



# RIVERDALE

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**EPISODE 1.09**

**"Chapter Nine: La Grande Illusion"**

Cheryl persuades Archie to escort her to a private Blossom family event. Veronica reaches out to Ethel and urges Hermione to come clean with Fred.

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### EPISODE CAST

K.J. Apa	...	Archie Andrews
Lili Reinhart	...	Betty Cooper
Camila Mendes	...	Veronica Lodge
Cole Sprouse	...	Jughead Jones
Marisol Nichols	...	Hermione Lodge
Madelaine Petsch	...	Cheryl Blossom
Mädchen Amick	...	Alice Cooper
Luke Perry	...	Fred Andrews
Casey Cott	...	Kevin Keller
Shannon Purser	...	Ethel Muggs
Nathalie Boltt	...	Penelope Blossom
Barclay Hope	...	Cliff Blossom
Hayley Law	...	Valerie Brown
Lochlyn Munro	...	Hal Cooper
Tiera Skovbye	...	Polly Cooper

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00:00:08,341 --> 00:00:09,609

NARRATOR:

Previously on Riverdale:

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00:00:09,743 --> 00:00:12,746

The SoDale contract?

It was awarded to Andrews Construction.

3

00:00:13,079 --> 00:00:15,215

Mr. Andrews still doesn't know

Daddy's the buyer?

4

00:00:15,382 --> 00:00:18,351

I asked around about those bruisers  
going after your crew.

5

00:00:18,485 --> 00:00:21,087

Pretty sure we both know  
who has business in Montreal.

6

00:00:21,221 --> 00:00:22,455

Hiram? Why would he even--?

7

00:00:22,589 --> 00:00:25,291

Maybe he got a whiff of your romance  
with Freddy Andrews.

8

00:00:25,425 --> 00:00:29,062

When my father got arrested,  
I made a pact to become a better person.

9

00:00:29,229 --> 00:00:31,431

You were the bravest  
of them all, Ethel Muggs.

10

00:00:31,698 --> 00:00:33,466

You hate the Blossoms...

11

00:00:33,633 --> 00:00:35,668

...and now Polly is pregnant with his baby.

12

00:00:36,036 --> 00:00:37,237

Polly is moving home.

13

00:00:37,404 --> 00:00:42,675

I will not be party to raising a child  
that has Blossom blood.

14

00:00:44,177 --> 00:00:47,280

JUGHEAD:

Thicker than blood, more precious than oil...

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00:00:47,414 --> 00:00:50,283

...Riverdale's big business is maple syrup.

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00:00:50,417 --> 00:00:51,751

Since the town's founding...

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00:00:52,085 --> 00:00:56,523

...one family has controlled  
this lucrative syrup trade, the Blossoms.

18

00:00:56,656 --> 00:00:59,259

They were a part of the fabric  
of our daily lives.

19

00:00:59,392 --> 00:01:01,795

Rich or poor, old or young...

20

00:01:02,128 --> 00:01:04,798

...we consumed Blossom Syrup  
by the bucket.

21

00:01:05,131 --> 00:01:08,802

That sickly sweet smell was inescapable.

22

00:01:11,371 --> 00:01:14,340

The death of Jason Blossom  
precipitated a crisis.

23

00:01:14,474 --> 00:01:16,342

With the heir apparent gone...

24

00:01:16,476 --> 00:01:19,412

...who would inherit  
the family business one day?

25

00:01:19,579 --> 00:01:21,548  
Certainly not Cheryl.

26

00:01:23,249 --> 00:01:26,252  
It was a question  
that brought the wolves to Riverdale.

27

00:01:26,386 --> 00:01:28,588  
And now the Blossoms were  
circling the wagons...

28

00:01:28,721 --> 00:01:32,125  
...against possible attack  
from within their own ranks.

29

00:01:32,258 --> 00:01:35,528  
BETTY:  
Polly won't answer my calls or e-mails.

30

00:01:35,695 --> 00:01:39,599  
I get that she doesn't want to talk to my dad,  
but what did I do wrong?

31

00:01:39,732 --> 00:01:40,834  
JUGHEAD:  
Nothing.

32

00:01:42,235 --> 00:01:43,736  
We'll figure it out.

33

00:01:43,870 --> 00:01:45,572  
Come here.

34

00:01:46,739 --> 00:01:48,108  
[DOOR OPENS]

35

00:01:48,241 --> 00:01:49,776  
Up and at 'em. Breakfast is ready.

36

00:01:50,143 --> 00:01:52,545  
-I'm not hungry.  
ALICE: Oh, enough is enough, Elizabeth.

