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Name of School : YAUMATI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

學校名稱 : 油蔴地天主教小學

Name of Play 劇名 : THE INCIDENT

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Synopsis 故事大綱 :

A terrible incident has happened at school. Someone has made an appalling mess in a washroom. Was it done out of anger? Out of frustration? Out of sadness? And who is responsible? Could it be the emotionally sensitive Susie, who continues to struggle with controlling her feelings? Or could it be the temperamental Ken, whose anger management has been his greatest challenge. Maybe it is Charles, the overly confident and verbal student who seems to be the centre of all attention. These colourful characters, as well as many others, are the members of Mr. Chung's class, who spend the day figuring out the answer to the mystery of "The Incident".

Inspired by their own life experiences, "The Incident" is an original short play brainstormed, workshopped and devised by the students of Yaumati Catholic Primary School for the HK School Drama Festival 2017. Come and peel the layers of the characters, and discover the hidden truth behind "The Incident".



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SCENE 1: THE MORNING ASSEMBLY

The STUDENTS gather for their morning assembly with their CLASS TEACHER (CT)

VOICEOVER All Students and Teachers, please rise for the Morning Assembly.

All rise.

VOICEOVER All Students and Teachers, please sing the School Song.

ALL STUDENTS *(singing)*
R-E-S-P-E-C-T.
Everyone, you and me.
Talk and listen respectfully.
In our school life.

CT Good morning, class.

ALL STUDENTS Good morning, Mr. Chung.

CT Is your homework finished?

ALL STUDENTS All finished, Mr. Chung.

CT Are you ready for the lessons today?

ALL STUDENTS We are, Mr. Chung.

ALL STUDENTS Very good. Let's walk to the classroom.

CHARLES Mr. Chung! Sorry, my tummy is aching. May I please...

CT Charles, is it urgent?

CHARLES Yes, please...



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KEN Seriously? Every morning?

SUSIE Ken, I'm sure it's urgent.

KEN Who asked you, Susie?
Was I looking at you?

SUSIE (scared) Sorry, I was trying to help...

KEN Next time, if I want your help, I'll ask!

SUSIE (almost crying) Okay, I respect your wishes.

KEN I don't need your respect.

CT That's enough, students. Fine, just go quickly.

CHARLES dashes to the washroom, but is stopped by what he finds in there.
CHARLES signals to his buddies.

STUDENT A Mr. Chung, excuse me, I also need to go.

STUDENT B Me, too!

STUDENT C Me, three!

CT But...

The three dash off to join CHARLES.
The four STUDENTS are in awe by what they find.

STUDENT D What is it?

STUDENT E What do you see?

STUDENT F Whaaat?



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CHARLES Guys, you won't believe this!

SUSIE runs to join them, as does KEN.

SUSIE cries.

KEN grumbles.

Then ALL STUDENTS also run to the washroom.

CT signals for the MONITOR and MONITRESS to investigate.

ALL STUDENTS O-M-G!

The STUDENTS are noisily talking to each other about the incident they see.

The MONITOR, STUDENT Y and MONITRESS, STUDENT Z quietly report to CT.

CT Alright, line up, students! We'll talk about it in the classroom.

VOICEOVER All Teachers. All Teachers. Please come to the Principal's Office.

ALL STUDENTS Wow. This is serious!

CT We'll talk about it in the classroom, later. Go ahead.

MONITOR, STUDENT Y and MONITRESS, STUDENT Z guide the students to line up.

All STUDENTS return to the line, and walk to the classroom, while talking to their classmates about what they saw.

CLASS TEACHER stays behind to inspect the incident in the washroom, then goes to see the Principal.

END OF SCENE 1



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SCENE 2: THE CLASSROOM DISCUSSION

The STUDENTS are discussing what they saw in the washroom.

- STUDENT P I've never seen anything like that before.
- STUDENT G Maybe in a public toilet? Yes!
- STUDENT A But in a good school? No!
- STUDENT Q I guess this is not a good school anymore.
- STUDENT H Not anymore! Not if someone could do that.
- STUDENT B That was so... what's the word?
- STUDENT T So disgusting?
- STUDENT I So dirty?
- STUDENT C So disrespectful?
- STUDENT U They all work.
- CHARLES J (singing)
R-E-S-P-E-C-T.
That is NOT what we see!
- STUDENT J No respect at all!
- STUDENT D What kind of person would do that to the washroom?
- STUDENT V All those wet tissue papers.
- STUDENT K Just stuck up there on the wall.
- ALL STUDENTS Ewwwww.



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SUSIE (sadly) So bad for the environment.

STUDENT E Like those little dolls on car windows.

STUDENT W You mean, like this?

ALL STUDENTS Hahaha!

