

YOUR GUISE IS SLIPPING, MISS PEARL NOVEL

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Richard looked down at Pearl, who was in his arms. She looked to be in pain, covered all over in injuri

es. He quickly rushed her to the hospital. And as they were family, he brought her straight to Hugo's offi

ce.

After Hugo attentively inspected Pearl, he frowned.

"What's wrong with her? Is she severely hurt?" As Richard observed Pearl curl up in pain, his expression turned solemn.

"She sustained several heavy injuries and a slight concussion." Hugo cleared his throat. "But she's in th

is much pain because she's on her period and is feeling weak."

Richard's ears turned red when he heard Pearl was on her period, but he maintained a neutral expressi

on. "Is there any way to relieve her pain?"

Hugo put both hands in his pocket and shrugged. "No, she just has to bear it. All right, I have a surgery

to get to. You can stay and help her with the hospitalization procedures. Her injuries will take some tim

e to heal." He walked out, and a silence fell over the room. Contents belong to

"Water..." Pearl slowly opened her eyes and covered her aching belly. She said weakly, "I want water."

"Here." Richard got her a glass of warm water. Seeing beads of sweat on her forehead, he handed her

a tissue."

"Thank you. I really do like you. You're quite attentive."

Even when in deep pain, Pearl did not forget to tease him.

Richard frowned. "Miss Pearl, I've already made myself clear the other day. I hope you'll stop with these jokes."

"Relax. You're such a dud."

"I don't like jokes."

Pearl pursed her lips and lowered her head to sip her water.

Suddenly, Richard was called to an urgent meeting. He stood up and said, "I have work to attend to. I'll

have the hospitalization procedures done later. Rest well."

"Okay."

After he left, Pearl's phone rang.

"Miss Pearl, are you okay? I heard you're in the hospital," a worried Wayne said anxiously.

Pearl was shocked. "How did you know?"

"Haven't you

been reading the hot pages? The

news of Hanzel's fan kidnapping you and Richard rescuing you is all over it. He even carried you to the

hospital! The paparazzi got it all on camera. The whole Internet is talking about you and Richard."

Pearl quickly scrolled through the articles. As expected, the top three trending articles were discussing t

his.

[Mister Richard shows utmost concern for his fiancée, Miss Pearl.)

[They're secretly in love with each other.]

[Richard and Pearl's love blooms.]

"Help me get rid of the articles and manage the company for a few days. Call me if any problem arises."

"Okay, Miss Pearl," Wayne then added scornfully, "By the way, I've already dealt with that fangirl. She'll

for the rest of her life."

“Mm–hm.” Pearl felt that it was not that simple.

“And Waldorf Enterprises wishes to cooperate with us. They’re offering great profits

but there is a condition. They wish to meet Cerubleu’s president.”

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Pearl frowned. “They’re insisting on meeting with me?”

“I know it’s inconvenient for you, so I turned it down. I told them we’d work together if we get a chance in

“Okay.”

Pearl hung up and smirked. ‘You wish to meet me? Oh, Richie, we’ll cross that bridge when we get there

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Richard arrived in the ward early the next morning.

“Wow, the workaholic Mister Richard took the day off to come and visit me. I’m flattered” Pearl grinned

as she peeled an orange. “The fruits are really sweet. Want one?” She handed him a banana.

Richard ignored her. He said nonchalantly, “Dad told me to come take care of you. Stop overthinking thi

ngs.”

“Fine, forget I said anything.”

“I have a question for you.” Richard’s mouth set into a hard line. After a brief pause, he asked, “You bro

ke the record at Death Valley, but you’re from a village. When did you ever practice car racing?”

This woman was too mysterious. Her background was normal but everything she did was out of expec

tations.

Pearl burst into laughter. “I did it just to kill time. Richard, why do you care so much about that?”

Richard was stunned. When he saw her relaxed look, he slowly calmed down. Pearl was friends with W

ayne, she knew Oliver, who had an extraordinary identity, she was great at playing piano, and she even

broke his Death Valley record which no one was able to do for a year. She was extraordinary though s

he hailed from a village.

