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Mobius was caught off guard by this statement and unable to respond.

Seeing that Hanzel also meant to refute, Pearl continued, “Hanzel, can you survive in the entertainment industry for around five years and still get to this position without a bit of strategy? If you don’t have any means in mind, can you get to where you are today?”

Hanzel knew the dirty side of the entertainment industry best. At this point, he shut his mouth and stopped defending Jenny.

Esther, who was less dramatic, asked anxiously, “Did Jenny steal my snack?”

“Well, at this point, we need evidence before we can say anything.” Pearl went silent.

The other three nodded in agreement and followed Pearl back to the set.

Pearl asked Esther to bring her snack and took a sniff. The scent was familiar, like... Mystleaf. This kind of plant was hard to come by, and it had a strong fragrance, which was rarely found in the country.

Seeing Pearl return, Clem approached her and reported, “Pearl, I checked the surveillance you asked for, but the corner where Esther was is a blind spot. There were no suspicious people either.”

Pearl's expression brightened instantly. The culprit must be someone from the production team who knew the layout of the surveillance, ensuring they wouldn't raise suspicion.

She walked up to the director and asked, "Director, did anyone leave the set when I was away?"

The director wasn't in a good state of mind, but he shook his head. "Nope. The police sealed the entire set right after you left."

"That's good. Now I need your help to gather everyone."

The director was puzzled. "Why?"

Pearl smirked. "Because I've found out who poisoned the snack"

After hearing this, the director immediately perked up and had his assistant call everyone over.

Pearl scanned the people in front of her and said coldly, "I'll ask one last time. Who poisoned the snack? Step forward on your own or face the consequences when I find out."

Everyone was trembling, but after a minute, no one came forward.

Pearl then commanded, "Alright, now, everyone, show me your hands."

Everyone obediently extended their hands.

Most of the production team were girls with fair hands. Pearl went through the crowd one by one and

soon stopped in front of a girl. "Smells good. What perfume are you wearing?"

"It's peach blossom perfume. I don't like floral scents," the girl explained briefly.

"Oh." Pearl was smiling a moment ago, then the next second she snapped, "It's you! You're the culprit!"

A moment of panic flashed in the girl's eyes. "You're slandering me! Why would you say it's me?"

Pearl sniffed around her and continued, "The person who hired you told you that this poisonous herb would be very fragrant, but they didn't tell you that the scent of this poison mixed with any perfume would have a strange smell, and it won't wash off."

The girl's face instantly turned pale.

"Coincidentally, the peach blossom perfume you used today is best at stimulating that strange mixed scent. So... are you still trying to deny it?"

The other girls sniffed her. As Pearl said, there was indeed something else besides the peach blossom scent.

Terrified, the girl collapsed to the ground. She hadn't expected to be discovered so quickly. Pearl bent

down, staring into her eyes. "Who instructed you?"

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"I... I don't know," the girl stammered nervously.

"You don't know?" Pearl frowned and glanced at her, warning, "This is your last chance. Don't miss it!"

The girl trembled all over with her face turning pale. "A... A stranger asked me to do this. She said the

herb would cause diarrhea, and the filming could be delayed. I didn't expect it to be poisonous..."

Pearl chuckled and asked softly, "How much did she pay you?"

"1,400 dollars in cash."

'Only 1,400 dollars? Jenny is really stingy!' Pearl thought. Raising an eyebrow, she bent down and

looked at the girl. "What's your name?"

The girl hesitated for a moment and then answered honestly, "My name is Helen."

Pearl nodded knowingly but shook her head after that. "I've called the police. You'd better turn yourself

in. Maybe you can get a lighter sentence."

Hearing that, Helen collapsed, crying loudly.

However, Pearl wasn't in the mood to listen to her wailing. She dialed Richard's number.

“What’s the matter?” Richard’s voice was cold and distant.

“Could you please tell Jenny that if she continues to do anything that affects my interests, I won’t let her off?” Pearl’s voice was icy, even more ruthless than Richard’s.

Richard sensed something wrong in her tone, and his usual calm voice finally had a hint of disturbance.

“What has she done now?”

“What has she done? She knows very well herself what she’s done. Remember to pass on the message.” Pearl’s laugh was colder than the winter chill.

