Death in the Freezer

I. Story Introduction

Ellen Shore’s family is an ordinary American family, and Ellen is six years old when her brother Al is born. Her parents are very pleased to have a son, but Ellen is not pleased, because now baby Al comes first. When they are adults, Ellen goes on hating him. She has three young kids, and very little money. But Al is rich. He is a famous rock star, with lots of expensive cars, a beautiful big house, and a life of parties and travel. Ellen cleans his house, cooks for his parties, even steals drugs for him from the hospital where she works, but Al gives her nothing. Therefore, Ellen starts to make secret plans for her brother. But Al has some strange friends, who also have plans for him.

Guessing time: What is going to happen in the story?

1. Ellen gets a big house like Al’s.
2. Al gives Ellen a lot of money.
3. Ellen kills Al.
4. Al’s strange friends kill him.
5. Al dies in an accident.
6. Ellen dies before Al.

II. Please write your vocabularies from the story.

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III. Please write your favorite sentences from the story.

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IV. Please write your summary of the story.

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V. Please write your afterthought about the story.


VI. Is cryonics a good idea or not? Do you agree (A) or disagree (D) with these sentences? Explain why.

A) 1. Only rich people can pay for cryonics.
A) 2. People like the Futures are criminals.
A) 3. Cryonics will make a lot of people happy.
A) 4. We must only freeze important people.
A) 5. We must only freeze very ill people.
A) 6. Cryonics is everybody’s future.