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Name of School : CATHOLIC MISSION SCHOOL
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Name of Play 劇名 : PAST IN THE FUTURE
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Synopsis 故事大綱 :

There was once a girl named Emily, who often got poor grades. Her parents, a well-educated couple, only wanted the best for their daughter, would turn to a fit, leaving Emily in guilt, therefore wished to a fortune cookie that she was never born.

It made her travel back to the time when her parents were once students. There she found out that her parents were not all born geniuses. In fact, her father was currently in her shoes! He suffered from one-sided puppy love and low grades, whereas her mother hated her father a lot.

To return to the future, Emily must make things right between them. Could Emily help her parents' relationship and go back to the present? Or will she never be born and perish alongside her future? This story shows morals, relationships, and family bonds.



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In 2025, dad 42; mom 40; 13 (in primary school) 17

In 2001, dad 17; mom 15 (in secondary school)

SCENE ONE – EXAM

(classroom 2025 background)

(students' chatter) [Kids chatter Primary School Sound Effect](#)

(high heels – knock on the table, continue)

(kids in 2025 pretend to talk to each other)

Emma: (Looking outside the door window) Errrr everybody... Miss Chan is right outside, holding our exam papers...(quietly)

Selena: GUYS! Miss Chan is coming, (gasps) WITH THE EXAM PAPERS! (shocked face)

Joanne: Oh, no... What if...?!

Ellen: (interrupt sincerely) (speaks a bit fast) Do you want to hear a joke? Do you know why 'exam' is called 'exam'? It is because...

Brianna: (interrupts with pride) Please! I never get a pass, but I'm still here. Don't be so extra.

Alice: (glasses on) (index finger → natural use) She is going to give out our exam paper. Well, according to my calculations, the chance of the whole class getting a passing mark is 0.0000001% (stressing). It also appears t-

Miss Chan: (Walks into the classroom) (stop heels sound effect) Stand up, please. (serious) Good morning, class.

All: Good~ mor~ ning ~ Miss~ Chan ~

Miss Chan: As you can see, (holds up the papers for 1 second). Please put away your stationery and books.

Joanne: Oh!(put away her books, hands are shaking) Nononononono... (mutter) This is bad.

Ellen: Calm down. Nothing's gonna happen. So, don't worry, be happy! (Smiles)

Emily: (say to herself) Who cares about a stupid exam?



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Joanne: (interrupts) Of course it is! Some people get their lives thrown out the window because they don't pass their exams and you're here saying it doesn't matter?

(Exams given out) (Some people are happy, some sad)

Selena: Oh! I passed the exams! (to Emma) How about you? (tries to peek)

Emma: U-uh, same...? (hides paper)

Audrey: I passed by one mark! (Loudly and show off-ish tone)

Brianna: What a relief! Tea in Fabulous Hotel on me. (look around) Girls?

Audrey and Ellen:Us! (look at each other)

Emily: (a bit embarrassed and sad) (stares at exam paper) (Both hands on head)

(school bell – xylophone – AFGA CGAF)

Selena: (to Emily) hey, are you ok?

Emily: (annoyed) you think?

Selena: Oh, Emily. Do you have anything to do after school? (non-stop, excited) let me take you to a place.

The cookies are soooooo nice.

Emily: I don't ...

Selena: (delightful) There are gluten- free cookies as well.

Alice: excuse me, I think I heard gluten-free cookies? I want to join. You know what, gluten is...

Selena: Let's go! (tug Emily and Alice away)

(off camera → gloomy bakery background)



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SCENE 2: FORTUNE COOKIE TIME!!

Xylophone → ec, ec

Wong: Hai kiddo!! Welcome to Wong's. come and see see (speaks in a chinese accent)

Alice: ok, so I guess this is the bakery. It looks so creepy. (rub her arms)

Selena: try the fortune cookies here. They are really good.

Emily: (sigh) (to Wong) one fortune cookie, please.

Wong: Aiya, what happened ah? (to Emily) you seem sad bor. Let me give you a discount la, 5 dollars ok ga la.

(Emily passes Wong \$5, Wong takes it with a big smile)

Wong: You enjoy la. Fan que fan que. Ah, but remember, ...(sighs → shakes head)

Alice: (to wong, loudly) BYE~ (pull the girls away) I don't feel comfortable staying there. I am going home.

Emily and Selena: me too.

(Everyone turns off camera, change background to home)

Emily: (presses doorbell -- xylophone)

Lavender: (opens door sound) Sweetie, welcome back! (Takes Emily's bag) How was your exam?

Emily: (sigh) (Flumps into a chair) I failed.

Lavender: (Drops bag) (Inhale deeply, tries to keep calm) (about to speak)

Lucas: (Opens bedroom door) WHAT?!

Lavender: (Tries to calm down Lucas) You know what, it's ok to...

Lucas: (faintly shouts at Emily then protests to Lavender)

Lavender: (to Emily) Oh, sweetie, go to your room and sleep. We'll figure it out tomorrow.

(Lavender and Lucas whine; Emily walks into bedroom then takes out the fortune cookie, eats)

Emily: Life is so boring. I wish I was never born. (Quietly to the cookie and bite it)

(spin the camera)