Richard was silent for a moment, then said, “I’m sorry. I’ll compensate for the losses she caused.”

“Richard, you’re not her father. Why should you be responsible for what she did?” Pearl was disappointed.

Richard remained silent, but Pearl could feel a heavier atmosphere on his end. “Fine. If you want to protect her, go ahead.”

After saying that, Pearl hung up and called Wayne.

“Wayne, I need you to check Jenny’s recent transaction records or the transaction records of people around her. If you come across a figure of 1,400 dollars with a transaction partner named Helen, make

a special note of that.”

“Pearl, did that woman find someone to hurt you again?” Wayne recalled the person they had encountered, and he was furious.

“Yeah, she’s quite something.” Pearl tightened her grip on her phone.

“Don’t get upset. I’ll make her pay!” Wayne smirked and hung up before Pearl could respond.

Wayne was efficient. After a while, Jenny showed up on her own accord.

Pearl was resting on the couch at the set when Jenny barged in without a word and tried to slap her.

But the anticipated pain didn’t come because Pearl managed to grab her hand. As soon as she flung her hand away, Jenny fell backward due to inertia.

“Pearl Leighton!” Jenny was furious and shouted, “What have you done? Why are you trying to hurt me?!”

Pearl was surprised and asked, “What do you mean?”

“Stop playing dumb! Why are you spreading rumors online, tarnishing my innocence?”

“Don’t you have any idea what you did? When did I slander you?” Pearl crossed her arms, feeling pleased with herself.

“See for yourself!” Jenny, clearly infuriated, threw her phone beside Pearl.

Pearl picked it up. There were photos of Jenny on the screen. Jenny was smiling with a group of people from different countries. They were not just drinking. One person had their hand on Jenny’s waist and another was k*ssing her cheek

[Two-faced: Chasing Fame, Hidden Darkness.]

[Sneaky Troublemaker: A Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing.]

This must be what Wayne meant by making her pay....

Pearl couldn’t help laughing. “What’s wrong? Isn’t the lady in these photos you, Miss Jenny? But I didn’t expect you to have such an... unrestrained side.”

“Who told you to post these photos online?!” Jenny was falling apart. She couldn’t believe Pearl found these!

“Miss Jenny, how can you be sure I’m the one who posted them?” Pearl calmly scrolled through the comments below.

Jenny gritted her teeth, snatched the phone from Pearl, and threw it on the floor. “Who else but you?”

“Jenny Sullivan, I warned you not to mess with me. Or I won’t be nice. Didn’t Richard tell you?” Pearl’s smile disappeared. She wasn’t stupid and wouldn’t put up with Jenny’s provocations!

Jenny was stunned, then smirked. “Rick knows me well. He didn’t warn me. He told me to avoid you.

He said you’re bad-tempered, weird, and vengeful.”

Pearl raised an eyebrow. “Did he really say that?”

“Yeah, he also said he’ll leave you soon for me. Get ready for that!” Jenny’s laugh was sinister and grating.

Pearl touched her ear, uninterested. “Alright then, I’ll wait for that to happen. See yourself out.”

Jenny was furious but couldn’t do anything.

Later, watching the news, Pearl saw Jenny’s team explaining things on her behalf. They said others around her caused the trouble and it was bad management. They claimed the photos were fake, made with AI to change faces, and it wasn’t really Jenny.

People online calmed down, but some found indiscretions from Jenny's past overseas, resulting in a significant loss of fans.

However, the information was quickly removed.

Pearl thought Richard probably helped Jenny clean up the mess to keep her image good. Thinking about this, she was upset and drove to a well-known local bar.

The bar was close. When Pearl got there, it was only six in the evening. Winter nights fell early, and darkness had already set

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Taking advantage of the night, Pearl stepped into the bar. Before she could sit down for a drink and have a rest, someone approached her.

"What a coincidence. We meet again!" Raymond followed Pearl, like a clingy person.

Pearl didn't recognize him at first. When she took a closer look, her whole b*dy tensed.

It was him again-Raymond York!

Pearl didn't understand why Raymond kept haunting her Looking at him, her gaze became more

unfriendly. "What do you want, Mister Raymond? Do you enjoy stalking people?"

Raymond didn't mind her cold remarks, smiling as he casually said, "Not at all. Isn't it a twist of fate that brings us together?"