STUDENT L No, not all of them were stuck on the wall!

STUDENT F Did you see that some were sliding down?

ALL STUDENTS Ewwwww!

CHARLES Hahaha, that's awesome!

SUSIE How could you say that?

STUDENT X Sliding down! Very, very slowly!

ALL STUDENTS Ewwwww!

CHARLES Hahaha, that's so awesome!

SUSIE (almost crying) Please, show some respect!

CHARLES Come on, Susie, it's funny!

SUSIE (crying now) Please, show some respect!

KEN (angry) Shut up, don't argue! Both of you!

STUDENT M I wonder who really did that.

MONITOR, STUDENT Y I'm sure the school will find out.



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STUDENT N Oh, really? Mr. Monitor, Ms. Monitress...

STUDENT O Who do you think did it?

MONITRESS, STUDENT Z It could be one of you!

ALL STUDENTS One of us?! Awww!

KEN Shut up, it could be one of you!

ALL STUDENTS Awwwww!!

CT enters.

CT Good morning, class.

ALL STUDENTS Good morning, Mr. Chung.

CT Now, I know that you all have some opinions about the incident.

CHARLES Yes, we all do!

ALL STUDENTS (ad-lib own ideas on the incident)

CT Please, quiet down.

ALL STUDENTS keep talking.

MONITOR, STUDENT Y Quiet!

ALL STUDENTS keep talking.

MONITOR Z Quiet!

ALL STUDENTS stop talking.



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CT Thank you. We've wasted enough time. Please let's start our lesson.

CHARLES Mr. Chung! May I say something?

CT Fine. What is it, Charles?

CHARLES I think Susie did it!

SUSIE Me?

CT Charles, what did I just say?

KEN (angry) Stop it, Charles! You're so annoying!

CT Ken, please manage your anger.

KEN Susie cannot manage her emotions!
Charles cannot manage his mouth!
So why should I manage my anger?

SUSIE Me?

CHARLES What did I do?

KEN (angry) You're blaming others!

CHARLES So are you!

CT Ken, one more time, and I'm sending you to the Principal's Office!

KEN grumbles.

KEN As I was saying....

STUDENT P What are you saying?



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STUDENT Q No way could Susie do it!

STUDENT R Susie is a good student!

STUDENT S She doesn't make any trouble!

STUDENT T She doesn't make any mess!

STUDENT U Don't blame her!

CHARLES Look, it's very clear: whoever did this, is very unhappy!

STUDENT V Soooo, who is always crying in the classroom?

STUDENT W Who cannot manage her own feelings?

STUDENT X Who is always a crybaby, even in Primary Six?

SUSIE cries loudly.

STUDENT P Look what you did!

STUDENT Q Showing no respect for Susie!

STUDENT R Yet again!

STUDENT S You know that she's an only child.

STUDENT T And her parents are always working.

STUDENT U So, she doesn't have enough interaction at home.

CT Susie, it's okay. They are just trying to make you cry.

SUSIE I'm sorry!



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CHARLES See?! She apologized! She's guilty!

KEN (angry) Stop being such a pain!

CT gives up and sends an SMS.

STUDENT V, STUDENT W & *R-E-S-P-E-C-T*
STUDENT X *Yes, Susie's so guilty!*

ALL STUDENTS Awwww!

CT Stop it, all of you!

KEN (angry) Yes, shut up!

CT Ken!

CHARLES Shut up, Ken!

MONITOR, STUDENT Y You shut up!

MONITOR Z You shut up!

KEN (angry) ALL OF YOU, SHUT UP!

CT KEN!

KEN (angry) WHAT?!

VOICEOVER Student KEN, Student KEN, please come to the
Principal's Office.

ALL STUDENTS (Quietly) Awww.

KEN grumbles as he exits. This is not the first time he has been called.



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STUDENT P, STUDENT Q, Susie, are you okay?
STUDENT R, STUDENT S,
STUDENT T & STUDENT U

SUSIE I'm so sorry, I tried not to cry. But all this arguing is too
much! Please Mr. Chung, please don't tell my parents I
cried today.

CT I promise.

SUSIE May I please go to the washroom? I need to calm down.

CT Of course. Girls, please go with Susie.

SUSIE exits, along with her friends, STUDENT P, STUDENT Q, STUDENT R, STUDENT
S, STUDENT T & STUDENT U.

CT Now, can we please stop talking about the incident?

ALL STUDENTS Yes, Mr. Chung.

CT Good, finally, we can start our lesson. Turn your books to
page...

SCHOOL BELL RINGS.

ALL STUDENTS Goodbye, Mr. Chung. Thank you, Mr. Chung.

ALL STUDENTS exit, leaving CLASS TEACHER feeling defeated.

