

From Seed Vault by Ruth Fingret ©

February 1 8.00am Ext. doorway of run down home of Richard's father

Richard dashes up the pathway of his fathers home **to be** met by a 14 year old Asian girl **walking** down the pathway with her books in her hand. His father AL calls out to the girl.

Comment [E1]: Hurrying, running late

Comment [E2]: Sauntering

Don't forget to do those exercises I set **you**. You're parents aren't paying me good money for you to goof **off**.

Comment [E3]: reminding

Comment [E4]: telling off

Mai Lin, her back to Al as she walks down the path pokes her tongue **out**. AL lets Richard into the **home**. It is an academic / scientists home. AL was a professor of Eco-agronomics in his younger days (our present) and the walls are covered with relevant books, pictures of him in his hey day meeting with presidents of third world countries, awards and trophies and so on.

Comment [E5]: Defying

Comment [E6]: Resisting or welcoming

I've got another snot-nosed spoiled junior high ingrate just like that one in ten **minutes**.

Comment [E7]: Dismissing

You don't have to do this you **know**.

Comment [E8]: empathising

What're you doing here **anyway**?

Comment [E9]: Excluding

I came to see if you're **alright**

Comment [E10]: explaining

I'm like I always am. **Crap!**

Are you taking your **medication**?

Comment [E11]: Stating the obvious. Complaining

And your occasional patronizing interest doesn't help **much**

Comment [E12]: Worrying. Changing the subject

- except to maybe make you feel better.

Dad?

Comment [E13]: disapproving

Richard investigates the medicine cupboard in the bathroom as AL glares at **him**.

Comment [E14]: appeasing

I haven't seen you in three **weeks**.

Comment [E15]: Investigating

Richard rolls his **eyes**.

Comment [E16]: criticising or plea for help

You'll see. You'll **see**.

Comment [E17]: Enduring, stomaching, running out of patience

Another young Asian student walks up the **pathway**. Richard spies her out the **window**.

Comment [E18]: lecturing

Comment [E19]: skipping

Comment [E20]: Buying time.

You're selling your soul working for those **people**.

Comment [E21]: Loving, caring, reaching out

I have to go to **work**. Make sure you take **these**.

Comment [E22]: declaring.

Comment [E23]: instructing

(Richard passes AL his medications, heart and diabetes, maybe mood **enhancer**)

Comment [E24]: passing, examining, regretting

I'll call you after **work**.

Comment [E25]: making peace

Sure you **will**. When the North Pole freezes over **again**.

Comment [E26]: disbelieving

Comment [E27]: Rebuffing