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Pearl found an empty booth, and Raymond promptly joined her.

"Why sit at my table?" Pearl moved away from him.

"There are no tables left, let's make do," Raymond said, unabashedly pouring himself a drink.

Pearl pointed to the empty tables not far away. "Are you having trouble with your eyesight, Mister

Raymond?"

"You've got me. My eyesight has always been poor, and it just so happened that I don't have my glasses with me today."

Raymond had indeed been wearing glasses all the time before this and he looked serious. Without

them now, plus a few strands of hair drifting on his forehead, he was looking... somewhat charming

and dashing.

“Let’s not beat around the bush. What do you have to say to me?” Pearl was straightforward.

Raymond finally dropped the pretense and said, “Master Jordan wants you to get engaged to me.”

Pearl almost choked on her drink. “Engaged? Raymond, you know I can’t do that.”

“Oh, I’m not so sure about that,” Raymond said with a sly smile.

Pearl was suspicious. “What’s Master Jordan planning?”

Raymond had a teasing smirk. “This matter is beyond my control, but Master Jordan is trying hard to make you come home.”

“Why are you telling me this? Aren’t you worried I’ll make plans?” Pearl stared suspiciously at

Raymond.

Raymond crossed his legs and poured himself another glass of wine. “Because you can’t change anything.”

Pearl raised her glass, toasting him. “Raymond, I must say, you still have some audacity.”

“Even if I have to be with you, I’ll win you over. Telling you now doesn’t matter. You’ll end up agreeing to

the engagement.” Raymond toasted back with a proud smile.

Pearl realized Raymond was different now, a bit... crazy. She stood up, unable to stomach the drink any longer. It was time to leave.

"I'm leaving "

Just as Pearl started walking away, someone grabbed her wrist. "Don't go in a hurry. Aren't you curious about Richard Waldorf?"

Hearing 'Richard Waldorf' hit a nerve Though she could mention it without difficulty, it remained a sore point.

Pearl stopped abruptly, her gaze fixed on Raymond's face. His typically composed face now showed a hint of annoyance.

"Why bring him up?"

"Your boyfriend is cozying up with someone else, going so far as to protect her. If I were you, I wouldn't tolerate it. Don't you ever question that? Do you know why there's a sudden change in Richard's attitude?"

Pearl was taken aback. "Why?"

"Because Richard can't forget his ex, his first love. Don't you know how important 'first love' is?"

Raymond laughed mockingly.

But Pearl saw a trace of sadness in his eyes.

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That sadness was gone in an instant, leaving behind a feeling of pity and regret.

Could it be that she was just fooling herself? Everyone else seemed to notice Richard's change of

heart, while she clung to the idea that he hadn't changed at all.

"After four years, Richard will probably be tempted again. If you don't believe me, just wait for the day

he dumps you and ends up with Jenny." Raymond chuckled and let go of her hand.

Pearl's heart ached. She forced herself to stay composed and turned to walk away.

"Oh, by the way, there's one more thing I forgot to tell you," Raymond whispered in Pearl's ear, "I really

like you."

Pearl immediately stomped on his foot, causing Raymond to wince in pain. He bit his lip to stifle any

sound.

"Pearl..." He forced a smile. "Even if you don't believe it, I genuinely like you, just as much as

Richard."

Pearl didn't bother responding to him. Right now, all she wanted was to find a quiet place to think

As she left the bar, she suddenly saw a familiar figure at the entrance.

'Hugo Waldorf? What's he doing here?' Pearl watched as Hugo entered the bar. She hurriedly followed,

intentionally avoiding Raymond, and sat down behind Hugo.

She kept her head down to hide. When she looked up again, the familiar person in front of her made

her gasp involuntarily.

'Hugo and Jenny? Why are they meeting here in the middle of the night?'

Before she could react, Hugo spoke, "How have you been lately? Is Richard treating you well?"

Jenny proudly raised her chin. "Of course, he treats me very well. He's completely ignoring Pearl now

and giving all his attention to me. He's even helping me with many things. If it weren't for Pearl not

breaking up with him yet, I would've made our relationship official."

"So, you're saying that Richard... neglects Pearl to be with you?" Hugo was slightly surprised but then

smiled knowingly.

