

YOUR GUISE 51

Chapter 51

Pearl was moved by how determined Richard looked.

But they didn't get very far. When Pearl thought they would be caught, they heard the sound of sirens

The men chasing them got scared and started to run away. But police officers, led by Wayne, caught th

Wayne rushed to them and asked, "Miss... Pearl, are you okay?" He quickly corrected how he address

ed Pearl when he realized his mistake.

Still in Richard's arms, Pearl said weakly, "I'm fine."

Richard spoke up, "I'm taking her to the

hospital. She hurt her leg. You may go home first, Mister Wayne." Inexplicable displeasure hit him whe

n he noticed Wayne's concern for Pearl.

"Okay." Knowing that it was quite inappropriate for him to stay here, Wayne nodded and left with the pol

ice officers to handle those kidnappers.

It was already three o'clock in the morning when Richard brought Pearl to the hospital, and Hugo, who

was working the night shift, noticed their distressed condition. "What happened to you guys?"

Richard explained apathetically, “Pearl was kidnapped, and I just saved her.”

“Kidnapped?” Hugo frowned. “Why didn’t you tell us?”

Richard glanced at Pearl in his arms and said indifferently, “No need to trouble Dad and Mom, it might complicate things. Besides, she sprained her leg. Just get her the treatment she needs.” He then gently laid Pearl down in the bed.

With a sense of helplessness, Hugo remarked, “You sprained your leg twice in a row. You better be careful, or you might develop long-term issues from multiple sprains.”

Pearl touched her nose awkwardly. “All right.”

After tending to her wound, a nurse called Hugo away. Richard took a seat in front of her bed and this time he asked, “Who kidnapped you?”

But his question made Pearl scoff. “Why are you asking? You never believed a thing I said.”

Stunned, Richard looked into her eyes and whispered, “I’m sorry.”

He had realized his prejudice toward her, his firm belief in his feelings, and his partiality toward Abby.

Who kidnapped you

As a result, it was hard for Pearl to make things difficult for him after he had admitted to his mistakes, especially since he had always been a proud and arrogant man.

“Okay, apology accepted. But Abby is the one behind all of this.”

Richard’s eyes turned cold. “Is it really her?”

Pearl nodded. “Yes, she waited for me in the parking lot for three days. She also ordered a bunch of men to kidnap me and take liberties with me, but I was spared because I tricked them.”

Upon hearing about those men’s vulgar plan, Richard’s expression became fierce. “She’s gone too far. I’ll teach her a lesson.”

Pearl felt much better now, because surprisingly, Richard took her side.

Suddenly, her phone rang. It was Wayne.

“They confessed that Abby gave the orders, Miss Pearl. The cops have gone to the Flores Residence. I’ll be there in ten minutes.”

Those men were smart enough to realize they could get a milder punishment by admitting their guilt. They were smart.

After ending the call, Pearl closed her eyes in exhaustion.

Richard felt sorry for her when he noticed the dark circles under her eyes. “Just stay here tonight and rest. I’ll take care of everything.”

But his suggestion made Pearl sigh. “Mister Dustan will get worried if I don’t go home.”

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Richard gave Pearl a cold look and said seriously, “Your injury will get worse if you go home now. Do you want to stay here a bit longer?”

“Okay, when you see Mister Dustan, tell him I’m staying at a friend’s house for two days. Don’t mention the kidnapping.”

Pearl didn’t want to worry Dustan. She felt she had already troubled him a lot.

Richard agreed to it and left.

Two days later, Pearl was discharged from the hospital and heard that Abby had been arrested. After that, she stopped thinking about it and focused on her work.

The jewelry set called First Love and First Sight was selling well. But it needed a famous person to promote it. Hanzel was perfect for the job.

Hanzel had many fans, mostly young girls and women. They would love this jewelry.

When Pearl returned to Waldorf Residence, she talked about this with Hanzel, who immediately agreed.

