

Arabella 311

Chapter 311

Arabella took out her phone to answer a call, only speaking after Romeo had left, "Jack."

[Arabella, it's day 10! If the Murphys **don't** pay up, Fiona is going to take them to court!]

Arabella remembered that.

Fiona

had signed a contract with Yolanda before, hoping that Yolanda could be the spokesperson for their piano brand. But there was

a clause in the contract that Yolanda couldn't have any negative news during the contract period; otherwise, she would have to pay ten times the breach of contract penalty.

Yolanda was accused of plagiarism, violating the terms of the contract. Fiona demanded that the Murphys pay five million in compensation within ten days, or she would take the matter to court.

Today was the last day.

[Should we sit back and see how Fiona handles this?]

yet." Arabella answered indifferently, "Stick

[Okay.]

a bind. They had never expected that of the 8 downtown stores they planned to sell, not a single one had been sold. Ten days had passed, and there were

scenes? Otherwise, how could there be no buyers for the stores in ten

a hot tin

connections, she can't possibly stop all buyers from purchasing the stores! It's a market issue, not Arabella's problem! Why are you always targeting

me, why can't our stores be sold? Those are prime locations downtown! The market price is two hundred and fifty thousand each;

know?" Attlee had had enough. For ten days, he had

understand why their once smooth life had

the house in less than a month's time, their life had turned upside down

help but recall the past. It seemed that the Murphys business had only started to

she left, everything

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"Reach out to them again!" Olga thought of a person suddenly popping **into her mind**. "The guy who bo

ught the house and shop from us last time should go check with **the** agent. See **if** they still have his contact **info**; ask if he's still interested **in** buying, even if we have to knock down the price a bit."

As long as

the other party could cough up five million to bail them out, they'd have to grit their teeth and take **it!**

Attlee also felt a flicker of hope. Last time, the guy wired him six million in no time.

This meant this guy was loaded, probably on par with him

Not a regular Joe!

"What are you still doing standing there? Make the call!" As Olga said this, she anxiously checked the time—only 26 minutes left!

Attlee called the agent, who said he would have to check with the guy, so all Attlee could do was wait.

why was there still no word from the agent? The guy didn't fall asleep, did he?" Olga remembered that last time it was around this hour, the guy was about to

He quickly

the gentleman the location and price of your eight downtown shops. He said

guy to haggle, he didn't expect the guy to cut the price even deeper than last time. Eight shops, totaling sixteen million dollars, and the guy wanted to snatch them up for just five

it quickly. Although Olga didn't know how much the guy was offering, at this point, she couldn't care more about that. Their daughter's reputation was at

still hesitating. Last time, fourteen shops and four luxury houses, with a total value of eighteen million, ended up selling for only six million. Now, if he sells the eight shops

be down a total of

desperate, pleading quietly, "We can always make more money, but

Attlee bit the

he received a notification of a five-million-dollar transfer

into a smile amidst her tears and quickly transferred the money to Fiona. After making the transfer, she tried to

down because of me." Attlee was heartbroken, covering his face and looking like he had

time Yolanda

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"What **are** you planning to do?"

"I plan **to** stay there all day **tomorrow**, until she wakes up," Olga said, a determined glint in her eyes. "We'll ask her **to** sell off some of her shares to get us out of this current jam. She's an old lady; those shares aren't doing her any good anyway."

"**But** we've got shares too. We're not selling ours, but we're asking Mom to sell hers. That doesn't sound fair."

Attlee paused for a moment before saying, "Plus, Mom's been unconscious for so long, it doesn't seem right to hit her with this the moment she wakes up."

"Who said we haven't sold?" Olga retorted. "We've already sold a bunch of stores and houses. If we sell any more shares, the company will be taken over by outsiders! Do you want outsiders running our company, or do you want Mom to do it?"

Attlee fell silent

"We need to keep our shares to continue managing the company as majority shareholders. It'll give Mom a break, make us more money **to** take care of her, keep the company out of other shareholders' hands, and alleviate our current predicament. It's all good!"

