

## Play A Father's Love

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### CHARACTERS

Frank	Single father of Darienne
Darienne	16 year-old girl
Roy	A rich man
Simon	Son of Roy, a five year-old boy

### SYNOPSIS

The story is about a single father, Frank, and his daughter, Darienne, who suffers from a terrible disease. Frank needs \$300,000 to treat Darienne, but he doesn't have it. He decides to rob someone to get it. Darienne knows his plan and wants to stop him. Frank sees Roy and his son, Simon, outside the jewelry store near their home. He takes Roy's wallet and the jewelry box. Frank chases after Roy because the necklace is his wife's favorite one.

When Darienne gets to the jewelry store looking for her father, she sees Simon on the floor and takes care of him. As she waits for Simon's dad to return, she feels dizzy and unwell, but she still tries to comfort Simon.

Thinking he has outrun Roy, Frank returns to the store. He sees Simon and Darienne there. As he is just about to talk to Darienne, Roy follows Frank back to the store. He tries to stop Frank by pushing a trolley by the roadside towards him. When Darienne sees the trolley going towards Simon, she pushes him out of the way. The trolley hits her, and she passes out. Frank is sorry that his action ended up hurting Darienne. He returns the wallet and the jewelry box back to Roy, explaining to Roy and Simon Darienne's condition.

Simon begs his father to save Darienne as she has saved him. Seeing that Darienne has saved his son even though she's not well, Roy agrees to lend a helping hand.

No matter what the world is up to; how terrible it treats you; or how it pushes you to your limits, never take the wrong path. A pathway of opportunity lies in front of us. It is like a light beam at the end of a long, dark tunnel. The world may be cruel, but there are still kind people somewhere. There is someone you love and who loves you. And one kind deed to others may lead to a kind deed towards you.

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Scene 1 – In the home of Frank and Darienne

1. Frank (Mumbles to himself, walking back) Got to find some money for Darienne's treatment.
2. Darienne Dad? Are you okay?
3. Frank Of course. I'm going to... get some groceries. Gonna get some cream for the scar on my leg. Stay in bed and don't move around.
4. Darienne Okay. Dad. Don't worry about the money. I can wait for the appointment at the government clinic.
5. Frank I know, dear. But if I have the money now, you don't have to wait for a year and a half before they treat you.
6. Darienne I know you have tried to find the money, but \$300,000 is just too much.
7. Frank Don't worry. I will find a way. You just rest. Right, let me grab a knife first. (Gets a knife from the kitchen.)
8. Darienne A knife? Do you mean your toolkit?
9. Frank Oh. Yes. Ahem – my toolkit. (Puts the knife in his toolkit.) I'd be off.
10. Darienne (To herself) Why does he need a knife to get groceries? Is he going to do something bad? I know it. He is going to rob someone or a store. Hm. There's this new jewelry store on the main street... Oh. I need to find him. I can't let him rob a store because of me.

Scene 2 – Outside a Jewelry Store

11. Roy Son, the necklace is fixed. (Gives the jewelry box to Simon.)
12. Simon Wow. You have fixed mom's favorite necklace.
13. Roy Let's get our car in the parking lot and go home. (Walking along the pavement to the parking lot)
14. Simon Yay! It will be a... really big surprise for mom that you have fixed the necklace! (Frank approaches the duo.)
15. Frank (Takes out a knife, to himself) These people just come out of the jewelry store. They should be rich. (To the father and son) Hands up! This is a robbery!
16. Roy (While raising his hands) Okay. Don't get excited. Simon, do as he says. (Simon is confused but raises both hands like Roy.)
17. Roy What do you want?
18. Frank Give me all your money - right now!
19. Roy Give me a moment, please! (Roy gives Frank his wallet.) Here!

20. Frank Give me this! (Frank snatches the jewelry box from Simon's hand and pushes him to the floor. He starts running away.)
21. Roy Don't hurt my kid. Hey! Give me back the box. Stay here, Simon. Wait here! I will be back, Simon!  
(Roy chases after Frank.)
22. Simon (Sobbing) Daddy! Where are you?! I'm scared! Daddy! Daddy!  
(Darienne walks near the jewelry store and sees Simon alone.)
23. Darienne (Concerned, out of breath) Where is Papa? Oh, good. He is not here. (Gently) Kid, what happened? Why are you holding your hands up? What is your name? (She helps Simon up)
24. Simon (Sobbing) No! Dad said I can't tell strangers my name!  
(Simon tries to pull away and wants to cross the road to the other side.)
25. Simon Dad is chasing after a robber. He took my mom's necklace.
26. Darienne Alright. Kid, don't worry. I'll stay with you until your dad comes back. For now, put your hands down. By the way, I'm Darienne.
27. Simon (Nods) Thanks. I am Simon.
28. Darienne (Mumbles to herself) Oh no, I think I overexerted myself. I feel dizzy and the world is spinning.
29. Simon (worried) Are you okay? What's wrong with you?
30. Darienne Kid, stay with me here and don't move, alright? My vision is blurring. I don't feel so good. (Simon nods his head.)
31. Frank (Thinking that he has left Roy behind, he returns to the store) Hm! Finally got rid of that guy.
32. Darienne Dad! Dad! (They see Frank coming.)
33. Roy (Suddenly Roy appears in the back.) Hey! You! Give me back the necklace! You can keep the money.  
(Roy sees a trolley by the side of the road and pushes it towards Frank.)
34. Simon Dad! (Simon and Darienne see both Frank and Roy) (Simon runs towards Roy)
35. Darienne Don't run! Watch out for the cart!  
(Darienne sees the trolley coming towards them and pushes Simon out of the way. The trolley hits Darienne and she falls onto the ground.)
36. Frank Darienne! Darienne!
37. Roy Simon! Are you okay? (Helps Simon get up.)
38. Simon Yes. I am okay. She saved me, but she fainted. Is she okay?
39. Roy Oh! I am sorry! I didn't mean to hurt her. I just wanted to stop you. (Points at Frank)  
Let me call the ambulance! (Roy dials the number for the ambulance)

40. Frank I know! It's all my fault. Darienne! Answer me, please! I shouldn't have tried to rob anyone!
41. Simon She said she was feeling dizzy before. But she was very nice and said she would stay with me until you returned.
42. Frank Yes. She is sick. She has a condition, but we don't have any money to treat her. That's why I tried to rob you. I am sorry! I just... didn't know what to do! I had no option! I simply don't have \$300,000. If I could have more time. Here! Here is your wallet! And your necklace! Take them back! (Gives Roy back the wallet and the necklace.)
43. Roy Hm...
44. Simon Dad? Is she going to die? Can we help her? She saved me!
45. Frank Oh, please! Please help! I will do anything! I have a regular job. I just can't get \$300,000 all at once. I am a mechanic. I will return the money little by little as soon as possible! (Frank is on his knees)
46. Simon Dad! She saved me! I can chip in the money in my piggy bank too!
47. Roy Well, I will help you
48. Frank Oh, thank you! Thank you!
49. Roy Only because your daughter has been kind enough to save my son even though she is ill. A kind deed deserves a kind deed in return!