“Pearl, I hope you don’t harbor any evil intentions.” Richard sounded like he was warning her, but his h

earth had been touched over and over again. Contents belong to

Knock, knock, knock

A rhythmic knock at the door disrupted Richard’s thoughts. Abby walked into the ward. When she saw

Richard was alone with Pearl, she became jealous.

She smiled charmingly and went over to hold Pearl’s hand. “You look so pale. Are you badly hurt?”

As

Abby gripped Pearl’s hand tightly, Pearl chuckled, then glanced at Richard. She knew what was going

on. A jealous woman was a dangerous woman.

"I'm fine. Abby, don't hold my hand so tightly. Those who don't know will think you hate me." Pearl pulled

her hand away and exposed Abby's inner thoughts.

Abby's face turned livid but she forced

out a smile. "I was just worried about you. Mister Dustan will be upset if anything

happens to you."

Pearl smirked. "Wow, you care so much about Mister Dustan's opinion before you're even married into

the family. Miss Abby, you're so thoughtful."

Of course, everyone could say hypocritical things.

"Pearl, you sound like you don't like me very much... Abby's eyes started tearing.

"Abby, just because I said a few harsh words, you think I dislike you? Aren't you being a little self-

conscious?" Pearl rarely met such pretentious women.

"I just wanted to come visit you. I wasn't expecting you to be so overbearing. Maybe I'm the obnoxious o

Richard frowned and said coldly, "Pearl, watch your tongue. Abby kindly came to see how you're doing.

"That's not necessary. All right, I'm unwell, so please don't disturb my rest." Pearl shooed them away as

Richard's eyes turned dark when he saw her angry expression. "Let's go, Abby. Rest well, Pearl"

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Abby yearned to separate the two, so when she heard this, she took Richard's arm and left.

After they left, the ward became peaceful again. However, Pearl could not calm down. She suddenly re

alized

that she had missed an important clue. She had gone to Moblus' university with him, and not many peo

ple should have known about it, so how did Hanzel's fan learn where she was and capture her at just th

e right time?

A bold idea struck Pearl. She made a call and asked the officers to interrogate the fan. A few moments l

ater, her eyes turned ice -cold as she read the text on her phone.

[Abby Flores.]

As expected, Abby was the mastermind behind the incident.

'Abby, you've tried to harm me again and again. Let's just wait and see.'

A few days later, Flores Firms inexplicably fell into a financial crisis. Some of the company's executive

s started selling their shares. The firm was incapable of dealing with the crisis, so they borrowed 270 m

illion dollars from the Waldorf family to save their company, Susan regarded Abby as her future daught

er-in-law, so she asked Richard to help them until things were resolved.

Abby was too busy to go to the hospital and behave like a hypocrite since her family fell into a crisis. Pe

arl gained her peace.

Hugo routinely came to inspect Pearl. After one of

the inspections, he took off his stethoscope and smiled. "You're all better now. You can be discharged t

oday."

"Okay, great."

"Didn't Rick come to see you today?"

Richard was too busy to come and see Pearl these days because of the crisis at Flores Firm. Pearl did

not mind this. As she ate her breakfast, she said casually, "It's up to him whether he wants to come or not. Contents belong to him. You're asking the wrong person."

Hugo did not expect such an answer. He chuckled. "Dad asked you to spend time with the five of us. So,

who are you most satisfied with?"

Pearl raised an eyebrow and smiled. "Who do you want me to say?"

Her answer was impeccable. It was indeed a difficult situation.

Hugo smiled gently. "Okay, I won't ask. After all, I'm not interested in you." He then turned and left.

Richard did not come in the afternoon. Pearl handled the procedures on her own. She took the Waldorf

family car home. But although she had recovered, she could not stay home all the time. Dustan suggested

she work at Waldorf Enterprises.

Everyone had a different reaction to this suggestion.

