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Fate was truly remarkable.

At that moment, Serena, fresh from a friendly gathering, had just reached the entrance of the main building when she heard praises for Arabella's talents. She stood there, utterly flabbergasted.

She could hardly believe that the calligrapher, Labella, whom she had admired for more than two years, was actually Arabella!

What's more, all the paintings that she had tried so hard but failed to acquire were all created by Arabella.

Arabella was Mirabelle.

She was not only a renowned painter, but also a famous calligrapher!

Why did Arabella have so many identities?

She was barely regarded in the Murphy family since she was a child.

each of her identities could easily outshine

at the door for a long time, caught in a whirlwind of emotions. It was only when Edith, who was delivering pastries, passed by and called her that she came back to her

practiced over the years, she greeted everyone present with the grace

you're back." Jennifer looked at Serena with

nor disliking her. Now, she greeted

Serena, asking with a cheerful

Yes, I

to them before

carry on. I

George, Jennifer, please

move was elegant and refined, showing no

quite calm. It appeared

eighteen years in the Collins family and raised with good

thought, Jennifer didn't dwell

at Kenneth, seeming

"Serena is a sensible child. She knows not to demand what isn't hers. It's all my fault. If I had been more careful and cautious back then, we wouldn't have had such a big mix-up, forcing the two girls to bear burdens they shouldn't have."

Kenneth felt a deep sense of guilt, particularly towards Arabella.

Although Serena was not their biological child, she had been pampered in the Collins family for eighteen years without experiencing hardship.

But Bella was different. The Murphy family rose to wealth later, and Bella had suffered a lot growing up there. Her talents were honed through hard work and diligence.

Not just Kenneth, but the entire Collins family owed Bella too much.

"It's fate. Now that Bella is back, there will only be more laughter in this house." George smoothly changed the topic with a smile.

At this moment, a servant came to report, "Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Mr.

McMillian has arrived."

Romeo, dressed in a well-tailored suit, exuded a noble aura. As soon as he entered, he explained, "Mr. and Mrs. Collins, I'm sorry for being late. There was a last-minute issue."

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He turned to Arabella again, "You all set?"

"Yeah." Arabella didn't blame him, he was busy after all, and being busy was a good thing.

"No worries, you don't have to be on schedule when you come to visit us. It's not like you're clocking in at work." Kenneth laughed as he looked at his son-in-law, the more he looked at him, the more satisfied he was. "Please have a seat."

Romeo walked up to Jennifer, "Mom, come and sit with Dad."

"You men sit together, and we women will sit together." Jennifer held Arabella's hand tightly, seemingly reluctant to give up her spot.

Romeo looked at their closely held hands, "If you sit so close, Bella might feel uncomfortable."

"Who says that? We've been shopping and strolling arm in arm lately."

Romeo was speechless.

is spacious. You can sit here." It was Arabella

if

the laughter hidden in his eyes and couldn't help but

of Arabella, while Jennifer sat to her

alone on the opposite couch, which was meant for two, feeling oddly

scene unfold, and smiled. She asked Edith to bring more pastries and

looked at the table full of fruit, pastries, and

just here to hang out." George explained with a laugh. "We've been abroad for a while so we didn't have

so where do you plan to go next?" Louisa casually asked a question that Romeo was dying to know the naturally fell on his

want to spend more time with her, especially Jennifer. She's changed our itinerary so many times, and we

Romeo was shocked.

No Way!

totally couldn't

we're very pleased with Bella. We not only approve of this marriage, we hope it happens as soon as

Of course, the exact timing depends on Bella." Jennifer said, casting an affectionate glance at Arabella. If Bella didn't want to get engaged and wanted to wait till after graduation to get married, that was fine too.

Arabella chuckled, "It won't be so soon."

"Bella is still young." Louisa explained with a smile. Even though she was eager to see the two of them get married, her daughter's opinion was still the most important.

"No rush. We just wanted to express our stance, mainly because we like Bella so much." Jennifer looked at Arabella again, "Take this time to test Romeo a little. Don't let him off so easily."

Romeo was in dumb silence.

Every other couple's parents were supportive, except his.

Not only were they not supportive, they were actually holding him back.

Arabella laughed and looked at Romeo, "Alright."

Romeo thought, " Not alright!"

"I guarantee that now and in the future, every member of the McMillian family will never mistreat Bella. Jennifer and I will treat her as our own daughter. We will cherish her for a lifetime." George also took this opportunity to express his sincerity.

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Standing on the second floor, Serena felt as if she were rooted to the spot, unable to take another step.

