Reading A17-A21

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**Getting What He Deserved?**

There were seven or eight of us in the line, waiting to pay the cashier for our lunches. We were all in a hurry because that’s the way of the American business-day lunch. At the front of the line there was a pretty woman with a small boy of about eight. He was a cute little fellow wearing black jeans, white sneakers and a blue pullover sweater. A shock of dark hair fell over his eyes. He looked very much like his mother. The boy had a charming face with chiseled features but he was depressed.
As the woman fumbled in her purse, looking for money to pay her check, the kid noticed a display of candy bars beside the cash register and immediately wanted one.
"You can’t have any candy”, said his mother. "You had pie with your lunch”. She took out her handkerchief, then put it back and went on fumbling in her purse.
"But I want some candy”, said the kid. His tone was surprisingly insistent. Almost aggressive.
The mother continued her search for money in her purse, and the kid continued to whine about the candy. Then he began to stamp his feet and shout.
The rest of us in line were beginning to get fidgety. We bunched a little closer together and several folks began mumbling under their breath. "Ought to snatch him bald”, said one man quietly.
The kid by now was reaching for the candy display in open opposition to his mother. She grabbed his arm and pulled it away, but not before he clutched a Snickers bar in his hand.
"Put it back”, she said.
"No!” shouted the child. It was an arrogant "No!”
The line bunched even more closely together, and the man who had suggested snatching the kid bald appeared ready to do so himself. So much for the kid’s shock of dark hair, I thought.
But the mother moved suddenly and with purpose. She paid the cashier, took back her change and dropped it into her purse. Then with one quick motion, she grabbed hold of the child’s pullover sweater and lifted him off the floor. The moment his sneakers came back to earth, she turned his back toward her and began flailing him. A look of disbelief came across the kid’s face. His eyes filled with tears. He tried to break away but that made his mother flail him again.
When she had finished administering the punishment, she turned the child around and pointed a finger squarely in his sobbing face. With a voice strong and certain, she said, "The next time I tell you do something, young man, will you do it?”
The child looked at the floor. Meekly and sincerely, he replied, "Yes, ma’am.”
The mother turned to go. The child returned the Snickers bar without further hesitation and marched dutifully out behind her.
The people in a line broke into spontaneous applause.
"Did the kid deserve the punishment he had? What would I do if I were his mother? She may have been absolutely right for all I know. I have no children. I have no right to argue with the mother” I thought. "There is nothing I can do but wait. Perhaps the best way to get an idea of normal behavior of children is to get married and raise a few”.

***A15 The people in the cafe were all in a hurry because***
 1 they had to buy their lunch far away from the office.
 2 they wanted to be the first in line to pay for the food.
 3 it was the way they normally behaved at lunch time.
 4 they had to buy their lunch before the cashier left for her lunch.

***A16  The woman was fumbling in her purse because she wanted to***
 1 pay for her food.
 2 buy a candy bar.
 3 find her phone.
 4 pay with a check.

***A17 The mother would not let the child buy a candy bar because she***
 1 didn’t have enough money to pay for it.
 2 was unreasonably strict with the little kid.
 3 thought that he had enough candy already.
 4 didn’t trust the quality of the candy from the display.

***A18 The boy was persistent in getting what he wanted and the people in the line***
 1 supported him.
 2 started to show irritation.
 3 started to shout at the kid.
 4 remained indifferent to the incident.

***A19  Judging by the child’s reaction to the punishment we can say that***
 1 it did not teach him anything.
 2 he wasn’t used to being spanked.
 3 he was indifferent to being spanked.
 4 he wasn’t ready to change his behavior.

***A20  The people in a line broke into spontaneous applause because the child***
 1 was forced to obey.
 2 managed to get his way.
 3 Had already eaten the candy bar.
 4 manipulated his mother skillfully.

***A21  Reflecting on the incident the narrator thought that***
 1 The mother had overreacted.
 2 The mother was right in her reaction.
 3 he/she wanted his/her own children badly.
 4 One should be a parent to have a right to judge.

