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"What? You've got a date? With whom? A guy or a girl? Right now? What for?"

No sooner had Clark finished speaking than a servant announced,

"Ms. Bella, Mr. McMillan is waiting for you outside"

"OK" Arabella glanced at Clark, "I'm leaving now, Clark."

"Hey, wait!"

Seeing his sister's retreating figure, Clark felt a pang of unease and quickly followed her.

From afar, he saw a man patting Arabella's head, seemingly whispering sweet nothings to her.

"Hands off my sister! Did you even wash your hands? She just washed her hair tonight!"

Just as Romeo looked up, Clark pulled his sister behind him.

always treat women like this, Mr. McMillan?

seemed unfazed, "Bella is my

had only patted her head. Was that

not, the

this, and then turned to his sister to ask quietly, "Are you going out with him? Are you two officially

that the two of them

Romeo's character as

or not his sister's lifelong happiness was worth

worry, Clark, he's

was smiling with the warmth of a jade, and couldn't help but feel that he wasn't reliable

to do?" Clark turned back to ask the girl

"To watch a movie."

was filled with jealousy, "Which one? | want to

Arabella

you're still young and can't judge people clearly,' Clark said softly to the girl in front of him. "Take me with you. I'll keep an eye on things for

was only interested in the novelty, or had other

He couldn't let his sister stake her lifelong happiness on a fleeting romance.

In the end, Arabella had no choice but to bring him along due to Clark's persistence.

In the car.

Clark, sitting in the back seat, noticed Romeo occasionally glancing at the passenger seat, and couldn't help but say, "Keep your eyes on the road."

What was he looking at his sister for?

"Clark, the road is not as good-looking as Bella." Romeo looked at the girl in the passenger seat again, and during a red light, he took out a bottle of lemonade, unscrewed the cap and handed it over.

He seemed to have done this countless times.

But Clark immediately snatched it away, "Bella can't drink cold stuff"

"This is at room temperature."

"Room temperature is not OK either!" After saying this, Clark opened his own shoulder bag and took out a lollipop. He tore open the wrapper and handed it over, "Here, Bella, this is for you."

This was what girls should eat!

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Arabella took the item and said, "Clark."

"Hey, you feeling thirsty or hungry? Besides candy, what else do you want to eat? I've got a whole pantry in bag." Clark was always prepared for anything.

"Give me back that bottle of lemonade you took."

"This one?" Clark glanced at the bottle in his hand, a little reluctant to part with it. "It's sour as hell. Do you really like it?"

"I do"

"Well, I will get you more next time."

Romeo thought, "Didn't you say she couldn't drink room-temperature beverages?"

"No need." Arabella said gently, "Romeo has plenty."

"We don't need his stuff."

a glance, trying to suppress their laughter. Was

cinema, Clark led the way, his handsome face serving as a barrier between

guys want to go

Arabella chuckled, "Sure."

shooting a glance at Romeo, who was driving. Romeo bring a tad

reaching the cinema's parking lot, Clark unbuckled Arabella's seat belt and opened hand. "Easy now,

switched places with Arabella, placing himself between them, and even held onto is huge. Stick with me, so

Romeo was speechless.

went to collect the tickets while Clark asked Arabella what she wanted to eat. Seeing that she was not picky, he bought one of everything the

want to eat, just take it. Here, hold onto my shirt and follow me." With his hands full, Clark

with the tickets, he told Clark, "Sorry, I couldn't get seats together. You'll have to sit in the back

Clark

front desk, only to find out that there was indeed only one seat left. Clark then approached a couple seated near Arabella and somehow managed to convince them to

a seat next to Arabella, Clark smirked at

Romeo was again speechless.

Finally, the movie started. Clark held up a soda straw for Arabella to sip from, then put on disposable gloves, and offered her some popcorn.

"Clark, I can eat by myself."

It was a bit embarrassing to be fed by Clark at her age.

