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**Synopsis 故事大綱 :**

Have you ever been deceived by wrong social values? Do you cherish your family? Everyone has their own cravings and ghosts as well. They still want to accomplish somethings or even mend a relationship even they have already passed away. A girl called Mable, growing up in a single parent family has received an extraordinary power after a traffic accident. She can see what others can't and hence her life has significantly changed. She helped mend a relationship between a little stubborn girl and her Grandma. What's more, the relationship between she and her father could be mended by a special ghost. As a result, she had a distinctive feeling towards her life and family. Now let us tell you what the most invaluable people are for her.



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**Scene1**

Amy: I'm Amy. What do you think about ghost? Mysterious? Horrible? Or frightening? Actually, ghost is not that creepy. It can bring you warmth and even change your life.

(VO : good evening, welcome back to the news report, I'm your reporter Gigi Li. Eight people were injured in a four-vehicle pile-up in Sham Shui Po this morning. The accident involved two minibuses, a taxi and a bus. According to the police, the bus was on the way to Mei Foo Sun Cheun at around 7am when it failed to brake at the junction of Un Chau Street and Tonkin Street.

(lights up)

(Mabel sleeping on the hospital bed)

(Amy is crying at the edge of the bed, holding an orange)

(Mabel wakes up)

Mabel: Where am I?

Amy: You are at the hospital.

Mabel: Eh... What happened? I feel dizzy and...I have got a headache. It's very painful.

Amy: You were hurt in an accident and you were sent to the hospital, so here you are.

Mabel: Ah, yes, I was travelling on the minibus, then suddenly it collided with a taxi...I can't remember what happened afterwards.

Mabel: Are you okay? Why are you crying?

Amy: Did you just talk to me?

Mabel: (frown) Ah... yes?

Amy: Really? Really?! Are you really talking to me?

Mabel: of course...You look so excited! (embarrassed)



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She's so strange. (whisper)

Mabel: Would you mind telling me what happened?

Amy: um...I... I miss my grandma (sobbing)...but I can never see her again.

Mabel: I'm sorry to hear that. What happened to her?

Amy: It's not about her, it's me.

Mabel: You? (pass her a tissue paper)

Amy: (sigh) You won't understand my situation...Anyway, thanks for listening. Here's an orange for you.

Get well soon!

(Nurse comes over)

Nurse: patient, Mabel Lam, right? The doctor will come later. We will have a simple body check now, so please stand over here.

Nurse: Okay, please cover one of your eyes and look at the front. Can you tell me what you can see?

Can you see the words on the poster over there?

Mabel: Excuse me. Would you mind move a little bit?

Nurse: Mabel? Mabel? Who are you talking to?

Mabel: I'm talking to her! (pointing at Amy)

Nurse: (frustrated) Just two of us are in the room, no one else is here!

Mabel: No! She is here. Another patient is here. Can't you see her?

She's here. She's here. She's right now next to you.

Nurse: Um... I think you had better take more rest. The doctor will come tomorrow, you can leave after the report is out.

Mabel: nurse! Nurse!

(Nurse leaves the room)

(Mabel rubs her eyes)



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Mabel: who are you? Why can't the nurse see you?

Amy: Shu! Don't be afraid! Actually I died two years ago and...

Mabel: Stop! Get away from me! Stop!

Amy: Hey.

Mabel: Don't kill me!

(Amy feels sad and walks away)

(lights off)

(lights up)

(Mabel wakes up)

Mabel: (looks around) What happened last night? Was that a dream? (looks at the orange) Who was the girl? (shivered)

Nurse: Mabel Lam. The report is out and the doctor said you can leave now.

Mabel: Okay.

Mabel: (sigh) Who was the girl? Was she really a ghost, she looks nice. And it seems that she has some problems and wants to tell me... Anyway, she's a ghost! Ugh... It's so complicated!

Mabel: I need to pack my things and leave as soon as possible.

(lights off)

(lights up)

(Mabel packs her stuffs)

Mabel: This orange... (struggling) Ugh!!! (puts the orange down and turns to the other side and pretends to get changed)

(Amy sneakingly put the orange into her bag)

(lights off)



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**Scene2**

(lights on)

\*Mabel's house

(Mabel unpacks her bags)

Mabel: The orange!(throw it away)

Amy: Ar....

Mabel: (screams) Ar... Why are you here?

Amy: Remember the orange that I gave you yesterday?

Mabel: (nod)

Amy: Don't be afraid. I'm not here to scare you, I just want you to help me.

