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Name of School : KWOK TAK SENG CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
學校名稱 : 天主教郭得勝中學
Name of Play 劇名 : Lost in the Darkness
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Synopsis 故事大綱:

One day, a meteor fell from the sky in a fiery blaze of light close to an uncivilized tribal village. The people believed that this falling star was a gift from their god and they were thankful and worshiped it every day. From that day forward, the village became peaceful and prosperous.

However, the neighboring tribe tried to steal it, for they wanted wealth and happiness too. They failed and, in the attempt, broke the ‘Sacred stone’ into two pieces. One was found but the other was lost. Then there was a dramatic change in the village. A strange disease broke out and many villagers lost their sight. They became more and more superstitious and suspicious...Was the sacred stone a blessing or misfortune? Who could help them? Who could save them?

Script 劇本:

Scene 1 Prologue

(Curtain rise & music in (Tr.1) ◦ Choruses, & the narrator in this scene, stand on stage with their masks.)

Chorus1 : This is a nightmare

Chorus2 : We're living in the darkness. We'll never see the colorful world.

Chorus3 : How can we escape from this doom?

Chorus1 : How can we survive in this adversity?

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- Chorus2 : Our village is cursed.
- Chorus3 : We're losing our strength.
- Chorus1 : We haven't got enough food.
- Chorus2 : This disease is threatening our life.
- Chorus3 : Day by day, we are gradually getting more and more disappointed.
- Chorus1 : And now, there's only desperation.
- All : Our eyes are turning red.
Our tears are full of blood .
Who can help us?
Who can rescue us?
- Chief : Dear folks, please don't worry! This is only a challenge. Our spirit is still blessing us because we've got our sacred stone. It'll protect us forever. We've got to stick to our faith.
- Villager1 : Dear folks. It's me. I'm here.
- All : Who are you? It's you? Are you alright? Have you recovered yet?
- Villager1 : Yes, I'm fine. This lady and her doctor saved me.
- Volunteer : Please come over here. Let me have a look.
- Villager1 : Don't worry! Our illness is curable!
- All : Really? Is that true?

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Chief : How did she cure you?

Villager1 : She gave me some medicines. I felt so much better then.

Chief : Let me see...

(Officers 1&2 in)

Chief : That's great! You look totally recovered.

Officer 2 : Chief, what's going on?

Chief : You see.

Officer2 : My goodness! You are perfectly fine,, Angel. How come?

Villager1 : Yes! I feel alright!

Officer2 : It's wonderful! Our Holy Spirit did bless us!

Villager1 : I'm blessed. She rescued me.

Volunteer : How do you feel? Any nose bleeding?

(Chief and Officer 2 meet volunteer. Villager1 suddenly falls on the floor)

Villager5 : Why did she fall down?

Villager6 : Are you alright?

Villager5 : (Scream)

All : What's the matter?

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- Villager5 : She is bleeding!
- All : Huh! ?
- Villager7 : She was fine just a moment ago. How come she is...
- Officer1 : It's OK. The Chief will deal with it.
- Chief : (Pause) She is dead!
- Officer2 : Angel!
- Volunteer : Just a moment! That's not possible.
- Officer1 : Could you explain this?
- Officer2 : What did you do to her?
- Volunteer : Nothing... I have just...
- Villager8 : Is that same as the pill she gave her?
- All : What?
- Officer2 : You are responsible for this.
- Officer1 : My honorable Chief! We can't trust this woman.
- Volunteer : Please listen to me.
- Officer2 : This woman has taken her life away.
- Chief : Take her away.

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Volunteer : No! Please! Calm down! Let me go!

(Light and music change)

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Scene 2 Inquest

(Volunteer is tied up and interrogated by some villagers in masks.)

Volunteer : ...

Villager9 : Who are you?

Volunteer : I've told you. I work for the Médecins Sans Frontières

Villager10 : Are you sent by other tribes?

Volunteer : No! I am just a volunteer to help people who are in need.

Villager11 : Then, why are you coming to our village? Do you want to steal?

Volunteer : ... I have no idea what you are talking about... I just want to give a helping hand.

Villager12 : Are you a witch?

Volunteer : Witch?...What do you mean?... I'm a nurse. How can I ...?

