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"Do you get it now?" Hugo spun around, unsure who Richard was talking to. At the door stood two familiar faces: Sean and Hanzel.

Hanzel looked shocked, and Sean seemed icy.

Sensing trouble, Hugo quickly sent a few discreet messages.

"I can't believe you'd do such a thing!" Sean, normally so polished and a bit sharp with his words, was furious, his eyes red and angry. "Hugo, he's your brother! Even if you're not related by blood, you shouldn't have done that!" Sean, who wasn't a Waldorf by blood either, understood Hugo but couldn't forgive him for what he did to Mobius.

"I thought Richard was trying to protect the Waldorfs by rooting out the bad, but it was you, you monster!" Sean punched Hugo, knocking his glasses off.

Without his glasses, Hugo looked disheveled and reached out to his assistant for support.

The assistant, scared yet determined to protect Hugo, stood firm, but Sean threatened him too.

"I don't hit women, but for you, I'll make an exception." The assistant quickly moved away.

Sean, grabbing Hugo's collar, demanded, "Why did you do it, Hugo? Why Mobius?" Hugo laughed it off. "Why would I do anything to him? Unfortunately, our little brother was too impulsive because of that woman... Racing is always a risky affair, so accidents are expected..." Sean was livid but speechless.

Pearl, from a distance, broke the silence. "When you tampered with his car, you just wanted him to break sbones, right?" Hugo's smile froze. Pearl was right; that was his initial plan.

Mobius and Richard were close, and he knew that very well. He had vel.ne wanted to paralyze Mobius to reduce obstacles for taking over Waldorf Enterprises. S Watching the race, Hugo's heart sank as the car sped up. The manager called, panicked, warning him Mobius would be in trouble if this continued.

But by then, Hugo had made a deadly decision: if anything should happen to Mobius, his car was to be destroyed.

When he saw Mobius lying in a pool of blood, Hugo felt indifferent, his ambitions outweighing his conscience.

However, with the bloody truth now revealed, Hugo was in shock.

Pearl, disappointed, shook her head. "Hugo, you're the one who should really be reflecting. To be honest, Waldorf Enterprises is fine, but you're not." Hugo immediately cto a realization. This was a trap, and they were all waiting for him to fall into it.

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Hanzel stood there, stunned.

He could never have guessed that someone he had looked up to his whole life would want to hurt their own little brother, Mobius, who they had all grown up with.

Hanzel had spent most of his tin the entertainment world and didn't really keep up with family matters. But he was sure of one thing: even though Hugo was distant, he cared about their family.

But now, it seemed like Hugo was only after the family's wealth.

"Hugo... I can't believe you would do such a thing." Hanzel stared at Hugo in shock. "Mobius was the youngest and always tagged along with us. He said you were quiet but kind, though it was hard to cheer you up. We thought we needed to make you smile more." Hugo went quiet after hearing that.

"He always looked out for you. He'd call hfrom school, but you never answered. It was always Sean who talked to him. Mobius kept asking about you, wondering if you were still sad. I never imagined you would even think of hurting him." Hugo was skeptical. "Stop lying. Didn't he care more about Richard?

Why act like we were close?" "Are you even human, Hugo?" Sean punched him, and he fell to the floor. "We all saw how kind Mobius was to you, but you were too blind to see it. All you cared about was the money!" Sean was furious.

Seeing the pain in Sean's eyes, Hugo didn't know what to say. Was he really wrong? He had always felt neglected. First, because he then was overweight, buse of Richard. He f no one ever really cared ablike him.

"Everything has consequences, Hugo. You have to face what you've done!" Hugo got blood his mouth. "Fine, 1read shakily and wiped belongs to sw.nold Content ready to face them," he Soon, they heard police sirens outside.

Hugo was surprised. "You called the police?" "We told you there'd be consequences, and they're painful ones." The police cin quickly and focused on Hugo.

Hugo shrugged and tried to act cool.

"You have no proof, so the police can't do anything to me." s to englishontent "Who says we don't have it?" W ne Pearl slammed a folder on the table. "This is the agreement you signed." "So, this was your plan." Hugo realized why they hadn't agreed to his terms earlier.

"That's why we should nip it in the bud."

Chapter 1083

Pearl then clapped her hands, and a person slowly walked out from a corner.

