

## **YOUR GUISE 401**

### Chapter 401

Sitting in her room, Jenny made a call.

“Master Jordan, you’re ungrateful. I helped you break up Richard and Pearl, but now you’ve made things worse for me!”

Ezra snorted. “You’re reaping what you’ve sown. If you had behaved yourself, you wouldn’t be facing such criticism.”

“You know what I’m worlang for! I’m sure you don’t want Pearl to find out that her breakup was planned

all along, do you?” Jenny might have been younger, but she wasn’t naive.

Taking a deep breath, Ezra said. “Alright, don’t try to blackmail me. I’ll help you sort it out, but I won’t bail you out if you mess things up again.”

“Okay, don’t worry. I won’t bother you anymore.” Jenny agreed reluctantly, realizing there were benefits

for her in this

arrangement

Ezra hung up abruptly

While reading the comments on the Internet, Jenny couldn't help but crack a sinister smile.

Pearl had been away from Bodgow for a month, but Blake was still in the hospital. Ezra insisted that

Blake stay in the hospital for an additional two weeks to ensure his full recovery and prevent him from overexerting himself.

When Pearl visited Blake in the hospital, he was forced to drink some soup. Spotting Pearl, he hurried over.

"Tell Grandfather that I'm all better, Pearl. I can get out of this bed and go outside now!"

Pearl found his aggrieved expression amusing. "Alright, I'll let him know, but you have to stay here a bit longer."

Blake's eagerness faded as he sat down with a sulky expression. He became downcast because Pearl did not console him after a long while. "Okay, I have a question for you. Why did you break up with Richard?"

Pearl playfully tapped his head. "Didn't you read the news?"

"Why would Richard suddenly fall for someone else when he was so devoted to you? I think there must

be some misunderstanding.” As they talked, Blake carefully positioned himself on the bed, keeping a safe distance from Pearl to avoid getting hit again.

“I thought the same way.” Pearl’s expression hardened. “But I asked and clarified it many times. It’s not a misunderstanding. He’s genuinely still hung up on Jenny.”

Blake felt like he had touched a sore spot and became unsure of what to say “It’s okay Ray is a good guy. You can’t find any faults with him except that he’s a workaholic”

Pearl’s lips twitched. What a good hobby!

“That’s true. Trust me. He once sat motionless in the office for thirty-two hours, like a statue.”

Pearl reminisced about Richard, who was also a workaholic. It was now three o’clock in the afternoon, and based on his habits, he should be in a department meeting, sipping coffee without sugar.

But Pearl didn’t want to think about Richard right now.

“But Ray also has a first love.” Blake hesitated to reveal this fact to Pearl Yet, it was something she needed to know.

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“So, what’s the big deal if he had a first love?” Pearl asked.

“That was his first love three years ago. But that woman disappeared afterward. He loved her deeply and spent a long time searching for her. Unfortunately, she passed away. That incident left him heartbroken for a long time. Eventually, he shifted his focus to his work and managed to expand the company to its current size within two years.”

In short, Raymond was a loyal and passionate man. Pearl sighed inwardly.

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“Okay, let’s change the topic. Since you two are a couple, you should get along well I must say, I feel you guys are very similar.

Smiling, Pearl shook her head. “Two similar people can’t be a couple. If I dated someone like me, what would be the point?” Relationships work better when people complement each other.

“But

“Alright, I didn’t mean it. I’ll talk to Master Jordan about getting you out of the hospital. Bye.”

Pearl stood up to leave, but Blake stopped her, pleading, “Don’t go. Let’s chat a bit more. It’s been a while since I talked to someone my age. The old man who checks on me every day just forces me to

take herbs. I've had enough of it."

Pearl turned around and flashed him a bright smile. "Should I arrange for some young and pretty nurses for you?"

Blake scowled. "Get out of here"

Soon, Pearl received some troubling news. The situation with Richard and Jenny had escalated, and it seemed that someone was secretly adding fuel to the fire. As a result, Waldorf Enterprises was in deep trouble.

