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“I **have to head** home for dinner tonight, so I **can’t** hang with you.”

“Alright.” Romeo gently patted her on the head and then opened the car **door** for **her**.

As they were **on the road**, Arabella asked about Romeo’s grandma, and they chatted about **their** jobs. Soon, they arrived at Reflections Villa.

Romeo helped her unbuckle **the** seatbelt, opened the car door, and gave her a somewhat reluctant hug. “Can you make some **time** to hang out with **me** next time?”

“Sure.” Arabella turned around, about to walk into the gate, when she noticed something shiny on the ground. **Oil?**

Under **the** sunlight, the large area of oil looked like water.

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Someone must have cleaned the garden to cover the **oil**; **the** ground was all wet.

If she **didn’t** look closely, she wouldn’t notice.

Who spilled the oil there?

hoping she’d

of the windows of the main house, there seemed to be a pair

stepped on the wet spots on the ground, perfectly avoiding the oil, and walked straight in.

in like that?” Martha, hiding behind the curtain, couldn’t believe it: “I purposely spilled two buckets of oil; why isn’t the ground slippery?” Serena felt regretful: “Did the

the garden first, then I spilled the oil. By rights, Arabella should

strolled in without a problem!

moment, Arabella walked into the main house, scaring the two of them into pretending to discuss curtain designs.

your room’s curtains, do you want to switch to this

think it’s

As Arabella passed by Serena, she casually mentioned, “He has something to tell you.”

was looking for her?

wanted to rush out but was held

be looking for

Arabella notice the cooking oil on the ground and try to trick Serena into
if you don't want to go, at

Serena not want to

dreaming of talking to Romeo!!

Martha hurriedly followed, saying, "Serena, be careful; there's oil on

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Serena and Martha were helped in, lying on separate sofas, their faces pale from pain.

Louisa rushed over after hearing the news and asked, "What happened? Get Dr. Zoe over here."

"Mum, I tripped, and Martha fell trying to help me."

Because they slipped on oil, the fall was harder and the pain more intense.

"Let me see." Louisa lifted the back of Serena's clothing gently upon seeing only women around. Her entire back was covered in bruises!

"I failed to protect Miss Serena; please punish me, Ma'am!" Martha was in so much pain that she was almost in tears. **This** damn Arabella, the floor was so slippery; how come she was completely fine?

Did she notice the oil on the floor from the start?

No way!

her eyesight, how could she have noticed?

she have confidently strolled into the room, perfectly avoiding the

Serena told me you fell trying to help her. I should

you're so kind. Protecting Miss Serena is my duty, even if

why did you fall? Where did you

didn't want to keep him waiting, so

timely added, "I just went to where Serena fell and saw that the

there be oil on the garden

hinted subtly, "I also found it strange; the floor had oil right when

said, "You're implying that all of this was

her head to apologize: "Serena treated me like a sister; seeing her like

news. After listening to the recount of the events and seeing the state of the two

on his way; he should

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“Did I hear someone’s looking for me?”

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Just then, Arabella sauntered down the spiral staircase, with Edith hot on her heels.

It seemed Edith had filled her in on the living room situation.

“Bella, what brings you down here?” Louisa turned to Edith and asked, “Who told you to fetch Ms. Bella?”

“It’s because Lily was being too loud. Arabella walked over to everyone and gave a careless glance around. “Aren’t we supposed to review the security footage?” “Bella.”

“Let’s do it.” Arabella spoke in a calm tone: “I want to see if someone is asking for trouble and getting what they deserve.”

“You.” Lily felt a surge of discontent towards her, but she still said, “Since it’s Ms. Bella’s idea, I’ll bring up the footage for everyone to see. I believe everyone is curious about what really happened and how Serena fell!”

and doesn’t have to take any responsibility, does that mean everyone can bully Serena in the future? How many more insults does

poured her a glass of water. She took a sip and said nonchalantly, “Enough with the

“Play the footage.”

to fetch the security footage. Soon, the afternoon’s surveillance footage was playing on the big screen.

it to three times the

the screen suddenly turned into black and white stripes, and then the time jumped to six in the

building. Before they even reached the

Bella didn’t

both look

she just got home from work

“That’s right.”

spoke

to have found evidence, pointing at the screen and laughing coldly, “Look carefully; this is

and Ms. Bella had passed through that

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Arabella wondered if she could just go back to her room.

“Everyone knows that the surveillance room is on the third floor! Is Ms. Bella avoiding our gazes on purpose just so she can sneak upstairs and delete the surveillance footage?”

Arabella was speechless

“Do you have any evidence” Edith was fuming

“And you don’t have any evidence that Ms Bella is innocent!”

“Enough” Louisa couldn’t stand it anymore, she glared at Lily and said, “You’re really pushing it, Lily Bella is my own flesh and blood, are you trying to stir up trouble between us? Are you itching to go back to your hometown and retire?”

“Madame Serena has always treated me well over the years. Now that she’s hurt, I can’t just stand by! If I’ve misunderstood Ms. Bella, I’m willing to apologize once things are cleared up. But for now, I need an explanation from Ms. Bella! How come you didn’t slip at the same spot Serena did?”