Reading A17-A21(2)

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    My friendship with Kathy wasn’t a perfect friendship. I learned very soon in our relationship that Kathy was jealous. We would have great fun going out shopping but if I bought, say, a dress for a party and she thought my dress was better than hers, she would start to say slightly unkind things about it. She would be keen to come out with me to buy the dress. She would give me a lot of helpful advice while I was trying on the various dresses in the shops. Her advice would be good. She would even tell the shop assistant if she thought the price was too high. I can remember one occasion when she said this and, to my surprise, they knocked the price down so that I could afford to buy it. The trouble would come later. When we were actually going to the party and we were both dressed up and she was looking marvellous (for she was very beautiful) she would suddenly say, "I think, Sarah, we were both wrong about that dress. It looks a bit cheap, doesn’t it!”
   Once or twice I "dropped” Kathy. I told her I was too busy to see her. Or I told her I had to see another friend. All these lies hurt me because I had no other friend and I was so lonely. But they never hurt her. She just smiled sweetly and said she’d see me next week. And of course, within a week or so, I’d be on the phone asking her to come out. She never minded this. She never sulked at me and pretended that she was too busy.
    Students always celebrated the end of the college year with a fancy-dress ball. It was a big event. But as luck would have it, Kathy and I had made another arrangements for the day of the ball. We had booked to go to the theatre. We had talked for ages of going, and at last we had our tickets. For us it was a big event. It was a musical and our favourite singer star was in it, so our hearts were set on the theatre.
     Then Kathy came round to see me. Mother was in at the time, and I had to speak to her on the doorstep because Mum had just been having a go at me for seeing too much of Kathy.
"I don’t want that girl coming in this house and nosing around.” So I told Kathy I couldn’t invite her in because my Mum had a bad headache.  Kathy didn’t mind. She smiled and said she was sorry about my mother’s bad head. I was sure she knew what had really happened.   But she carried on smiling, and then she said: "I’m sorry, but I can’t come to the theatre with you after all. My brother’s come home and he wants to take me to the fancy-dress ball at the college. I can’t let him down.” I couldn’t believe that she would let me down. She knew how much I had looked forward to the theatre trip. We had talked about it together for months.
   I was almost in tears by the time I had said goodbye to her and closed the door. My Mum was kind and understanding. She made me promise I would never see Kathy again. I agreed, and felt that was the least I could do by way of revenge for my disappointment. I told myself that I would never so much as talk to Kathy if I saw her. Our relationship was at an end. I would never forget what she had done to me.

A15 When Sarah says that Kathy was jealous she implies that Kathy didn’t like it  when Sarah

1)    had fun going out.
2)    managed to buy the dress cheaply.
3)    wore expensive clothes.
4)    wore clothes smarter than her own.

A16  When Sarah was buying a dress in a shop Kathy would

1)    start to say slightly unkind things about it.
2)    do her best to ensure that Sarah made the best buy.
3)    insist that Sarah should buy a cheap dress.
4)    be keen to buy a marvellous dress for herself.

A17 When Sarah tried to "drop” her, Kathy

1)    pretended to be busy.
2)    went to see another friend.
3)    felt hurt and lonely.
4)    always took it easy.

A18  "But as luck would have it” in paragraph 3 means Kathy and Sarah

1)    had the luck to get the tickets for the musical.
2)    were happy to have made arrangements for the ball.
3)    were looking forward to hearing their favourite singer.
4)    had by chance two events on the same day.

A19  Sarah couldn’t invite Kathy to come in because

1)    their house was in a mess.
2)    her mother was suffering from a bad headache.
3)    her mother disapproved of her daughter’s friend.
4)    Kathy had come to their house to nose around.

A20  Kathy said she didn’t mind speaking to Sarah on the doorstep because she

1)    didn’t want to make Sarah feel uncomfortable.
2)    believed that Sarah’s Mum had a headache.
3)    did not want anyone to overhear them talking.
4)    was in a hurry to see her brother.

A21  Sarah decided not to see Kathy again because

1)    her mother forbade her.
2)    she couldn’t forgive Kathy.
3)    her mother was disappointed.
4)    she wanted to revenge for her mother.