She hadn't expected George and Jennifer to be so taken with Arabella, nor had she anticipated their words of praise.

It was hard to deny that Arabella was truly blessed!

She had just returned to the McMillian family and was immediately showered with affection from her newfound parents and five brothers. From Grandpa Phillip to the house staff, everyone seemed to adore her deeply.

Arabella was like a shining star, her brilliance causing twinges of pain in the hearts of those who watched from the sidelines.

Serena felt as though she had been abandoned by the world, alone and helpless.

Once, she

was the leading lady, and she had been relegated to

had been standing on the second floor for a long

over the years, Martha understood her

quickly appeared with a change of clothes for Serena, feigning

covered her mouth,

their loud guffaws covering any noises from the

remembered that she was supposed to take a bath, but she had been

was too dazzling? Or was it because she felt so lonely after being abandoned by

crying?" Debby asked, looking at her red eyes, "All

I was just mistaken: "Serena, the etiquette education you have received since childhood has made you a noble lady. You are way better than

sentence. Instead, she apologized, "I'm sorry, Serena. It was out of

She handed Serena the clothes and respectfully retreated, leaving Serena with more to ponder.

When George and Jennifer finished their visit and were ready to return home, Kenneth and Louisa escorted them to the door, returning their gifts.

Arabella wasn't sure when her parents had prepared these gifts, but she could tell that both families valued her highly.

"Louisa, this is too much. We can't accept them;" Jennifer protested.

Louisa, however, insisted that her staff load the gifts into their car, "These are tokens of our appreciation. You must accept them."

Listening to their parents call each other in-laws and argue over the gifts, Arabella was left in awe. In the end, Louisa won, returning most of their gifts and keeping only a few.

Romeo then politely said, "You should rest early. I'll take Bella back to school."

But it seemed that Jennifer didn't believe him.

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Word on the street was that Romeo had bought a mansion near the university district, and he was often seen there. One didn't need to be a genius to figure out what was happening.

But she didn't call him out. Instead, she smiled and said to Louisa, "Let's plan another get-together soon, okay?"

"Sure." Louisa's smile was so wide it almost split her face. "You two should get some rest. Romeo, take good care of Bella, won't you?"

"No problem at all."

Even though it was vacation time, Bella had many responsibilities.

There might be other things waiting for her at the university. Louisa didn't pry into her daughter's schedule but watched them drive off with maternal love in her eyes.

"Honey, I think George and Jennifer are really treating Bella like their own daughter, Kenneth mused as he watched them leave, feeling a sense of relief for their daughter's future.

"But doesn't it feel a bit like our daughter just visited us and is now heading back to her in-laws? Do you feel it too?"

Louisa was reluctant to let go, she knew that every generation would have its

internet, she would share them with Arabella and they would have a good

delicious meals and deliver them to Arabella at her university. They would walk around the campus together, hand

of her nail polish, and even her hairdo. Sometimes, she would take Arabella out with her, treating her like

would often receive notifications about large transfers from Jennifer. If Arabella refused, Jennifer would believe that Arabella saw her as family.

arrived

students

while Arabella was in the university laboratory, Louisa

grandma has finally woken up! I'll pick you up from the university and we

"Okay."

her grandmother had slipped and fallen down several steps. Her grandfather had tried to catch her, hurting himself

coma when they were rushed

injuries, and multiple fractures throughout their bodies. Her grandfather's condition was worse, with fluid in his chest and intracranial hemorrhage. They were in

Despite extensive medical efforts, their condition remained critical, and they had to stay in the ICU.

During her last visit to the hospital with her parents, Arabella had taken their pulse discreetly and found out about their condition.

The doctors had chosen a conservative approach because of their old age and the lack of a guaranteed successful treatment. Thus, they had missed the best window for treatment.

After taking their pulses, Arabella realized that their bodies were weak and the brain injuries had severely damaged their central nervous system. They also had respiratory infections, anemia, and electrolyte imbalance, requiring multiple medications.

Basic IV therapy wouldn't be enough.

Due to Serena's presence, Arabella didn't reveal that she was Dr.

Bell, but instead claimed to know a famous doctor who had the medicine for their condition.

Upon hearing this, Kenneth and Louisa were overjoyed and urged her to contact the doctor. Thus, Arabella started treating her grandparents more aggressively.

But then.

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She needed medication, one of them being special tranquilizers, which were particularly beneficial for treating brain damage.

Tranquilizers were hard to come by and took several days to extract. At that time, Kelly Piper had managed to get a hold of a tranquilizer pill in Northshire for them. But due to an unfortunate series of events, it ended up under David's shoe and got crushed.