37  
00:01:52,712 --> 00:01:54,547  
We have a big week ahead of us.

38  
00:01:54,681 --> 00:01:57,417  
The Blossoms have always been  
a thorn in our side...

39  
00:01:57,584 --> 00:02:00,286  
...ever since,  
according to your milquetoast father...

40  
00:02:00,453 --> 00:02:03,690  
...Great-Grandpappy Blossom  
killed Great-Grandpappy Cooper.

41  
00:02:03,823 --> 00:02:06,793  
Well, it's about time  
someone brings them to heel.

42  
00:02:07,160 --> 00:02:10,497  
I'm writing a searing, no-holds-barred  
take-down of their clan.

43  
00:02:10,630 --> 00:02:13,166  
And you think that's gonna  
bring Polly home?

44  
00:02:13,333 --> 00:02:16,369  
Maybe, maybe not,  
but it'll make me feel better.

45  
00:02:16,536 --> 00:02:19,372  
Word has it  
that the Blossom board of trustees...

46  
00:02:19,506 --> 00:02:22,742  
...has descended upon Riverdale  
like a cabal of vampires.

47

00:02:22,876 --> 00:02:24,878  
Why? Now, that's a story.

48  
00:02:25,211 --> 00:02:26,479  
I just need to find a way in.

49  
00:02:28,681 --> 00:02:30,283  
HERMIONE:  
Lawyers are coming over this week...

50  
00:02:30,416 --> 00:02:33,353  
...to take our statements  
for your dad's hearing.

51  
00:02:33,486 --> 00:02:35,788  
We're gonna have to testify  
on your father's behalf.

52  
00:02:36,156 --> 00:02:39,692  
What if they ask about what he did?

53  
00:02:39,826 --> 00:02:41,828  
Embezzling all that money?

54  
00:02:42,162 --> 00:02:43,863  
Am I gonna have to lie?

55  
00:02:44,197 --> 00:02:47,467  
Well, uh, we might have to...

56  
00:02:47,600 --> 00:02:50,203  
...shade the truth a bit, Ronnie.

57  
00:02:52,438 --> 00:02:54,207  
Mom?

58  
00:02:54,541 --> 00:02:57,644  
Baby, I have just made a mess of things.

59  
00:02:58,344 --> 00:03:01,414  
Your father found out about Fred and me.

60

00:03:01,581 --> 00:03:04,450  
Someone went to him  
before I got a chance to say anything--

61

00:03:04,584 --> 00:03:06,352  
Oh, my God. Dad knows?

62

00:03:06,519 --> 00:03:10,290  
Yes, and on top of that, the Blossoms  
are still after the drive-in land...

63

00:03:10,423 --> 00:03:12,959  
...and Fred still doesn't know that we own it.

64

00:03:13,326 --> 00:03:17,196  
Maybe it's time you tell  
Mr. Andrews the truth?

65

00:03:17,363 --> 00:03:19,599  
And risk having him walk off the project?

66

00:03:19,766 --> 00:03:22,368  
We bet everything we have  
on the SoDale construction.

67

00:03:22,535 --> 00:03:26,439  
Mom, heh, this is a small, gossipy town.

68

00:03:26,606 --> 00:03:30,677  
You need to tell Fred about the land  
before someone else does.

69

00:03:37,217 --> 00:03:38,718  
Archie.

70

00:03:38,851 --> 00:03:41,955  
If music be the food of love, play on.

71

00:03:42,288 --> 00:03:43,289  
Play on.

72



00:03:45,892 --> 00:03:49,329  
Did you know this week's the official start  
of maple syrup season?

73  
00:03:49,662 --> 00:03:51,431  
I-- No, I didn't.

74  
00:03:51,598 --> 00:03:53,533  
Well, it is.

75  
00:03:53,666 --> 00:03:56,236  
And every year,  
we host a tree-tapping ceremony.

76  
00:03:56,369 --> 00:03:59,906  
A tradition that honors  
the Blossom bloodline, our heritage.

77  
00:04:00,273 --> 00:04:01,507  
Sounds cool.

78  
00:04:01,674 --> 00:04:03,276  
It is. Beyond.

79  
00:04:03,443 --> 00:04:06,613  
It's also incredibly exclusive.

80  
00:04:06,746 --> 00:04:08,815  
Family and inner circle only.

81  
00:04:10,283 --> 00:04:11,684  
Wanna be my date?

82  
00:04:13,286 --> 00:04:16,656  
The tapping's something Jason and I  
have done together since we could walk.

