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Synopsis 故事大綱 :

Do you like your family? Are you satisfied with the present condition? Dorothy and Samuel are good friends. Every day they do the same thing, in the same way, nothing special. When time goes by, they start to complain and feel disappointed with their families and current situation. One day, they get a secret push message from their phone apps. According to the instructions, they exchange their souls within seven days. They are curious so they try saying the spell. As a result, Dorothy becomes Samuel and Samuel becomes Dorothy. Though it is incredible, they believe they can get a chance to live another life. However, do they adapt to their new lives? What will happen to them? The seventh day is coming, do they want to get back to their own life?



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Scene 1

In the living room

Dorothy Empty house, as usual.

Maria Dorothy, here's your tea. (gives Dorothy a cup of tea) This is your today's schedule.

Dorothy I know.

Maria (reads the schedule) 3 o'clock practise the violin, 4 o'clock finish the homework, 6 o'clock learn French, 8 o'clock have Flamenco lesson ...

Dorothy (mimes 3 o'clock practise the violin, 4 o'clock finish the homework, 6 o'clock learn French) 8 o'clock have Flamenco lesson, 9 o'clock I will have a bath and go to bed. Nothing special!

Maria (smiles wryly)

Grandparents (sleep on the bed)

Samuel (puts down his school bag and does the housework)

Samuel's mum (enters) Stop crying, Sam! I've been working for the whole day. We don't have money to buy such expensive toys. Don't talk about it anymore!

Sam (shouts noisily) Mum, I want that toy! I want that toy! Why can't we buy it?

Samuel's mum Don't be so noisy! Your grandparents are sleeping, you will wake them up. Samuel, take your brother away and take care of him. (gets into the kitchen)

Samuel Okay, I'll do it. (takes Sam away) What toy do you want?

Sam I want that toy plane.

Samuel Toy plane? We can make it with a piece of paper, like this. (folds a toy plane and flies it out)

Sam Wonderful! I've a plane now. (off stage)

Grandpa (wakes up) Is it time to have dinner? (wants to find his glasses) Where are my glasses?

Grandma (wakes up) Where are my slippers?

Samuel (finds the glasses and slippers for Grandparents)

Grandparents Good boy. Thank you, my dear.

Grandpa Have you finished your homework? Let me have a look. It's so vague. Where are my glasses?

Samuel On your nose!

Grandma Where is your homework? Have you finished doing it?

Samuel (sighs) No time for my homework. I still have lots of housework to do.

Flamenco's teacher (Flamenco's teacher enters and teaches Dorothy doing some dance posture exercise)

Dorothy (follows teacher's instructions)

Samson (Samuel's dad and Samson come and sit on the chair) What an exhausting day! Working under the hot sun is suffering!



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Samuel's dad Life is not easy. (stomach growls) Let's have dinner first.

Samuel's mum Dinner is ready.

Samuel's dad Have you finished your homework?

Samuel (wants to start his homework)

Samuel's dad Go help your mum!

Sam (runs quickly with his paper plane) Fly to the sky! Fly to the moon! (the paper plane hits Samson and falls on the floor)

Samson Don't be so noisy! (stands up and steps on the paper plane carelessly)

Sam Oh, my plane. Brother, I hate you. (Sam and Samson fight against each other)

Grandparents (put their hands over their ears)

Samuel's mum and dad (come out to mediate)

Samuel It seems that our meal will start at 10 again

Dorothy's dad and mum (Dorothy's dad and mum come in)

Dorothy's dad Maria, is everything on schedule?

Maria Yes, Boss.

Dorothy's dad (looks at his iPhone)

Dorothy's mum (works on her iPad)

Dorothy (looks at her parents) Everyday mum and dad are busy on their business. Without communication, how can I be a good daughter? (laughs at herself) Just follow my parents' schedule.

Dorothy's mum Maria, asks Dorothy to go to bed. Ladies should not sleep late.

Maria Yes, Madam

Dorothy (calls Samuel)

Samuel (Samuel's phone rings and Samuel talks to Dorothy)

Dorothy Hi, Samuel.

Samuel Hi.

Samuel's family (make a noise)

Dorothy (a bit shock) It seems your house is always full of joy and excitement.

Samuel (annoyed and sighs) Joy and excitement? I don't think so! They always make very loud noise. This crowded environment makes me crazy! I want more money then I can have my own bedroom.

Dorothy But money can't buy everything! I live in a big house but my parents are busy on their own business. We don't have any interactions, even saying a word to each other. I really want to live in your family.