"Yeah, I get the feeling that Richard isn't treating Pearl that well. Every time she calls him, he frowns

and hangs up quickly. I think Richard hasn't broken up with Pearl because she hasn't brought it up herself. Otherwise, he would've ended things a long time ago."

Pearl, listening from behind, froze in place. Although Jenny was usually indulgent, what she said didn't seem to be false. Was Richard waiting for her to break up?

"By the way, did you ask me to be here for something?"

Hugo nodded. "Yeah, I wanted to find out if you truly like him."

"Of course, I've liked him for eight years."

"Doesn't what happened between us last time matter?" Hugo grinned, his smile fading, leaving a hint of unspoken bitterness that quickly disappeared.

Jenny looked embarrassed. "I slept with you last time because I drank too much, Hugo. I've made it clear afterward that we should forget about it. You shouldn't use this to threaten me."

"I'm not threatening you."

Jenny got up, showing disdain in her expression. "I've always liked Richard. He's good-looking, talented, and stable. You should let go of any thoughts you have."

With that, she ignored the madness in Hugo's eyes and left.

Hugo sat in silence. After a while, he drank the wine in one gulp and left the bar.

Pearl had no idea how she returned to the hotel. When she got back, Esther was already asleep. When she heard Pearl's return.

she muttered, "Why are you back so late?"

Pearl couldn't sleep all night and just lay on the bed.

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The next day, Pearl used her hacking skills and found Richard's address. She rushed over to his place early in the morning.

Richard was watching the news, his fingers busy taking down notes.

"Richard, I need to talk to you." Pearl picked up the remote control and turned off the TV.

Richard didn't say anything, but his fingers trembled a bit as he continued working.

Unfazed by his lack of response, Pearl forcefully took the pen away. "Jenny and Hugo are still in touch.

Do you know about this?"

"Yes, I knew." Richard's expression darkened, and a cold look appeared in his sad eyes.

"Did you also know that they slept together?" Pearl pressed on.

Richard frowned slightly, his face showing a mix of emotions. "Why are you telling me this?"

Pearl remained firm, her voice sharp, "Hugo is your supposed brother, and he got involved with your ex. Are you still going to be with Jenny?"

"It's none of your concern." Richard looked away and resumed his work

"Tell me that everything you did was fake, Richard. You can say you're in a tough spot, and I'll believe you."

Richard couldn't hold back anymore. He slammed the notes on the table, his face icy. "Stop causing trouble, Pearl!"

"Do you really like me, Richard?"

Richard remained silent, casting a cold atmosphere in the room.

Pearl's last hope rested on a simple question, "I'll ask you one more time. Tell me the truth. Do you still have feelings for me?"

"I used to."

Richard's voice sounded unclear and hoarse, crushing Pearl's heart.

She turned pale and bit her lip. "Richard, let's forget about everything between us." She clenched her fists, digging her fingertips into her palms without feeling any pain.

It turned out that what they said was true. She had foolishly held on until the end, only to hear that he once liked her.

After Pearl left, Richard stood by the floor-to-ceiling window, looking out at the city skyline. His dark eyes stared into the distance.

After a while, he made a phone call.

"I've broken up with Pearl."

"Did she initiate it?"

"Yeah."

"This girl is quite stubborn. If she hadn't initiated the breakup, she wouldn't have given up easily." The man's voice was aged, but remarkably cheerful.

"Can you release my mother now?"

"Well, as I said, if you're willing to be with Jenny and let Pearl break up with you on her own, I won't give you a hard time." The man laughed. "When Pearl's engagement is over, I'll let your mother go."

Don't worry, I won't hurt her."

Richard took a deep breath, "I understand."

After leaving Richard's place, Pearl stood on the street, feeling lost. She didn't know where to go now.

Her main reason for joining the Waldorfs had been to find her mother, and everything else seemed unimportant.

Raymond called at just the right moment.

"Pearl, I have some bad news for you."

Pearl held back her tears and smiled under the bright sun. "What bad news could be worse than my

current situation? I just

broke

up with Richard. Come on, hit me with your bad news."

"Congratulations on the breakup." After saying that, Raymond was silent for a moment, then said.

"What? You broke up?"