Seeing Attlee's silence, Olga knew he was wavering and jumped at the opportunity. "If we could solve our current problems on our own, we wouldn't touch Mom's shares! We're doing this because we're out of options."

Olga looked away, pretending to shed a tear. "And besides, our family only has one child, Yoli. Mom's assets will end up being yours anyway, right? And your assets will end up being Yoli's, right? So why not get it sooner rather than later, especially since it can solve our current problems?"

Attlee was swayed, but still hesitant.

Olga continued, "If we take too long to handle this and the company goes bankrupt, those shares won't be worth a dime. And Mom's shares won't do her any good then."

"That makes sense." Attlee was fully convinced. "Let's find time to see Mom and hear what she has to say."

Yolanda immediately caught on: "Dad, I want to visit Grandma tomorrow too!"

"Alright."

if to say, "Mom, don't

home to find her room filled with over a dozen beautifully wrapped gifts.

"These gifts are all from young master Hans Collins. He wanted to give them to you personally, but since you weren't home and he keeps a strict schedule,

all from Hans?" Arabella was surprised, not understanding why he suddenly gave her

intentions, Arabella

She didn't show it in front of Hans, but she's been in a bad mood all night, treating the staff harshly. It's like she's a completely different

have any right

luxury for years? When was it her turn to be jealous?

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She's had her fair share of benefits over the past decade!

"Ms. Bella has a point, but some people just don't know their place," Edith said helplessly. "Over the past decade, everyone in the family has treated her like the apple of their eye, and that's not an easy feeling to shake off."

"I'm not trying to shake off anyone's feelings. If her presence makes the family happy, I don't mind. But if she continues to hurt the family, I think I won't need to say **anything**. Someone will kick her out."

So, from start to finish, Arabella didn't give her the time of day.

Serena

was just a clown. Although she caused a ruckus from time to time, she wasn't worth Arabella's personal attention.

"Ms. Bella, your perspective and your tolerance are admirable."

"You don't have to stand up for me either. When I can't stand it anymore, I'll handle it myself." Arabella knew that Edith had been given the cold shoulder by Martha for not siding with Serena.

hadn't expected Arabella to notice this and gratefully said, "Yes."

she agreed verbally, she definitely wouldn't stand by

anyone to

Hans again tomorrow."

keep you from

left, Arabella gently touched the gift in front of her. Being loved by family felt so good.

The next morning.

by a frantic

this time? Just because Arabella's company is more popular after the competition and offers better terms, they

few more questions, Attlee had

up by their conversation,

processing partners, they all say they want to cancel our

other

needed to add a few more steps because they lacked

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“Bella’s

gig **isn’t** like the **others’**; **they** mainly rake in the dough from making and selling clothes. Doing **the** dirty work for others is just extra gravy for them.”

Even if the profit per order was peanuts, it won’t throw a wrench in the workings of their company.

But the Murphy family’s business scene was a whole different ballgame.

and said, “After breakfast, we’ll rope in Mom for

a bit on edge. “Where’s Yoli? Wasn’t she going to visit Grandma? Tell her to shake a leg and get

in

the hullabaloo happening at home recently, how can she still be catching

stepped in: “Miss Yoli was up at six, been slaving away in the kitchen ever since, didn’t even grab a bite. She said she wanted to fix breakfast for you folks

this, Attlee realized he got the wrong end of the stick about his daughter and

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“I’m fine,” Yolanda smiled, “As long as everyone enjoys the breakfast I made, I’m good.”

With that, she pretended to notice Attlee for the first time, smiling and saying, “Morning, Dad. I’ve cooked up some grub for you and Mom. You haven’t tasted my culinary skills since we got back home.”

Attlee was originally ticked off, thinking his daughter was sleeping in. But seeing her being so dutiful and considerate now, he felt a pang of guilt and shame.

Such a good daughter, so what if she slept in?