Villager9 : Really? Then why she die all of a sudden? What did you do?

Volunteer : I've no idea ... Our doctors gave her some medicines and she was getting better ...

Villager10 : She has a gang. Where are they?

Volunteer : They also want to help. It isn't their fault.

Villager11 : Where are they? Answer me!

Volunteer : They're now in the Bongo's village.

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- Villager12 : The Bongo! They stole our sacred stone.
- Volunteer : Please! I know nothing about them...please, let me go...
- Villager9 : Perhaps, the other half of the sacred stone is in their hands.
- Villager10 : Damn the Bongo tribe!
- Villager11 : We have to get it back, otherwise our disease...
- Volunteer : Sacred stone? What is that?
- Villager12 : Well, it is a...
- Villager9 : Wait! Why are you asking about it?
- Volunteer : I'm sorry but I just want to know more.
- Villager10 : Why?
- Volunteer : (Pause) Maybe... I could help you to get it back.
- Villager11 : Can you?
- Volunteer : Yes ... I think I can cure your disease ... we have to take some action before things become worse.
- Villager12 : Really? You really want to help us?
- Volunteer : If not, why did I come here?
- (Pause)
- Volunteer : Trust me. I think your disease is caused by the stone.

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Villager9 : It’s nonsense!

Volunteer : No, it’s true! Let’s figure it out. When did you first get the disease symptoms?

(Villagers look at each other)

Villager10 : Are you sure you can cure us?

Volunteer : Only if we can trace the origin.

(Chorus members look at each other again. Music & light change.)



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Scene 3 Falling Star

【Chief and officers are having meeting . Villagers are working in the field】

Villager11 : The sacred stone is a gift from our Holy Spirit.

Villager12 : It came to us as a falling star when we were having a very tough time.

Villager9 : In those days, the weather was strange. Our crops didn't grow at all.

Officer2 : My honorable Chief, we can hardly carry them through this situation.

Officer1 : There are people dying in the village next to us.

Chief : We have to give out all of our grain reserves.

Villager10 : People are losing their faith and getting desperate.

Villager11 : Some of them are leaving the village forever.

Officer2 : What can we do?

Chief : We've got to stick to our faith. The Holy Spirit will take care of us.

Villager12 : Something strange happened on that day ...

(Sound effect (Tr.2) in)

Officer1 : What's that noise?

Villager1 : What's that?

Villager3 : Look!

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Villager2 : It's so bright.

(A boom)

Officer2 : What's going on, Chief ?

Officer1 : Let me check it out.

Villager4 : What's that flying stuff ?

Villager3 : There is something falling down.

Villager4 : Is it dangerous ?

Villager2 : I'm so worried.

Chief : Take it easy.

Officer1 : Look, chief.

Chief : That's a falling star! (Pause)

Officer2 : Is this a star coming from the sky?

Chief : Well ... I think our deity has got our message. She responses to our calls.

Officer2 : What do you mean ?

Officer1 : Do you mean this is a gift from the deity?

Villager3 : Really ?

Villager2 : A gift ?

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Officer2 : That means this is not an ordinary stone.

(Elder comes on stage)

Villager4 : We have hope now.

Officer2 : Master?

Chief : Who took you here ?

Master : I heard a loud sound and I came out to have a look.

Officer1 : Master ...how come your feet?

Master : Oops! ... yes ...

Chief : You can walk on your own !?

Master : Oh yes, I can do it.

Officer1 : Is it because of it? It's the power of the stone!

Villager2 : It must be. It's a miracle.

All : A miracle! It's amazing.

Officer2 : Calm down, folks.

Chief : This must be a gift from our deity to help us to get through the hard situation.
From now on, our life will be different! We have to cherish this Sacred Stone.

Officer1 : You are right, my Honorable Chief. We've got to look after this Sacred Stone well.

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Master : What a wonderful sacred stone! Good fortune must be coming!

Chief : Yes, it is.

(Sound effect (Tr.3) in. It starts raining.)

Officer1 : Thunder ?

(Everybody looks into the sky)

Officer2 : It's raining °

All : It's raining. Finally the rain has come.

Master : Wow, it's fantastic.

Chief : This sacred stone is awesome.

