

4D The Ghost Story

SCENE I (A boring afternoon)

It's 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Four good friends, Ken, Kelly, Jessica and Mandy are chatting in a room in one of the university hostels (大學宿舍). They are all its residents. They've skipped class (走堂) and are planning what to do with the afternoon.

Ken: Oh, Mr. Johnson's Humanities class is very boring. (Yawns and stretches his arms.)

Kelly: That's why we're all here.

Jessica: C'mon, guys. Let's think of something fun to do. Getting stuck in this tiny room of mine is really killing me.

Mandy: Yeah, I feel trapped in here, too. It's raining outside and we're getting stuck indoors. (Puts her head into her hands and sits back on the sofa.)

Tom: Yeah, boring afternoon and bored chaps like us.

Kelly: Where on earth can we find something interesting to do?

Jessica: Hmm...Let me think...How about telling a ghost story?

Mandy: That sounds great!

Kelly: Oh! No more ghost stories, please! I've had enough fright from those strange noises in the middle of the night.

Mandy: Don't kill our fun, Kelly. Now's the best time for a ghost story. Don't you all think so?

Ken: Ha ha! We do have a frightened little bird here. How scared she looks now!

Jessica: So we have a real chicken-hearted gal here. Don't ever forget, Kelly, that you study psychology. (心理學) You shouldn't be so afraid. Ghosts come from humans and they can be very lovable and

Kelly: I'm not scared but I just...just... (She can't carry on.)

Ken: If you're not scared, we'll begin. Who's first?

Kelly: Oh, please, can we change the subject? (Ken, Jessica and Mandy are pointing at Kelly and rocking with laughter.)

Jessica: No way, unless you can find a more interesting subject.

Kelly: I simply hate ghosts. They're evil spirits... (Heaves a sigh.)

Mandy: Too bad. Then Kelly has to remain a listener. C'mon, whose turn is it first?

Jessica: Have you ever heard a ghost story that happened in the university hostels?

Kelly: Oh, no! Please, Jessica, I've got to quit. I haven't got the nerve (膽量) to hear your story.

Mandy: Oh, Kelly, please don't go. You stay here to keep me company. Please! (Kelly reluctantly agrees to stay in the room.)

SCENE II (The mysterious death)

Two days later in the Common Room of the same university hostel.

Ken: Hi, Kelly! The other day you mentioned the strange noise in the middle of the night in the hostel. Do you still hear it?

Kelly: Yes, I do. In fact, It woke me up last night. But I was so tired that I just kept on sleeping.

Mandy: You are always sleeping, Kelly. That's why you have the nickname, 'The Sleeping Pig'.

(Jessica comes in, looking unhappy and in a bad mood)

Jessica: What about the strange noise?

Ken: Do you remember the ghost stories we told each other a couple of days ago? Actually someone's told me one more about THIS hostel right last night.

Jessica: What is it? C'mon, tell me. (Her voice seems unnatural and strange)

Ken: OK! A girl used to live in one of the rooms in this hostel. She felt so lonesome that she really wanted a boyfriend. In order to appeal to (吸引) her favorite guys, she'd wink (眨眼) at them and put up a big smile. However to her big disappointment, the boys were scared off and ran. She thought that there must've been something seriously wrong about herself. She felt so miserable that she kept wandering (徘徊) aimlessly at the rooftop of the hostel like a phantom (幽靈) at night. Everybody was scared of her. One day she was found dead lying below a footbridge somewhere near the hostel. And the most terrible thing was: her face was gone!

Mandy: Where's the footbridge? We don't have any footbridge at all now near the hostel.

Jessica: (In a cunning voice) The footbridge's been pulled down (已被拆卸) to make room for this new hostel here. Maybe it is locatedha ha

Kelly: Oh, no! Why do you laugh like that, Jessica? Can we stop talking about this now?

Mandy: Wait, Jessica, it seems you're saying the footbridge was somewhere near THIS room.

Ken: Bingo! Very smart of you, Mandy.

Mandy: Are you hinting that the poor girl died mysteriously HERE?

Kelly: (Screaming) Oh, no! How terrible! Let me get out of here. I can't stand it anymore. (Kelly stands up but Mandy pulls her back onto the sofa.)

Jessica: Excuse me, guys, I've got to go to the toilet. (Looks strangely pale (蒼白).)

Kelly: Are you scared, Jessica? The toilet can't protect you, silly thing, ha ha! (Ken and Mandy laugh.)

Jessica: Of course I'm not. I thought Ken's kidding us. But I've got to go. (Hurries out of the room)

(While waiting for Jessica, Kelly, Ken and Mandy feel so bored that they begin to play cards.)

SCENE III (The real Jessica wakes up)

Real Jessica: (Looks very sleepy still) Hey, guys, what're you doing here?

(Ken, Kelly, and Mandy look very puzzled at this Jessica, who looks exactly like the one that went out. They are stunned to find that Jessica doesn't actually know what they've been doing.)

Real Jessica: What's wrong with you. Why do you all look at me like that?

Anything wrong? Why are you so scared?

Ken: Are we? We've been talking about the ghost story that happened in this hostel.

Real Jessica: Have you? So you've all skipped class. Bad kids, huh.

