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Synopsis 故事大綱 :

If I tell you, that you can change your whole life by your wisdom and that you can actually buy some, what would you do?

Two orphans wanted to earn some more money by using their wisdom. They went to sell their wisdom in a market. It made some conflicts afterwards. Later, the queen found that the orphans were clever and they made some valuable opinions for her. The reminders that the orphans made, saved the queen's life. At last, the orphans highlighted the wisdom from their parents, "You are rich or poor according to what you are, not according to what you have."



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Scene 1

(Curtains open. LIGHTS UP.) (Music 1 – Market dance)

(Music 2 - Very noisy at the marketplace.)

TOYS VENDOR: Toy cars! Teddy bears! The best toys!

FLOWERS VENDOR: Roses! Lilies! Beautiful flowers!

CLOTHES VENDOR: Clothes! Nice and beautiful clothes!

VEGETABLES VENDOR: Lettuce! Cabbages! The best quality in town!

FRUIT VENDOR: Oranges! Apples! Fresh and juicy!

(Two orphans roaming around the market)

BEGGAR: I'm so hungry! Please give me some money.

MERCHANT: Go away!

(Music 3 – stomach growl)

ORPHAN 1: I'm so hungry!

ORPHAN 2: We can't buy anything. But, our eyes may eat whatever we like.

ORPHAN 1: My eyes can see them. But my stomach cannot feel them.

ORPHAN 2: Well, we still have bread to share and all the riches our parents left us before they died.

ORPHAN 1: What riches? Our mother didn't own a single diamond bracelet.

ORPHAN 2: That is true. But think how wise our parents were, how they showed us and told us so many things.

ORPHAN 1: I know. We are wise, but we must be clever and use riches we've been given. But, how?

ORPHAN 2: See how they sell things in the market? Let us set up a booth and sell wisdom.
(walking towards the fruit vendor)



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Hello, friend. Do you mind if I set up a store next to you?

VEGETABLES VENDOR: And what will such young people like you be selling?

ORPHAN 2: Wisdom. (writes on a piece of card – WISDOM FOR SALE)

VEGETABLES VENDOR: Wisdom? (Laughing) Everyone, listen! These orphans here are going to sell wisdom in our market.

ALL: (All laugh) Sell wisdom? Sell wisdom!

FLOWERS VENDOR: Is it more beautiful than my flowers? Huh? (Laughing)

ORPHAN 2: Wisdom! Wisdom for sale!

ORPHAN 1: Wisdom of all kinds! Reasonable prices!

ORPHAN 1: (sighs) No one bought anything from us.

ORPHAN 2: Patience. That too is wisdom.

(A Merchant and his child enter. All vendors call out their wares)

MERCHANT'S CHILD: Hmm. Wisdom. I wonder if this is a new kind of sweet. How much does it cost per gram?

ORPHAN 1: We do not sell it by gram.

ORPHAN 2: We sell it by quality.

MERCHANT'S CHILD: (Reaching into pocket.) Well then give me five dollar's worth of wisdom.

ORPHAN 2: Very well. (*Takes out a piece of paper, thinks for a while and writes on a slip of paper*) "It is not wise to stand and watch two people fighting."

ORPHAN 1: (*Handing him the slip.*) Put this in your bag and use it well.

MERCHANT'S CHILD: I will go and show my parent what I have bought. Father! Look what I bought in the market. I bought wisdom for five dollars. (Presents the slip of paper.)

MERCHANT: (*Reads.*) "It is not wise to stand and watch two people fighting." (*screaming*) You fool! You paid for this nonsense? Everyone knows you should not watch two people fighting. Come! Show me who sold you this.

MERCHANT'S CHILD: Over there! Those are the two. (*pointing at the two orphans*)



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MERCHANT: (Screams at orphans.) You liars! You've cheated my child. Return the money or I'll take you to the judge.

VENDORS: (Stands around, watching) Return the money, return the money.
You need to pay him back.

ORPHAN 2: If you don't want our goods, you can return it.

ORPHAN 1: Yes, give us back our wisdom and you can have your money.

MERCHANT: (Throws the paper at them.) There. Now return the money.

ORPHAN 2: No. You've only returned the paper. You've not given back our wisdom.

ORPHAN 1: If you want your money back, you'll have to sign a document saying that your child will never use our advice.

ORPHAN 2: That's right. Whenever she sees two people fighting, she will always stand and watch.

MERCHANT: (Signs.) There. Now give me the money.

ORPHAN 1: Here it is.

(Music 4 - Gun shot) (Music 5A – Tension music)

(Rich Man's servant approaches Vegetable Vendors' stall and bargains with the vendor.)

ROYAL MAID: I'll take that pumpkin. I have to cook for the Queen.

RICH MAN'S SERVANT: I had my eyes on it first. It's mine. I can pay twice the amount you can.

ROYAL MAID: Get your hands off. It's royal property.

RICH MAN'S SERVANT: Let go. It's mine! Put that down!

ROYAL MAID: (Pulling hair of Rich Man's Servant.) Ouch! You struck me.

RICH MAN'S SERVANT: You hit me first.

(ROYAL MAID chasing RICH MAN'S SERVANT.) (Music 4 - Gun shot)

(MERCHANT & MERCHANT'S CHILD want to leave.)

ORPHAN 1: Remember? You signed that paper. Just then when you watched two servants fighting in the market, you must be their witness and stand on their side at the