

A fable with a modern setting

Selfish Simon

Simon and Ann were good classmates. Ann always helped Simon with his English. Simon was over the moon as he got good marks in the English exam. He suggested, “Today is a good day! Let's have dinner at my home. I will make the most delicious dinner for you, Ann!”

“Sure, I am looking forward to it!” Ann showed her radiant smile.

When Ann arrived at Simon's house, she smelled something pungent. A bowl of Chinese hot and sour soup and a dish of Mexican Style Spicy Ribs were served. Ann lost for words when she saw the spicy hot food.

“Let's have our scrumptious dinner!” said Simon.

“Er... the food is too spicy... I can't... I will have a stomach-ache,” said Ann worriedly. “You're not a gourmet, but I am,” replied Simon. He ignored Ann's concern. Poor Ann did not eat anything and her stomach was growling loudly.

The time had come for selfish Simon to be taught a lesson. “I must make him pay for what he did,” thought Ann. She learnt that Simon was allergic to seafood. Soon after that, Ann invited Simon to have dinner at her home and he agreed.

Ann prepared sashimi and clam soup for dinner. When Simon saw the food on the plate, his face went as white as a sheet. “Hurry up! Let's eat! The sashimi is fantastic!” cried Ann. “I am allergic to seafood, so...” replied Simon. “Oh! You are not really a gourmet,” said Ann. Simon pulled a face and went home hungrily.