“But isn’t this jewelry for couples?” Hanzel asked with a playful smile. “It might be boring if I’m the only one

e in the ad. Why don't you join me, Pearl?"

He had a point. The jewelry was for couples, so an ad with a lovely couple would be more appealing.

Pearl was thinking about it when Richard spoke up, "Are you saying Waldorf Enterprises can't find a suitable woman for the ad? Why push Pearl into it?"

Hanzel smirked. "Come on, Rick. Pearl isn't yours. Even the director said she's beautiful. He even thought of adding her to the crew." Grinning, he gave Pearl a warm look.

In fact, he had some selfish motives. Nancie had always been her idol, so shooting an ad with Pearl would be awesome.

"Pearl is busy with work, and it's unnecessary." Richard refused to give in. He was annoyed when he saw people on the Internet referring to Hanzel and Pearl as a perfect couple because of their previous music video.

"Forget it. I won't ask you." Hanzel pouted and asked Pearl, "What do you think, Pearl?"

Pearl rubbed her forehead, hesitating. "I'll think about it. If you really can't find someone else, I'll do it."

Pearl's vague answer

made Richard's face sink. But he didn't say anything and just glanced at her indifferently before leaving the dining table.

Pearl was confused. Why was Richard acting so strange all of a sudden?

She didn't think about it for long. She casually took a few bites and followed Richard to the office.

As soon as she sat down, a secretary gave her a stack of documents.

"The president instructed you to finish these in three days, Miss Pearl."

Three days for all this work?

Pearl felt an incoming headache. She had a feeling that Richard was trying to keep her busy on purpose.

For the next few days, Richard kept giving her more work. Every time she finished something, there was

Did he... not want her to do the advertisement?

Pearl felt irritated and cursed him inwardly. Why was he being so childish?

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A few days later, Hanzel went to the company.

He leaned against the door of Richard's office, smiling. "I've met many female celebrities recently. Non

e of them were a good fit or wanted to do the ad. Rick, I really don't have anyone else in mind."

Richard responded coldly, "It's not like we must shoot this ad."

His statement made Hanzel frown. "You can't do that, Rick. You promised. Don't go back on your word."

"I'll still pay you, but you don't need to do the ad."

Meanwhile, Pearl knocked on the door, wanting to clarify some terms. She overheard their conversation, and it left her with mixed feelings.

Spotting her, Hanzel said, "Pearl!" He immediately went to her and grinned. "I really can't find anyone for the ad. Remember you said you'd do it if I couldn't find anyone?"

Pearl's lips twitched as she glanced at Richard, who seemed upset. She found herself lost for words.

"Don't worry about Rick. He already agreed."

However, Richard coldly refuted Hanzel. "I never said that."

Pearl replied, "Why don't we give it a try?"

She understood that Waldorf Enterprises needed the endorsement of a celebrity to establish a presence in the jewelry industry and gain an initial advantage in promoting their jewelry products.

So, she wasn't willing to abandon the idea too quickly. She gave Richard a tentative look and continued when he stayed composed, "Ultimately, it's for the good of Waldorf Enterprises. I believe this plan will work."

After a long silence, Richard murmured, "Fine."

Finally, with Richard's approval, Hanzel and Pearl could work together on the ad.

Hanzel postponed filming

the upcoming drama to focus on the ad. But the set was at a large outdoor field instead of Waldorf Enterprises.

Richard went there to oversee the shoot, afraid that something might go wrong

During the

shoot, Hanzel and Pearl acted intimately with each other, and they didn't notice Richard's livid face nearby.

After the first scene, Pearl went for a water break and heard Richard's cold mockery. "You're pretty good."

Shocked, Pearl turned around and saw Richard, who was fuming with unspeakable emotions.

“Why are you here?”

Richard cleared his throat. “I’m the boss. It’s only natural to keep an eye on our projects.”

