a helpful robot.

ROBOT 3: How can I help you?

ALEX 1: No! We are human beings, not robots!

ROBOT 1: I am a helpful robot. How may I help you?

ALEX 2: You have to wake up!

ROBOT 2: You are upset. Let me see what I can do.

ROBOT 3: You look angry. Let's not stand too close to him.

ROBOT 1: You need comfort. Do you need a hug?

ALEX 3: No! (pushes the robots away) You all have to go with me!

ROBOT 2: I can't help him... Oh no... (starts to move uncontrollably)

ROBOT 1&3: He doesn't need help.... Oh no.... (start to move uncontrollably)

ALEX 1: Stop! (All robots stop and imitate Alex 1's gesture) Listen to me..

(Suddenly, there are screaming and crying from outside)

GUARDS (VO): There's a fire! Run!!!

TRAINERS(VO): All computers are down, help!

SCIENTISTS (VO): All robots are not working! Help! Help!

ALEX1, 2 & 3: Oh no, we have to go, there's a fire!



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(Robot 1, robot 2 & robot 3 copied Alex's movement)

ALEX 1:                 What are you doing?

ALL ROBOTS:         (copied Alex's movement) What are you doing?

ALEX 2:                 He asked you

ALL ROBOTS:         (copied Alex's movement) He asked you

ALEX 3:                 Oh no! Let's go!

ALL ROBOTS:         Oh no! Let's go!

*(Robot 1,2,3 & Alex 1,2,3 exit)*

*(Enter Scientists, trainers, Boss, secretary and guards, coughing and finding their way)*

BOSS:                    You, go save the robots!

SCIENTIST 1:         Boss, it's too late

SCEINTIST 2:         All computers are down, we cannot control them now.

TRAINER 1:            They are not trained to run away from fire.

SECRETARY:            What's that?

*(Robot 1, 2, 3 & Alex 1,2,3 appear, carrying buckets and putting out the fire)*

ALEX1, 2, 3:            This way! Follow me!

ALL ROBOTS:            This way! Follow me!

BOSS:                    Those are robot Alex 1, 2 & 3!

SECRETARY:            They are putting out the fire!

TRAINER 2:            Hey, Alex 1, Alex 2, Alex 3! This way!

*(Alex1,2, 3 turn around and help all the human beings with the other robots)*

*(Everyone escaped from the fire scene)*

ALEX 1,2,3:            (to other robots) Follow me, let's save the robots!

ALL ROBOTS:            Follow me, let's save the robots!

*(They all go inside and put out the fire)*



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SECRETARY: The fire is out!

SCIENTIST 1: Where are the robots?

(Everyone looks so worried)

SCIENTIST 2: There they are!

(ALEX 1, 2, & 3 and the robots appear)

ALEX 1: All robots are saved!

ALEX 2: But they are not moving.

SCIENTIST 1: I will reset the program

SCIENTIST 2: Don't worry, they'll be fine.

BOSS: Thanks for saving our lives Alexes.

ALEX 3: So.... Did we help?

BOSS: Yes, you did. Thank you Alex 1, Alex 2 & Alex 3, you did great.

ALEX1,2,3: And, it's not too late?

BOSS: No, you were just in time.

ALEX 1: How about the other robots? Do they deserve a second chance?

BOSS: Yes, I guess you were right. I didn't do everything right when I was young and someone did give me a second chance. Thanks for reminding me. (to secretary) Call Mr. Brown, tell him we are not selling the robots.

SECRETARY: But they have already paid Boss. We will lose a lot of money.

BOSS: We will pay them back. These robots, I mean children deserve a second chance.

SECRETARY: Yes Boss! I'll call him immediately.

ALEX 1,2,3: Yeah! Thanks Boss! (Jump up and down, all other robots follow them)

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