83  
00:04:17,523 --> 00:04:19,626  
It was our extra-special thing.

84  
00:04:20,627 --> 00:04:23,429  
But I.... I can't face it alone.

85  
00:04:24,897 --> 00:04:27,567  
If you came, as my escort...

86  
00:04:28,368 --> 00:04:31,638  
...I think I could get through it.

87  
00:04:32,505 --> 00:04:35,508  
Cheryl, I would love to help,  
but I have a girlfriend.

88  
00:04:35,675 --> 00:04:37,577  
Maybe invite Kevin? Or Reggie?

89  
00:04:37,744 --> 00:04:39,746  
You don't get it, do you?

90  
00:04:39,879 --> 00:04:42,548  
I don't want Kevin or Reggie.

91  
00:04:42,682 --> 00:04:44,017  
I want you.

92  
00:04:45,285 --> 00:04:48,855  
You defended me to Sheriff Keller  
when not even my parents would.

93  
00:04:50,890 --> 00:04:52,692  
Never mind. Sorry I asked.

94  
00:04:52,825 --> 00:04:54,627  
Cheryl, hold on.

95  
00:04:56,429 --> 00:04:59,032  
They put me in a wooden box

96  
00:04:59,365 --> 00:05:01,734  
As I desperately opposed

97  
00:05:03,469 --> 00:05:04,971  
But all my screaming was for naught

98  
00:05:05,305 --> 00:05:07,040  
My mouth had been sewn closed

99  
00:05:08,841 --> 00:05:11,344  
Curled up in bed was just a girl

100  
00:05:11,844 --> 00:05:14,614  
Needing Daddy's arms to hold her

101  
00:05:16,916 --> 00:05:18,851  
VERONICA:  
Hey, Ethel.

102  
00:05:19,819 --> 00:05:24,324  
I just wanted to tell you  
how moved I was by your poem.

103  
00:05:24,791 --> 00:05:27,660  
It felt like you were tapping  
into something pretty dark...

104  
00:05:27,827 --> 00:05:30,063  
...but also pretty real.

105  
00:05:30,830 --> 00:05:33,633  
And I don't wanna overstep, but...

106  
00:05:33,766 --> 00:05:36,436  
...is everything all right, Ethel?

107  
00:05:43,609 --> 00:05:46,579  
Things at home aren't great.

108  
00:05:48,581 --> 00:05:50,950  
My mom and dad are fighting...

109  
00:05:51,084 --> 00:05:53,419  
...but they won't tell me about what.

110  
00:05:55,354 --> 00:05:58,357

It's like this really bad thing is happening...

111

00:05:58,491 --> 00:06:00,626

...and there's nothing that I can do to stop it.

112

00:06:00,793 --> 00:06:03,029

Like you're trapped  
in a slow-motion car crash.

113

00:06:04,430 --> 00:06:07,366

Yeah, I know the feeling. Listen, Ethel.

114

00:06:08,468 --> 00:06:10,603

It sounds like you need some cheering up...

115

00:06:10,770 --> 00:06:13,806

...which happens to be  
a Veronica Lodge specialty.

116

00:06:13,940 --> 00:06:16,876

So if you're free tomorrow...

117

00:06:17,043 --> 00:06:19,645

...come over for lunch and pampering.

118

00:06:20,580 --> 00:06:21,614

Kevin will be there.

119

00:06:22,515 --> 00:06:24,517

Yeah. Come on, it'll be fun.

120

00:06:24,650 --> 00:06:26,619

Just please say yes.

121

00:06:27,520 --> 00:06:29,055

All right, sure.

122

00:06:29,422 --> 00:06:30,790

-Yeah?

-Yeah.

123

00:06:30,923 --> 00:06:33,426  
Great. I'll see you tomorrow.

124  
00:06:34,127 --> 00:06:36,696  
So, what was that about?

125  
00:06:37,897 --> 00:06:40,767  
Ethel's poem was a cry for help  
if I ever heard one...

126  
00:06:40,933 --> 00:06:44,637  
...the likes of which  
I vowed never to ignore, not after....

127  
00:06:45,071 --> 00:06:46,973  
Uh-oh. Do we need to sit down?

128  
00:06:48,141 --> 00:06:50,109  
Okay. So last year at Spence...

129  
00:06:50,443 --> 00:06:54,447  
...my best friend, Katy, and I  
kind of terrorized this girl, Paige.

130  
00:06:54,614 --> 00:06:56,783  
One time, we made her drink gutter water.

131  
00:06:56,949 --> 00:06:58,151  
Ew. Why?