The person was hunched over-it was the organizer who was threatened a while ago. After Pearl glared at him, he quickly said, "I can show that in the race six months ago, Hugo toldto mess up Mobius's car and cause the crash, leading to Mobius's death. I have recordings of our phone calls and proof of the transactions." Hugo looked shocked. "Didn't I tell you to delete all the records?" The man didn't answer, but Pearl smiled. "I guess you don't know who I am then." She was a hacker. What couldn't she get her hands on? Hugo finally lost his cool.

"Don't worry, there's more," Pearl said, looking at the door.

Silas, dressed in all black, walked in. He seemed relaxed and calm.

"I bet you didn't think Silas joined our company to help you but was actually giving us inside information." Silas cleared his throat and said, "Yes. Hugo askedto steal information about Cerubleu and Waldorf Enterprises multiple times. Not only that, he even stole public funds and evaded taxes with fake numbers. Sapphire Group's finances are a mess." Hugo was furious. "Bullsh*t!" "Officer, I have all the evidence I've collected over the past year." Silas then placed a pile of documents on the table.

"So, you all were setting a trap for me, huh?" Hugo laughed wildly, making his assistant very scared.

Seeing her fear, he grabbed her by the throat, losing control. "Did you betraytoo? Why did you letchere today? Are you with them?" The assistant's face turned red because she couldn't breathe. "No, please don't think that..." "No? Then how do you explain everything today?" The officers were about to step in when Hugo pulled out a small knife and held it against the assistant's neck. "Stay back or I'll kill her!" Richard yelled at him coldly, "Have you lost your mind, Hugo?" "Yes, I've lost it. You're the reason.

I've been losing it ever since Dad chose you for Waldorf Enterprises instead of me!" Hugo laughed crazily and his hand shook. That ne assistant got a small cut, and a line of blood appeared on her neck. Feeling the pain, she cried out loud.

"Stop crying. Shut up or I'll do it." The assistant, always scared, immediately went silent when he said this.

"This has nothing to do with her, Hugo. Why threaten her? You have to step down anyway, so why are you doing this?" Pearl, worried, took a step closer because he was acting crazy. "Don't cany closer." Hugo pointed the knife at her. "I did all this for you but you never loved me. You had to choose Richard. What do you see in him? Does he love yo@more than I do?"

Chapter 1084

Pearl laughed a little when she heard the word 'love'. "Hugo, do you really think you love me? You've been doing all this for yourself. You're thinking only about what you want, trying to get the family's money. You tried to make Richard look bad, and now you say you likejust because you don't like him. It's been so long, why can't you understand that?" Hugo didn't really want to hear it and just muttered under his breath. "Bullsh*t, bullsh*t, bullsh*t! I did this all for you. I want us to be together without any problems." "You can't force happiness. Haven't you ever heard that before?" Hugo laughed. "Don't tellwhat to do. I'm going to try anyway, just to see if it makeshappy." Hugo had utterly lost his mind. He wasn't listening to reason anymore.

Seeing his assistant about to faint from fear, Pearl spoke more gently. "Do you really love me?" Hugo was caught off guard by her question and just nodded. "I do." "If you do, would you chooseover her?" Pearl gestured toward his assistant, who was very scared and crying a lot.

Hugo looked like he wanted to say yes but then pressed the knife closer to her neck. "I don't trust you. You must be planning something." Pearl didn't know how to react. "What can I possibly do? Look, I'm not holding anything dangerous." She turned around to show she was unarmed. "I'm worried about her. She's scared, so please stop frightening her." She made a good point.

Pearl slowly walked toward him, but Richard suddenly held her back, ne looking worried. "Don't go near him.

He's not thinking straight, soche might hurt you." Content belongs to Św"It'll be fine. I think he might still listen to me. Pearl knew Hugo's feelings for her weren't real, and he was more interested in getting back at Richard, but she felt Hugo e wouldn't hurt her because of his feelings. Richard slowly let go of her wrist, watching as she approached Hugo.

As soon as she got close, Hugo pushed his assistant aside and held the knife to Pearl's neck instead.

The assistant, now free, stumbled into Sean's arms.

"Okay, Hugo. How are you feeling?" Pearl asked calmly, not scared by the knife.

Hugo was surprised she was even asking, given the situation. "Aren't you scared?" His voice sounded weak.

"No, you said you love me, right? If that's true, you wouldn't hurt me. So why should I be scared?" Pearl smiled warmly.

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Hugo didn't say that loudly, but his voice wasn't quiet either. The air was filled with tension, and everyone was on edge, waiting to see what he would do next. His words were clear enough for everyone to hear.