Pearl nodded when Hanzel walked over to them. Smiling, she handed him a bottle of water. “Here, drink

Hanzel took a sip and smiled at Richard. “I didn’t expect you to come and check out such a boring thing

Richard shot him a cold glare. “I’m not allowed to come?”

His question made Hanzel laugh. “You never came to my shoots before, even when I invited you. But yo

After that, he squinted and asked curiously, “Are you here because of Pearl? Oh, Rick! I never thought

Staring at Hanzel, Richard lowered his voice. “What are you talking about, Hanzel?”

But Hanzel just smiled and shook his head. “I took a fancy to Pea first. Don’t think of taking her from me

His words made Richard feel even worse.

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“You don’t know if she’s yours yet.”

When Pearl noticed the increasing tension between Richard and Hanzel, she hurried to a public washr

oom nearby.

As soon as she entered, she spotted a familiar face she hadn’t seen in a long time: Emily.

Emily regarded Pearl with a cold gaze. "Humph! Fate brings enemies together, Pearl"

Not wanting to get entangled

in this conflict, Pearl tried to keep things civil. "How have you been, Miss Emily? Did y new job?"

you find a

Emily's anger flared at the mention of her employment

situation. "Don't think you've won just because you got me kicked out of Waldorf Enterprises. I'll make y

ou pay one day!"

Unfazed, Pearl calmly replied, "Whatever."

clan Pearl.

Emily's anger only grew. Without warning, she stepped forward and tried to slap

Pearl reacted quickly, catching Emily's wrist and giving her a stern look. "You're really going to slap me,

Emily?"

"Do you even know how tough it's been for me since Waldorf Enterprises let me go? Not even a single

company wanted to hire me! You're responsible for my suffering, and I'll get my revenge!" Emily struggl

ed to pull Pearl's hair but Pearl abruptly pushed her away.

Emily stumbled and hit her head against the sink,

causing intense pain. When she saw the blood flowing down her

neck, she pulled out her phone and dialed the police.

"This was a deliberate attack, Pearl! You'll end up in jail!"

Pearl just watched Emily's anger with a calm demeanor.

Not long after, the police arrived and took both Pearl and Emily into custody. Emily was rushed to the h

ospital for her head injury, and then she was taken to the police station for her testimony.

Meanwhile, Richard and Hanzel, unaware of the unfolding drama, waited outside for Pearl to return to t

he shooting location. When they received the news that she had been taken by the police, they hurried

to the station as well.

Inside the police station, Pearl and Emily sat in silence.

A police officer asked, "What happened?"

Pearl remained silent, while Emily burst into tears. "You have to get justice for me, Officer. I was pushe

d for no reason and got seriously hurt. You must punish this woman!"

The police officer handed Emily a tissue to wipe her tears, taking note of her severe head injury and emotional distress.

Turning to Pearl, he asked, "Is Miss Emily telling the truth, Miss Pearl? Did you push her out of hatred?"

Pearl answered calmly, "I acted in self-defense."

Emily knew there were no security cameras in the washroom, so she felt emboldened to twist the truth.

The police officer frowned. "She's right. You won't be punished severely if you admit it."

Pearl repeated firmly, "It was really self-defense."

Emily raised her voice in frustration. "Stop interrogating her, Officer. She's too stubborn. Just lock her up

Amused, Pearl chuckled. "What if I have the evidence to prove otherwise?"

Emily scoffed as if she'd heard a preposterous joke. "Come on. I'll eat

my

hat if you can

you can show the evidence today, Pearl"

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Naturally, Emily didn't think Pearl had

any evidence against her. She felt that Pearl was trying to manipulate her and buy

herself more time.

Pearl spoke slowly, "Well, don't blame me for what I did then"

With her chin held high, Emily eagerly awaited what Pearl had in store.

Pearl retrieved her phone from her sleeve and played a recording. Soon, everyone heard Emily's angry voice coming from the phone.

"Don't think you've won just because you got me kicked out of Waldorf Enterprises. I'll make you pay o

ne day..."