"Yeah, you want to make fun of me, don't you?"

“No. I just think that the Richard you liked is quite trashy.”

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Raymond’s voice sounded unusually cold.

Pearl didn’t want to talk about Richard right now, so she quickly changed the topic, “So, what’s the good news?”

“In three days, Master Jordan will come to Hazelton to pick you up personally. As I’ve told you, it’s for the engagement.”

Pearl agreed, “Alright, but he doesn’t have to come pick me up. I can go back today.”

“You’re quite a peculiar person, you know,” Raymond said, sounding somewhat bewildered.

“I just speak my mind and don’t hide my feelings. Since Richard has chosen to be with Jenny, I won’t bother with him anymore. I’ll live my own life.”

Raymond smiled gently. “There’s no rush to go back. Hazelton has many interesting places. Don’t you want to enjoy yourself a bit?”

“Nope,” Pearl refused without much thought.

“Since Richard treated you that way, wouldn’t you like a chance for payback?” Raymond’s voice had a

hint of temptation, You have a handsome guy here for free, your future fiance who's willing to accompany you. Why not take the opportunity to show off?"

Initially, Pearl wanted to decline, but after days of frustration, Raymond's suggestion began to make sense.

A few minutes later, they agreed to meet at the swimming pool.

"Why the swimming pool?" Pearl asked.

Raymond looked her up and down with an intense gaze. "I've never seen you in a swimsuit. I'd like to take a look"

"What nonsense are you talking about?" Pearl lacked Raymond without hesitation.

Luckily, Raymond reacted quickly and avoided the attack. "Alright, I won't tease you anymore. Let's take some intimate photos to provoke Richard."

"Okay," Pearl agreed. Since she was going through a tough time, why not make things a bit difficult for others too?

A few minutes later, Pearl put on a pink swimsuit that showcased her figure, and her skin was fair as snow.

Raymond took out his camera and got close to Pearl to take some photos. “Not bad. We look quite a match!”

After taking some photos, Pearl immediately distanced herself and posted them on her social media.

[Swimming with my boyfriend, I’m so happy.]

The post immediately grabbed everyone’s attention, and comments from the Waldorfs poured in.

Wayne: Hey, your taste has finally improved.

Mobius: What’s going on, Pearl? Who’s this man?

Hanzel: Congratulations.

Sean: Oh, I knew your relationship with Richard wouldn’t last long.

Esther Hehe. That sc*mbag doesn’t deserve my Pearl. Your new boyfriend is so handsome!

Mobius replied to Esther. Who the f*ck you’re calling handsome?!

Richard acted as if he hadn’t seen anything and disappeared from sight.

Raymond shook his head, furrowing his brows. “We need more.”

Pearl raised an eyebrow. “Should we continue?”

They agreed and went to watch a movie together. Pearl didn't pay much attention to the movie, but they took plenty of

photos. She then selected a few well-lit photos of them holding hands and posted them.

Pearl asked, "What should I write for the caption this time?"

Raymond suggested, "I don't know, how about 'Let's watch more movies together in the future'?"

Pearl rolled her eyes. "Too cheesy." After that, she lowered her head and went on searching for the right caption.

"What are you looking for?"

Pearl chuckled. "A popular announcement caption."

Raymond was speechless.

As she posted the photo, Pearl quietly counted the number of likes and comments. Suddenly, her phone rang. Pearl glanced at her screen-it was a call from Richard.

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Pearl hesitated, unsure if she should answer the call.

Raymond leaned closer. "Go ahead. You did all this just to see how Richard would react,

right?”

He was right, so Pearl decided to answer the call.

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However, the voice on the other end wasn't Richard's.

“I suggest you not waste your time, Pearl.” Jenny's voice had a mocking tone. “I've seen your posts. By

the way, you guessed right. I was using Richard's phone to check them out.”

Pearl's expression turned dejected, and her eyes lost their sparkle. “So? What are you trying to say?”

Jenny suddenly laughed, a short, unpleasant laugh, and there was something odd about it. “I just

wanted to tell you not to waste your time. Richard didn't even bother to look at your photos. If it weren't

for me, no one would have paid any attention to your posts

“Furthermore, right after breaking up with Richard, you quickly got involved with someone else. Richard

is probably disgusted. Do you think he'd bother calling to ask why you're with another man?”