Richard heard him too, his expression dark and stormy.

"But I've already told you, I don't love you," Pearl said.

Hugo looked hurt as he shook his head. "No, givea chance. I promise I'll be better to you than Richard ever was." "But I don't need that from you." Frustrated, Hugo couldn't hold back his feelings. "Why? Why does everyone prefer Richard? Am I not as handsas he is?" Pearl, calm as ever, observed them both. Richard had a polished look, while Hugo's features were striking, his scar adding a touch of rebelliousness. However, she didn't find that appealing.

"It's not about that. I simply don't love you. It's nobody's fault. We're just not meant to be together," Pearl explained.

"I don't believe in fate," Hugo declared loudly.

Richard, running out of patience and concerned Hugo might hurt Pearl, stared at the knife Hugo was holding. He saw it as a danger to Pearl.

Just as Richard was about to act, Pearl's look stopped him, signaling she had a plan.

"Hugo, do you even know what type of man I'm attracted to?" Pearl asked, her voice sincere.

Hugo, eager to fit the bill, said, "Go ahead, I'm listening." "I admire someone gentle, kind-hearted, and genuine, a man with no bad intentions," Pearl shared.

"So, someone like Richard?" Hugo scoffed. "He's just a businessman willing to do anything to get what he needs. Do you really think he's innocent if he could build Waldorf Enterprises into such a big Occompany?" Hugo was convinced that Pearl was mistaken in her affection, blinded by Richard's facade, while he was the one truly deserving of her love.

Pearl, however, disagreed. "On the contrary, Richard is just the kind of person I described." "You've seen him in a certain light, but you've missed how he looks after his family, how he treats me, his how he and

the warmth he hides," Pearl explained, sharing her firsthand insights from years of spending twith Richard. "You've been with him for over two decades and still don't see it?" she questioned Hugo.

Stunned by her words, Hugo fell silent.

Pearl quietly looked at him to see how he would react, and he just stood there in silence.

"Hugo, don't do this," she said gently.

Despite att the bad things Hugo had done, she spoke to him with calmness. Showing kindness in her voice was the greatest gift she could offer him. "Even this was my fault?" Hugo blurted out suddenly, looking up without thinking.

Pearl was about to say something, sensing something off, when Hugo's eyes turned gloomy.

Chapter 1086

"If you also think I'm in the wrong, I don't mind doing one more thing." Hugo felt utterly alone. No one was on his side. Not even Pearl, whom he loved, stood by him.

He was overwhelmed with a mix of emotions he couldn't quite name. Was it pain, despair, or disappointment toward Pearl? "You know, I could have let you be," Hugo said softly, touching her cheek with the back of the knife. "But what you said really hurt me, Pearl. You've shown you don't deserve my love." Alarm bells went off in Pearl's head.

In the next instant, Hugo slashed the knife at her face. Pearl dodged just in time, but the blade still grazed her, leaving a thin line of blood.

Richard's heart sank. "Hugo, stop this madness or I'll make sure you regret it!" Seeing Pearl injured pained him deeply.

"Oh? You care about her that much? Save her, then. Givewhat I want," Hugo demanded, his cold and emotionless.

He brandished the knife with skill, a reminder of his karate lessons as a kid, showing his readiness for anything, even murder. Richard took a deep breath. "Tellwhat you want." "First, get rid of the police," Hugo demanded.

Richard looked around and saw that the officers were hesitant to leave.

"Mister Waldorf, the criminal isn't in a stable mental state, so we need to stay to ensure the hostage's safety," one officer explained.

Upon hearing the word 'criminal,' Hugo's expression darkened. "I said get out. Don't makerepeat myself." Richard insisted, "Please leave us." "But Mister Waldorf,..." "Just go!" The officers had no choice but to comply, escorting Susan, who was struggling to breathe, a terrified assistant, and the race of Wadet out. Now, only the Waldorf brothers and Pearl remained.

"There. What else?" Richard didn't want Pearl to be in Hugo's hands for one more second.

Pearl was a little anxious. "Don't agree to anything, Richard." Sean yelled at her, "You stupid woman! Just be quiet, will you? Don't you see how serious this is?" What if she made Hugo angry? He had already harmed Pearl; anything more, and no one could promise they wouldn't lose control and kill Hugo. Hugo laughed at Sean's outburst. "Look at everyone, so code you, as if they all love you," mocked. SW Feeling helpless, Hugo sighed. "Too bad. You're their weakness, and I must use this to my advantage." Hugo faced a bitter truth. All feelings were false in his eyes.