Officer2 : Good things are coming to us.

Officer1 : This sacred stone is bringing us hope and new life. We have to celebrate this moment.

Chief : You are right. We have to work harder to thank for our deity and her love.

All : Sure!

(Light change)

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Scene 4 Harvest

(Light spots on the volunteer)

Volunteer : This is just unbelievable.

Villager9 : Indeed. This sacred stone woke up everyone in the village, including the Master.

Villager10 : That rain lasted for a few days. The weather got back to normal afterwards.

Volunteer : It brought you good luck, right?

Villager11 : Yes, it was more than we could imagine.

Villager12 : We had a boom.

(Music (Tr.4) in , Villagers are dancing. They celebrate the harvest.)

Villager7 : Dear folks, welcome to our harvest celebration.

Villager2 : We are having a prosperous year.

Villager4 : We should thank our sacred stone. It makes our life prosperous.

Villager3 : You see, we've got so many crops. We could never eat them all.

Villager5 : Hey, we can't chuck them away. Remember ...

Villager3 : Treasure our food.

Villager4 : Hey, let's dance together.

(Villagers are dancing again. Chief and officers come in)

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Officer2 : Prosperity and harmony have come back to our village, chief.

Chief : Yes, happiness and prosperity have finally returned to us.

Officer1 : It's the power of the sacred stone. It boosts everyone's energy.

Officer2 : Yes, people are full of hope. They work more efficiently than before.

Chief : The sacred stone is the spirit of life.

Officer1 : I have an idea.

Chief : What is that ?

Officer1 : We should worship the sacred stone every day. Villagers can get in touch with it.

Officer 2: And get the power directly from it. Once they have faith and hope, nothing can harm us anymore.

Chief : This is a good idea.

Chief : (to villagers)Everybody, we have to remember the joy today as well as the sorrow in the past. This sacred stone brings us hope and fortune. We have to cherish it and 'worship' it from now on.

Officer2 : By then, we'll never face any bad luck.

Officer1 : Does anyone want to devote your time and your love to our sacred stone ?

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All : Me ... me ... me ...

Chief : Great! We'll get stronger if we unite. Our deity must respond to our reverent devotion in future.

Officer1 : Let's worship it together.

(Light change.)

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Scene 5 Losing

(Light spots on volunteer.)

Volunteer : What happened next?

Villager9 : The news about our good fortune spread to the neighboring tribe.

Villager10 : However, our neighbors were still struggling in their misfortune.

Villager11 : They were desperate for change and they tried to steal the sacred stone from us.

Volunteer : Did they succeed?

Villager12 : Yes. They secretly broke into our village after the celebration.

(Music Tr.5 in. Thieves come on stage)

Thief A : Is this their sacred stone?

Thief B : It should be. I've seen them worship it in the celebration.

Thief A : Thank god. We can be saved.

(Villagers come in)

Villager5 : There's some noise.

Thief B : Someone is coming!

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Villager2 : Where’s the sacred stone?

(Thieves drop the stone on the ground and break it into two pieces)

Thief A,B : Oh! No ...

Thief A : Take it and run away.

Villager5 : What are you doing ?

Villager4 : Stop!

Villager5 : I’ll get him.

Villager2 : You, follow me.

Thief A: Let me go!

(They leave the stage. Light spots on volunteer)

Villager9 : We couldn’t find the other half of the stone. Finally, the thief was beaten to death.

Villager10 : The chief decided to protect the stone after that incident. Villagers took turns to guard it day and night.

Volunteer : Only half of the stone is left? What about the fortune in your village?

Villager11 : Surprisingly, nothing has changed in our village. We still have a good harvest.

Villager12 : But more and more villagers were feeling ill.

Villager9 : People guarding the stone started to get poor eyesight. Some of them even had nosebleed from time to time.

Volunteer : Wait? When did they start to have these symptoms?

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Villager10 : What’s wrong?

Volunteer : Do you need to look after the stone?

Villager11 : Yes, of course. We do it in turn.

Volunteer : That’s why you also got the symptoms. Does anyone not need to guard the stone?

Villager12 : The chief and her officers.

Volunteer : I see. And they don’t have any symptoms at all.