132  
00:06:58,484 --> 00:06:59,919  
Because she was there.

133  
00:07:00,052 --> 00:07:03,890  
Because she was a misfit  
and we were class-A brutal bitches.

134  
00:07:04,023 --> 00:07:06,759  
Anyway, by December,  
Paige couldn't take it anymore.

135  
00:07:06,926 --> 00:07:09,128

Oh, my God. Did you drive her to suicide?

136

00:07:09,462 --> 00:07:12,565

What? No. But she did transfer schools...

137

00:07:12,698 --> 00:07:14,734

-...and went into therapy.

-So now?

138

00:07:14,867 --> 00:07:17,737

If I can make Ethel Muggs' life  
a little better...

139

00:07:17,870 --> 00:07:20,072

...even for one afternoon...

140

00:07:20,206 --> 00:07:22,842

...I'm going to do it.

141

00:07:25,478 --> 00:07:27,447

PENELOPE:

Archibald.

142

00:07:27,580 --> 00:07:29,982

I was going to get Principal Weatherbee  
to summon you.

143

00:07:30,149 --> 00:07:31,651

Hey, Mrs. Blossom.

144

00:07:31,784 --> 00:07:34,921

You have a moment to chat? About Cheryl.

145

00:07:35,054 --> 00:07:37,657

I believe she invited you  
to our tree-tapping ceremony.

146

00:07:37,824 --> 00:07:42,829

Yeah, she did, and like I told her,  
I don't feel comfortable going.

147

00:07:43,930 --> 00:07:49,035

Cheryl tells me you have  
a keen interest in music. Is that true?

148  
00:07:51,003 --> 00:07:53,639  
Did she tell you her great-uncle Harrison...

149  
00:07:53,773 --> 00:07:56,175  
...sits on the board  
of the Brandenburg Music Academy?

150  
00:07:56,976 --> 00:07:59,178  
They have an excellent summer program,  
I hear.

151  
00:07:59,545 --> 00:08:02,882  
Heh, it's amazing. Crazy hard to get into.

152  
00:08:03,015 --> 00:08:05,151  
Surely not for a talent like you.

153  
00:08:05,485 --> 00:08:08,154  
Especially not if I put in a word  
on your behalf.

154  
00:08:08,488 --> 00:08:09,522  
Mrs. Blossom--

155  
00:08:09,655 --> 00:08:13,593  
At Jason's memorial,  
you brought me his football jersey.

156  
00:08:13,759 --> 00:08:15,728  
I'm so sorry for your loss, Mrs. Blossom.

157  
00:08:17,129 --> 00:08:19,765  
I thought you might wanna have this.

158  
00:08:22,134 --> 00:08:26,005  
That was an act of kindness  
on a day of despair.

159  
00:08:26,138 --> 00:08:28,574

You're good and decent, Archibald...

160

00:08:28,741 --> 00:08:30,276  
...unlike most people in this town.

161

00:08:30,643 --> 00:08:32,578  
Mrs. Blossom, I don't know what to say.

162

00:08:32,745 --> 00:08:36,182  
Say you'll reconsider escorting my daughter  
to the tapping.

163

00:08:36,516 --> 00:08:37,917  
It's just an afternoon.

164

00:08:38,050 --> 00:08:40,653  
It would mean the world to my Cheryl.

165

00:08:41,821 --> 00:08:45,024  
I mean, yeah, I guess I could talk to Valerie.

166

00:08:45,191 --> 00:08:48,628  
I swear, Archibald,  
when the light hits you just right....

167

00:08:50,930 --> 00:08:52,665  
I'll tell Cheryl the good news.

168

00:08:52,798 --> 00:08:55,201  
And I'll call Great-Uncle Harrison.

169

00:08:58,638 --> 00:09:00,206  
Just in time. We're celebrating.

170

00:09:00,540 --> 00:09:04,076  
Archie was telling us how he's going  
to some super-exclusive music program.

171

00:09:04,243 --> 00:09:06,712  
Maybe. If it happens, though,  
it'd be huge for me.



172  
00:09:06,879 --> 00:09:09,015  
-Do you have to audition for it?  
ARCHIE: Not exactly.

173  
00:09:09,181 --> 00:09:11,651  
Mrs. Blossom said  
she'd put a good word in for me.

174  
00:09:11,817 --> 00:09:13,753  
-Amazing.  
-Terrifying.

175  
00:09:14,153 --> 00:09:16,722  
Uh-huh. What's she getting out of it?

176  
00:09:16,889 --> 00:09:20,126  
I told her I'd take Cheryl  
to their family's tree-tapping thing.

