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學校名稱 : 聖瑪加利男女英文中小學
Name of School : ST. MARGARET'S CO-EDUCATIONAL ENGLISH SEC. & PRI. SCHOOL
劇名 Name of Play : Our New Neighbours
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故事大綱 Synopsis :

The ordinary Chan family becomes intrigued by their new neighbors, the Smiths, when they discover the Smiths are moving in with unusual objects like African masks. As the Chan's continue to observe, they start to notice even more suspicious behavior from the Smiths', and begin speculating about their neighbours' background and possible involvement in rituals. They start to wonder what this family is up to, and who they really are...



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Scene 1 – The Smiths arrive

(Twins Aiden and Andrea are playing with their iPads on the sofa at home. Elaine, their mother, comes in, sweeping)

ELAINE: iPads again? Get off of it - now!

AIDEN: Aw mom, we just finished our exams. We worked so hard the last few weeks.

ANDREA: Yea, we've done enough studying for the month already... Can't we just have a break?

ELAINE: You can, but a break doesn't necessarily mean screen time. Here, help me take out the trash first and we'll see what you can do.

AIDEN: (kicks Andrea) You go.

ANDREA: (kicks Aiden also) You go, you're closer.

(Aiden grunts and helps take out the trash. Opens the door and sees the Smiths moving in.)

AIDEN: (Whispers) Mom, mom. There's someone moving into Flat 40B!

ANDREA: (A bit excited and walks over) Really? Who do you see?

AIDEN: Just the movers now. Oh, I see a girl. Someone our age.

ANDREA: Oh, I see her parents now too.

ELAINE: Move over. Let me take a look too. (gently pushes them away)

TWINS: Aw man.

ELAINE: Hmm, seems like a lot of boxes for three people, don't you think?

ANDREA: (A bit angry) How would I know? I can't see anything.

ELAINE: I can't tell whether they are friendly either. Oh, your dad just came back, let's see if he'll find out anything about our new neighbours.

SEAN: Oh hi! Are you our new neighbours? I'm Sean, I live in 40A.

CHARLOTTE: Hi, we are the Smiths. Nice to meet you.

SEAN: You seem to have a lot of boxes. Shall I help you with them? (Heads over to carry one box)



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CHARLOTTE: (nervous) Oh no, you don't have to.

SEAN: It's ok, I can carry it. (demonstrates he can lift it but then accidentally drops it on the floor. Charlotte looks a bit upset and Sean tidies up the boxes very quickly. Sean apologizes and excuses himself and goes back in their house)

ELAINE: Did you just drop our new neighbour's box? What was inside?

SEAN: (deep breaths) Wait, gimme two seconds to calm down.

ELAINE: (two seconds later) Well, second's up. What was it? What was inside?

SEAN: It was a box of... masks.

ELAINE: Masks? Like Covid face masks?

SEAN: No, silly. Like real African masks. 5... maybe 6 of them.

ANDREA: Our new neighbours are Africans? (looking at AIDEN)

SEAN: I don't think so, the lady said their last name is Smith. That's way too Western.

AIDEN: Why do you think they have those masks though?

ANDREA: And so many too?

SEAN: I don't know...

ELAINE: Maybe they are... collectors?

AIDEN: Or maybe they are... cultists?

ANDREA: Like people who dance around campfires in rituals...

AIDEN: and chant and eat human beings?

SEAN: Wait till it becomes true. Roar! (scares twins and twins jump). You two have such a vivid imagination.

ELAINE: That's what too many video games do to you guys. That said, we can still keep a safe distance now and observe first, agree?

(nods in agreement)



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Scene 2 – The Kids' Encounter

(Andrea waiting for lift)

ANDREA: Come on, it's on the 33rd floor already! I'll leave without you.

AIDEN: I'm coming! I'm trying to put on my shoes! (At the same time, Amelia comes out to wait for the lift)

ANDREA: (turns around and see Amelia) Oh hi.

AMELIA: (quite friendly, walks in the lift together as lift arrives) Hi, I'm Amelia! We just moved here yesterday, so...

AIDEN: (runs and yells) Wait.... (blocks the lift) Touchdown! (sees Amelia) Oh... it's you. I mean, uh, we saw you moving in yesterday. Welcome.

AMELIA: Thanks. We're just trying to settle in. (pauses) Hey, are you two siblings?

AIDEN: Yea, we're twins, but we don't look like it.

ANDREA: Nuh-uh. I'm prettier.

AIDEN: Yea but I'm smarter.

AMELIA: You two are funny. It's nice to have siblings. Maybe we could play together some time?

ANDREA: (excited) Oh yea, that would be nice. Oh I just noticed, what's that on your forehead? Is that a bruise?

AMELIA: (embarrassed and covers her forehead) Oh, it's nothing. I just uh... accidentally hit myself.

AIDEN: Ow, that must have hurt.

AMELIA: No, really. It looks worse than it is. (turns round to hide her forehead casually)

AIDEN: What's that white thing tied to your school bag?

AMELIA: Oh, (slightly awkwardly) it's just something I play with every now and then. (tries to hide it)

ANDREA: Oh, is it a Japanese weather doll? (lift opens door) I've always wanted one!

AMELIA: Oh no, It's not a weather doll; it's something much more complicated. I'll show you next time when we are in the right place! Got to go first, see you.

AIDEN: Well, that changed quick.



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ANDREA: Yea, too quick.

AIDEN: For a second, I thought she was less weird than her parents.

ANDREA: Yea... (Aiden gasps) What? What is it?

AIDEN: She said something complicated, do you think it maybe...

ANDREA: What? What do you think it is?

AIDEN: Do you think she's making a voodoo doll?

ANDREA: What's a voodoo doll?

AIDEN: A voodoo doll is a doll that looks like a human being, but people curse them at a certain time and place... Maybe she got hit on her forehead, now she's seeking revenge and wants to curse them back.

ANDREA: No way... (turns suspicious) really?

AIDEN: Well, first there's those masks, then there's this weird ball and rope thingy. (Gasps; Andrea jumps and looks at him. Aiden starts making weird accent and hissing and gesturing) Maybe she's really a witch in disguise...

ANDREA: (Aiden Gasps again. Andrea hits him) Stop doing that! You're scaring me.

AIDEN: She said she can show you next time? What if you're her next target (raises his hands to scare Andrea)?

ANDREA: (screams) Ah, get away from me!

AIDEN: (laughs; Oliver enters, with face paint on his face, Aiden gets scared too) Ah!