A236 Week 14 Question

In A Hundred Ghosts Parade Tonight, Ning has been living for 15 years but stopped growing after 7. Was he once an alive human and then turned to a ghost without himself noticed? He described that he saw a “crimson bar code against the skin” when he looked at himself in a mirror on the Old Ghost Tree. Is there any probability that he was killed by Xiao Qian who wanted to keep Ning as a child forever with her? Or do you believe that he was just a “toy” made with better technology?