If they had taken the tranquilizer at that time, they could've recovered within a month, instead of prolonging the situation...

Arabella finished her experiment. She recorded the data, grabbed her coat, and said goodbye to Grandpa Beck. Then she left the lab.

Aiden pulled up at the school to pick her up.

Louisa saw Arabella, rolled down her window, and could hardly contain her excitement. "Bella, get in quickly."

Both Arabella's grandparents had been unconscious for several months, and finally, one of them woke up. Louisa was overjoyed.

in the car, Louisa cheerfully said, "Bella, call your friend. I

Arabella was stunned.

past three months, Arabella had been taking the medicine to the hospital, so nobody serious condition than Phillip? Many doctors were helpless. Your friend is amazing, just three months of treatment and your up yet, looking at the find it insufficient?" Louisa produced a about to need, she didn't charge

What?

bit stunned. This person was a well-known doctor, treating two elderly people for three months without would she do something but hesitating, Louisa suddenly guessed something and couldn't hide it absolutely astounded, "So,

"Dr. Bell."

"Dr. Bell?"

It was common knowledge that Dr. Bell's medical skills were phenomenal, bringing people back from the brink of death. But he was elusive, and no one knew his whereabouts.

Ever since the old couple was admitted to the ICU, Louisa and her family had repeatedly tried to find Dr. Bell to treat them.

Some said Dr. Bell was already dead, others claimed he was last seen in the triangular zone, and some said he had retired. As for the reliability of these rumors, no one really knew.

All this time, Louisa only knew her daughter was a brilliant doctor who had saved Phillip and Grace Murphy. But her daughter being Dr. Bell was beyond her expectations!

"You have so many aliases!" Louisa was truly stunned, "No wonder you didn't charge for the consultation. You silly girl!"

It turned out that the one, who had been running around for three months, providing treatment plans for the couple and supplying the expensive medicine, was her own daughter.

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Not too long ago, Jennifer was struck with the C30 virus, a fatal disease said to be incurable worldwide. It was Bella who saved her.

At that time, Louisa hadn't connected the dots between her daughter and the infamous Dr. Bell.

After all, rumors had it that Dr. Bell was a man!

"No wonder Jennifer called you a mysterious treasure. How come you're so amazing, skilled at everything!" Louisa, brimming with excitement, cupped her daughter's face, praising, "If your grandparents knew that you cured their illness, they'd be even more surprised and proud than I am!"

Who would have thought Bella could be so outstanding in every way?

Not to mention the McMillian family, if the Collins family were to encounter such an exceptional daughter-in-law, they'd be over the moon!

Aiden couldn't help but peek at Ms. Bella through the rearview mirror, recalling the first time he drove her to the Murphy family.

She had effortlessly reattached a fallen car door.

competent at everything, which

take

daily diagnostic data and doctor's reports for the elderly couple were updated in

gradually improving over the past few days, but she couldn't understand many of the professional terms and had to show them

reading them, Arabella smiled subtly,

that her daughter had read through the convoluted medical jargon and data reports in less

That was wonderful news!

a day or

hearing this, Louisa was overjoyed, "That's fantastic. I need to

pulled into the private parking garage

private hospital owned by the Collins family where the

soon as Arabella got out of the car, she saw another vehicle from

greeted her politely, explaining softly, "Dad was dealing with business near Summerfield College, and when he heard that Grandma woke up, he picked me up to

that Dad will wake up in a day or two. Did that renowned

have a secret to tell you!" Louisa, as if sharing a shocking secret,

"Dr. Bell?"

"Surprising, isn't it? Over these three months, the one providing treatment plans and expensive medicines for dad and mom, and the 'doctor friend' we've been talking about, is Bella!" As Louisa

revealed this, she put an arm around Arabella's shoulder, praising, "Who would have thought she was so modest?"

"Bella, you treated grandpa and grandma's illness?" Kenneth looked at his daughter in shock, not expecting her medical skills to be so advanced.

Arabella nodded and hummed, "I didn't say it before because I didn't want you to worry.'

After all, a teenage girl using the medical knowledge she learned to save her seriously ill grandparents would naturally cause concern.

Serena, standing to the side, turned pale. She could hardly believe it, unconsciously clenching her fists.

She knew that Arabella was somewhat versed in medicine, but she never expected her to be Dr. Bell!

Dr. Bell was a well-known figure in the medical world!