Although Jenny's words were unpleasant, they reflected the harsh reality Pearl was facing.

Suddenly, Pearl heard the sound of running water in the background. Before she could make sense of

it, Jenny sounded surprised, “Richard, haven’t you finished washing?”

Pearl’s heart tightened.

Then Richard’s voice came through. “In a moment.”

Pearl’s heart sank. She took a deep breath and said, “If there’s nothing else, I won’t bother you guys.”

“Good to know. Don’t embarrass yourself in front of us,” Jenny’s voice was filled with newfound pride,

the first time she had been so domineering in front of Pearl, who remained silent.

But Jenny’s satisfaction didn’t last long. Pearl’s voice chimed in again. “Hey, do you know why I haven’t

slept with Richard despite being together for so long?”

“He must be disgusted by you.” Hearing this, Jenny couldn’t be happier. Richard and Pearl had never

been intimate. This was a small victory for her!

“Of course not, it’s because...” Pearl lowered her voice. “Richard is impotent!”

“Pfft- Raymond nearly choked on his saliva!

“What the hell are you talking about?” Jenny scolded Pearl, but deep down, she was somewhat

skeptical

“Ask Richard, and you’ll know if I’m making it up. However, he’s sensitive about this and cares about

his reputation. You need to be extremely careful when asking. Remember, if he gets angry, it's pretty

much confirmed. Don't push too hard, just find a way to make up for it."

Jenny snorted dismissively, "Mind your own business." Then she hung up.

But Pearl knew that Jenny had taken it to heart.

On the other side, Jenny cautiously asked Richard after he came out of the shower, "Richard, I want to

ask you something."

Richard had just gone through a breakup and wasn't in the best mood, but he still replied in a low

voice, "What is it?"

"Are you... not very good in that aspect?"

Richard frowned. "Which aspect?"

"Well.. I mean that thing."

Richard instantly understood what she meant. His face darkened. "What do

'Oh no, he's mad.'

you

mean?”

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Jenny smiled, though she felt a bit uneasy.

She wisely decided not to ask more questions, but during her daily visits to Richard, she brought him

meals that were said to be good for his health.

Soon, their neighbors became aware of Richard’s ‘health issues’ thanks to the delicious aroma of these

meals.

But that’s a story for another day

After the prank on Jenny, Pearl was in a great mood.

Raymond, who was still processing the situation, watched Pearl burst into laughter and couldn’t help

but chuckle. “I thought Jenny would drive you crazy this time.”

“How is that even possible? Do I look like someone who takes a hit? I’m the one who comes out on top,

never the loser,” Pearl confidently declared.

Raymond rubbed his chin, watching her delete every social media post. He had mixed feelings.

“What are you going to do next?”

Pearl put away her phone, tilted her head, and thought for a moment. "How about we go back to

Bodgow first? Since everything's settled here, I'd like to see Blake."

"Before I came here, he got scolded for not revealing any information about you."

Pearl clutched her stomach and laughed heartily. "Don't worry, he's the pride and joy of the Jordans. A

little scolding won't bother him much"

Raymond's eyes darkened, and he smirked. "Yeah, that was the first time I saw Blake getting scolded

like that, but he didn't give away any of your information."

Pearl put away her smile, and suddenly, a hint of nostalgia crept in. "So if I go back now, do you think

I'll have to see his grumpy face all the time?"

Raymond didn't know what to say, but he was... pretty speechless.

"Well, now that everything's done, I don't have much reason to stay here. I might as well go back to

Bodgow."

Raymond nodded. "Then let's go back together."

Before leaving, Pearl met with Esther and the others.

Seeing Pearl and Raymond together, Esther hugged her with tears and snot streaming down her face.

“Jenny just posted on social media, saying that she’s with Richard and they’re getting engaged soon.

She also said that Richard broke up with you a long time ago. Are you okay?”

“She’s right. I broke up with Richard a long time ago.” Pearl didn’t mind, even though Esther’s snot ended up on her.

Mobius stepped forward, a bit hesitant to speak “Pearl, I really wanted you to be my sister-in-law.”

Pearl playfully slapped him on the head. “Alright, stop thinking about it. Although I can’t be your sister-in-law, we can still be friends, even if we might not meet as often.”