“Oh, because I saw the oil on the floor,” Arabella replied nonchalantly.

It wasn’t her fault the others didn’t see it!

the oil!” Lily seemed to think she had caught Arabella; she sneered, “I also want to ask, why would Mr. McMillan randomly look for Serena? Did you see? Mr. McMillan didn’t look for her

looked at Arabella with suspicion. Did Arabella

look

that was the case, she had to

is that your business?”

She smirked and said, “Romeo is of high status; of course

hinting at giving Romeo a call?

to tell her

Fine, no problem.”

pulled out her phone, dialed Romeo’s number, and put it on

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Romeo really did have something

to her, she would never let her off the

call was answered.

“Bella”

that it was heart-fluttering, a bit teasing, and full of indulgence.

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Serena was kind of bummed out. She thought Romeo was going to confess his feelings to her or maybe invite her out for a coffee or a chat.

“I just wanted to tell her that I only like you.”

Everyone was stumped.

“Last **time** I had breakfast at your place, your parents were still sleeping. She confessed her feelings to me, and I turned her down.”

Serena’s eyes widened; she didn’t expect Romeo to bring this up.

Martha couldn’t believe it either, Romeo actually said this!

And this was all on speakerphone!

Speakerphone!

Sure enough, Kenneth and Louisa couldn’t believe it either, and their faces turned super ugly.

her, I want her to get the hint; I don’t want her to hurt you guys; I’m warning her not to bully

it. Everyone was shocked. Was he implying that Serena

voice was full of affection and concern. “You always keep me out of it; you won’t let me talk to your parents; you think I don’t

to him, amused. This guy sure knew

was being mistreated at home, felt

end up hurt is you; you’re taking on too much. Not all kindness gets rewarded; I know you don’t expect anything in return; you’re just that kind of

was on speakerphone, deliberately saying it for certain people to hear: “No matter what she does, I only felt like she’d been struck by lightning, completely dumbfounded.

wait for him

Everyone was quiet.

couldn’t believe that Serena had such ambitions—seducing Romeo behind the scenes and bullying

it’s not what you think.” Serena tried to get up to explain, but her body was in so much

believe that Romeo would lie. His status meant there was no need for him to

you like our own daughter, but behind our backs, you tried

Serena crawled to her feet and said, “Mom, mom, you’ve got it all wrong! That was in the past! I did have some inappropriate thoughts about my brother-in-law in the past! But I

misled! We should be focusing on Serena's fall today!" Lily

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"So, this is the real tea." Arabella hit the play button at triple speed.

The video showed a cargo truck pulling up at the front gate at half past five in the afternoon. The housekeeper, Martha, and several servants went out to unload the truck

Louisa, sitting on the sofa, suddenly recalled that in the middle of each month, the household groceries were

delivered by a special driver.

From the angle of the security camera, the truck door opened, and the servants started hauling stuff—bags of rice, assorted seasonings, and barrels of cooking oil—into the house.

Martha, carrying two barrels of oil, tripped over the threshold and took a tumble, spilling oil everywhere

hearing the commotion, tried to help, but Martha stopped them. Judging by her gestures, she was warning

servant pointed at her clothes, probably suggesting she change

driver over, seemingly questioning

finally went

to the passage of time, she forgot to have someone clean up

series of unfortunate accidents, but Arabella smelled a

nanny and had no business helping out with the groceries.

all the servants were inside before she went to the truck to fetch

she dallied, probably taking some time to unscrew the lids. The truck door conveniently blocked her

would know where the security cameras were pointed. So she intentionally tripped at the entrance, making it seem

my fault! I was just trying to lend a hand and didn't realize the oil barrels weren't properly sealed. They asked me to change my clothes, and right after I did, Serena asked me to join her for snacks. I didn't want to refuse Serena's kindness, and I completely forgot about the spilled oil on the floor. It's all my fault!" Martha feigned regret, attempting to get up to apologize but being forced

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"Punishment?" Louisa looked down on them with a haughty gaze. "Of course you're getting punished! If Bella hadn't restored the surveillance, how badly would **you** have misunderstood her by now? She wouldn't have been able to prove her innocence!"

“Sorry, Ms. Bella!” The servants were shaking in their boots and quickly kneeling down. “We’re sorry, madam; we’re sorry, Serena; it’s all our fault.”

It was all because they were so greedy for snacks, and Serena was always chatting with them and entertaining them, so they completely forgot about their duties. “Martha, your job is to take care of Serena. Although you meant well by helping out, you spilled oil. You should’ve called someone else to clean it up. You said you’re old and forgot; I can understand that, given you’ve been looking after Serena for eighteen years. But now look at the mess you’ve made. I’ll dock you a month’s pay. Don’t make the same mistake again.”

“Thank you for your understanding, madam!” Martha, feeling grateful, shot a defiant glance at Arabella, as if to say, “What can you do to me?”

Arabella curled her lips slightly, as if everything was going exactly as she expected.

