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Bella knew what Clarice was talking about. She said, "All we did was head to the library to study."

Clarice said, "He doesn't look like the studious type, if you ask me. You need to understand where I'm coming from, Bella. Many young men look outstanding now, but you'll realize how ordinary they are when you grow older. Look at your father

"Dad is wonderful. At least, that's what I think," Bella cut her off. She wasn't happy with Clarice's prejudice.

That rendered Clarice speechless. Still, she knew pushing Bella when the latter was madly in love would only have the opposite effect. She decided to take a step back and said, "I'm inviting a few friends for a gathering this weekend. Since you're so sure of this young man, why don't you bring him along?"

Bella was delighted to hear that. "Does that mean you approve of him? You'll let us be together?"

Clarice didn't give a straight answer. "We'll see how it goes."

"Okay!" Naively enough, that gave Bella hope. She chatted with Clarice about university for a while longer before hanging up. Though she was happy, she couldn't help feeling a little worried.

Clarice had always been shrewd and proud. She'd been vehemently opposed to Bella being with Jack- could she have something sinister planned now that she'd suddenly changed her mind and invited Jack to join them for a meal?

Bella started tearing her hair out over the matter.

When Jack woke up the following morning, he saw snow outside. It had already covered the ground in a blanket of white. Without even realizing it, winter had

come.

The news of a car show being held at the nearby International Exhibition Center excited everyone in Alnewgo University and its surrounding area. The car show attracted the nation's media and gathered luxurious cars and internationally renowned models. It was a spark in one's boring daily life.

Jack didn't try to get any tickets because Patrick had already prepared a pass for him. He'd made up his mind to purchase a car on the spot if any of them caught his fancy. He'd also read some car magazines in his free time and found an ideal

car.

The night before the car exhibition, Bella called Jack and told him they were having dinner together. Clarice was hosting it, and some of her alumni would be there with them.

Bella told Jack to dress well and put his best side on show. She knew her mother on the surface, Clarice was kindly inviting Jack to join them for dinner, but in reality, it was probably a trap.

Bella only wanted her relationship with Jack to obtain Clarice's seal of approval. That was all. She'd told Clarice about Jack's strengths on many occasions, including him being the top scorer in the state and his outstanding performance on the basketball court.

However, Clarice was much too realistic, and she'd seen many things in life. She was long past the age of swooning over a young man's achievements in his youth and knew better about what was important in life.

She strongly believed that choosing a suitable fiancé for Bella was the only way to ensure her stability in life and her descendants' prosperity.

To Clarice, Jack's excellence in university would likely be nothing more than a fleeting phase. No matter how good he was at basketball, it would never hold a candle to the success one could obtain in one's career. Meanwhile, his title as the top scorer in the state only represented his glory when starting university.

She'd seen one too many top scorers who came from the countryside. They'd become nobodies due to the intense competition in university, even blending with the crowd after being eliminated from the race.

Compared to those empty titles, Clarice valued young men who came from good families-those who could secure venture capital or had already built a business while in university. That was what would truly give one a secure life.

At that moment, Luna excitedly waved a few tickets to the car exhibition, pulling Bella out of her reverie. The former cried, "My friend in the Entrepreneurs Association managed to get us all tickets to the car exhibition, Bella! I heard some young members are even going to purchase cars on the spot. Are you up for it?"