177  
00:09:20,259 --> 00:09:23,596  
-I talked to Valerie. She's cool with it.  
-Cool with you being a gigolo?

178  
00:09:23,763 --> 00:09:25,798  
I'm doing someone a favor for my music.

179  
00:09:25,932 --> 00:09:28,067  
I need to make connections  
outside of Riverdale.

180  
00:09:28,200 --> 00:09:30,703  
That's the way of the world.  
It's about connections.

181  
00:09:30,836 --> 00:09:32,271  
But Jughead's right.

182  
00:09:32,605 --> 00:09:34,674  
These kinds of favors come with a price tag.

183  
00:09:34,840 --> 00:09:36,809  
Betty, back me up here.

184  
00:09:37,777 --> 00:09:39,912  
-I think it's a great idea.  
-Thank you, Betty.

185  
00:09:40,079 --> 00:09:42,181  
Yeah, and while you're there...

186  
00:09:42,348 --> 00:09:44,350  
...would you talk to Polly for me?

187  
00:09:44,684 --> 00:09:46,786  
I just wanna make sure she's okay.

188  
00:09:47,353 --> 00:09:48,955  
Definitely.

189  
00:09:49,121 --> 00:09:50,256  
Thank you.

190  
00:09:50,623 --> 00:09:52,124  
And don't worry, Ronnie...

191  
00:09:52,291 --> 00:09:53,859  
...I can take care of myself.

192  
00:09:54,026 --> 00:09:56,796  
Famous last words, Archiekins.

193  
00:10:06,672 --> 00:10:08,975  
CHERYL: When Jason died,  
I thought I'd tapped my last tree.

194  
00:10:09,108 --> 00:10:11,844  
Don't be nervous.  
All you have to do is hold the bucket.

195  
00:10:11,978 --> 00:10:13,713  
I'll handle the rest.

196  
00:10:13,879 --> 00:10:15,381

Who are all these people?

197

00:10:15,748 --> 00:10:18,851

Entre nous?

They're Daddy's board of trustees.

198

00:10:19,018 --> 00:10:21,687

They smell blood in the water.

That's why they're here.

199

00:10:21,821 --> 00:10:22,855

[SIGHS]

200

00:10:22,989 --> 00:10:25,157

They're worried Daddy's losing his grip  
on the company...

201

00:10:25,291 --> 00:10:27,293

...and are looking for a way  
to take it from us.

202

00:10:27,660 --> 00:10:28,828

They can do that?

203

00:10:28,961 --> 00:10:30,863

If they all vote together, they can.

204

00:10:31,030 --> 00:10:32,832

When Jason died, it was a PR debacle.

205

00:10:34,100 --> 00:10:36,669

And now here's Polly, pregnant and unwed.

206

00:10:36,802 --> 00:10:39,939

It's no wonder they've descended upon us  
like some biblical plague.

207

00:10:45,244 --> 00:10:46,812

Nearly a hundred years ago...

208

00:10:46,946 --> 00:10:49,949

...Grandfather Blossom

came to this sacred maple grove.

209

00:10:50,116 --> 00:10:54,920

The annual tapping ceremony  
portends each season's bounty.

210

00:10:56,088 --> 00:10:59,659

Now, I've performed this ceremony  
many times in my life.

211

00:10:59,792 --> 00:11:02,728

My son, Jason, when he came of age,  
performed it, as well.

212

00:11:03,429 --> 00:11:07,033

In his place, I put forth my daughter, Cheryl.

213

00:11:23,716 --> 00:11:27,686

Hey. You can do this in your sleep.

214

00:11:36,362 --> 00:11:38,864

[CROWD CLAPPING AND CHEERING]

215

00:11:43,335 --> 00:11:46,372

Whoo! Good shot. Nice.

216

00:11:46,739 --> 00:11:49,275

Mrs. Lodge,  
this quiche Lorraine is to die for.

217

00:11:49,442 --> 00:11:51,911

Ethel, you haven't eaten at all.

218

00:11:52,078 --> 00:11:54,914

Oh, sorry. I just-- Uh, I'm not really hungry.

219

00:11:55,081 --> 00:11:57,083

Anything we can help with?

220

00:11:58,017 --> 00:12:00,352

Um, my parents.

221  
00:12:00,486 --> 00:12:02,788  
All they do is yell at each other.

222  
00:12:02,955 --> 00:12:06,158  
My parents are fighting right now too.

223  
00:12:07,159 --> 00:12:08,194  
It's terrible.