Kelly: Wait a minute. What've you been doing out there?

Real Jessica: Of course I've been sleeping. Woken up by your noise. (Stretching her arms and yawning.)
Why?

Mandy: Oh,My! Stop kidding us, Jessica! Who's that girl that talked with us a moment ago?

Jessica: You mean you just talked to a girl who looked like me? No kidding, please, Mandy!

Ken: C'mon, stop your practical joke (惡作劇), Jess. We all know you're a brilliant actor.

Kelly: I...I...I am so scared!

Ken: Shut up!! (Glancing at the door.)

(Jessica the ghost appears.)

Jessica the ghost: (In a shaking voice) Hi, friends, I'm back!

Kelly: Oh no (almost screaming) Please don't get close to us!

Mandy: Leave me alone! (Shouting)

Jessica the ghost: I...I...I just...wanna....

Real Jessica: Oh, it can't be true! Oh, no! Please go away! (screams)

Ken: Oh, please! I don't know who's who now. (Looking from one Jessica to another.) Please leave here right now!

Jessica the ghost: I just wanna make friends. Please don't stay away like those wicked boys. Those bad boys. They just ran off from me. (In an angry complaining voice)

Mandy: So you're really the GHOST. Oh, please, stay away! Get out of here!

Real Jessica: Oh, my God, what can I do? I'm not a ghost. She's a ghost! (Points at the ghost)

Jessica the ghost: Please, let me stay with you guys. I mean to hurt nobody. I'm just so terribly lonely.

Real Jessica: But we don't hang around with a ghost! (Still yelling)

Ken: (Shaking all over) You're not one of us now.

Jessica the ghost: But we did chat quite happily just now, didn't we?

Kelly: Because we thought you're the Jessica that we know. Now, please, go away.

Jessica the ghost: (In a very sad voice) All right. I know nobody wants me. I'll go as you say. (Exit Jessica the ghost)

Real Jessica: I can't believe my eyes. Tell me what happened. (Kelly, Ken and Mandy tell her the ghost story.)

Real Jessica: Oh, How terrible! I can't believe what I heard. C'mon, guys, grab my hands. They're warm and soft. I'm the real and living Jessica. How can I be a ghost?

Kelly: Calm down, Jess! We know you're real. But why did such a strange thing happen to us?

Ken, Kelly, Mandy: (Utter a sigh together) Only God can tell!

SCENE IV (Unfolding the mystery)

Ken: Do we want to help the ghost?

Kelly: You're crazy. Who do you think you are? Superman?

Ken: I guess the poor girl just felt terribly lonely. (Everybody keeps quiet.)

Mandy: Maybe you are right, Ken.

Ken: So what do you guys think? Are we going to do something to help Jessica the ghost? (Jessica the ghost comes right back to the room suddenly)

Jessica the ghost: Yes, I do need your help.

Ken, Kelly, the real Jessica & Mandy: Oh, no! (All jump up in fear.)

Mandy: What do you want from us?

Jessica the ghost: I don't mean any harm at all. I just need friends. That's all. I've been so lonely for so long.....(Starts sobbing)

Kelly: C'mon, don't cry. We're just both curious and afraid of you.

Ken: Yeah! We've never met a ghost like you. It's a very strange experience for us.

Mandy Ya! Ken's right. Can you tell us why you're here?

Jessica the ghost: (In a sincere but sad voice) Friends, it's a sad sad story..... (Everybody listens intently)

Real Jessica:: And is it true that you really died somewhere here? (Jessica the ghost nods her head.)

(Mandy, Kelly, Ken and Jessica keep their eyes wide open and lean back in fright.)

Jessica the ghost: Like what you said, I really felt unhappy and lonely just because nobody liked me. It wasn't suicide but an accident.

(The real Jessica acts out the death by stepping onto some chairs, dancing wobbly on them and stretching out her two arms to keep balance.)

Jessica the ghost: That fateful night when I was singing my favorite song dancing on the rail at the rooftop, I got so carried away by the words and melody that I just slipped and fell from the roof straight down to the footbridge.

(The real Jessica sings on the chairs and falls from them.....A big scream from her)

Jessica the ghost: (Utters a long deep sigh.) That's it. I didn't kill myself. It was all an accident. A big pity! For such a pretty girl like me, huh.....

Ken: (Voice shaking) Terribly sad to know about your '*accidental death*'. Why...why was your face gone?

Kelly. Jessica & Mandy: (Whispering) Hey...Don't ask this, silly Ken!

Jessica the ghost: Maybe someone thinks that I'm ugly. (Lets off a deep sigh again.)

Ken: Hey! Don't look down on yourself. We're all willing to make friends with you.

(Jessica the ghost casts a glance at the others)

Everyone else: Yes...Yes....! We....do. (Voice still shaking)

Jessica the ghost: Really! You're so kind. Ha Ha(Suddenly the lights in the room go off)

Everyone: (Screaming) Oh, what's happened?

Jessica the ghost: You'll be my friends, won't you? Hahaha! (In a loud but threatening voice) THEN COME TO HELL WITH ME, you innocent kids! Ha Ha

Jessica the ghost starts chasing the 4 students. Everyone screams and runs. Curtain falls.