Mabel: How?

Amy: I died 2 years ago and I feel regret of not treating my family well. I used to be fat, I really hated my body shape, so I started to have a starvation diet. My grandma cooked my beloved pork for every meal, but I refused to eat it. I then got a really bad temper and scolded her, and now, I want to see her again...and...taste the pork once more.

Mabel: But what should I do?

(sd. : doorbell rings)

Amy: The door.

(Mabel opens the door)

(Amy's grandma hands a plate of pork)

AG: Mabel.

Amy: Grandma!

Mabel: Stop!

(Amy is so excited and walks everywhere)



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AG: Oh, Mabel. Haven't seen you for such a long time! (sigh) Is your father here?

Mabel: NO

AG: Try to spend more time with your father, he seems so depressed and doesn't talk much.

Mabel: Um... Come here.

AG: Here are some pork for you, leave some for him please (Hand the pork to Mabel)

Mabel: okay...thank you.

AG: (leaves the house) Remember to spend more time with him, he really loves you. I miss my granddaughter so much...

Amy: grandma

Mabel: (nod) Bye...

Mabel: Is that your grandma?

Amy: (sobbing) Yes...

Mabel: But did you live here? It seems I had never seen you in the past?

Amy: of course, because we just moved in 2 years ago, then I died. And you were seldom at home. I only met your father, but not you.

Mabel: I have to work. I have my full time work and 2 part times!

Amy: Hey... (looks at the pork)

Mabel: The pork is so fat and oily, I don't want to eat them! I don't want to be fat! See, how can I swallow the fat! (pick one piece of pork)

Amy: Eat it! Eat it!

Mabel: I definitely won't eat it!

Amy: You don't treasure the food from others, I can't imagine how you treasure your dad?

Mabel: Stop it! Don't relate it to my dad!

Amy: please, please... I don't have any chance to eat it, how can you be that stubborn and cruel! (getting angry and step her foot)



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(lights up and off)

Mabel: Ahh! I haven't tasted it for such a long time! Grandma's pork is always the best!

(lights off)

\*AG's house

(lights up)

(sd.: doorbell rings)

Mabel: Grandma!

Grandma: Mabel, how was the pork?

Mabel: The pork is really tasty.(give her back the plate)

Mabel: Grandma, can I hug you?

AG: (shocked) Oh

AG: I'm happy that you like it but my granddaughter amy didn't like it and refused to eat it. I really want to cook for my granddaughter again...

Mabel: (keep silence) Grandma, don't be sad. Your granddaughter likes it, I can swear, she really likes it!

(they hug again)

(lights off)

\*Mabel's house

(lights up)

(Mabel sitting on the sofa angrily)

Amy: Sorry, but I had no choice. I really wanted to taste my grandma's pork again, but you refused. .so I...

Mabel: Don't do that again! I can still feel the fat inside my body.But...by the way, how can you enter my body?

Amy: of course I can do that!

I am a ghost.



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Amy: Hope that you and your father's relationship can be mended. Sorry for being rude to you, I just want you to realize family is really important. Life is short, don't wait until you feel regret. (Ding) It's time for me to leave, good luck!

Mabel: (sigh)

(lights off)



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**Scene3**

\*Mabel's house

(lights up)

(father opens the door)

Dad : (cool) where have you been?

Mabel: (stare at dad) Hospital

Dad: What happened to you? Why didn't you tell me?

Mabel: You never care about me! 15 years ago, mommy died, you brought me to auntie's home and asked her to take care of me. Then, you left; 3 years ago, when I was bullied at school, you didn't even care; and yesterday, I got hit in the car accident!

Dad: You should have told me!

Mabel: Are you sure you would come if I have told you? You have never done what a father should!

Dad: How can you talk to me in this way!

Mabel: You are so annoying (rush outside the house)

(lights off)

\*Street

(lights up)

(people walking on the street)

(Queenie is looking for her daughter)

Mabel: He's definitely not a caring father! I should at least put my shoes on!

Mabel Queenie: ouch!

(P1 lift Mabel up)

Mabel: I'm sorry. Are you okay?

P1: Who are you talking to? Are you okay?



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Mabel: (shocked) No...Nothing.

Mabel: So, are you also a...ghost?

Queenie: yes! Hey, can you help me? (wants to touch Mabel)

Mabel: Don't touch me! let's move to that way, I don't want others to look at me in a strange way.

Queenie: I'm looking for my daughter, she has as tall as yours! Would you mind helping me to find her

Mabel: Can I say no?