Chapter 1087

Money, power, and valuable things were all that mattered.

Even if Hugo wasn't ready to let Pearl go, he was planning to use her to gain sadvantages.

Pearl was really angry, but she didn't say anything.

"What? You're angry?" Hugo was surprised to see Pearl this angry. He had upset her before, but that was just minor irritation. This time, she was really mad, and it was a new experience for him.

"So, I can actually make you feel strong emotions. Do you love me?" Even in this tense moment, Hugo tried to flirt with her. He grabbed Pearl's chin hard, leaving a red mark.

"You're the most disgusting person I've ever met, Hugo." Nothing Pearl said now could waver him.

"Okay, have you made up your mind?" Hugo looked toward the two anxious men. "Are you sure about this deal?" "Cut the crap and tell us," Sean said angrily, upset by Hugo's behavior.

"Richard, you givethe president's role at Waldorf Enterprises, and you're out of the business world for good." Richard looked distraught.

"As for Sean, I don't have much against you. But if you choose to stick with Richard, you'll force my hand." Sean laughed mockingly. "I'm not on his side, but I'm definitely not with an ungrateful dog like you." Ungrateful dog... That hit hard.

Hugo finally understood what Sean ee laughed, not bothered bet meant, the insult. "Sean, sthings hever change with you." MS "And you're the same. Always a loser," Sean retorted.

That comment hit a nerve with Hugo because it opened up old wounds. "Don't think I won't cafter you, Sean." Sean, being taller, stood imposingly over Hugo. "I've told you, Hugo. You're pathetic. Your threats are a joke." Sean was still Sean. He always knew how to hurt.

Hugo could no longer control his emotion and Sean was close enough that if Hugo attacked the knife, he could really hire, him.

Hugo almost went for it. The knife moved away from Pearl's neck but quickly returned.

He smiled wickedly. "You're just trying to makemad so Richard can attack me, aren't you?" If he hadn't noticed Richard ready to pounce from the corner of his eyes, he might have fallen for it.

Sean was furious, frustrated that Hugo had seen through their plan. Richard, however, stayed calm, trying to think of another strategy.

Hugo looked impatient. "Well, what's your decision? I'm running out of patience."

Chapter 1088

"Will you let her go if I agree to your terms?" Hugo nodded. "Yes, I'll let her go if you agree." "I'll go sign the agreement upstairs now." "Why go upstairs? Just print it and bring it here." Hugo sounded a bit rushed and annoyed.

No one saw Silas sneaking behind Hugo, waiting for the right moment to act.

Richard, pretending not to notice Silas, calmly asked Hugo, "Can we negotiate? Let Pearl go, and I'll give you all my shares in the company." "How do I know you'll keep your word? What if you don't follow through after I release her?" Hugo was cautious, suspecting they might be planning something.

"Transferring the president's shares isn't straightforward. We need all our family members to vote and decide." Hugo couldn't care less about it and replied with a cold smile, "That's your problem to figure out." Right after that, Silas made his move and aimed for the knife in Hugo's hand.

Hugo was caught off guard. He was shocked to see the knife fall from his hand.

In that moment, Pearl used her elbow to hit Hugo's crotch, a weak spot her self-defense class had taught her about.

As expected, Hugo bent over in pain. Seizing the moment, Pearl ran to Richard and felt safe in his embrace. Richard hugged her tightly and was extra careful not to lose her again. He pulled her to stand behind him.

Silas stepped back, and everyone's attention turned to Hugo.

Finally, Hanzel spoke up, "You should repent about what you've done, Hugo." Hugo stared at Hanzel, seeing his genuine concern, but felt nothing inside. There was no way he could turn around. "It's too late for me." "No, it's not. Turn yourself in. If you really say sorry to Mobius and Richard, I believe they'll forgive eventually." Hanzel held onto hope for Hugo's redemption. S "Why bother talking to him? He doesn't think he did anything wrong," Sean said, convinced Hugo was beyond reasoning.

Sean didn't understand Hugo. He thought Hugo was the most selfish person ever with a messed-up way of thinking. Talking to him was a waste of time. Content belongs to ŚwHugo just smiled, picking up the knife and flipping it in his hand.

"You're right, I was never wrong." He kept smiling, as if unfazed by the situation.

Just when everyone braced for what he might do next, Hugo shocked them all by stabbing his chest.

