

The Princess and the Pauper (Arabella)

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"It's been a year,' Clark lamented, "I can't believe it took me a year to realize she was in danger. How did you find out? I've also been to Stardust Lane, but the villagers there wouldn't say a word about Carol. Either they played dumb, or they simply walked away. How did you figure out something was off from what they said?"

"I bought a cup of hot milk from her neighbor's breakfast joint and sat down to listen to their chitchat."

Clark was in dumb silence..

Just like that?

And she managed to pick up hints from that?

"They're all from the same town. You, a stranger, suddenly asking about Carol would have made them wary, and they would hide the truth. But if they're gossiping among themselves, it's a different story."

Clark laughed at himself, "I even went to her house, asking her parents abruptly."

At that time, he was almost going insane, unable to find Carol anywhere. He had to swallow his pride and ask the villagers to visit her parents again and again.

Her parents kept saying they couldn't reach their daughter either, and Clark thought they were lying.

He thought Carol had fallen for someone else, that her parents didn't want him to bother her anymore, so they lied to him.

"Looking back now, her parents probably didn't know anything, but I can't be sure. We'll have to wait for the investigation results."

"What has she been through this past year?" Clark murmured to himself, "Why are those people calling her a traitor? What kind of situation did she get involved in? Is she safe now?"

"Clark, don't worry too much,' Arabella softly consoled, "Those people are also trying to find Carol. That means she hasn't shown up yet, and she must be hiding somewhere."

"Where could she be hiding?" The thought of Carol possibly spending this past year in extreme danger and fear made Clark heartache.

It was all due to his negligence!

He believed Carol when she said she liked someone else.

"While Carol told you she was in love with someone else, she also told her adoptive parents she found her biological ones and then disappeared from your lives completely. I suspect neither of these things are true. She might have had a reason she couldn't stay, or she could have been taken by some other force."

Upon hearing this, Clark didn't know whether to feel relieved or worried.

The relief came from the possibility that Carol didn't leave him because she fell for someone else.

The worry was because Carol was nowhere to be found. She might have gotten involved in something dangerous and couldn't get out safely yet.

Just then, Jack came out from the side building, followed by a few of his men.

They were all wet and covered in blood, showing they had been working hard.

"Boss, those hard-nosed guys won't spill a thing. They're barely hanging on. If we keep going, they'll kick the bucket,' Jack reported to Arabella, "I gave each of them one of those life-sustaining injections you developed. Once they wake up tomorrow, I'll resume the interrogation."

"Alright; Arabella instructed, "Take Clark inside to rest for a bit.

Have someone pour some tea and bring some food. I need to check on my lab."

Arabella took out two small transparent bags from her bag, each containing a cotton swab which seemed to have something on it.

Clark asked with confusion, "What are these?"