Well ... I think you better not to get close to the stone anymore.

Villager9 : Why ?

Volunteer : The stone made you sick. It’s Radiation.

All : Ra-di-ation ?

【Officer1 in. Music (Tr. 6) in】

Volunteer : The stone coming from the sky gives out Radiation. You can’t see it but it will seriously harm your health.

Villager12 : What do you mean?

Volunteer : Do you feel nausea? Have you noticed any burning or reddish marks after you touch the stone? Do your start losing hair?

Villager11 : How come you know that?

Volunteer : Anyway, please stay away from it.

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- Officer1 : What are you talking about? It's ridiculous.
(To villagers) What's wrong with you people? You release her and talk to her like friends!
- Villager10 : She might be able to help us.
- Villager11 : She knows the cause of the illness.
- Officer1 : Of course she knows. It is because she makes it up. (To volunteer) How dare you tell them not to worship our sacred stone? Tie her up.
- Villager12 : But ... (Officer1 stares at them, then they tie her up)
- Officer1 : Do it ! (villagers tie up Volunteer) Get out and leave her to me.

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Scene 6 The Mark

Officer1 : Do you know .. the sacred stone is very important to us? I’m sure that you know magic. Are you going to alienate us? (slaps volunteer)

Volunteer : Agh! The stone is the cause of your illness. I can help you.

Officer1 : You can help us? We’ve already got one villager who died because of you. And you ask me to trust you?

Volunteer : Her death wasn’t my fault. It’s because ...

Officer1 : That’s enough! I’ve had too many of your excuses . (discovers a mark on volunteer’s arm) What is that?

Volunteer : Nothing.

Officer1 : You’ve a mark on your arm.

Volunteer : No. It’s just a tattoo.

Officer1 : Tattoo ?

Officer1 : I knew you were different. You’ve an evil mark and intention.

Volunteer : No. I got it when I was young and rebellious. It’s no more than a tattoo. That’s it.

(Chief and officer 2 come in)

Officer1 : My honorable Chief. You show up in the right time. I discovered something evil about her. Take a look.

Volunteer : Get your hand off me.

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Chief : How come there is a mark?

Officer2 : Oh ... she is ...

Chief : yes ... she is cursed ...

Officer2 : You're a hoodoo. You killed Angel.

Volunteer : NO! It's only a tattoo.

Officer1 : Shut up. We can't let her stay, chief.

Officer2 : Right. She'll destroy our village as long as she is alive.

Chief : I see! ... then ... we should ...

Volunteer : What do want to do?

Officer1 : Burn her to death!

(Villager 9 & 10 in)

Villager9 : Please come out, chief.

Chief : What's happening?

Villager10 : We found a dead body.

Chief : Really?

(Light spots on the dead body)

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Scene 7 Salvation

Villager1 : (crying) ... oh ... please don't leave me my daughter ...

(villager2 holds the sacred stone)

Chief : How come she died there?

Villager3 : Her daughter had the sacred stone. We found her lying here this morning.

Officer2 : Why did she get the stone?

Villager6 : She couldn't stand for the illness and pain. She thought the stone would be able to cure her.

Officer1 : Her behavior is unacceptable. This is OUR sacred stone. She can't have it for herself.

Villager5 : She wanted to steal it?

Officer1 : That's why did the spirit punish her.

Villager1 : No, my daughter just wanted to get some help. She wouldn't steal it for herself.

Villager6 : What can we do?

Villager7 : Will I die like her?

Villager8 : It's terrible.

Villager3 : What can we do?

Officer2 : Look. Her skin looked like it was burnt by fire.

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- Chief : It's a serious burn.
- Villager5 : How come?
- Officer1 : I think you still haven't learnt after the stealing incident. We have to control our selfishness. We should protect the sacred stone as we protect our family.
- Villager6 : But why we are punished? She just wants some help.
- Officer1 : She was corrupted by her selfishness.
- Chief : Listen, We have to be patient and stick together. Otherwise, bad luck will come again.
- Villager11 : No, please don't get close to the stone anymore.
- Officer2 : What are you talking about?
- Villager12 : Shh, keep your mouth shut.
- Chief : The sacred stone cannot be disgraced. It gives us too many things.
- Villager11 : I agree but I also believe that girl's claim.
- Chief : What did she say ?
- Villager11 : She said it was Ra-dia-tion. The stone will harm us if we get close to it.
- Officer1 : This is ridiculous.
- Villager11 : Every villager got sick after guarding the stone. We are losing our sight. I don't mean to offend, but how about you and the Chief?