END OF SCENE 2



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SCENE 3: IN THE WASHROOM

CHARLES and his BUDDIES are planning a prank on poor SUSIE again.

KEN sees them plotting their prank.

CHARLES Come on, guys, we must do something!

STUDENT A That's right! I hate that Susie!

STUDENT B She made you look so bad!

STUDENT C Like you're a bully!

STUDENT D But you aren't a bully!

STUDENT E You're just trying to make a joke!

STUDENT F Why can't Susie take a joke?

STUDENT A Because she's a crybaby!

STUDENT B And Charles is our buddy!

STUDENT C And we always support our buddy, right?

STUDENT D So, whoever makes our buddy feel bad...

STUDENT E They have to pay!

STUDENT F Big time! Right?

CHARLES Right! I say, let's scare them... in the washroom!



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STUDENT A, STUDENT B, In the washroom? Again?! YES!!!
STUDENT C, STUDENT D,
STUDENT E & STUDENT F

CHARLES Let's go!

KEN What are you doing?!

CHARLES Us? Nothing?

KEN Awww! I know you're up to no good!

STUDENT A, STUDENT B, Us? Noooooooo!
STUDENT C, STUDENT D,
STUDENT E & STUDENT F

CHARLES Just go away and mind your own business!

KEN Hey, that's the girls' washroom!

STUDENT A, STUDENT B, Just go away!
STUDENT C, STUDENT D,
STUDENT E & STUDENT F

KEN grumbles to himself as CHARLES and his BUDDIES sneak into the washroom.
Nearby, KEN'S FRIENDS hear the noise and they come to join him.
KEN then shows his anger to his own friends.

STUDENT G Hey, Ken, are you okay?

KEN (angry) What? What do you want?

STUDENT H Why so angry, Ken?

KEN (angry) Why do you care? Who are you?



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- STUDENT I We're your friends, Ken.
- STUDENT J We care about you.
- KEN (angry) You don't know anything.
- STUDENT K Come on, Ken. Please be respectful.
- STUDENT L *R-E-S-P-E-C-T.*
Everyone, you and me.
- KEN (angry) That's the school rule. Not my rule.
- STUDENT M But we're all in this school.
- STUDENT N And we should follow the rule together.
- STUDENT O It's a good rule, isn't it?
- KEN (angry) I don't care! Just go away!
- STUDENT G "Just go away?"
- STUDENT H What kind of friend says that?
- STUDENT I Ken does!
- STUDENT J Fine, Ken, we tried to be patient.
- STUDENT K We tried to respect you.
- STUDENT L But you are always too angry!
- KEN (angry) So what?
- STUDENT M Are your parents this angry?



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KEN (angry) Yes! So what?

STUDENT N Every day?

KEN (angry) Yes! They talk like this to me all the time!

STUDENT O Oh dear, no wonder you're always angry!

KEN Then, leave me alone! I don't need anyone to understand me! Not you! Not my parents! NOBODY!
Leave me alone! Go away!

SUSIE and HER FRIENDS are approaching the washroom.

KEN Go away! Or go in! I don't care!

KEN exits.

SUSIE Is your friend okay?

STUDENT G, STUDENT H, He is NOT okay! Poor Ken.
STUDENT I, STUDENT J, DON'T GO IN THE WASHROOM!
STUDENT K, STUDENT L,
STUDENT M, STUDENT N &
STUDENT O

KEN'S FRIENDS exit.

MONITOR, STUDENT Y & MONITRESS, STUDENT Z hear the noise and approach.

SUSIE, STUDENT P, "Don't go in the washroom"?
STUDENT Q, STUDENT R,
STUDENT T & STUDENT U

MONITOR, STUDENT Y & "Don't go in the washroom"?
MONITRESS, STUDENT Z



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SUSIE, STUDENT P, That's what they said.
STUDENT Q, STUDENT R,
STUDENT T & STUDENT U

MONITOR, STUDENT Y Let's take a look!

MONITRESS, STUDENT Z Ladies first!

MONITRESS, STUDENT Z & MONITOR, STUDENT Y investigate the washroom.

MONITOR, STUDENT Y & Hello? Who's in here?
MONITRESS, STUDENT Z What are you doing in here?!

SUDDENLY, CHARLES and HIS BUDDIES fall out onto the floor.

CHARLES, STUDENT A, Oh, hello!
STUDENT B, STUDENT C, Nice to see you!
STUDENT D, STUDENT E & Oops, wrong restroom!
STUDENT F Excuse us!

CHARLES and HIS BUDDIES exit.

SUSIE, STUDENT P, Awwwww!
STUDENT Q, STUDENT R,
STUDENT T, STUDENT U,
MONITOR, STUDENT Y &
MONITRESS, STUDENT Z

VOICEOVER Student Charles, Student Charles, please come to the
Principal's Office.