Mobius' objection was the greatest. He peeked at Pearl disdainfully, who was sipping tea calmly on the

sofa. "She's just a woman from a village. She doesn't know how to handle company work. Dad, don't give

her more credit than she deserves."

"I can't handle the work, and you can?"

Pearl was amused by his angry expression.

"I'm better than you at everything!"

Richard remained silent, quietly watching Pearl. He felt that she always surprised him.

Dustan pulled a long face and shot Mobius a reproachful glare. "Though Pearl comes from a village, you

shouldn't mock her. You will go without dinner tonight. Go to your room and reflect on your mistakes."

Pearl had gifted Hanzel a microphone he coveted, so he had a good impression of her. He threw in some

After a pause, Richard said, "We'll give her an intern position. If she can't handle it, we'll find something her to do."

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Once Richard had made a decision, it could no longer be changed.

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it was Richard who had founded Waldorf

"But Rick!" Mobius was filled with indignation, but he could not refute the matter as it was Enterprises.

He could only clench his fists and bear it.

Pearl smiled amiably while looking at Mobius angry expression. "You seem very unhappy to see me work at Waldorf Enterprises."

"I don't know how you fooled Dad. You bring nothing but trouble. I don't know what trouble you'll stir up at the company."

"Don't be so eager to deny others."

Pearl could not be bothered to argue with a childish person, so she stopped. After all, it was decided th

at she would work at the company. Mobius could only accept it regardless of how upset he was.

Richard acted swiftly. The next morning, he knocked on Pearl's bedroom door and told her to go to the

office with him. Today was her first day, and he had arranged for her to be part of the

design department

Pearl smiled as she greeted her colleagues. When she sat down, someone slammed a

stack of documents onto her table. "Here are your tasks. Settle these documents and email them to me

before noon today. Don't even dream of slacking off though you came out of nowhere after pulling som

e strings... Pearl?"

The woman suddenly stopped her rambling. When Emily Harris saw the familiar, beautiful face before h

er, she was stunned.

"It's been a while, Emily."

Pearl naturally remembered Emily. This woman had bullied Pearl in the past by relying on her identity a

s the principal's daughter. Emily bullied Pearl because the man she liked had a crush on Pearl. They ev

en got into a fight because of it and Pearl was expelled. She went abroad and finished her double degr

ee before returning to her homeland.

Unexpectedly, enemies were bound to meet each other.

Pearl was different now, but she was still as stubborn and strong as ever. She sneered and stared at E

mily's hideous face." What's wrong? Cat got your tongue?"

Emily became confident as she was the department manager, "Listen. I'm your superior, so don't play a

ny tricks. If you don't work hard, I can make you leave." She started using her position to suppress Pea Contents belong to rl.

"Hold on to that position well," Pearl said while smiling.

Pearl's words infuriated Emily. She could not tolerate ridicule, so she exposed their past. "Don't think so

highly of yourself. How dare you tell me what to do. God knows where you went after you dropped out

of middle school. Maybe you're an old man's mistress now. Otherwise, how did you get this job?"

“Mistress?”

Emily thought she had poked Pearl’s sore spot, so she refused to give up. “I heard that you have a clos

e relationship with Oliver the security guard. He pulled some strings for you, didn’t he? You’re so disgus

ting that you’ll take any man. Pearl, it’s been a long while since we last met, and look at how you’ve tur

ned out.”

Emily’s words made the surrounding employees listen intently. Pearl did not care for Emily’s nonsense,

but her gaze turned fierce when she heard Oliver’s name.

“Are you calling me a mistress?”

Emily shuddered out of fear at Pearl’s sudden fierceness, but she soon regained her confidence when s

man’s mistress.

“And what if I am? You did it, but I can’t say anything about it?”

Being one head taller than Emily, Pearl bent over the former and sneered. “I wonder If Mister Dustan wil

in–law a mistress’

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“Y–You’re the one who has an engagement with the Walford family that the news was talking about?”

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Emily rarely watched the news but she had heard of the affair. As she had looked down on Pearl ever s

to be the one engaged to the Waldorf family.