The last time when Arabella came to the hospital to visit her grandma, and her grandma had a sudden complication, Arabella saved her by giving her an injection. Serena had mocked Arabella for merely reading a few random medical books and copying the techniques, and being lucky enough to save her grandma.

She never imagined that Bella was Dr. Bell!

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Dr. Bell's position was not to be despised by a layman like her.

But since it was Dr. Bell, why did she choose to attend such an ordinary school like Westerly College? Could it be true what the admissions officer said, that Arabella was drawn to the array of scientific equipment?

Arabella's real purpose in attending Westerly College wasn't to study, but to conduct medical experiments.

She hadn't lost her mind to studying, enrolling in a university even more mediocre than Summerfield College.

If that was indeed true, then her previous mockery of Arabella felt like a slap in her own face!

It was too painful, too loud, too embarrassing!

It was fortunate that she had stopped Martha from drugging Arabella in time. Thinking about it now, had they gone through with it, Martha and she would have been kicked out long ago.

Arabella and her friend

a disadvantage would have been her and

Arabella be so strong and

sense of unwillingness arose in

Kenneth called her name several

only to see Louisa and Arabella walking toward

waiting for her, "What's going on with

I'm too excited, too surprised. I didn't expect my

family is lucky enough to have such a treasure return." Kenneth stopped suddenly, realizing something, and quickly added, "Serena, what I meant was, your sister is exceptional, but you're not

chuckled awkwardly. Yeah, she was barely a standout among her peers, but in front of Arabella, she

What should she do?

didn't know Arabella had so

Arabella had arrived at the 22nd

the medical staff here only served the Collins family. The head nurse

"Mrs. Collins, Ms. Collins, the old lady has woken up. She's in her room, and she's doing quite well."

Serena, who had just stepped out of the elevator, heard the head nurse address Arabella as Ms. Collins, her face changing slightly.

Once upon a time, there was only one Ms. Collins in everyone's eyes, and that was her, Serena.

But now things had changed.

The head nurse walked a few steps forward. She saw Serena, and called out Ms. Collins.

This caused a subtle change in Serena's mood.

At this moment, her grandma's nursing worker, Julie, walked out of the room. Seeing Louisa and Arabella, she hurriedly greeted them.

Her attitude towards Arabella was even more respectful and warm than before.

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The last time Arabella had made an impromptu medical intervention, Julie had doubted her skills. But after witnessing her successfully save her grandmother, Julie had a complete change of heart, admiring Arabella's medical prowess.

When Julie met Serena, however, she wasn't as enthusiastic, merely greeting her politely without the "admiration" and "appreciation" she showed Arabella.

Serena felt upset again, feeling that Julie was looking down on her, treating her like an undercooked hamburger.

Julie had been dispatched by the old lady to pick them up. On the phone earlier, Kenneth had mentioned to the old lady that there was a child who had been lost but had returned to the family a few months ago, and would be brought to meet everyone soon.

Upon hearing this, Cornelia had instructed Julie to pick them up.

Everyone was now assembled, and Julie, knocking on the door with a smile, announced in a louder and jubilant voice, "Madam, Louisa and your granddaughters have come to see you!"

"Come in, came a kind voice from inside the room.

opening the door, Julie stepped

the hospital

seemed to be

"Mom, you're finally awake-"

excitement, Kenneth and Louisa rushed forward

radiating maternal warmth and love, said, "Why

It scared us.' Louisa said with tears in her eyes. "You don't know how

choking up, his voice hoarse, "You and dad

looked at the two in front of her, "you must be tired, having to worry about

Louisa's tears flowed, Cornelia turned to her son. "Kenneth, what are you

belatedly realizing, quickly brought over a box of

Louisa couldn't help but laugh through

"Mom, he wouldn't dare."

her too

Seeing their enduring love and harmony, Cornelia couldn't help but smile. "Where is the child you were talking about?"

"She's here.' Louisa, remembering their mission, quickly waved Arabella over. "Bella, come here. Let your grandmother have a good look at you."

The young girl standing nearby had clear bright eyes, an elegant appearance, and a charismatic demeanor. Her skin was fair.

She greeted her grandma politely, her voice pure and soothing, like the babbling of a brook.

What a lovely young girl, thought Cornelia. Whether it's her voice, her looks, or her demeanor, she was truly a sight for sore eyes.

Cornelia's eyes still sparkled with the same energy that had made her a force to be reckoned with over the years, as well as the warmth and affection of an elder. "You must be Arabella, my own granddaughter. Come over here."

Cornelia patted the spot next to her.

Arabella obediently walked over and sat down.