Although Pearl was reluctant to interfere in Richard's affairs, she had put in quite a lot of effort in Waldorf Enterprises and couldn't simply ignore it. So, she called Richard.

"Have you figured out who's behind this?"

"Yes, it's Lawson Enterprises and Hugo " Richard sounded tired.

"What's your plan?"

Richard answered calmly, "When life gives me lemons, I'll make lemonade."

Pearl was instantly furious. "What? Richard, what the hell are you thinking? Are you just going to let Waldorf Enterprises suffer?"

“That’s the only option now.”

“But there are better solutions. Why didn’t you take action? We have evidence of Lawson Enterprises’ tax evasion. Why didn’t you-”

Pearl stopped mid-sentence, realizing that she was the only one with the photos and recordings.

However, Richard refused to meet her because he felt guilty for wronging her. He’d rather see Waldorf Enterprises decline than face her.

“I’ll send you the evidence.” The next moment, Pearl was shocked to discover that he had blocked her on social media.

“I forgot to block your number. Don’t call me again.”

Pearl was clueless about Richard’s emotions when he said that. Afterward, he hung up, and indeed, her calls went unanswered as he had blocked her number.

Taking a deep breath, she contained her emotions and decided to help him one last time. She found the headquarters’ number for Lawson Enterprises.

“Hello, may I ask who’s calling?” The voice sounded familiar. It was Chet, whom Pearl hadn’t spoken to

in a long time

“Mister Chet, it’s been a while.”

Chet swiftly sounded fierce. “Pearl?”

“Yes, it’s me, Mister Chet. You still remember me.”

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“Aren’t you getting married to Mister Raymond soon? Why are you calling me?” Chet seemed to be in a

foul mood. He had been swindled by Pearl, and he couldn’t believe that the charming and seductive

woman had turned out to be so cunning.

“It’s you guys who sabotaged Waldorf Enterprises, isn’t it?”

“Why would you call me for that? That’s impossible,” Chet replied, sounding a bit unnatural.

“I’m sure you know if it was you or not. I don’t care how you plotted against Waldorf Enterprises, but

from now on, I don’t want to see any negative news about them.”

“What are you talking about? How dare you give me orders, Pearl!”

“Well, I have evidence of your company’s tax evasion.” Pearl realized that Chet’s expression must have

changed at that

moment.

“Why should I believe you?”

“If you don’t believe me, I can read it to you, Mister Chet.” Pearl then read the year-end transaction

amounts over the years from Lawson Enterprises’ financial report. Only then did she realize that

Lawson Enterprises’ tax evasion involved a great deal.

of money.

Hearing this, Chet broke out in a cold sweat. “Okay, stop reading it.”

“Do my words still count?”

“Yes,” Chet hurriedly said. “I’ll remove the news about Waldorf Enterprises, but you must promise not to

let anyone else know about these things!”

Pearl smiled and agreed.

Lawson Enterprises worked pretty fast. After a short while, Pearl saw the news that Waldorf

Enterprises had been proven innocent.

Now, Richard had nothing to worry about. She felt that they were now even.



It had been a long time since Justin had seen Richard. Finally, he went to Richard's office in Enswood to meet him, only to find Richard standing by the door, lost in thought.

"What's on your mind?"

Richard snapped out of it and managed a tired smile at Justin. "Nothing."

"Hey, you're always so serious when you see me. Why are you smiling now?" Justin walked to the window and stood beside Richard, teasing him. "I heard your company's crisis got resolved. You must be amazing to deal with that old man from Lawson Enterprises discreetly. Didn't you know? We had numerous press releases today, all confirming Waldorf Enterprises' innocence. Mister Chet stepped forward to support them."

Frowning, Richard asked, "What did you say?"

"Didn't you read the news?"

Richard hadn't, as his mind was a mess. Waldorf Enterprises was facing a financial downturn, and he had blocked Pearl's contact. He was too preoccupied to bother with mundane gossip.

However, he was stunned when he finally read the news. Immediately, he thought of someone. It had to be Pearl's doing.

"It wasn't you?" Justin scratched his head. "Then who saved your company in this crisis?"

Richard remained silent.