Samuel So do !!



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Dorothy and Samuel (receive an untitled message on their phones)

Dorothy Are you satisfied with your current situation? Are you ready to exchange your soul with your buddy?

Samuel You can live in other's body for seven days by just typing your friend's name here and say the spell ... if you want to go back to your body, do the two steps again on the seventh day. Otherwise, you will be your friend forever.

Dorothy (excited) I can't wait!

Samuel (curious) It sounds interesting!

Dorothy and Samuel (write their friends' names on the phones and read) Time to gain, time to change, time to save me from the pain.

Scene 2

In the living room

Dorothy (feels strange and uncomfortable with her clothes) Oh my!

Dorothy's friends (ring at the door)

Maria (opens the door) Dorothy, your friends come to have afternoon tea with you. (looks at the girls) Welcome, welcome ... my fair ladies.

Dorothy High tea!

Dorothy's friends (walk towards Dorothy)

Jasmine Surprise! Here's a present for you

Dorothy A teddy bear!

Jasmine Yea, my mum came back from Britain and bought me some toys. I take this biggest one and leave you a small one. Do you like it?

Dorothy (embarrassed) Sure! Thanks, Jasmine

Belle (interrupts) Look at me! Do I look different today? (turns around)

Dorothy (doubts) Becomes fatter?

Belle Impossible! ... Mum gave me this lovely dress as my birthday present. It's from Milan.

Elsa Really, Belle? (touches her dress) Your mum loves you so much.

Belle (proud) Of course ... Elsa, what are you holding?

Elsa Oh, right. I told my dad we will have afternoon tea at Dorothy's house. So he ordered some cupcakes from France yesterday. Let's taste a little bit!

Dorothy (excited) Great! It looks yummy!

Elsa (opens the cupcakes box) Um ... do you think there's something missing? ... A little bit quiet and bored!



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Jasmine How about eating cupcakes with some music?

Belle They're perfect match!

Elsa Dorothy, are you practicing the violin? Maybe you can play us a sweet song

Jasmine and Belle (nod their heads)

Dorothy Vio ... vio ... violin? (hesitates) Violin again? Let's try something new this time.

Jasmine, Belle and Elsa (murmur)

Cinderella A new game? Why don't we play with the butterflies in the garden?

Jasmine, Belle and Elsa (cheerful)

Dorothy (curious) Catching insects? It must be very exciting! ... I agree with Cinderella. Let's go now! ... Maria, we go out for a walk.

Dorothy and her friends (off stage)

Maria Yes, take good care of yourself.

Samson Happy birthday Samuel! (pretends to hit Samuel)

Samuel's dad Happy birthday my son!

Samuel's mum Here are some good things for your special day!

Samuel (feels weird) What? Today?

Samson Today is your birthday! How can you forget it?

Samuel Me? (thinks for a second) Oh, yes! Thank you! What are these?

Samuel's mum Ten red eggs for you! Red eggs for birthday! We do it every year!

Sam (counts the number of red eggs) Brother, you are ten years old!

Grandpa Haha! (gets two red eggs) I love the traditional way to celebrate the date of birth!

Grandma (nods her head and gets one) Yes! It's 'old' but it tastes good.

Samuel Thank you for your special gifts Mum! (looking at the red eggs and feels touched)

Samuel's mum Haha! (pats his head)

Grandpa Samuel my grandson, Happy birthday!

Grandma Happy birthday!

Samuel Thank you grandpa and grandma! (gives an egg to Samson) Brother, one for you! (gives two to dad and mum) Dad, two for you! And you, mum!

Sam (takes all the eggs) These are all for me!

Samuel (shocked) No! Sam! One for you!

Sam (takes back) No! Both for me!

Samuel's mum Samuel! Don't quarrel with your brother!

Samuel's dad Let him eat it! He's your little brother! Help him tear away the eggshell!



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Samuel (feels questioned) Today's my... my...

Samuel's mum Be quick! Come here Samuel!

Samuel (thinks mum is going to give him a present, shows his hand) Yes mum!

Samuel's mum (gives Samuel a towel) Good boy! Go clean the table!

Samuel (doubts) Clean the table? How to do it? (sees mum and dad massage the shoulders of Grandparents and Samson massages the leg of Grandpa)

Sam (throws a cushion to Samson and wants to play with him)

Samson (gets the cushion and fights with Sam)

Samuel's parents (smile)

Dorothy (calls Samuel)

Samuel (Samuel's phone rings and Samuel talks to Dorothy)

Dorothy Hey, my friend. Your house is big and comfortable. And I ate a lot of cupcakes and play with the insects today. I love staying here!