Clark seemed to have expected this, so he handed her a pair of disposable gloves. He alternated between offering her popcorn and hot dogs.

He even took out his phone to take a selfie of just the two of them, and sent it to all their siblings.

Each picture was attached with the same caption: Watching a movie alone with sis! She's so well-behaved and obedient. She is such a sweetheart.

Hans: [No way, Bella doesn't seem like the type to act cute.]

Chasel: [Romeo's there, isn't he? I can see his hand.]

David: [Clark, you're shameless. Clearly, Romeo is there with you, yet you claim you're alone. I knew Bella would never watch a movie alone with you! You're so cheeky!]

Upon seeing their comments, Clark was puzzled. How did they know Romeo was there?

Had something in the picture given it away?

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As he thought about it, he enlarged the photo to take a closer look, and suddenly noticed that Romeo's hand had sneakily found its way onto Arabella's shoulder!

During the photo session, there was an unexpected masculine hand on his sister's shoulder, adorned with a ring identical to Arabella's!

At this, Clark immediately swatted Romeo's hand away, "You're crowding Bella. She'll be uncomfortable."

"There's a scary scene coming up soon. I need to protect her."

"She doesn't need your protection. She's my sister, I can take care of her."

Arabella couldn't help but chuckle, "Clark, you're overreacting."

"Huh, really? I don't think so.' Clark was unexpectedly rebuffed by his sister. He sullenly handed Arabella something, only to find Romeo's hand, once again, intertwined with his sister's!

This was simply too much. He couldn't bear it any longer, so he came up with a plan, "Bella, this will keep your hands warm."

He pulled out a hand warmer from his bag.

my hand can

your hand better than a pocket warmer?" Clark forcefully stuffed the little

where he put

smirked and asked the girl next to him, "Is

"It's alright."

"Let me try."

piece of popcorn, which she casually placed

felt a heartache, "I want to taste the

have some?" Arabella glanced at his left

immediately put it down, "Mine doesn't taste good. Let

Clark savored the popcorn fed by his sister, the sweetness was

to compete with me? I was born when

sip from Arabella's

blood pressure almost shot through the roof, "Don't you have your own

"Bella's tastes better."

"But still, it's unsanitary!"

"I don't mind; Romeo calmly replied.

"Well, I do!" Clark immediately got Arabella a new drink, "This is Bella's. Don't steal her drink."

"Bella, Clark seems to dislike me."

Perhaps he never expected Romeo to be so straightforward, Clark was at a loss for words!

"Clark." Arabella looked at him and Clark immediately backed down, "I'm watching the movie."

He hadn't expected Romeo to be so petty!

How could he entrust Bella's future happiness to someone like this?

With these thoughts in mind, Clark looked up at the big screen. The couple in the movie was also at a movie theater watching a horror film.

In the horror film, the male protagonist was sweeping the floor.

When he tried to sweep under the couch, the broom suddenly got stuck. He bent down to look and saw a woman, her face covered in blood, lying under the sofa. She was holding the broom and laughing at the protagonist.

Clark cursed under his breath, jumping in his seat from the scare.

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People around them in the movie theater jumped in surprise.

Although Clark's heart was thumping wildly, he instinctively shielded Bella's view with his hand.

"Bella, don't be scared. I'll block it for you."

Seeing Clark's eyes tightly closed, not daring to glance at the big screen, Bella found it funny, "Clark, are you afraid of ghosts?"

"Of course not, I fear nothing." Clark glanced at the big screen, trying to prove his bravery. But just as the ghostly woman's head fell to the ground, Clark let out a yelp, "Oh my God."

Seeing Clark's long legs pull up to the chair in fear, Bella couldn't help but laugh, "Clark, don't be scared. It's all fake."

"How can I be scared? I'm just worried for you." Clark didn't expect a romance film to have such terrifying scenes. He wondered who the producer was, thinking he should have a word with him later.