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Officer2 : It is because we are sincere to the stone and the spirit.

Villager12 : The burning marks on this dead body match the shape of the stone. Can you see it?

(Light change)

Villager9 : I'm coming to release you.

Volunteer : Really ?

Villager9 : We trust you. You have to help us?

Volunteer : I promise I will do all my best.

Villager9 : Could you bring more people to help?

Volunteer : Sure. (Pause) Come with me. They'll punish you after I leave.

Villager9 : (Pause)

Volunteer : Come on. Come with me. I need a guide.

Villager9 : Alright.

(Light change)

Officer2 : We can't trust that evil girl.

Officer1 : I saw no relationship between the burn mark and the sacred stone.

Villager1 : She doesn't deserve this. She is a nice girl.

Chief : If her claim is correct, we can be cured by simply leaving the stone.

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Officer1 : We can't give up now. (whisper) Chief, if we stop having the stone, the villagers will lose their faith. How can we lead them out of this misfortune?

Chief : Do we have another option? We've already lost two lives. I can't let this happen again. (To villager 2) Follow me!

Officer1 : Chief !

(Light change)

Officer2 : Where's the girl?

Villager3 : How could she escape?

Officer1 : See! She feared our punishment. I'm sure she's on the run from something bad she's done. Don't be silly. How can a girl with an evil mark on her arm claim to cure our illness?

Villager4 : An evil mark ?

Officer2 : I almost forgot this. She's cursed. She's got The Evil mark of Doom.

Villager5 : What? The Evil mark of Doom? I..I've heard about it from my grandfather.

Officer1 : Don't worry. She's gone now. She can't harm us.

Villager6 : Really?

Officer1 : What do you think, My Honorable Chief?

Chief : (Pause) ...Sure... Please don't worry. All villagers will get well soon.

Officer1 : Let's go home and get some rest. We'll deal with it somehow.

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(Villagers leave)

Officer2 : Do you believe the sacred stone will help us this time, Chief?

Chief : To be frank, I'm doubtful.

Officer2 : Should we go after the girl and call her back ?

Officer1 : No! Our doubt will lead us to our deaths. We should have faith in the spirit and the sacred stone.

Officer2 : But she is the last hope...

Officer1: Never return if you leave the village.

Chief : That' s enough! We should be united. We should not fight one another. (Pause)
Let fate have its way.

(Black out)

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Scene 8 Epilogue

(Light up and Music in (Tr.7) Villagers appear in the middle of the stage)

Officer2 : (wearing mask) It's been a month. We're getting worse and weak.

Chief : (wearing mask) I'm beginning to doubt my decision.

Officer1 : (wearing mask) I still have the faith in the sacred stone. We can't give up.

Officer2 : I don't believe in anyone. I just know. I can't wait be killed. So, I've made a decision. I'm leaving.

Chief : No matter how, we have to hold on ... because we are beyond the turning point.

(Officer 2 leave. Then, Villager 9, volunteer and a doctor come in. They check the dead bodies)

Volunteer : (Stand on the platform) Is the sacred stone a blessing or misfortune?

Villager9 : (To doctor) We're too late!

Volunteer : Those who wanted to be saved waited helplessly till the end.

Villager9 : Why? Why has everybody gone?

Volunteer : Is it a faith? Or superstition?

Villager9 : Hey, look!

(Officer 2 raises her hand)

Doctor: There is a survivor.

Volunteer: How can they hold on for so long?

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Officer1 : It's you?

Villager9 : It's me.

Volunteer: Is it the sacred stone?

Villager9 : I'm coming to save you?

Officer1 : What about the others?

(Pause)

Doctor : It's ok. Let's help you first.

Officer1: The sacred stone lead you here?

Village9: Yes, it did.

Volunteer: Is the sacred stone a blessing or a misfortune?
Who can help them? Who can save them?

(Light fades out)

THE END