“As for you lot, you got so carried away with your snacks that you forgot to clean up, causing Serena to fall and nearly causing Arabella to be misunderstood. I’m docking two months’ pay from all of you!”

“Thank you for your understanding, madam!” The servants felt grateful and relieved that their family was known for

“You

and seeing her get hurt like that, I panicked and misunderstood Ms.

said earlier that if she really misunderstood

up to Arabella and said, “Ms. Bella, I misspoke out of anxiety earlier, please forgive me! I’m from a rural area, and I didn’t receive much education! Please, I beg of you, in consideration of the twelve years I’ve worked for this family, forgive me

really bent at the waist in apology, bowing deeply and not
job

“Lily, when you deleted the surveillance footage, did you think about how I would be misunderstood, shocked and turned to look
shocked for a few seconds.

this high-end surveillance device, to prevent people with ulterior motives from deleting surveillance, automatically takes a photo with the front camera

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Kenneth and Louisa exchanged a glance, both looking a bit puzzled. Was all this being manipulated behind the scenes? And if so, who was the puppeteer? Who was making Lily do all these things? Who was trying to frame Arabella?

Lily dropped her head and cried, "I messed up. I saw Ms. Bella coming back to this house, and it seemed like Serena was being overlooked, so I held a grudge against Ms. Bella. I wanted to make her look foolish. I just wanted her to take a little tumble, but in the end, it was Serena and Martha who fell."

After saying all this, she knelt crying in front of Serena and said, "I'm so sorry, Serena. I didn't mean to hurt you. I'm truly sorry."

She took all the blame for herself.

house. Mom and Dad are great to me, and

sorry, Serena. I disappointed your kindness."

You're just making it look like I deliberately spilled the oil and colluded with you. You deleted the footage to frame Ms. Bella. If that's true, I can't let

messed up. It has

to her, Lily took all the blame: "No one put me up to this. It was all on me. I was just jealous

around anymore, and none of the Collins family's—businesses will welcome you or your family!" After saying these words, Louisa turned to Holly and said, "You should leave too. Whoever dares to disrespect Bella will suffer the

lowered their heads, thinking, 'The lady really cares for Ms. Bella!'

Holly thanked the Collins couple for their leniency, bid Serena farewell, apologized to Arabella, and then went upstairs to pack

gaze fell on Serena with a hint of

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Martha spoke in a sincere tone: "Since we've **only** been dating for a few days and there's a lot of uncertainty, I didn't tell you about this yet, not because I wanted to hide it"

"I planned on telling you guys after the summer holidays." At this point, Serena's face showed the unique bashfulness and sweetness of a young girl. Clearly, she had really fallen for Martin.

"You and Martin are really dating?" Louisa asked doubtfully.

"Martha!" Serena pretended to scold Martha for revealing her secret.

Martha quickly explained, "Serena, you've got someone who cares and loves you; your mom would be happy for you too. It's okay to say it. Mister, Lady, if you don't believe me, Mr. Cooper will come tonight. He said he's taking Serena to the movies; you'll know then if what I'm saying is true."

were the odds they'd mention that Mr. Cooper was taking Serena out to the movies tonight?

she liked,

she really couldn't let go of Romeo, she wouldn't accept another boy's pursuit, let alone be with

like they're really dating.

to prove her innocence; can Serena also call Mr. Cooper to confirm their relationship?"

I'm making up a person? Even if I made up a person, how could Serena just casually date someone?
Serena is a person

Serena and Mr. Cooper have only been dating for a few days; if you call now, it would just be weird and could affect their relationship!"

family was also quite well off; although not as wealthy as the Collins family, the gap wasn't large. Martin was a good-looking and understanding

why did you bully

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"Don't worry, mom, you've raised me for eighteen years; I won't bite the hand that feeds me." Serena expressed her feelings once again with **deep** affection. Just then, Dr. Zoe came in. Serena immediately pretended to be in pain, putting on a look of grievance as she complained to Louisa, even bringing up her childhood.

Hans just got back and, seeing the scene, couldn't help but ask, "What happened?"

"Bro, I accidentally took a tumble." Serena, supported by a servant, lay down on the sofa, looking pitiful.

"How did you fall?"

Before going over, Hans put down the things he bought on the way in front of Arabella and asked, "Do you like them?"

"Bro, you're so unfair, Sis gets new stuff and I get nothing!" Serena pretended to be jealous, pouting and looking very affected.

haven't you had before?" Hans said, then added, "Besides, you can't

she

eyes in surprise.

box; it was a set of

a lot of girls are

brand directly; they wanted to send him a few sets, but he refused and chose to buy

gave to his sister had a different meaning than the ones sent by the

Arabella spoke softly.

felt even better; his eyes softened a bit. "If you need anything in the future, just let me know;

Serena,

Collins family, so he had to prescribe some medication for

“Ah, it hurts.”

Serena, she would occasionally cry out in pain, frequently interrupting

know what to say; it’s just a bruise and swelling. Miss Collins was being so dramatic, screaming like this, that people would think she broke a