Bella and Romeo were engrossed in the film, laughing and discussing the plot. Clark was surprised, "Bella, aren't you scared?"

"It's quite funny, actually."

his eyes in

it hilarious when her head suddenly

Funny?

shock. How was it that his little sister was braver
was he supposed to place his
when there were no more horrifying scenes in the movie,
they arrived, it started to drizzle. They
car gradually grew tense. Unable to resist, the male lead lifted the female lead's
"This guy's intentions are not pure. Taking advantage of the mood to make a move on her, what if
something changes
threw him a glance, and Clark had to quiet down. After a while, he
guys like this are the least trustworthy. They only think about their own pleasure, never considering
things
irresponsibility! In the future, you have to keep your eyes
Was Clark hinting
she doesn't know how to protect herself, and she'll regret
break up due to family reasons. The female lead started dating a more conservative guy, and when they
were about to get married,
The female lead was left facing judgment.
"See how much malice society has towards women." Clark took the opportunity to educate, "Bella,
listen to me. You must protect yourself before marriage!"
"As far as I know, they eventually get back together after a lot of twists and turns. It's a case of true love
prevailing,' Bella added.
"That's a rare exception! Without such a plot, the film wouldn't have box office success! Think about it,
in the real world, there are countless cases of breakups leading to complete estrangement."
Bella raised her eyebrows, "Clark, you seem to have a lot of experience."
"What experience can I have."
After the movie ended, Clark made sure to collect their trash and dispose of it.
As they left the movie theater, they passed a trinket shop with all sorts of knick-knacks.
"Bella, look, this phone case is pink and very suitable for you." Clark picked up a cute phone case, "Do
you like it? I think it looks good: Just as Bella was about to decline, she saw Clark put the phone case into
the shopping basket and went to pick other things.
"This strawberry hairpin is so cute. It suits you perfectly.' Clark put the hairpin in Bella's hair. It was
incredibly adorable!

"Come on, stand right there, let me take a picture of you! Goodness, you're so adorable." After Clark snapped the picture, he sent it to each of his buddies, asking, "Doesn't Bella look cute with this hair clip on?"

Hans: [It's mostly because Bella herself is good-looking]

Chasel: [The hair clip isn't as pretty as Bella.]

David: [Clark, could you be any more stingy? You take Bella shopping, and all you get is a hair clip?]

Clark was surprised to be criticized by David, [You know nothing! I haven't even started shopping yet!]

This was just the beginning!

Hmph, David even dared to look down on his financial prowess.

Clark put the strawberry hair clip into his shopping basket, then picked up a mosquito repellent bracelet. It had a cute pink bunny hugging a mushroom design, which he thought his sister might need, so he put it into his shopping basket.

aromatherapy lamp is nice. you can put it in your room for decoration, and the scent will help

can be

like to use this kind of

puzzle is neat. you can take it out and play with it when you're

everything he saw was suitable for his sister. When his shopping cart was full, he switched

black bucket hat on Arabella's head,

hat for him. They looked perfectly matched, attracting quite

then picked up two pairs of slippers, "Shall we get matching slippers? We can wear

home." Arabella was busy picking out other

hint of reluctance in his eyes. He thought these slippers would look great on

his desire and added, "However, it wouldn't

Seeing that, Romeo reached for the slippers he had been

and used it to tie his sister's hair, "Pretty. Somehow everything looks good on

Arabella saw his shopping basket was about to overflow

"I haven't bought much. Those are just things you can use daily." As Clark spoke, he put the hair tie he'd chosen into the shopping basket, "Girls should always have a good stock of these things, so you can use them when you need them."

When it came time to pay, Clark had filled six shopping baskets with items. He then went to one side to fill in the delivery address.

Fortunately, this store offered home delivery.

"Look at that girl, she's so lucky to have two handsome guys shopping with her."

"And look at all the stuff they're buying for her."

