Arabella 501

Chapter 501

"Mr. Rollins, I didn't **expect** to **bump into** you **in** this auction today." Olga was taken aback, and a lump f ormed in her throat. **She** was ready to spill out all **the** grievances they had just **suffered**. They had been utterly embarrassed!

It might have been three to four years since they last met, but it **didn't** affect the friendship between the Murphy family and the Rollins family.

If it weren't for Mr. Rollins being abroad so often, she would have almost forgotten that the Murphy family had such a big shot backing them up.

Thinking about it, her voice choked even more. "You saw what happened just now, and we,"

"You guys crossed the line."

Alberto Rollins' sudden accusation took the Murphy family by surprise. What the hell was he on about?

Rollins supposed to have their

he's actually here to stir up trouble!

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a while to realize that he was referring to Arabella.

by blood; she's now with the Collins family. You don't need

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was the daughter of the Murphy family, Grace's granddaughter, and

breathed a sigh of relief. Good, that

heir to his massive fortune. "But I still consider her my flesh and blood!" Alberto's voice boomed, shaking everyone's hearts. "In my life, I can negotiate on anything, but when it comes to my granddaughter,

dumbstruck; they couldn't believe what

ignored rather than cared for by you guys. Instead, your

voice was full of

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Sending them to the loony bin was **just an** excuse, wasn't **it**? They bullied Arabella, and he wanted to tea ch them a lesson, right?

She ain't stupid!

"You're young, and that's why you need guidance! Your grandmother is not well; I can't have folks like you upsetting her," Alberto said, waving his hand, and the Attlee family was taken away.

The crowd went wild.

Alberto addressed the audience, saying, "I might be out of the country a lot, but nothing in this country escapes my attention."

His gaze swept over the crowd. "Arabella is the only one I acknowledge and cherish in my life. If anyone dares to bully her, it's a direct disrespect to me!" In other words, think twice before they mess with her!

Capital's funding, didn't plan to expand overseas, and weren't scared of local power players, then they can give it a shot.

family; she's Mr. McMillan's fiancee, and now she's your beloved granddaughter.

how did Arabella know such

stepped forward, extending his hand to shake. "Mr. Rollins, do you remember me?"

at an international business conference. Kenneth, as a representative, had given up his

should offer the prime spot to the

they both insisted on giving up

again under these circumstances, Alberto responded with a hearty handshake.

that they knew each other, the crowd didn't stick around to listen to their conversation

going on? Did you know Mr.

an old friend of Grace. Arabella was brought

me onto the path of

respectfully. "So you are Arabella's mentor; without you, she wouldn't have been

and laughed, saying, "You flatter me, Mr. Collins. Arabella's success is due to her own hard work and talent; I had little to

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Romeo looked dashing and handsome. He held out his hand to Alberto and said, "Mr. Rollins, nice to me et you." "

Alberto shook his hand, sizing him up, and said, "Very good, very good."

This young man was **not only** good–looking and charismatic but also extremely well–mannered. And despite his tender age, **he** was already the **world's** richest man. Alberto had heard of him a long time ago, but this was their first encounter.

"My darling granddaughter sure knows how to pick 'em."

"Mr. Rollins, you flatter me."

close the distance and whispered, "Those two cutthroat guys from the Murphy family have been tough on Bella since she was a kid. She hasn't had much love."

attentively, nodding his head.

Grace and a bunch of us oldies by her side since she was little. She may not know how to interact with guys her age. She appears aloof, but she's actually very warm—hearted. I'm not just singing her

me." Romeo held onto Alberto's hand, gentlemanly and solemnly saying, "I promise to cherish her, spend more time with her, and give her security and happiness.

"At your age, you should stop running around. If I have time, I'll come to

so be prepared to take over my responsibilities

Once again!

her looked incredulous. Was Alberto planning to turn Luna Capital

This is my wedding gift to you. It doesn't matter when you

hurried forward, saying, "Mr. Rollins, I am incredibly honored that Bella has

value of Luna Capital

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People outside always said Alberto was like a burning flame, but in front of everyone, especially Bella, he 's an energetic, adorable, and fun-loving old man!

On the other side.

Zachary received a call at home: "What did you say? A mental hospital? I'm on my way."

Shortly after Zachary **left,** his mother got a shocking message: "The Murphy family bought **that** piece of I and in the suburbs and paid 1.2 billion dollars on the spot? Aren't they about **to** go bankrupt? Where did they get so much money from?"

After hanging up, she told her husband and anxiously asked, "Do you think the Murphy family was testing us before? Pretending to be poor to get our help? But we showed our true colors and pushed them away."

and said, "It's

billion, just like that. That's several

bought that piece of land in the suburbs, it's rumored to be worth a fortune,

family strikes it rich and Yolanda dumps Zachary?" Zachary's mother was suddenly

come back and ask about the situation. If they really did buy that land, we as parents need to show up at the engagement party in a few days, give the Murphy family due

be it looks, temperament, academics,

she won't even look at your son. Let's

spot. We must build good relations with them

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received several calls, her face getting grimmer with each

couldn't help but ask, "Serena,

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"Aren't you supposed to be going out with your friends tonight? Louisa shot back.