After some reflection, Justin arrived at the only plausible answer. He asked carefully, "Pearl?"

Richard maintained his silence, but his eyes betrayed his pain.

"You lost such a passionate woman. Don't you regret it, Richard?" Seeing Richard's anguish, Justin put

his hands on Richard's shoulders. His eyes lit up as he said the next words, "Why don't we go and steal

Pearl away at her wedding?"

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Different emotions flickered in Richard's eyes. He then pushed Justin's hands away. "Go away."

The spark of enthusiasm that had briefly ignited in Justin was quickly extinguished. Awkwardly, he

touched his nose. "I was just kidding. If you want to win her back, you'll have to do it yourself."

"Why should I do that?"

Justin marveled at Richard's disappointing behavior. "It's obvious that you love Pearl. I don't

understand why you'd want to

be with Jenny when it's so obvious you have no feelings for her."

Richard wondered if it was that obvious. Swirling the wine in his glass, he hesitated. "Ezra kidnapped

my mom and forced me to break up with Pearl so she could go back and get engaged."

Stunned, Justin couldn't believe what he was hearing. "Why didn't you tell me about such a serious

matter earlier?"

"It wouldn't change anything even if I told you."

"You could tell Pearl even if you didn't tell me. Do you really think she won't understand you?"

Richard's eyes were gloomy. For the first time, he started to feel like retreating. "If I had been

threatened with my family once, it would have kept happening. This kind of relationship is torture for

Pearl."

Thinking of Raymond, he couldn't help but smile. "And Raymond is pretty good too." With that, he

downed the rest of his

wine.

"You're Richard! If you can't be with the woman you love, you'd better give up on life!" Justin felt like

slapping some sense into Richard.

For a moment, Richard looked at Justin, utterly speechless.

“You need to clarify things. If you regret it, it’ll be too late. Besides, Pearl is no ordinary woman. She has the ability to work through any problem with you.”

Hearing this, Richard was deeply moved. He started to wonder if he could accept the fact that he had broken up with Pearl.

“And you don’t even know what kind of person Raymond is. If Pearl is mistreated or bullied, then you...”

“Understood.”

Richard’s sudden determination surprised Justin. “What have you understood?”

“I’m going to steal her away.”

Justin choked on his wine. “What? I was just joking with you. I didn’t ask you to do that!”

“Alright, just go home.” Richard gave Justin a calm look. Then, he set his glass down and sat at his computer. Perplexed by Richard’s sudden change in spirits, Justin left, feeling like his presence was no longer needed.

Pearl was strolling in the garden outside the Jordans’ villa while on the phone with Esther, discussing

her plans. Suddenly, she noticed someone scaling the fence to sneak inside.

Alarmed, she concealed herself behind a hedge, quietly observing the intruder. Strangely, the person looked oddly familiar.

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In the dim light, a faint blue glow reflected from the person's watch.

Pearl instantly recognized him. Instead of shouting "thief," she stealthily approached him and covered his mouth, whispering, "What are you doing here, Richard?"

Richard made no comment upon Pearl's easy discovery. Instead, he turned and firmly gripped her wrist, gently pulling her into his arms.

Pearl couldn't break free from his strong hold and felt herself enveloped in his embrace, as if he wanted to meld her into his very being

"Don't go through with the engagement."

"Why?"

"I love you.

Momentarily stunned, Pearl sneered at his words. "That sounds hypocritical, Richard, considering what you did. I don't even know how to talk to you."

"I did it for a reason. I

"It's because your mother was kidnapped, so you suffered in silence and forced me to break up with you. And we did break up, right?"

Pearl's straightforward words caught Richard off guard. "How did you know?"

"Master Jordan told me everything on the first day I returned." Pearl sighed heavily. She took a step back, putting some distance between them. "But I never expected you to tell me nothing. Master Jordan was right. How could you have me when you didn't even dare to be with me?"

"I just didn't want you to be caught up in my chaotic life." Richard's usual composure wavered, and he held Pearl tightly once more.