The recording included some arguing and footsteps, all coupled with Emily's voice. It was clear to every

one that Emily had initiated the confrontation and tried to harm Pearl.

"I think these words are clear enough, Officer. It was Miss Emily who tried to harm me first. I was just P

earl calmly explained.

protecting myself,"

Emily's face drained of color as she heard the recording. She couldn't believe that Pearl had foreseen h

er attack and recorded it.

“You framed me! You deliberately provoked me and set me up with that recording,” Emily accused Pearl,

her gaze intense.

But Pearl smiled indifferently. “What was that you said earlier, Miss Emily? About eating your hat? It’s u

necessary because nob*dy wants to see that.”

Turning to the police officer, she added, “I trust you’ll make the right decision, Officer.”

Of course, the police officer could tell who was at fault here. He felt apologetic for doubting Pearl earlier

and cleared his throat. “I apologize for misunderstanding you, Miss Pearl.”

Pearl accepted the apology gracefully. “It’s okay, but what will happen to Miss Emily?”

The police officer replied coldly, “Under our country’s jurisdiction, deliberate assault can lead to a sente

nce of up to three years in prison. But it depends on whether you want to press charges, Miss Pearl.”

Pearl raised her brows. “So, it’s up to me?”

Emily’s heart sank upon hearing this. She suddenly stood up, grabbing Pearl’s sleeves, and began cryi

ng and pleading. “Please let me go, Pearl. I’m still young. I can’t go to jail”

cars old.

She didn't want to face the prospect of jail time at only twenty-two years

Pearl frowned. "Calm down, Miss Emily."

"Pearl, I admit I was terrible to you in the past, and I wronged you at

the company. I'm willing to make amends, but please don't press charges. I can't go to jail. I'm begging

She was truly panicked, as she had never imagined her life taking this turn.

Sneering, Pearl said, "So, you acknowledge your wrongdoings now. Save that for your self-

reflection in jail."

If anyone crossed her, she'd make sure they learned their lesson. She was never a pushover.

Emily, overcome with despair, collapsed on the floor, crying uncontrollably.

The police officer instructed a few officers to take her away and detain her temporarily.

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The police officer smiled apologetically. "I'm sorry for the misunderstanding earlier, Miss Pearl. I'll get s

omeone to drive you home."

Pearl waved her hand dismissively. "No need, I can go home on my own."

So, the police officer ordered someone to walk her to the door.

Once outside the police station, Pearl spotted Richard and Hanzel rushing toward her in a state of panic.

Seeing her safe and sound, Richard breathed a sigh of relief. However, Hanzel went forward and grabbed Pearl's shoulders, asking, "What happened, Pearl?"

Pearl smiled at him awkwardly. "It's nothing. I ran into Emily, and she tried to frame me but ended up in jail."

"I've heard about this Emily, she's quite difficult. How did you handle her?" Hanzel was curious.

Chuckling, Pearl explained, "She tried to slap me, but I pushed her away. Then she accused me of attacking her on purpose. Luckily, I had my phone recording during the shoot to listen to my performance, and I didn't manage to turn it off. So, I happened to record all of her angry words."

Richard knew Pearl was smart and could protect herself, but he frowned at the mention of Emily. "Didn't I drive her away long ago?"

He even warned that no company would hire her, or they would become Waldorf Enterprises' enemies.

Unexpectedly, Emily refused to give up and stayed in this city.

"Yes, you did, but she insisted on causing trouble." Pearl shrugged. "Maybe she really hates me."

Looking somber, Richard decided it was time to teach Emily a harsh lesson to ensure she never came back.

Hanzel was also relieved that Pearl was safe. "Maybe we should pause today's shoot. You've been through a lot today. We can shoot the rest of it another time."

However, Pearl shook her head and declined his offer. "Your schedule must be tight, being a star and all. I can't delay this further because of what happened. Let's go back and try to finish before sunset."