Serena hadn't expected her mom to ask about her plans last right, so when she said she was going out w ith friends, her mom didn't take her to the charity gala.

Would her mom only take Arabella to the gala in the future?

"Friend gatherings are just small potatoes. But a charity **gala** is such a big event that it might be Ms Bella 's first time, right? It would be nice to have Serena accompany her," Martha suggested warmly

Louisa took a few sips of coffee and said

coldly, 'I'm enough company for Bella Besides, Bella's never a stranger to any situation! When it comes to experience, Bella's got Serena beat by a long shot!"

That sentence left Martha and Serena speechless.

Louisa, grinning looked back at Arabella and said, "You go upstairs and rest. I'll have Edith call you when dinner's ready"

"Okay"

After Arabella went upstairs, she received a phone call.

[Ross, you asked me to investigate the fire at Mercy Hospital on September 10th, eighteen years ago. The more I look into it, the fishier it seems.]

"What a fishy" Arabella walked onto the balcony, her expression cold.

I found out that the janitor, Yvonne, who adopted Yolanda, heard an explosion while cleaning up water t hat night. At first, the explosion was very loud, and

she was too scared to approach. It was only when she wanted to rescue people that she noticed several unlicensed black sedans driving in the opposite direction.]

Yvonne was too busy rescuing people to pay much attention, so she didn't see what kind of car they wer e driving *or* what they looked like. So I checked with her colleagues at the time and asked them about the situation that day, and they all said the same thing as Yvonne.]

many people from the health center. It was raining heavily,

the same as the black cars that

"Audi?"

afford an Audi, let alone in

car she saw was indeed an Audi, but their car didn't have a license plate, so it's hard to investigate.] [That night, three men got out of the black sedan that returned. They looked very fierce and kept searching among the

with the Audis that had appeared in Wye that year. My eyes were about

way

eighteen years ago! It was said to be a drunk driving accident! If he hadn't had an accident that night, he was supposed

his

then started driving people around like a cab

pick up passengers?" Arabella couldn't help but raise

would believe that?

buy the car from gambling. He drove for a few days after winning the money and then

it

"Any other findings?"

in a casino, others got it through other means, but not long after they got it, they suddenly died!"

the other end of the phone said, "Boss, if someone really planned this explosion, and all the drivers involved that night were killed, and it has remained undiscovered for so many years, then his power is definitely not

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that things were

you check the blood relationship between Martha and

time were fake! I mean, one of the two types of hair

eyebrow. Serena couldn't possibly be bald; could Martha

she couldn't help but want

one of the drivers, after suddenly becoming rich overnight, visited a woman several times, always the same one."

him where a driver got his money, and he said someone gave him

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Arabella, along with **Kenneth** and **Louisa**, headed over to a charity dinner.

This shindig was started **years** ago **by a big** shot **from** Summerfield. It's held annually, and ever since the guy kicked the bucket, his daughter had **been** keeping it going. It's **been a thing** for about **seventeen** ye ars now.

The point of this event every year was to help the kids out in the sticks sort out their grub, education, he ealth, and stuff like that.

The crowd was pretty much the people from upper class of Summerfield. It's not open to the public; it's just for folks with some serious clout and standing.

Kenneth and Louisa had been coming for the full seventeen years. But this time was a little different; **they** rocked up **with** their daughter Arabella **in tow,** who pretty much stole the show as s oon as she arrived.

Arabella had this cool, classy vibe about her. Dressed in a black **evening** gown, she looked icy yet regal, li ke **some** kind **of** queen bee.

side and Louisa on the other, and instantly had all eyes on

Who was she? Why did she seem so chummy with the Collins

made a beeline, saying, "Arabella, you made it! I was worried you might give it a miss!"

Louisa, and curiosity got the better of her. "You guys

considering Arabella was usually pretty aloof and wouldn't just go around linking arms with

her words. Erlinda knew Arabella

Ever since her old man passed away, she's been running the family's century—old business and had some serious sway in the

and looked capable and gutsy, with the sharp eyes of a businesswoman.

be your actual parents, would they?" Erlinda hit the nail on the

no attempt to hide it: "Yes, they are

dinner again this year. I had no

"How do you

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Later, she fell

ill **and** sought **help from** renowned **doctors** everywhere. Eventually, **with some** connections, she manag ed to get a highly reputable miracle doctor, **only** to find **out** it was **the** same little girl again.

As **they** interacted, they gradually **got to know** each other. Erlinda wanted to make the little girl her god daughter, but the girl didn't want to call her Mom. In the end, after being **pestered by** Erlinda, the girl **gave in** and called her Auntie.

Erlinda, who had never married and had no siblings, took Arabella as her own niece!