END OF SCENE 3



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SCENE 4 OUTSIDE THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

CLASS TEACHER is waiting for CHARLES to finish meeting with the Principal.

CHARLES (as he is exiting the Principal's Office)
Goodbye, Principal. Thank you, Principal.

CT Again, Charles?

CHARLES Uh, I guess so.

CT How many times have you been called here?

CHARLES Uh, I forget.

CT Three times...

CHARLES Oh, just three?

CT This month! Three times this month!

CHARLES Oh. Hehe, sorry.

CT Do you think you're funny?

CHARLES My friends think I'm funny.

CT Because you are all just children.

CHARLES We are not children. We're already 12 years old!

CT Then, shouldn't you know better by now?
Why can't you show any respect to your classmates?
Or your teachers? Or yourself?

CHARLES What do you mean?



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CT I expect you to be a great example to others, not a shameful example!

CHARLES Well, you expect too much from me!

CT You are my son!
I should expect A LOT from you!

CHARLES And you are my father!
Why can't you just respect me?

CT What do you mean? I respect you.

CHARLES No, you don't.
Do you know how hard it is to be Mr. Chung's son?
The angry teacher's son? The unhappy teacher's son?

CT Well, how can I possibly be happy?

CHARLES I'm trying to keep myself happy every day.
You should try that too, Dad.

CT How can you be happy?
How can both of us be happy?

CHARLES We have to try!

CT Why?

CHARLES Because when Mum left, she left us both!

Pause.

CHARLES I respect that you were hurt, Dad.
I was hurt, too.



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CT You were?

CHARLES Please, Dad. Let's help each other.
Let's encourage each other.
Let's respect each other.

CT How?

CHARLES Like this: we start talking more. And listening more.

CT *Talk... and listen... respectfully.*
In our school life.

CHARLES If we keep our sadness inside, we will never heal...
And... if we never heal, terrible things can happen...!

Pause.

MONITOR, STUDENT Y and MONITRESS, STUDENT Z enter.

MONITOR, STUDENT Excuse us, Mr. Chung.

Y

MONITRESS,
STUDENT Z It's time to dismiss the class, Mr. Chung.

CT Thank you. Go ahead, students.

MONITOR, STUDENT Y and MONITRESS, STUDENT Z exit first.

CHARLES and CT secretly hug. CHARLES exits.

CT exits slowly.

END OF SCENE 4



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SCENE 5 CLASS DISMISSAL

CLASS TEACHER is leading STUDENTS to their dismissal.

CT Will you finish your homework tonight?

ALL STUDENTS We will finish, Mr. Chung.

CT Will you be ready for the lessons tomorrow?

ALL STUDENTS We will be, Mr. Chung.

CT Before we dismiss the class, what did we learn today?

SUSIE I learnt to better manage my emotions: when I can cry, and when I don't need to.

STUDENT P,
STUDENT Q,
STUDENT R,
STUDENT T &
STUDENT U And that you can always count on your friends!

SUSIE Because together, we can be stronger than being alone.

STUDENT G,
STUDENT H &
STUDENT I Ken, isn't that a lesson we learnt also?

KEN Really? Okay, if you say so.



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STUDENT J, Don't worry, Ken, we can help cheer you up every day.
STUDENT K &
STUDENT L

STUDENT M, Now, show us your lovely smile!
STUDENT N &
STUDENT O

KEN smiles.
EVERYONE smiles.
EVERYONE laughs.

CHARLES And I've learnt that I don't need to be funny.
Well, maybe just sometimes.

EVERYONE laughs.

MONITOR, STUDENT Y & MONITRESS, STUDENT Z What about you, Mr. Chung? Did you learn anything today?

CT Me?
Yes, actually I did.
From now on, I will be happier.
Well, I'll try.
I'll listen respectfully.
And I'll talk respectfully.
Because I don't want to keep unhappy thoughts inside... for too long.

EVERYONE cheers.

MONITOR, STUDENT Y That's great news!



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MONITRESS, Otherwise, if we keep unhappy thoughts inside...
STUDENT Z

ALL STUDENTS Terrible things can happen!

VOICEOVER Mr. Chung, Mr. Chung, please come to the Principal's Office.

CT Time to go!
 Goodbye, class!

ALL STUDENTS Goodbye, Mr. Chung. Thank you, Mr. Chung.

MR. CHUNG exits to the Principal's Office.

All STUDENTS start to disperse.

Pause.

Suddenly, they realize something.

All STUDENTS point to the principal's office.

ALL STUDENTS Mr. Chung?!

END OF SCENE 5

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