"If Master Jordan could stop us once, he could keep doing it. I couldn't predict what other ways he might use to threaten me. So, I decided to break up with you and let you be happy. And you know what

happiness is? It's being together no matter what happens. You should know that I'll never come back to you once you push me away."

Pearl's words struck Richard deep in his heart. Slowly, he released his grip on her. "I'm sorry. I was a coward."

"Richard."

"Yes?"

"I went straight to find out where they were holding your mother when I learned about her kidnapping.

And I got it resolved. We could have rescued her at any time. I just have one thing to say to you now."

"Go on."

"I'm giving you a chance. Take me away." Pearl looked into his eyes with seriousness, taking the risk that he would cherish her more this time and understand her importance.

Love wasn't about holding back, suppressing emotions, or hiding

The crisis they faced this time was just a part of life's challenges. They would encounter more

difficulties in the future. Pearl didn't want to be the one left behind every time; she wanted to face their challenges together.

Suddenly, Richard smiled and pulled her back into his embrace. He spoke softly, "Alright, I'll take you away!"

News of Pearl's escape spread far and wide on the day of the engagement.

Ezra was seething with anger because his family had become the laughingstock of Bodgow's upper class.

Raymond, the hero of the engagement, had a noticeable change in his expression when he learned about Pearl's escape.

Ezra noticed Raymond's sour mood and patted his shoulder reassuringly. "Don't worry. I'll explain things." Raymond gave a weird sneer. "No need to explain. I'll bring her back."

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Pearl and Richard went to a place that Ezra could never have imagined.

She was all smiles at the FX E-sports clubhouse, which made Felix a bit uneasy. "So, are you guys planning to stay here?"

"Felix, you're my cousin, right? I'm counting on you not to rat me out, okay?" Pearl blinked piteously.

"But Grandfather will kill me if he finds out." Felix wasn't eager to go home, but he was quite scared of



Ezra.

“Don’t worry I won’t expose you.”

For now, the club was their safest haven. As long as they evaded Ezra’s search and waited until things cooled down a bit, they could sort everything out.

BirdsofPrey and the two others who had gamed with Pearl before were thrilled to see her.

Grinning, Birdsof Prey suggested, “Miss Pearl, you should stick around and join our team. You’ll become super popular.”

RadishX nodded and took his phone out. “I’ve been doing live broadcasts lately. I’ve gained hundreds of thousands of new fans since you were away. I think I’ll hit a million fans soon.”

Pearl burst into laughter. “Why are you doing live broadcasts?”

“Well, I can interact with the fans who like me and... make money!”

Superscion smiled and patted his back. “Don’t listen to him. He’s not making much in a day.”

As they chatted, Pearl received a call from Wayne.

“Miss Pearl, something’s wrong! There’s an issue with the company!”

Wayne sounded frantic, as if he'd stumbled upon a major crisis. "The Jordan family's companies are putting pressure on us, causing significant disruptions. We're running low on funds."

"Can't we get a loan?"

After a brief hesitation, Wayne added, "I tried, but they refused, citing an order from Master Jordan."

They couldn't get a loan because of Master Jordan....

Frowning, Pearl realized the situation was more complicated than she'd thought. "Handle it for now and reassure the staff. I'll figure out the money."

After hanging up, Pearl looked at Richard and sighed. The latter had suggested that she keep a low profile for a while, but she refused.

"Why should I? I want to be out in the open."

"What's your plan?" Richard was shocked, though he understood Pearl's approach.

Pearl glanced at RadishX and smiled. "I'm going to do live broadcasts."

Hearing that, RadishX jumped up. "Miss Pearl, you're going to do it?"

"Yeah, my company is short on funds and can't get a loan. Live broadcasting is my only option."

‘Awesome! Let me teach you ’

Pearl shook her head. “No, it’s okay. I already have an account.”

She found her account while RadishX was still in shock. It was called “Mist,” a simple name. When

RadishX saw the number of her fans, he was astounded.

“Eighty million?!”

He had heard of this streamer before. Mist never revealed her face, but her voice was delightful She

sometimes played

recordings, showed her gaming sessions, or made videos covering various topics. In short, she

dabbled in a variety of fields.