Richard and Hanzel reluctantly returned to the shooting location with Pearl, as she was determined to continue. Hanzel and Pearl resumed their shoot.

Three days later, the advertisement was officially released. Within the first hour, sales of First Love and First Sight surged by thirty percent, proving the huge number of Hanzel and Nancie's fans.

The netizens were also buzzing with excitement about the possible romance between Hanzel and Nancie, leaving endless comments on their official websites. Many were hoping that their partnership would lead to a real-life love story.

[Pearl is a perfect match for Hanzel, being a Waldorf family fiancée. I'm sure they'll marry!]

[Look at this ad! They're a match made in heaven!]

[Please! I want to see them together!]

[I'll support him if he marries such a perfect woman. I won't be sad. I'm praying for their marriage!]

[Please get together!]

Pearl didn't pay much attention to these comments, as they seemed normal to her, but Richard was noticeably uncomfortable..

He didn't speak to Pearl for the entire day.

When Pearl returned home late that night after working overtime, she was greeted by the strong scent

Dustan and Susan were traveling, Sean was on a business trip, Hanzel had a packed schedule, Hugo w

So, the source of the scent of wine was...

"Pearl"

Pearl looked up and met Richard's intense, bright gaze.

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Richard's voice brought Pearl back to reality. Her heart raced when she saw him, his gaze intense in t

he dim light.

“What’s wrong?”

Richard seemed different from his usual self, likely due to the wine he’d consumed. His gaze appeared

even more intense than usual.

don’t you?”

“You like Hanzel, don’t you?”

Pearl raised her brows in response. “Why do you think I like Hanzel?”

Richard got closer. “Why did you shoot an advertisement with him if you didn’t like him? Why didn’t you

reject his advances? And…” He trailed off, his expression unreadable.

Pearl used her hand to stop him from coming closer and whispered, “You’re drunk, Richard.”

He seemed to sober up a bit and stepped back. “I’m not drunk. I just want to remind you not to become

Hanzel’s girlfriend. What happened the other day should serve as a lesson.”

His words sent a chill down Pearl’s spine as she remembered the incident a few months ago when Han

zel’s passionate and aggressive fans had kidnapped her and assaulted her.

Luckily, she was not much interested in Hanzel, or his fans would do much worse.

“Got it. Thank you for the reminder, but I’m really not interested in Hanzel,” Pearl replied with a smile.
“I

m going t now if there’s nothing else you want to say.”

The atmosphere felt tense and filled with Richard’s undisclosed thoughts, making Pearl eager to escap
e.

Besides, Richard had agreed with his silence.

“Goodnight. Don’t stay up too late.” After bidding him goodnight, Pearl hurried to her room.

bed

The following day at work, Richard didn’t summon her to his

office for their usual discussions about the new season. It struck Pearl as odd, but she didn’t ask about
it.

Around noon, Pearl heard a nearby coworker scream, “Help! My computer just crashed!”

Pearl looked over suspiciously when every computer in the planning department blacked out.

At the same time, cries of distress filled the office.

“I just finished my proposal and forgot to save it!”

“I’ve just completed my design!”

“What’s happening? Isn’t anyone going to fix this?”

Listening to their complaints, Pearl stood up and cleared her throat “Okay, everyone, please calm down.

“How? Everyone’s computer crashed except yours, Miss Pearl,” a person mumbled, earning her a cold g

In fact, Pearl’s computer didn’t crash because it was equipped with a system she had designed. Viruses
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Pearl remembered Ruby Snyder, the young woman who spoke ill of her in a low voice.

Ruby had been close to Abby when the latter worked here previously.

“What? Your computer didn’t crash, Miss Pearl?”

Everyone looked over and saw that Pearl’s computer was still functioning.

“Our computers are down, but yours is fine.

Well...”

Ruby didn’t outright accuse Pearl, but her insinuations were clear. She hinted that Pearl might be behin

d the computer issues, raising suspicions among her colleagues.