Samuel I enjoy staying at your home too! Your mum made me some red eggs and everyone gave me birthday blessings. I feel love and warm in your house.

Dorothy I think tomorrow will be much happier. I look forward to the next day.

Samuel Me too! I believe I'll love this family more and more.

Dorothy Good night!

Samuel Sleep tight!

Scene 3

In the living room

Samuel (entering home proudly) Haha, got full marks in my English and Science tests again. Samuel's parents must be so excited. They are going to give me some new toys! (realizes no one is at home) Oh, strange! Why is the house so quiet today?

Samuel's mum (key sound, enters home with Sam and dad) Hey Samuel, you're back! We just went to the park with Sam. He is sweating. Help him to get changed first!

Samuel Mum and dad, I have a good news for you...

Samuel's mum Take out Sam's clothes first. Otherwise he'll get sick!

Samuel Okay then. (changing clothes for Sam) I need to show you something later. You must be happy!

Samuel's dad What's that?

Samuel (passes the papers to parents) My English and Science tests. I've got full marks for both tests!



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Samuel's mum (surprised) Really? You failed both tests last time!

Samuel's dad (looks at the test papers) Wow, one hundred and... one hundred! It's real! Smart boy, Samuel. I'm proud of you.

Samuel's mum (hugs Samuel) You must have worked so hard, Samuel. You should tell your grandparents when they are back!

Samuel Where are they?

Samuel's mum They went to play Mahjong at Auntie Wong's home.

Samuel's dad Samuel, you've done a great job this time.

Samuel (thinks dad is going to give him a present, shows his hand) Thank you, dad.

Samuel's dad Keep it up! (gives Samuel a bin bag) By the way, the rubbish bin is full. Now go change the bin bag first.

Samuel Wh... What? Change... where?

Samuel's mum The bin bag over there, of course. The rubbish bin is getting smelly.

Samuel Fine. (murmurs) I deserve a big present this time. Why didn't they give me anything except a bin bag...

Dorothy Wow, I've got 65 marks in English test and 70 marks in Science test! The highest marks I've ever got. Dorothy's parents should be satisfied.

Dorothy's parents (come home from work)

Dorothy's mum (sighs) Finally home! You know what? My secretary forgot to tell me about a meeting today. Again.

Dorothy's dad Terrible! How did you solve it then?

Dorothy Mum, Dad, I want to...

Dorothy's mum I called my client immediately and went to Sha Tau Kok from my office!

Dorothy's dad Oh no... You really need to talk to your secretary tomorrow. It's not the first time!

Dorothy (loudly) Mum! Dad!

Dorothy's dad Yes, sweetie?

Dorothy Can you listen to me for a while?

Dorothy's mum Anything's wrong with your schedule? Do you want to change your tutor?

Dorothy (impatient, passes the test papers to parents) I want to show you my English and Science test papers. I've done quite well this time.

Dorothy's dad (looks at the paper, shocked) What's wrong with you?

Dorothy's mum What happened?

Dorothy's dad 65 and 70 marks. The worst she has ever got!

Dorothy (angrily) No! I have already tried my best!

Dorothy's mum Seriously? You always got full marks before.

Dorothy's dad I'll call Miss Hilary and Mr. Robinson later. You need to have extra English and Science lessons this Saturday.



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Dorothy No, dad! I have drama lesson on Saturday. I want to go there!

Dorothy's dad Of course not. Your grades have been slipping.

Dorothy's mum Dorothy, listen to your dad! We are doing this for your own good!

Dorothy Own good? You don't care about what I want! I hate you!

(runs away and calls Dorothy (real Dorothy in boy's outfit))

Samuel Hello, Samuel?

Dorothy (angrily) Dorothy, I hate your mum and dad! They are so mean!

Samuel Calm down... What happened?

Dorothy I've already tried so hard in the tests and it's the highest score I've ever got. But they still punished me and they didn't allow me to have drama lesson. Always English, Science, English and Science!

Samuel I understand they are a bit harsh but they just want you to make improvements.

Dorothy Yes, grades are important but don't you think you should have freedom to choose what you want to do? They didn't even try to understand you!

Samuel Please don't say that. I know they are doing this for my own good.

Dorothy (mocking) Ha! Ha! Own good again? You are a lot like your parents.