Surprisingly, she had amassed eighty million fans with her diverse content and had become the hottest

streamer at the moment. That single account could be sold for 130 million dollars.

“Wait, you’re Mist?” RadishX’s eyes sparkled. “You could make up your company’s shortfall just by

selling this account, let alone through live broadcasting. Miss Pearl, you’ve got this!”

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However, Felix was in a bit of a dilemma. “Won’t your location be exposed if you do a live broadcast?”

“Don’t worry. I never show my face during live broadcasts. They can’t find me, and not many people know it’s me.”

“Yeah, even though I’m with you all the time, I had no idea.” Richard couldn’t help but smirk as he stared intently at Pearl.

“Ugh...” Pearl turned and noticed Richard’s gaze. She chuckled nervously. “Well, you know I’ve got quite a few different identities.”

After going through so much with her, Richard had become accustomed to her identities that surfaced out of the blue.

“I’ll go live at 9:00 p.m. today. But...what should I do?”

Suddenly, RadishX jumped up excitedly before Pearl could respond. “You should go live while playing games!”

That was a brilliant idea, especially since they were at the club.

“Sure, but I’ve got a plan.” Pearl then turned to Felix and gave him a sly smile.

Felix looked puzzled. “Why are you looking at me?”

“The theme for tonight’s live show is a challenge to all the members of FX.”

Felix widened his eyes. “Really? Are you going to fight against everyone here?”

“What’s wrong? Can’t I do that? By the way, Felix, I’ll save you for last. Or else, they might not want to fight against me.”

Felix was left speechless, but he couldn’t refuse at this point. Reluctantly, he agreed.

He posted the challenge in the club’s public group chat, which got everyone excited. A live challenge was quite thrilling, and they were all curious about Pearl’s true skills. They were eager to take her on.

The live show started promptly at 9:00 p.m.

Pearl couldn’t help but smile as she watched the viewer count rapidly rise. Within a short time, there were already a million people watching.

When the atmosphere was just right, Pearl’s clear and sweet voice filled the live broadcast.

“Hello, ladies and gentlemen. I’m so happy to have you all in my live broadcast tonight. I’m here because of a small challenge. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show. Feel free to support me with gifts or cheers.”

The gifts started pouring in.

“Mist, I’ll buy you thirty diamonds. Can I get your WhatsApp contact?”

Pearl snorted. “Sir, buy me a hundred, and I’ll think about it.”

Her response sparked laughter in the live chat.

“Alright, enough chit-chat. Let’s get into the challenge.” Pearl looked at the first person who wanted to challenge her. She sighed internally because they weren’t even a gold-level player.

“Miss Pearl, I’m a big fan of yours. You’re great with your Elizabeth character. Can I challenge you?”

“Sure.”

Pearl selected Elizabeth without hesitation. After entering the battle, she found that her opponent had chosen the same character too.

Surprisingly, it turned out to be an exciting match with two players using the same character. By then,

the viewer count had reached three million

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Pearl’s opponent put up a good fight, but it wasn’t enough to defeat her. He surrendered after just five minutes.

After her first victory, viewers of the live show began sending Pearl a barrage of gifts. Within a short

time, she had received gifts worth nearly 680 thousand dollars. But it still fell short of her goal.

The second challenger claimed to be Pearl's fan but was also soundly defeated.

Viewers praised Pearl for her exceptional gaming skills, with some even expressing a desire for her to become their mentor.

Several professional gaming teams heard the news and came forward with offers of up to 15 million dollars to recruit Pearl, but she turned them down.

Calmly, Pearl said, "Next."

Despite receiving a lot of praise, some critics began to emerge.

"There are many people with sweet voices who are good at gaming, but little do you know that most of them aren't good-looking. They're just trying to find validation because they have low self-esteem in real life."

Many viewers agreed with this sentiment.

"Yeah, I loow someone like that. She has a good voice but is overweight and unattractive."

“My online date is the same. She’s really ugly, and as long as she doesn’t show her face, people mistake her for the person in her profile picture.”

However, there were those who stepped forward to defend Pearl.