"Sorry for forcibly making her my niece without your parents' consent!" Erlinda laughed cheerfully, sayin g, "I just really like her. She's genuine, capable, humble; I just really like her."

"This is my daughter's fortune." Kenneth never expected his daughter to be so popular in high society. First, it was Alberto chasing after her, wanting to be her grand pa, and now Erlinda, this powerful woman, wanting to be her aunt.

felt even more heartache. "I've invited you for three consecutive years to the Archer family's banquet and have been rejected every time. But tonight, you're here with your parents! Clearly, mom and dad are more

again!" Arabella saw right through her

invited the Panter family to give them a piece of my mind

popped into Arabella's mind: "I'm not familiar with

let them off the hook tonight." Erlinda said this and raised an eyebrow at Arabella:

Arabella couldn't help but warn,

Erlinda patted her shoulder and said, "Just enjoy yourself! I prepare your favorite pastries every year, and since I heard you were coming tonight, I had some more made. See

"Keep laughing like this, and you

stern and serious in front

and a bit envious of how familiar

intimately, but

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Arabella had just finished one when she overheard **someone** saying **that** the Murphy and Panter families **had** arrived.

"Word has **it that the** Murphy family dropped 1.2 billion dollars today to buy that land in the suburbs. H ard to believe, really. Who would've thought **the** richest family **in** Tranquil City **had** such deep pockets?"

"The Panter family's son is here **with** the Murphy family's daughter. Heard they're quite the match: both good–looking and intelligent. Seems they'll be getting engaged **in** a few **days**."

"The Murphy family is really on a roll, huh?"

Arabella continued munching on her pastry, unfazed. She was impressed at the mental fortitude of this family of three. It wasn't long **after** she came out of the mental hospital, and now she can attend a charity dinner.

Didn't their stint in the mental hospital leave any emotional scars?

They worked really hard to climb up.

venue was the Archer family's private estate, luxurious and

the garden, he couldn't help but marvel at the opulence. Truly, it was the taste of a centuries—old wealthy family. Grandeur, heritage, things their minor wealthy family couldn't

over a hundred

then, a guest spotted him and approached with

today. You

their Maybach and Yoli's engagement dress, they hardly had anything of value.

to the dinner, he and Olga had been discussing what

dollars, your donation tonight must be

hope Mr. Murphy will consider the feelings of we smaller families. Don't donate too much at time. We're planning to donate around a million dollars. Mr. Murphy, how much are you planning

on a sum and donate roughly

was thinking the same. What's your expected amount, Mr. Murphy?"

were asking

were many more in the high society. These wealthy folks donated all year round to disaster–stricken areas, impoverished regions, calamities, the elderly, and children. They

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Olga pulled a long face and managed to say "alright" with a sigh of despair.

What to do next?

After a while, Erlinda took the stage in the middle of the garden and made a speech, and then everyone was free to donate **in** the **boxes** set up around the **stage**.

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There was no order or amount required for the donations, and everyone could donate as they pleased.

Some people put checks into the box, some took off their expensive jewelry, and some directly transferr ed funds.

Attlee and Olga shared a glance, planning to escape to the restroom, but they were surrounded by guests curious about their donation amount.

rings we bought when

would donate something of high value. Erlinda even had a couple of spotlights directed at them, only for them to donate a pair of platinum rings with just a few diamonds on them. The value of both rings probably didn't exceed two

the crowd after making their donation, showing no

believe the people who spent 1.2 billion dollars on land were being so stingy with their donations! was seriously

the crowd, and someone immediately spoke up, "Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murphy, this is just your opening act, right? There's more to come?" "Mr. Murphy surely has bigger plans for donations. Let's see what Mr. Murphy

land, and your donations won't

Murphy, don't worry about shocking

Exactly."

leave, applause from

including their

their jewelry only amounted to about two hundred thousand dollars, Erlinda raised an eyebrow at Arabella as if to

I heard there was something big happening at your place today

looked awkward at the question.

Chapter 510

The Murphy family raised this ungrateful ingrate for eighteen years, and she didn't even appreciate it. S he kept embarrassing them!

She's just causing trouble because she can't have the guy she liked, right?

Zachary made up his mind, and he's got to talk to hert

Arabella was munching on pastries at the table when she heard an angry voice.

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Zachary stormed toward her, his face stern. "You still have the nerve to eat?"

A question popped into Arabella's head, but she continued to eat, swallowing the pastry in her mouth. S he didn't even glance at Zachary as she picked up a glass of coconut juice

tilted her head back to drink, her slender neck and collarbone

about anyone,

hadn't noticed her beauty before, but ever since she left the Murphy

"Why did you send Yoli to the mental hospital

and held his hand,

didn't answer her. Instead, he stared at Arabella, who clearly cared about him but pretended

be because

hit Yoli?

today, her eyes welling up with tears as she applied makeup. Despite the pain, she piled on layers of
makeup for tonight's
dog in

he was pursuing her before and then suddenly disappeared, right?

to

called

two dummies. She was about to leave