224  
00:12:09,762 --> 00:12:12,832  
I think my dad had some bad luck  
with our savings.

225  
00:12:13,432 --> 00:12:15,901  
Now my mom says we're gonna  
have to sell the house.

226  
00:12:16,068 --> 00:12:20,072  
My dad is just so crushed.

227  
00:12:20,239 --> 00:12:23,042  
I wish there was something  
I could do to help him.

228  
00:12:23,175 --> 00:12:26,378  
Girl, we have a lot more  
in common than I thought.

229  
00:12:27,146 --> 00:12:28,914  
We lost our place at the Dakota.

230  
00:12:30,249 --> 00:12:32,284  
Look, being ruined sucks...

231  
00:12:32,418 --> 00:12:35,287  
...but you have your family and you have us.

232  
00:12:35,421 --> 00:12:37,523  
You've got this, Ethel Muggs.

233  
00:12:39,058 --> 00:12:42,228

-Muggs?  
-Uh, it's Dutch.

234  
00:12:42,394 --> 00:12:46,232  
We lost the third G  
when my grandpa Manfred came over.

235  
00:12:47,766 --> 00:12:50,202  
Archibald, come join us  
before the snow starts again.

236  
00:13:00,346 --> 00:13:01,981  
Polly.

237  
00:13:02,148 --> 00:13:04,917  
Betty's worried about you.  
Why won't you call or e-mail her?

238  
00:13:05,451 --> 00:13:08,454  
She fought for you,  
and you're treating her like she's the enemy.

239  
00:13:08,787 --> 00:13:11,490  
Polly, come along.

240  
00:13:13,225 --> 00:13:16,228  
Tell Betty that she shouldn't worry, okay?

241  
00:13:18,397 --> 00:13:21,100  
There's something you need to know  
about that Muggs girl.

242  
00:13:21,267 --> 00:13:23,536  
-What?  
-Her father, Manfred Muggs...

243  
00:13:23,869 --> 00:13:27,006  
...invested with your dad.  
And it's probable...

244  
00:13:27,139 --> 00:13:30,843  
...that they lost a lot when your father  
was arrested. Maybe everything.

245  
00:13:30,976 --> 00:13:33,412  
Mom, they're being  
kicked out of their house. Their home.

246  
00:13:33,546 --> 00:13:37,816  
From what I've been told, the Muggs family  
is gonna testify against your father.

247  
00:13:37,950 --> 00:13:41,320  
They should. How many, Mom?

248  
00:13:41,453 --> 00:13:43,355  
How many families like Ethel's?

249  
00:13:43,889 --> 00:13:46,859  
It's the risk of doing business  
with your father.

250  
00:13:47,026 --> 00:13:49,261  
Could Mr. Andrews lose everything?

251  
00:13:49,395 --> 00:13:51,130  
For doing business with you and Dad?

252  
00:13:51,297 --> 00:13:52,865  
I'm not sure.

253  
00:13:53,866 --> 00:13:55,067  
Oh, my God.

254  
00:14:05,044 --> 00:14:06,979  
MAN:  
I don't buy this dog and pony show.

255  
00:14:07,146 --> 00:14:09,381  
Cliff can't control his family,  
let alone the company.

256  
00:14:09,548 --> 00:14:13,152  
Agreed. And if he tries to put Cheryl forward  
as a successor?

257  
00:14:13,319 --> 00:14:16,288  
Do you remember what she did at the funeral?  
Crocodile tears.

258  
00:14:16,455 --> 00:14:17,856  
-Hey.  
CHERYL: You don't have to--

259  
00:14:17,990 --> 00:14:20,192  
No, Cheryl loved Jason.

260  
00:14:20,326 --> 00:14:22,528  
What was she meant to do  
at his funeral, not cry?

261  
00:14:22,862 --> 00:14:26,465  
Yeah, Jason was on the football team,  
but Cheryl was at every single game...

262  
00:14:26,632 --> 00:14:28,567  
...doing as much to help the Bulldogs win  
as he did.

263  
00:14:28,934 --> 00:14:32,004  
-Also, 4.0.  
-Also, she has a 4.0 grade point average.

264  
00:14:32,171 --> 00:14:36,876  
If there's one thing I've learned being in  
Cheryl's class, it's don't underestimate her...

265  
00:14:37,009 --> 00:14:38,277  
...and don't bet against her.

266  
00:14:45,084 --> 00:14:46,518  
HERMIONE:  
Fred, we need to talk.

267  
00:14:48,520 --> 00:14:50,522  
Oh, God. Uh....