Queenie: (cries) why?

Mabel: How can I find her?

Queenie:... I don't know

Mabel: Then how can I help you? (annoyed)

Queenie: (cries)

Mabel: Don't cry please. What can we do now?

Queenie: Then can you...can you pretend to be my daughter? I want to help my daughter to put on makeup and dress like a princess. Also, I want to teach her to cook!

Mabel: What? Make-up? Princess?

Queenie: And also teach her to cook!

Queenie: Just for a few hours, after doing these, I will leave!

Mabel: (heitate) okay.

(lights off)



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**Scene 4**

(lights up)

(At Mabel's home)

Mabel: (open the door + sigh) Dad? He is not here again! How can he really understand me without accompanying me?

Queenie: Don't be so sad. Maybe your father needs to work, he will be back soon.

Mabel: Take a rest first!! Tell me more about your story and see how I can help you.

Queenie: What I really want is to see my daughter again. I want to see her dresses beautifully and teach her how to cook. I want to try the food cooked by her.

Mabel: I am sorry to hear that. Hmm...honestly, I don't want to do make up, but I can pretend to be your daughter and let you teach me how to cook.

Queenie: (sad) why?

Mabel: I don't like makeup! It's just doing some drawings on the face.

Queenie: Please

Mabel: No

Queenie: Please

Mabel: No

Queenie: Please

Mabel: No

Queenie: You can't say no (angry)

(lights off)

(spot light)

Mabel : (scream) Ahhh

(lights up)



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Queenie: wow my daughter is so beautiful!!

Mabel: First, I'm not your daughter

Queenie: You are my daughter(angry)

Mabel: Ok, ok. Second, it's not fair, you used your power to control my body and I can't move!

Queenie: (cry) you promised to help but then you broke your promise.

Mabel: Stop crying.

Queenie: Done! Look at yourself, you are so pretty! You and I look so alike, we both have big eyes and thin lips. Ok, you can move now.

Mabel: (sarcastic)Thank you !So It's time for us to cook finally, right?

Queenie: yes! As you don't know how to cook, maybe we can make some simple dishes.

(lights off)

(lights up)

(Cooking)

Queenie: Cut that part ...wash the vegetable ...be careful!! Hmm, it smells nice! I'm sure daddy will like it a lot!

Mabel: Are you sure sweet and sour pork is a simple dish? Ah...

Queenie: Yes...it's really simple and...it's your father's favourite dish!

Mabel: How do you know?

Queenie: Hey! Watch your finger! Concentrate when you are holding the knife!

(Light off )

(Dad comes back home)

(Queenie and Mabel are sitting around the dining table)

Mabel: You are eventually back.(stands up and walks to kitchen, brings in dishes)

Dad: (neglect+stare at the table) Why are there 3 bowls of rice?

Mabel: umm...That one is superfluous ...



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Queenie: (stands near backstage) (look at the audience) how can they be so rude to each other? I should do something!

(lights up and off)

Mabel: David, no, dad. Actually I want you to stay with me more instead of arguing with me. After mum died, we didn't talk like this and this is not what I want. I want a caring father who can stay with me and have dinner together. Is it so difficult?

Dad: To be honest, I don't know how to communicate with you after mom's death. I tried so hard to start a conversation but I always retrieved my words. I love you so much and you're my only daughter.

(lights up and off)

Dad: What happened?

Mabel: (shocked + hesitate) Why do I suddenly have a headache again?

Dad: Anyway, I miss your mum and I want three of us to stay together.

Mabel: mum?! I had never ask you about mum. What kind of person mom is? Is she nice?

Dad: She is pretty, she is the most considerate person in the world. She had long straight hair and a charming smile and she is easy to cry .She loved cooking and she could always make good dishes like these. (looking at the cuisines on the table) Oh, what's that? Sweet sour pork? That's my favourite and she always made it when she was alive.

Queenie: Oh David, you still remember!

Mabel: That's your favorite? She always makes it? I can feel that mum is here with us.(looking at Queenie)

(Dad is eating and Queenie is going to leave)

Queenie: (turn around and look at Mabel) It is not easy to repair a relationship and you need to cherish this valuable chance. Don't make your dad worry about you and be mature because mommy can't stay with you anymore. My daughter, today is my happiest day ever. Mom always loves you. Life is limited and remember to stay with your daddy happily.



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Mabel: Dad, I can realise how wonderful mom is and feel that mom is here having dinner with us now and forever. This dinner will be the best one ever in my life.

(lights off)

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