“You’re just jealous. I’m sure she’s very pretty, and her voice sounds mature. There’s no way she’s overweight.”

Having met Pearl in person, RadishX couldn’t tolerate the criticism. “I’ve seen her, and she’s very pretty. I really like her.”

But some viewers criticized him as a “k\*ss-\*ss.”

RadishX’s face turned red with anger. “I’m more than willing!”

The argument escalated, and Pearl couldn’t be bothered to intervene as the viewer count soared to over five million. Her fan base continued to grow, and it looked like she might reach 100 million fans by the end of the live show.

Many viewers pestered her to reveal her photo. With a smile, Pearl made a promise, “I’ll show my face during a broadcast if the gifts in the show reach a total value of 41 million.”

Her statement caused a stir among the viewers. 41 million? Ordinary streamers would never receive



that amount of gifts during a live show, and some viewers thought she was just making an excuse to avoid revealing her photos.

Smiling, Pearl continued to challenge other players

Her last opponent was Felix, a popular streamer with tens of millions of fans. Their showdown attracted even more attention.

At last, the viewer count exceeded ten million.

Felix chose his favorite hero, while Pearl selected one at a disadvantage in terms of attributes. In a fair matchup, Pearl would have stood no chance against Felix

“What happens if you lose, Pearl?” Felix asked as he saw the hero Pearl had chosen.

Smirking confidently, Pearl replied, “I won’t lose.”

The battle began, and at first, Pearl seemed to be falling behind. But as she accumulated more in-game currency, she gradually gained the upper hand.

“Sorry,” Pearl said, before ultimately defeating Felix’s hero and pushing his crystal off.

Felix, who had topped the rankings all year, was defeated by Pearl. This unexpected outcome caused

a commotion in the live

show as a mysterious woman had managed to beat Felix.

While viewers were still in shock, another piece of news surfaced. The total value of rewards in the live

show had surpassed 41 million.

It kept climbing, reaching 54 million, 65 million, and then an astonishing 130 million!

No one had anticipated that the rewards for a live show could reach tens of millions, and Pearl had set

the example. Furthermore, it wasn't just one person who contributed to this staggering sum.

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As a result, Pearl's fans began to request that she reveal her face. With the live show almost coming to

an end, Pearl decided to keep her promise and turned on the camera.

A face adorned with delicate makeup appeared onscreen, leaving the viewers in shock.

"Pearl?!"

The live show was filled with confusion.

"Isn't this Nancie?"

"What Nancie? She's Pearlbelles, the gaming queen!"

“Shut up! She’s Rarity!”

“Nonsense! She’s the president of Ceruleu. You guys aren’t real fans!”

“No, she’s the granddaughter of Master Jordan who’s disappeared for many years. Haven’t you read the news?”

The argument in the live show was giving Pearl a headache. “Alright, stop fighting,” she said, attempting to restore order.

Her words managed to silence the viewers for about three seconds before they erupted into excitement again.

“Do more live shows, Pearl. I’ll buy you more diamonds!”

Pearl’s l\*ps twitched, but before she could respond, her live show was abruptly blocked. As the screen dimmed, she noticed a message

[Your show has been reported and banned.]

The next moment, she received a text message.

[I know that you’re doing live streaming, Pearl. Don’t even think about earning money there.]

It was from Ezra

‘What bad luck!’ With a frown, Pearl blocked his number. She wondered if he was determined to push

her into a corner..

Fine. She decided to take drastic measures.

She posted a short video. “I apologize, ladies and gentlemen. The Jordans have been pressuring me to

get engaged against my will and targeting my company due to some past issues. I was compelled to

host this live show, but... unfortunately, it has been banned as well.”

She didn’t reveal the exact reason her show was banned, but her words were enough to unveil the

whole story.

Many people had been waiting for Pearl to explain the sudden end of her live show earlier. With her

explanation, the comments section descended into chaos.

They now understood that Pearl was being forced into an engagement by Ezra and that the Jordan

Group was suppressing her company. Hence, they flooded the Jordan Group’s official website with

scathing criticisms.