268



00:14:50,656 --> 00:14:55,261  
God. Hiram and I....

269  
00:14:55,394 --> 00:14:58,130  
We are the anonymous buyers.

270  
00:15:00,399 --> 00:15:02,434  
You're working for Lodge Industries.

271  
00:15:03,035 --> 00:15:05,204  
How do you not tell me that?

272  
00:15:05,337 --> 00:15:08,173  
-You never would've gotten involved.  
-You're damn straight.

273  
00:15:08,340 --> 00:15:11,577  
I didn't sign up to go into business  
with a criminal like Hiram Lodge.

274  
00:15:11,944 --> 00:15:15,281  
I'm trying to turn  
Lodge Industries legitimate.

275  
00:15:15,414 --> 00:15:20,185  
That means partnering with people like you.  
Good people.

276  
00:15:20,920 --> 00:15:24,123  
This is why Cliff Blossom  
bought out my crew...

277  
00:15:25,157 --> 00:15:28,127  
...sent thugs to beat up teenagers.

278  
00:15:28,627 --> 00:15:33,165  
Clifford didn't send those thugs. Hiram did.

279  
00:15:33,299 --> 00:15:35,634  
He was trying to stop us.

280  
00:15:35,968 --> 00:15:38,570

He found out about you and me  
from Clifford.

281

00:15:38,938 --> 00:15:42,274  
So you have dragged me into a war  
between Hiram and Clifford?

282

00:15:42,408 --> 00:15:45,010  
-That's great.  
-I know you're angry.

283

00:15:45,177 --> 00:15:47,479  
And I know that I have no right to ask this...

284

00:15:49,081 --> 00:15:51,283  
...but please stay on this project.

285

00:15:51,417 --> 00:15:53,652  
If you jump ship,  
I can't start over with someone else--

286

00:15:54,019 --> 00:15:57,189  
So I do the grunt work,  
while your husband's taking potshots at me...

287

00:15:57,323 --> 00:15:59,625  
...and you're playing both sides full-time?

288

00:16:01,260 --> 00:16:02,494  
I'm gonna take a walk.

289

00:16:05,097 --> 00:16:06,131  
Just....

290

00:16:06,565 --> 00:16:10,502  
Archibald, you know, when Cheryl told me  
that she wanted you to come with us...

291

00:16:10,669 --> 00:16:12,071  
...I was taken aback.

292

00:16:13,639 --> 00:16:16,542

Your father and I haven't been  
seeing eye-to-eye lately.

293

00:16:16,675 --> 00:16:18,243  
I came for Cheryl, Mr. Blossom.

294

00:16:18,377 --> 00:16:20,612  
And I'm grateful  
for what Mrs. Blossom is doing.

295

00:16:20,980 --> 00:16:22,214  
The music academy, you mean?

296

00:16:22,348 --> 00:16:25,084  
Yeah. That'd be quite a feather  
in your cap, wouldn't it?

297

00:16:25,217 --> 00:16:30,189  
You know, we can be extremely generous,  
Archibald, to the right people.

298

00:16:30,356 --> 00:16:33,492  
Now, later this week,  
we're hosting a banquet for the board...

299

00:16:33,659 --> 00:16:35,060  
...at the Belmont Lodge.

300

00:16:35,194 --> 00:16:38,430  
It's a simple thing.  
A little dinner, chitchat, dancing.

301

00:16:38,564 --> 00:16:41,700  
We would love you to attend  
as Cheryl's escort.

302

00:16:42,067 --> 00:16:43,302  
You two make quite the pair.

303

00:16:44,169 --> 00:16:47,172  
Oh, I'm honored, Mr. Blossom, really, but--

304

00:16:47,306 --> 00:16:50,009  
But nothing. You have to come.

305  
00:16:50,142 --> 00:16:53,379  
I'm wearing viridian. He'll need a proper suit,  
don't you think, Daddy?

306  
00:16:53,545 --> 00:16:58,117  
I'll have my tailor fit you,  
if that's not a problem.

307  
00:17:00,452 --> 00:17:02,688  
No. No, no, it's just....

308  
00:17:03,022 --> 00:17:05,357  
I'm an Andrews, Mr. Blossom, like you said.

309  
00:17:05,524 --> 00:17:09,294  
My dad works construction.  
A fancy banquet's not really our thing.

310  
00:17:09,428 --> 00:17:11,697  
That's precisely why you should come.

311  
00:17:12,231 --> 00:17:14,800  
People like you are the bedrock of our town.

312  
00:17:15,334 --> 00:17:16,602  
You're hard workers.