Hanzel sensed the tone of her words and asked, “Where are you going?”

“Back to Bodgow.”

Esther wiped her nose and widened her eyes. “Why are you going back to Bodgow? Why don’t you stay in Enswood?”

“Because I belong to the Jordans. That’s why I’m going back, and also to get engaged to Raymond.”

Pearl spoke calmly, showing that she had let go of her past with Richard.

The three of them widened their eyes, looking at the seemingly perfect couple before them with mixed

feelings. Especially Hanzel, who looked visibly disappointed. Even Esther, who was usually oblivious, noticed that.

“It’s okay, Hanzel. With transportation being so convenient now, Bodgow isn’t far from Enswood. We’ll have plenty of opportunities to meet.

Hanzel struggled to speak but finally managed to say, “I know.”

After bidding farewell to the three of them, Pearl initially considered making a social media post to officially announce her engagement to Raymond, without downplaying its significance.

However, Raymond opposed the idea.

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“There were people out there bashing Richard for being irresponsible. If they find out you’re also getting engaged, it might affect your public image” Raymond chuckled mysteriously, a hint of cunning in his expression. “How about waiting a few more days before announcing the news? It’ll make Richard look like a scumbag, and you can play the heartbroken victim. What do you think?”

Pearl didn’t expect Raymond to be so crafty. For a moment, she didn’t know what to say. But it was indeed a great idea.

Seeing Pearl put the social media post on hold, Raymond gently stroked her hair. “The engagement news will come out sooner or later. Why not use this opportunity to teach Richard a lesson?”

Pearl was impressed “It’s a shame you’re not in public relations.”

“Is your company hiring? If it is, I might consider joining.” Raymond stopped joking and put on a serious expression.

‘Go away.” Pearl rolled her eyes. “Why are you telling me all this?” She didn’t understand why

Raymond was going out of his way to consider her feelings.

“Didn’t I tell you the other day? Because I like you, and I really want to be with you.” Raymond gazed at Pearl with a meaningful look.

For the first time, Pearl found it hard to read someone, especially when she struggled to discern the truth from the falsehood

in his words.

Pearl and Raymond took a night flight back to Bodgow.

Master Jordan was delighted to see that Pearl had followed his advice, so he immediately transferred

20% of Jordan Group’s

shares to her.

The union of the Jordans from Bodgow and the Yorks from Mosvil created quite a stir, not only in Bodgow, Mosvil, Rivendale, and Hazelton but also in the coastal areas. Influential families from far away sent their heartfelt congratulations.

This news quickly spread across social media platforms. Pearl's diverse identity and fan base from various industries overshadowed the popularity of Jenny and Richard.

"Richard is truly a se mbag, dumping Pearl for Jenny. Thankfully, Pearl is smart and found a better guy!"

"Yeah, I thought Jenny was innocent, but she turned out to be a terrible person for stealing someone else's boyfriend and shamelessly announcing it!"

"The Yorks are no ordinary family. They're wealthy, and most importantly, they have a spotless reputation. Mister York and Miss Pearl are truly a perfect match. "

Online opinions varied, with the majority celebrating Pearl and Raymond's engagement while expressing disapproval of Jenny

and Richard's actions.

Meanwhile, in Hazelton, Jenny was furious. She didn't expect that hastily announcing her relationship with Richard would.

lead to such a backlash!

"Rick, that woman has gone too far. She's also getting engaged to someone else, yet she used this dirty trick to damage our reputations!" After this incident, she lost hundreds of thousands of followers, and even a tenth of her followers disappeared!

Richard gave her a cold stare. The rapid decline in the Waldorfs stock prices was already giving him a headache, and Jenny's continued complaints only made it worse.

Seeing such cold eyes, Jenny's complaints suddenly stopped. She stared at Richard in bewilderment and stammered, "Rick, 1-

"If you hadn't rushed to announce it, the fans wouldn't be criticizing you now." Richard stood up, his expression turning frosty. "I warned you not to mess with Pearl. Otherwise, we're done."

Jenny's worst fear was Richard breaking up with her. She couldn't help but flinch. "I understand, Rick. I won't act recklessly again."

Richard looked visibly annoyed, so Jenny quickly left and returned to her hotel