"Is she dating both guys at the same time? Don't they get jealous of each other? How can they get along so well?"

"One of them must be her brother, and the other her boyfriend."

"I wish I had a brother and a boyfriend like that."

"They are so cute, aren't they?"

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Romeo then went to pay for his items, filling in his delivery address and contact information.

After he left, a customer approached the delivery staff.

"Excuse me, could you please give me the contact of that handsome guy just now?"

The staff apologized, "Sorry, young lady, as you saw, he has a girlfriend. It's not nice to try and steal someone away."

"I just want to be his friend!"

"Sorry, but we can't disclose our customer's privacy."

No matter how much the young girl pleaded, the staff refused to reveal the delivery details.

"Can you give me her brother's contact then? He's also very handsome: "Sorry, can't do that either."

As Clark stepped out of the jewelry store, he realized he had misplaced something.

"Bella, why don't you go ahead and look around? I seem to have lost something, I'll catch up with you."

help but ask, "What

a good

good luck charm?" Arabella was surprised, as Clark seemed

go look for

very anxious, returned to the jewelry

he had lost it, Clark searched the store and even asked several employees.

his steps back to the

the cinema and wondered

charm, about this

the

the hall number 1, but didn't find the familiar charm near their

and the gentle way she had handed him the

a deep sense of

left hall number 1, Clark was a bit

asked, "Did you see a red triangular

took

charm and was

Thank you so much!"

He immediately opened his wallet and wanted to thank the janitor properly.

But the janitor declined, "This was just a small gesture, I can't accept the money."

"You don't know how important this charm is to me. you must take this money!" Finally, Clark stuffed the money into his pocket and quickly left.

Seeing Clark's joy, Arabella knew the charm held a special meaning for him.

"Did you find it?" Arabella softly asked.

"I found it!"

Clark was so happy, he put the charm in his wallet and swore to himself that he would never lose it again.

At 10 p.m., the mall was about to close.

Romeo drove Arabella and Clark back to Reflections Villa.

"Bella, I'll pick you up tomorrow morning."

On hearing this, Clark instantly disagreed, "Bella finally has a day off, let her sleep in tomorrow. Don't disturb her rest."

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I'll come by tomorrow afternoon."

"Are you always this free? At your age, shouldn't you be focusing on your career to give my sister a more secure future? Young people can't always focus on love. You need to think further ahead."

After lecturing him, Clark turned to his sister with a grin, "Where do you want to go tomorrow, Bella? I can accompany you."

"Romeo has some time."

"He should spend his time focusing more on work. I'm on vacation.

I have plenty of time."

In the end, Romeo could only say, "Tomorrow, Bella and I are going to walk the glass bridge. I heard you have a fear of heights, Clark."

"Who told you that? Fear of heights? Absolutely not!" Clark retorted stubbornly, "I'm going too!"

Romeo and Bella were in dumb silence.

"So it's settled then!" As Clark walked into the house tugging at his sister's sleeve, he whispered, "I still haven't evaluated this guy's character. We'll continue tomorrow."

"Clark, shouldn't you spend the day at home with Mom and Dad?"

Now that I have

Alright, then.

On the other hand.

sent a WhatsApp message to Bella updating her on his whereabouts, then found

screenwriter in the country to tailor

to choreograph a new dance

to hire the best music team to

added, [Unsolicited favors often signal ill-intent! I'm telling you

series, if you accept, will have a pay of

you have to do is maintain a

good and keep a

seemed tempted, [What do you want

[I've declined all party invitations. I'm going

think about

room for discussion on this matter! End

to ask

even more surprised,

Clark have a

Clark always interferes with your

[What do you mean?] Romeo was curious.

[Clark had a secret girlfriend a long time ago. Suddenly, one day, she broke up with him and vanished! Clark searched for her for a whole year but found nothing!]

Clark was Astronisia's top hacker, and there was no one he couldn't find!