He’s been too petty.

his mood? Raised by a cleaning lady, she’s been through tough times, and her ability to read between the

as she spoke: “I’ve been able to cook since I was five. When my foster mom

guilt deepened; he hadn’t realized she

good health then and needed medication often. We couldn’t afford meat, so I’d cook up different veggies for her. Sometimes I’d give her my share of the meat because I was just a kid; I’d grow whether I ate it or not.”

ached even

at some point and saw Yoli cooking and sharing her childhood stories, gave her a thumbs-up on

if to say, "Well done, girl! Look at your father; he's nannies were

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"What if it's a **gift** from **sis**?" Yolanda **bit** her lower **lip**, not understanding how Arabella could give away such an expensive gift!

Why would an old lady need something so pricey?

"If you don't tell, I won't tell, how would she know? Besides, this thing might be something she swindled from some guy; I don't even care **if** it's tainted! Just take it and keep it safe for your grandma for now. If one day she really wants it, you can give it back!"

"Dad, **since** she suggested it, I'll keep it for Grannie Grace for now." Yolanda stepped forward to take the gem flower, touching it excitedly. She liked **its** design and function.

"She's suing us for six million dollars, and we're keeping her stuff safe. If she knew, she'd probably thank us!"

Olga looked again carefully but didn't find what she was looking for. Then she happened to notice something hidden under the pillow.

A new phone!

brand mark on it. It looked like some unknown brand. She you buy her something again?"

me," Attlee thought for a moment and said, "Maybe Bella

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flowers, buying new phones. Does she have some ulterior motive?" Olga laughed sarcastically. "She's trying to win Grace over to split the inheritance? Dream on!"

worsened. She's already suing them for six million dollars, and she's still not satisfied, like a the phone to have

the apps to be quite

there was only one person,

timé Grace woke up in the past few days, she would call Arabella. Olga saw that Grace had 'made at least a dozen outgoing calls and

first thing Grace does when she wakes up isn't to call us, but

"This clearly shows she's trying to win Grace over

contacted each other,

Grace? Now you understand, ten thousand dollars is less than

Olga put the phone away and put it in her handbag.

“What are you doing?” Although Attlee was uncomfortable, he was not happy about her taking Grace’s stuff.

After all, Grace was his own mother!

“If I leave the phone here and let them contact me more frequently, when Grace leaves all her inheritance to her, we will definitely regret it!” Olga definitely won’t let them keep in touch.

She had already taken one of Grace’s phones before, and she didn’t expect Arabella to give her another one. What on earth was she trying to do?

At that moment, Olga noticed something golden under the pillow. She pulled it out to take a look.

What a beautiful bracelet!

“This is clearly made of top-notch gold!

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Look at this color and design. Was **this** another gift from Arabella to Grace?

She’s really splashing the cash to get a slice of the inheritance, huh?

“Attlee, check **out** this bracelet. It’s worth at least ten million bucks!” Olga didn’t hide her admiration or greed. “This just proves she’s up to no good. She’s not related to Grace by blood, and we kicked her out of the Murphy family. She wouldn’t be giving Grace such a pricey **gift**, right?”

What’s a sick old lady doing with a fancy bracelet?

She’s bedridden all day; what’s the point of even wearing it?

Arabella didn’t just give her jewelry, flowers, and a new phone; she also gave her this expensive jewelry.

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Grace’s shares,

some nerve!” Attlee never thought Arabella would be this ambitious. Even if their later actions hurt her feelings, she shouldn’t be

in Grace’s stuff. I’m taking it so Grace won’t be deceived by Arabella anymore and won’t think of her this made sense.

dare to buy

she did, Olga would definitely snatch it until she didn’t dare send any

Grannie Grace’s fingers moved!”

Yolanda’s discovery, Attlee and Olga

Murphy slowly opened her eyes and
and said warmly, "Yoli, where's the pillow you got
pillow behind Grace's back and asked gently, Grannie, does this feel better?"
catch what was being said. Now, leaning against the head of the bed, she felt uncomfortable with
an angle, the hard pillow behind her
"That's Yoli's love for you." Olga quickly said, "Yoli brought you a lot of things, too. This bouquet of flowers—
she just put it up. She said you've been sick for too long and haven't seen the outside world in a while. This bouquet can make you feel the beauty of summer!"

Grace just glanced at the flowers in the vase and was somewhat speechless.

White lilies were non-toxic, but their strong fragrance contained a slight toxin that can cause insomnia at night.