(You’re mistreating your own granddaughter. What a b\*stard!]

[Why do you care who she's dating? Is bullying her the only solution?]

[I'll never buy anything from the Jordan Group again!]

[Miss Pearl has fans from various backgrounds. We Pearlies won't cause trouble, but we won't back down either!]

The Jordan Group was a major conglomerate with diverse business interests, but Pearl had amassed a substantial number of fans. In no time, sales across various sectors of the Jordan Group began to plummet.

This, in turn, placed Ezra in a difficult situation.

"Master Jordan, something is seriously wrong. We're receiving numerous requests for refunds on our jewelry!"

"Master Jordan, many gamers are quitting our games. Our gaming company is facing a crisis!"

"Master Jordan, there's a protest happening outside the company!"

"Master Jordan..."

Suddenly, Ezra erupted in anger, smashing a vase, and shouted, "Bring Pearl back!"

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Pearl returned to Enswood with Richard.

Meanwhile, Ezra was forced to post a statement on his social media account due to the significant blow to his family's business. In the statement, he promised not to interfere in Pearl's marriage and to stop suppressing her company.

As a result, Pearl was freed from his control. Her fans were satisfied with these developments, and they agreed to cease their criticism of the Jordans.

Pearl, feeling relieved, lounged on the sofa and casually posted a short video expressing her forgiveness of Ezra. Afterward, she tossed her phone aside and snuggled into Richard's arms. Little did she know that he was having a video conference.

Richard cleared his throat Pearl was then stunned when she realized what was happening, while the people across the screen had similar reactions.

She quickly retreated from the awkward situation. At the same time, her phone chimed with a new message. Upon picking up her phone, she saw a text from Blake.

[There's something I didn't tell you, Pearl. Can you meet me at the cafe?]

Shocked, Pearl informed Richard about the message and then headed downstairs. However, as she

reached the garage, an eerie feeling overcame her, and suddenly, someone grabbed her wrist. Before she could react, a cloth soaked in a pungent scent was placed over her nose and mouth, causing her to lose consciousness.

“Sir, she’s out,” the person said with relief, turning to the man beside him.

“Mm, well done.” Raymond sneered. “Take her to my villa.”

“Yes, sir.”

When Pearl regained consciousness, she found herself securely tied to a bed. Raymond sat nearby, observing her silently. His cold and intense gaze seemed to relish the sight before him.

“It’s been a while, Pearl,” he said.

Pearl clenched her fists but maintained her composure. “I didn’t expect this side of you, Raymond. Are you angry because I refused to marry you?”

“How can you joke at a time like this, Pearl? I brought you here because I need your help.” Raymond wore his usual smile, tinged with a hint of wickedness.

Pearl cursed inwardly but chose not to provoke him. “What kind of help do you

need?"

"You know about my first love, right? Blake probably told you."

"She passed away a long time ago, didn't she?" Pearl's eyes turned cold.

"Yeah, logically speaking, she's no longer alive." Raymond's gaze drifted into the distance as he

continued, "Let me tell you a story"

Pearl had no interest in hearing his story and cut to the chase. "Just tell me what you want from me."

"Listen to me. Maybe you'll die happier that way."

Raymond's words sent shivers down Pearl's spine. 'Die happier? What a lunatic!'

"She was an exceptional girl, much like you-confident, charming, and bright. But she wasn't as

manipulative as you. Unfortunately, she suffers from a rare condition called Death's Euphoria, and her

blood type is unique. I've struggled to find a suitable donor for her, and the treatments can only sustain

her life for so long "

"And you want to use my life in exchange for hers?" Pearl's voice was icy.

Raymond approached Pearl, bending over slowly. His eyes gleamed with cruelty and an eerie

fascination. "Indeed, I've



searched for many people and even obtained a sample of your hair for a DNA match. Surprisingly, you turned out to be the most suitable.”

“Aren’t you worried that she’ll hate you once she finds out what you’ve done to me?”

Raymond remained calm. “It doesn’t matter. I just want to save her. Besides, if you’re gone, nob\*dy will ever find out.”