Blood spilled out, and everyone was stunned. No one expected him to end his life that way.

Being a doctor, Hugo knew exactly where to strike for a fatal 5 much blood folket lost too much blood to for any help to arrive in time. S They watched as his eyes grew wide while lying in his pool of blood, his gaze shifting from Richard to Pearl.

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He smiled weakly and said softly, "Pearl, even in death, I'll remember you." Pearl was confused by his words. His eyes slowly closed, and he went silent.

Hugo Waldorf was dead.

On a sunny afternoon, in Waldorf Residence.

The sound of police and ambulance sirens filled the air as people rushed around. Sset up barriers, while others gave first aid. It was total chaos.

Only Pearl and Richard stood still, watching.

Pearl thought Hugo knew something bad was going to happen, which is why he brought a knife. He liked things clean, so he had a sterilized scalpel instead.

When the police asked them to leave, Pearl finally looked at Richard. He didn't seem relieved, and his gaze was intense.

"Let's go outside." "Okay." They walked away without looking back. * A month after Hugo's funeral, Pearl received a letter and a big, heavy package from him. She almost threw it away but decided to open it at the last minute. The letter was short, just saying: Remember to open the package. Inside the package were letters and photos. The first letter talked about the first tshe met Hugo, when she was a teenager and helped a chubby boy. She read one letter after another, each one recalling how they met and beccloser. Each letter had a photo with it, except the ones from their younger days. Sphotos were clear, and others were blue It was clear Hugo put a lot of effort into this. Pearl felt a mix of emotions. Looking at everything, she imagined Hugo taking these photos and sending them to her. His behavior was a little demented. SW She knew he wouldn't cback to life, so there was no point saying anything against him. However, she didn't know why she suddenly felt sad. She decided to burn everything. She took it all to an open space and set it on fire. Watching the flames, she imagined seeing Hugo's smiling face, but it was just her imagination. As the fire burned, she thought about the last letter.

[Pearl, I know I was wrong, but if I've been honest from the start, would you have loved me?] She didn't

have an answer to that and never would.

Chapter 1090

My nis Hugo Waldorf, and I'm the third son in my family.

I've always been in my brother Richard's shadow. Ever since we were kids, Richard was the star without even trying. I worked hard, but I never matched up to him.

That's why my parents favored him more. I used to get jealous, thinking he had ssecret. Then I caught him studying late at night, and my feelings shifted from jealousy to resentment.

He was faking it the whole time. I didn't realize he was actually trying hard.

While Richard was groomed to take over our family's business, Waldorf Enterprises, by our dad, and work alongside our brother Sean as vice president, I wasn't even allowed to step foot in the company.

I once asked Dad if I could work there too, even just to support Richard, but he shutdown immediately. He claimed I wasn't cut out for it and toldto find my own way. I couldn't understand why. I had dreamed of joining the company for as long as I could remember.

I felt rejected, as if I wasn't truly seen as part of the family.

Later on, Richard and Sean did take over the company. My other brothers, Hanzel and Mobius, found their paths in entertainment and racing, respectively. I was pushed into medicine, a field I had no love for.

Surprisingly, I had a knack for medicine and ended up establishing a hospital in Enswood. Dustan supported this venture, but I sensed it was out of guilt for how he'd steered my life.

He didn't letdo what I loved and forcedto take up medicine.

Then, I met Jenny Sullivan. She was kind but carried herself with a confidence that spoke of her wealthy upbringing. It felt familiar. Turns out, she was the one who'd defendedfrom bullies when I was younger. Meeting her again felt like fate.

et I'll always remember how the girl made everyone back off and said something really important to me. She must have been an angel, and I met her again. Content belongs to ŚwBut, like everyone else, Jenny fell for Richard.

Richard here, Richard there. Everyone was in love with Richard.

I wasn't happy about that at all. I had liked her for years, so why did Richard take her from me? It seemed like Richard knew I liked her. Even though he usually didn't care about women, he suddenly decided to be with her.

He did that to spite me, and I hated him even more for it.

After Jenny left the country and ended things with Richard, I held onto hope for us, but she never soughtout.

Then, a village girl showed up at my vel home. Contrary to my expectations, she was stunning and carried herself with an elegance that rivaled Jenny's. .ne Her nwas Pearl, and she was puzzle with many sides to her. Richard seemed unsettled by her arrival, which madethink could use this to my advantage. So, I approached her and told her I had feelings for her.