Pearl shot Ruby a cold glare in response. “What do you mean?”

Ruby tried her best to maintain her composure. "I'm not accusing you, Miss Pearl. I'm just suggesting it's possible. If it's not you, then prove it. Don't intimidate your subordinates."

Pearl looked away and asked the others, "Do I have to prove it?"

A man cautiously spoke up, "Miss Pearl, I don't think you'd do something like this based on your character, but—

Ruby chimed in, "It's not impossible! Everyone wants to excel in the company and stand out by putting others down."

Ruby's words triggered a realization in Pearl. "Well, Ruby, it seems like you have a good grasp of the motives behind this scheme."

Ruby looked pale but vehemently denied any involvement. "No, I don't. Don't slander me. My computer ... is broken too." She pointed at her computer and sneered. "Mine was the first to crash, right in the middle of working on a proposal." With an arched eyebrow, Pearl looked at Ruby's mocking smile and asked, "Can I take a look at your computer then?"

Ruby nodded confidently. "Sure, go ahead. Since it crashed, there's nothing to hide."

She had intentionally planted a highly complex virus in her computer, confident that Pearl wouldn't be able to fix it. Looking composed, Pearl said, "Okay, don't regret it."

She examined Ruby's computer and identified a notorious virus named Ellisa. Only five people in the world could crack it, and Pearl happened to be one of them.

Pearl swiftly typed complex code and mathematical symbols, leaving others

bewildered by the incomprehensible display on

the screen.

Finally, Pearl cracked the virus, and everyone saw Ruby's unfinished work—a simple drawing of a frog.

"Oh, the proposal you were talking about was this little frog," Pearl taunted Ruby.

Ruby, still in denial, retorted, "Maybe the virus turned my proposal into a frog!" She blushed but continue

Ruby inadvertently let slip that she had a backup.

"You have a backup? You foresaw the future and created a backup because you knew your computer was by a virus," Pearl exposed Ruby's lie.

Unable to maintain the pretense any longer, Ruby confessed vehemently, "Yes, I did it! What are you go

Ruby felt that she had worked her “ss off for the company and deserved a promotion.

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Pearl’s expression turned icy. “You did a terrible thing by hacking everyone’s computers and falsely acc using me, didn’t you? Now, not only will you not become the manager, but you’ll also lose your job due to your malicious actions.”

She glanced at an assistant nearby. “Inform the president that there’s someone harming the company h ere, and ask him to come.

Knowing that the president would be notified of her scheme, Ruby was crestfallen.

When Richard arrived on the scene, he found Pearl seated calmly, watching the drama unfold with inte rest. Ruby, on the other hand, was on the floor, crying and walling, displaying deep remorse.

Pearl teased Richard, “Mister Richard, your seasoned employee tried to frame me, but I uncovered her plot. What do you think should be done with her?”

Richard responded emotionlessly. “Understood. I’ll fire Ruby according to the company’s rules.”

Ruby, in tears, threw herself at Richard, clutching his leg. “Please don’t fire me, Mister Richard. I’ve bee

n with the company for so long, and I don't want to leave. Please give me another chance."

"Release me immediately, or your punishment will be far more severe than just leaving the company,"

Richard warned sternly.

Panicking, Ruby let go, fully aware of Richard's power.

The incident concluded with Ruby leaving the company in disgrace.

After that, Pearl turned to her colleagues and offered a warm smile. "Don't worry. I'll help you

guys restore your computers

now."

Her coworkers were amazed. "You're 50 awesome, Pearl!"

They already considered Pearl an incredibly capable woman, but now she was also skilled at fixing co

mputer viruses, leaving them wondering if there was anything she couldn't do.

Smiling, Pearl explained, "I'll create a code in my computer and transfer it to your computers. You don't

have to do anything."