"I heard about your story over the phone. I had a feeling something was not quite right about that fire all those years ago. I secretly investigated for a while without telling Kenneth and Louisa, But when I couldn't find any leads, I gave up. If I had persisted in my investigation back then, maybe you wouldn't have had to suffer like this."

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Cornelia clasped Arabella's soft hand, seeming somewhat remorseful.

Arabella hadn't anticipated that her grandmother had been so vigilant in her youth, even resorting to private investigations for a while. Suddenly, she saw her grandmother in a new light.

She offered an elegant smile, soothingly saying, "Grandma, you need not feel guilty. I've been doing quite well all these years."

Cornelia chuckled at her words, "Sweet child, you're even comforting me now."

Could she have been doing as well as being with the Collins family?

Word was that she was taken in by the Murphy family, where she faced many hardships.

"I've met many like-minded people and done a lot of things I wanted to do."

much better than

back

Arabella before her. Her features were picturesque, her demeanor elegant, and she

feel uncomfortable entering the ward, speaking in a soft voice, and possibly

of a plum blossom in

chance to make up for the past." Cornelia patted her hand again, "When I am discharged from

best gift for me would be the good health of

was delighted. She didn't expect Arabella

heard that the Murphys were conscienceless, but they had raised this

gaze fell on

who was standing in the corner, didn't draw attention to herself but waited until Cornelia noticed her. She seemed as gentle and obedient as

"Come over here."

filled with joy, "I'm so happy to see

Cornelia had heard that the family had finally decided to keep Serena and treat her as Arabella's sister, "The family can afford to feed you. Whatever your living conditions were before, they will remain the same."

In the past eighteen years, Cornelia had come to see her as a genuine granddaughter, loving her deeply.

Though they were not related by blood, the bond they had was stronger than any blood tie.

The Collins family was influential and wealthy, so they could definitely accommodate one more girl.

Cornelia patted Serena's hand, "I heard from the nurse that you often came over while your grandfather and I were unconscious.

Good girl, you are very thoughtful." Cornelia held Serena's hand in one hand and Arabella's in the other. She turned to Louisa, "Now that we have another girl in the house, it feels even more lively."

Then Cornelia began to cough.

Seeing her cough, Arabella picked up the water jug beside her and poured a glass of water, intending to hand it over.

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It was just the very next moment.

Arabella's movement halted mid-air.

Louisa sensed something was amiss, she couldn't help but ask, "Bella, what's wrong?"

"There's something wrong with this water."

As soon as she uttered these words, everyone in the room was stunned. The water was tainted? What was wrong?

"There's a slow-acting poison in it."

Arabella's statement sent a wave of shock across the faces of everyone present, even Cornelia was visibly taken aback.

This was the Collins family's private hospital!

single healthcare worker on this floor catered solely to the

such circumstances, outsiders couldn't possibly

could someone have possibly

this dilemma, asked Louisa, "Has

doctors and nurses, and two

they were looked after by two nursing workers separately. Apart from them,

gaze swept over everyone present. Serena noticed

Arabella going to use this opportunity to slander

of the blue, why was Arabella looking at

the next moment, Arabella's gaze shifted away from her and onto

relief. Fortunately, Arabella didn't seize the opportunity to create

just replaced this water in the morning, it can't possibly be poisoned." The one speaking was Julie, she had been diligently caring for the old lady for months now and had come

time did you replace it?" Arabella's tone was gentle. She was seemingly not intending to consider Julie replace the

water for everyone

"No, the water I replaced was solely for the old lady. Helen and I both fetch water from outside. The old man's water was replaced by Helen."

Arabella then opened her grandfather's water bottle. It wasn't poisoned. Could it be that the person who poisoned the water was targeting her grandmother alone?

"Besides you two, who else knew that my grandparents use separate water bottles?" Arabella inquired again.

"The doctors and nurses probably didn't pay attention to these details. Apart from us and the family, no one else should know."

By this time, Helen's face had turned somewhat unnatural. She knew Arabella was knowledgeable in medical matters but she hadn't expected that she could instantly spot what was wrong with the water.

Now, Arabella turned her attention towards Helen. She was sitting beside her grandfather, her head bowed, trying to keep a low profile. However, Arabella could make out a hint of panic in her demeanor.

"So, Helen is the one who poisoned the water."

Arabella's words scared Helen, making her jump to her feet, defensively retorting, "Ms. Bella, you can't speak recklessly!"

Julie, who was standing by, jumped to her colleague's defense, "It couldn't have been Helen. She's always been devotedly taking care of the old man.'