But that girl seemed to have evaporated!

No matter how hard Clark searched, there was no trace of her!

[Send me her information.]

Seeing Romeo's request, David was surprised, [You want to help Clark find her? Even Clark couldn't find.]

How could Romeo find her?

[I'll have Shadow Council and Group S look for her.]

David's eyes widened, even the Shadow Council was getting involved.

The Shadow Council, as the name suggested, consisted of shadows that Romeo maintained in the dark. It was said that there was no person this organization can't find.

This group used to collect all kinds of evidence to help Romeo solidify his position.

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Who would've thought that for the sake of Arabella, Romeo would even get the Shadow Council involved?

This was definitely true love.

The following morning, Serena was surprised to find two delivery men standing at her front door.

After inquiring, she found out that Clark and Romeo had purchased a bunch of items for Arabella the previous night, amounting to a whopping six large boxes, each one bearing the logo of a well-known boutique.

Serena was familiar with the prices at this boutique. Even a simple hairpin could cost several dozen dollars, due to its unique design and girly charm. It was no surprise that many of her friends liked to shop there.

While it was natural for Romeo, Arabella's fiancé, to occasionally shower her with small gifts, Serena couldn't comprehend why Clark would buy Arabella so many items.

This amount, coupled with the eighteen gifts Clark had given Arabella when he last came home, exceeded the number of presents Serena had received from Clark over the years.

Feeling a surge of resentment, Serena headed to the dining area, where she saw Clark fussing over Arabella. Her feelings of jealousy intensified.

"Serena, you are awake. Here, have some milk; Clark said, pouring a glass of milk for her as he saw her enter the room, his face beaming with a smile.

I don't feel like having milk today; Serena responded,
sandwich? Maybe with some grated
rather have

Serena's gloom, Arabella looked up from her meal. In
well?" Clark asked, serving Serena a bowl of oatmeal, and placing it in front of
remained silent, eating her

be so hard to figure out;' Clark said, smiling as he went to
phone buzzed in the middle of breakfast. It was

"Grandpa.

breakfast? Why do you always get

a pair of reading glasses perched on his nose. "Your grandma and I should be discharged from the
you come

Arabella responded gently. "I will be there to

we'll be waiting for you. Let your parents know, but if they're busy, you can come

Arabella smiled, "Alright."

I drew. They were inspired by your works. I've sent them to

"Okay."

"Well, finish your breakfast first. We'll talk later."

As Bernard was ending the call, Cornelia said, "Don't keep texting and calling Bella all the time. Let her
enjoy her vacation."

"I just want to chat with her."

"Make sure she checks the pocket money I sent."

Bernard then said to the person on the phone, "Bella, your grandma said she sent you some pocket
money. Make sure you collect it.

And about the pocket money I transferred to you last night, do you think it's not enough?"

"No, Grandpa, I have my own money. It's enough."

"That's your money. This is a token of love from your grandma and me. You must accept it. If you don't,
it would mean you're being formal with us."

Considering Serena was present, Arabella could only respond, "Okay."

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"Don't forget to check, okay?"

After ending the video call, Arabella resumed her breakfast.

Sitting across from her, Serena's mood took a deeper dive. She hadn't expected her grandparents to be so dependent on, and indulgent towards, Arabella.

They even transferred her pocket money!

Every time Arabella's phone vibrated, Serena couldn't help but glance at it, curious to know how much her grandparents had transferred and what secrets they were sharing with her.

With her slender fingers, Arabella was commenting on her grandfather's work.

Serena's dissatisfaction grew. Was there really a need to act so busy while just having breakfast?