A few flowers in an unenclosed space wouldn't have much effect, but in a small hospital room for a heart patient, this intense fragrance might actually negatively affect her recovery.

Also, there were several pink tulips in the vase. As was well known, tulip flowers contained toxic alkaloids. If she stayed near tulips for one to two hours, she might experience symptoms of poisoning such as headaches and dizziness.

These flowers also released tiny particles, which can cause skin allergies, itching, and, in severe cases, even hair loss.

She really didn't know what they were thinking.

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"Could you please take these away?" Grace coughed mildly. "The pillows and flowers, get rid of them."

The room was **filled** with a strong scent of flowers, which, coupled with the stuff behind her back, was making it hard for her to breathe.

"This is a gift from Yoli!" Olga was not happy with Grace's words but kept a respectful demeanor, saying, "Yoli also bought you a new tablet. Yoli, how much did the tablet cost?"

"Six hundred bucks"

"See, Yoli is so good to you!" Olga said with a smile, "Yoli, go get the new tablet! Yoli is so considerate; she knows you like watching plays and has already downloaded some for you."

actors." Yolanda showed the

She really felt uncomfortable and had no strength to remove these things

pillows and flowers, so he signaled Yolanda, who reluctantly put down the tablet and took away the pillows

which made Grace feel even worse.,

was her hypocrisy. She was not as sincere and adorable as Bella!

wanted to check if the stuff under her pillow was still there. She wanted to call Arabella, but

time being. "What's up with you guys coming to see me all of a sudden?" They rarely came

are!" Olga opened the lunch box again. "Look, Yoli made breakfast for you. She knows you love almond cream soup, so she made it especially for you! There are also several

point, Yolanda came back after dumping the stuff. Olga grabbed her hand and showed it to Grace: "Look, her hands are

her hands behind her back and gave what she thought was a sweet and

Grace didn't like her pretentiousness. She was too scheming for her age, probably because she was raised outside; there must be something wrong with her upbringing!

"I'm not hungry." Grace waved her hand, not even wanting to drink water. "If there's something, just spit it out."

Olga glanced at Attlee and stood up, leaving her seat, as if waiting for him to speak to Grace himself.

Attlee got the hint. He sat down, held Grace's

hand, and said, "My company has been facing a lot of difficulties recently. We've already sold many shops and houses, but this still can't stop the company's decline. So, I was hoping you could help. Could you transfer some of your shares to me to deal with the current situation?"

"Don't you guys have shares?" Grace coughed lightly, immediately understanding their greedy motives.

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"If we sell the company's shares, it'll be taken over by outsiders! Do you really want strangers to run our company?"

Grace casually replied, "Well, what else can we do? If you're incapable of running the business properly, it's better to hand it over sooner rather than later to prevent bankruptcy. If I die, I won't be able to explain this to the ancestors of the Murphy family."

Perhaps not expecting Grace to respond this way, Attlee and Olga felt uneasy.

"I've been capable of running this company all these years, you know that. It's just a tough economic climate now."

Before Attlee could finish, Grace laughed, "Is it really the economy? Did you not notice that our luck has run dry since you sent Bella away? You kicked out our goddess of fortune, and you don't even realize it."

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upset, your health is

shares means we can continue to manage the company as major shareholders; this would take some pressure off you, and we can make more money to take care of you. Plus, the

Grace what Olga had

our current predicament, we wouldn't need your shares, right? But we are out of options; it's a last resort. And if the company goes bankrupt, even if we have loads of shares, they would be

and gave a cold laugh,

became more anxious: "You may not be aware of the current state of the company; even the

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in it!" Grace retorted angrily, "You're nowhere to be seen normally, but now that you need a favor, you remember me?" "We've been very busy with all the things happening in the company recently; it's not like we deliberately avoided you." Attlee tried to persuade her with more words. But Grace had made up her mind: "If you really cared about

Olga couldn't hold back any longer. "But Yoli is your real granddaughter! Why are you only seeing as she is! Do you know how much

good to you?

many gifts for her today; wasn't that a sign of goodwill? Where did they go