Samuel Hey Samuel, don't be rude. Your parents aren't any better.

Dorothy Why do you say that? They are a lot better. At least they care about my feelings.

Samuel I got full marks in both tests but they just hugged me and kept asking me to do all the housework. No gifts!

Dorothy They hugged you because they love you! They can't afford expensive gifts but they truly appreciated your work!

Samuel Then they should at least give me some candies as reward.

Dorothy Nonsense! You don't understand them. Dorothy, I think your family is not suitable for me.

Samuel Yours neither. I want my parents back. I miss them.

Dorothy Tomorrow is the seventh day. Let's meet at school in the morning and change back to our own bodies.

Samuel Yes, we must. Otherwise, I will have to live in your house forever. No please.

Dorothy I can't wait to meet Sam, Samson, mum, dad, grandma and grandpa. Oh, remember to bring your phone.

Samuel Of course. See you tomorrow.

Dorothy Bye!

Samuel (ends the call and puts down the phone)

Sam (walks to Samuel) Brother, mum says it's your turn to have a shower.

Samuel Okay. I will go now. (off stage)



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Sam (takes Samuel's phone) Yeah, I can play 'Pikachu Go'. (keeps pressing the phone) Level 18? It's so hard... (playing, off stage)

Scene 4

In the living room

Dorothy (picks up his phone and calls Dorothy) Good morning, Dorothy! Is your magic phone ready? Can't wait to meet my family in a second! Hurry up, let's exchange our bodies back right away.

Samuel (feels excited) Hey Samuel! Just a minute, I'm going to get that magic phone.

Dorothy (waits for awhile) Hello!?! Dorothy? Here? Is everything okay?

Samuel (feels lost) Um... Samuel. I.....I I can't find that magic phone. I have been searching for it throughout the house!

Samuel's mum (yells) Samuel, have you washed the clothes in the bucket yet?

Samuel (talks to Dorothy) Hey, Samuel. I will get back to you later. Your mum is yelling. (talks to Samuel's mom impatiently) Sorry, Mum. I am busy. By the way, have you seen my magic phone with a Pikachu phone case?

Samuel's mum (works in the kitchen and prepares breakfast)What Pikachu? I told you don't get addicted to Pikachu Go.

Samuel (rolls up his eyeballs and yells) Don't bother me. (keeps searching) I will find it by myself.

Samuel's mum (keeps nagging) Samuel, don't waste your time on catching Pokemon. You should spend more time on your homework and teach Sam, your little brother to do his homework. Be a good brother.

Samuel (being annoyed) Yes, mum. (keeps searching the magic phone) Where is it?

Samson (plays with his phone) Samuel, can I have a cup of orange juice?

Samuel Stop it, Samson. I am doing something important! (sees Samson's phone) Wait! Is it my magic phone?

Samson (feels confused) What magic phone?

Samuel (grabs Samson's phone) Nothing... (feels sad) There is no Pikachu... (looks at the clock) Oh...my...I only get five minutes left. What can I do? I don't want to be a boy. I miss my beautiful dresses and Maria's home-made English Breakfast. (sobs and feels frustrated) And... and ...I don't want to leave my rich parents...

Sam (hugs Samuel at the back excitedly) Oh dear Samuel, why are you crying? Look, see what I get? (shows Samuel the magic phone) I have caught ten Pokemons this morning! You see Pikachu...Squirtle and Charmander! Am I smart?

Samuel My magic phone! (kisses Sam) Muah! I love you, Sam! You're so smart! (hugs Sam and jumps happily) I need to call Samuel immediately! (leaves Sam)



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Sam (feels strange) Why he acts so weird today? (walks to kitchen) Anyway, I am going to tell mum that I have caught ten Pokemons this morning

Samuel (calls Dorothy) Samuel... Samuel, please pick up the phone...please pick up the phone...

Dorothy Hello, Dorothy?

Samuel It's me!

Dorothy We're running out of time. Let's get our bodies exchanged!

Samuel Okay...Okay! What is the spell again?

Dorothy Just read after me. Time to gain, time to change, time to save me from the pain. (Samuel and Dorothy's bodies get exchanged)

Scene 5

In the living room

Samuel It's me! I am a boy! Yeah! I feel so good with this body!

Dorothy Finally, I am home! (yells into kitchen) Maria, I am home! I miss you so much!

Maria My princess, you are always home.

Dorothy (looks at her dress) Why Samuel dresses me like that? I hate wearing yellow dress. It makes me look like a banana.

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