Clark noticed Serena's sullen expression and texted her.

just got home. It is normal for grandparents to give her a bit of allowance. They've
would have felt ashamed after reading this. But today, she couldn't help responding, [You always
puzzled, not knowing what he had done

tell me you don't like me anymore? Isn't

this message, Serena stood

into her bowl with a huff, not caring about the etiquette of a lady,

Clark started to get up to follow her, but his

[I'm here.]

and drinks ready. Take your time eating, don't rush, and

Clark never came up to cheer

he was just

sister, yet he bought so many things for Arabella

ever given him a second

her a small gift last

Martha, who had noticed the commotion, slowly walked upstairs and asked with

wiped her tears away, still in a

"Look outside."

Serena didn't understand what was so interesting outside. When she looked, she saw Clark with a backpack, opening the car door for Arabella. It looked like they were going to go out and have fun with Romeo.

"You're up here crying, and they're all happy, about to walk the glass skywalk. What does that tell you? Clark doesn't care about your feelings."

Serena's jealousy flared uncontrollably.

"Do you know what the maid found when she cleaned Ms. Bella's room this morning?"

"What?" Serena asked, huffily.

"Clark's personal black card, right on Ms. Bella's desk. What does that tell you? Clark has given his personal black card to Ms. Bella!"

Martha added fuel to the fire. "Has Clark ever done that for you?"

Hearing this, Serena felt even worse.

"Never mind how much Clark earns each year, just his monthly dividends from the Collins Group are more than he can spend. And it's all for Ms. Bella! Serena, they are real siblings. There's a difference between you and a stranger with no blood relation."

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Tears welled up in Serena's eyes and began to roll down her cheeks.

"You heard it yourself; Martha started, "They've been giving spending money to Ms. Bella. They were bedridden for months, and the first thing they did when they woke up wasn't to check on you, but to transfer money to Ms. Bella. What does that tell you?"

They care more about their real granddaughter. To them, you're nothing more than a stranger."

Serena's heart ached even more.

"They're family, after all. Ms. Bella only visited them a few times, yet their bond is so strong. They text and call each other every day.

Look at your phone, how many messages, calls, or monetary transfers have they sent you since they woke up?"

The light in Serena's eyes dimmed. The answer was none. Not a single one.

They hadn't transferred any money to her, nor had they sent her a single message of care.

Martha sighed, "Serena, you've been protected too well all these years. You don't understand the complexities of society and the wickedness of people. I've tried to warn you many times, but you wouldn't listen. If you had been more realistic back then and fought for your share, you wouldn't be left with nothing now."

blankly, "What share are you talking

your brothers? It's a substantial amount of money. And while your parents still hold a bit of affection for you, you could ask for more properties, more storefronts. Whatever you can get now is a

gift will depend on their goodwill. Or at

them to buy you a few limited-edition supercars, branded bags, and luxury watches. If you ever eyes dimmed again, "But what I

you the same way as before! It's better to secure some assets for yourself, use of

one of the wealthiest cities in the country, where even a modest villa went

relationship, wouldn't Kenneth and Louisa be willing to give her a few

storefronts in Summerfield cost tens of millions, an amount most people

she needed to do was ask, but Serena

cared

Such a fool!

I need

door for Arabella, lowering himself to

be by your side. Over the years, I've come to see you as my own

"Thank you, Martha." Serena lifted her eyes and gratefully said, "Thank you for always considering things from my perspective for all these years. Sometimes, I even feel like you're better than my real mom."

"Serena, your words are too kind. And thank you for treating me like family all these years, giving me a sense of home."

Martha choked up a bit, "Whatever decision you make in the end, I'll support you. If you want to fight for your share, I'll help you. If you just want a place in this family, I'll stay with you."

Moved, Serena couldn't help but hug her and cry, "Martha."

"Silly girl, don't cry. Things aren't at their worst yet." Martha comforted, "There's always a chance."

Everything lied in her decisions.

Whatever she wanted, she could definitely get.

Elsewhere.

Clark was holding an umbrella for his sister. It was autumn, but the day was still a bit hot, and there were many tourists.

He made his way through the crowded streets, took out a portable fan from his bag, and started fanning his sister.