"Just where did you learn this skill? It's so cool!" Pearl's male colleagues surrounded her

in amazement. They felt that Pearl was just like a hacker in movies..

Smiling shyly, Pearl elaborated, "It's nothing special. I picked up some knowledge from a foreigner when I was abroad. It's just basic stuff."

Richard, watching the attention Pearl was receiving, felt a pang of annoyance.

"Aren't you going back to work? If you don't return to your desks now, I'll dock a month's salary from each of you," he declared coldly, his mellow voice carrying a commanding tone.

His threat compelled the men to timidly return to their workstations.

However, Pearl playfully teased him with a sly grin. "Are you jealous?"

"Get back to work."

"Don't be so stem. I know men rarely say what they mean."

Richard shot her an indifferent look, a hint of emotion flickering in his eyes. "You're actually a hacker."

Others might think she had only acquired some basic skills, but Richard saw something more. Only a to

Pearl shrugged, spreading her hands. "You got me."

"You're impressive."

"Well, I'm sure there are many more impressive people out there," Pearl gracefully returned to her seat.

In the evening, as Pearl stepped out of the company, someone blocked her path as she attempted to ha

It was Hanzel, whom she hadn't seen in two days due to his filming commitments.

Hanzel flashed her a bright smile. "Get in the car, Pearl, I'm taking you somewhere,"

Pearl shook her head. "No, I've got something to do later."

"Come on, Pearl. I know a place with a beautiful night view. I'm sure you'll like it!" he urged.

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Pearl, unlike other women, wasn't swayed by Hanzel's pleading look. She could sense his feelings for he

r but couldn't reciprocate.

"I really don't-"

"Pearl, go home with me." Out of nowhere, Richard appeared and parked his car by the street too.

Suddenly, Pearl found herself in an awkward situation, torn between the two

men.

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"I asked her out first, Rick. You can't just take her away." Nervous, Hanzel raised his voice, but Richard r

emained calm as was certain of his victory.

“We’ve got a proposal to talk about, Pearl. Go back with me.” Richard’s order was absolute.

Gnashing her teeth, Pearl carefully apologized to Hanzel and got into Richard’s car.

“Pearl! Wait!”

But Richard ignored him and drove away:

Struck speechless, Pearl glanced at Richard in the car anxiously.

“Richard...”

“It doesn’t mean anything.”

They both spoke at the same time, and his words made her hold back what she wanted to say.

After a long pause, Richard said, “Didn’t I tell you to stay away from Hanzel? You’d easily get into trouble

.”

Stunned, Pearl disagreed. “No, I wasn’t going to-”

“Try not to be alone with Hanzel. You guys were in a couple’s advertisement before. If people see you to

gether and take photos, it could lead to a PR nightmare.”

While talking, Richard furrowed his brows

if he

Pearl nodded and looked out the window, but suddenly she noticed a car tailing them at a distance, adjusting its speed to meet theirs.

“Richard, I saw a car behind...”

Richard whispered, “I saw it too.”

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Waldorf Residence was located in a remote suburban area, and Richard was turning into a small, deserted street. It was a place where an accident could easily happen.

Richard stepped on the gas, causing the car behind them to speed up and chase them.

“Be careful, Richard!” Pearl was worried, feeling that their speed was becoming dangerously high.

Even though it was a desolate area, Richard drove steadily. But the driver in the car behind them was skilled as well and almost caught up to them.

In the next second, that car accelerated suddenly and forced Richard’s car to a halt.

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“Get out of the car, Richard!”

The occupants of the car behind them got out, cursing fiercely. Richard realized they were after him and
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‘You want me to leave you in a situation like this?’ Pearl looked serious. “You saved me so many times,

Frowning, Richard spoke sternly, “Don’t be stubborn, Pearl.”

Pearl chuckled and rolled up her sleeves.

underestimated me if you think I’m just a helpless woman, Richard.”

Her words drew his intense gaze to her confident face, stirring up a strange feeling within him.

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