313  
00:17:16,769 --> 00:17:19,204  
Plus, I need a dance partner.

314  
00:17:20,372 --> 00:17:25,411  
We won't take no for an answer, Archiekins.

315  
00:17:33,118 --> 00:17:35,087  
ALICE:  
Who would've predicted this?

316  
00:17:35,220 --> 00:17:38,223  
Archie Andrews is our fox in the henhouse.

317  
00:17:38,390 --> 00:17:40,225  
BETTY:  
Tell us about Polly.

318  
00:17:40,392 --> 00:17:42,227  
How is she? Did she seem okay?

319  
00:17:42,394 --> 00:17:45,697  
The Blossoms are treating her great.  
But I don't think she's coming back.

320  
00:17:45,831 --> 00:17:47,332  
I don't think she wants to.

321  
00:17:47,499 --> 00:17:50,269  
That doesn't make any sense. That's not Polly.

322  
00:17:50,436 --> 00:17:52,404  
She made her choice.

323  
00:17:53,205 --> 00:17:55,774  
-We have to learn to live with that.  
-No. I know my sister.

324  
00:17:56,108 --> 00:17:57,709  
She wouldn't do that to us.

325  
00:17:58,077 --> 00:17:59,611  
Something else is going on.

326  
00:17:59,778 --> 00:18:03,282  
What else did you see when you were  
in the sticky, red thick of it?

327  
00:18:03,415 --> 00:18:04,583  
Anything about the board?

328  
00:18:04,750 --> 00:18:06,418  
Cheryl said that they're worried.

329

00:18:07,486 --> 00:18:10,255  
That after all the scandal  
with Jason and Polly...

330  
00:18:10,389 --> 00:18:13,292  
...that they might try and steal the company  
from Mr. Blossom.

331  
00:18:13,826 --> 00:18:15,627  
Well, do you hear that, Betty?

332  
00:18:15,794 --> 00:18:19,364  
This is our story. A hostile take-over.

333  
00:18:19,498 --> 00:18:21,600  
No wonder the trustees are in town.

334  
00:18:21,733 --> 00:18:23,802  
The Blossom empire is crumbling.

335  
00:18:24,169 --> 00:18:27,172  
Okay, but, Mom,  
if you write a story attacking them...

336  
00:18:27,306 --> 00:18:32,111  
-...while Polly is still in Thornhill--  
-Enough about Polly. I mean it.

337  
00:18:32,244 --> 00:18:34,613  
She betrayed us, not the other way around.

338  
00:18:36,815 --> 00:18:39,151  
GIRL: Obviously she's jealous.  
Ha-ha-ha.

339  
00:18:39,284 --> 00:18:41,687  
Cheryl, can we have a word?

340  
00:18:41,854 --> 00:18:42,855  
[SIGHS]

341  
00:18:43,188 --> 00:18:44,389

Scatter, my Vixens.

342

00:18:45,657 --> 00:18:48,627  
Yes, Betty. What is it?

343

00:18:49,328 --> 00:18:50,796  
Polly.

344

00:18:52,631 --> 00:18:55,868  
Look, I don't know what kind of  
Stockholm syndrome spell you've cast...

345

00:18:56,201 --> 00:18:57,769  
...but I want to talk to my sister.

346

00:18:58,403 --> 00:19:01,740  
Let's not fight.  
Especially not when we should be celebrating.

347

00:19:01,907 --> 00:19:04,543  
-Why. What happened?  
CHERYL: Haven't you heard?

348

00:19:04,710 --> 00:19:06,712  
Dr. Patel just confirmed it this morning.

349

00:19:06,845 --> 00:19:10,649  
Polly is having twins.  
Bless our Blossom genes.

350

00:19:11,450 --> 00:19:12,885  
And she didn't call to tell me?

351

00:19:13,252 --> 00:19:16,655  
Hostages aren't normally allowed  
to make outgoing calls.

352

00:19:16,822 --> 00:19:18,790  
Can you please give her a message for me?

353

00:19:19,591 --> 00:19:21,193  
As long as it doesn't upset her.

354

00:19:21,360 --> 00:19:23,328  
Tell her she should call our mom.

355

00:19:23,462 --> 00:19:25,597  
She's trying really hard to hide it...

356

00:19:25,731 --> 00:19:28,467  
...but I can tell  
she's really, really hurt and upset.

357

00:19:28,634 --> 00:19:30,736  
-I'll pass your message along.  
-Thank you.

358

00:19:30,903 --> 00:19:32,838  
-If I remember.  
-Cheryl.

359

00:19:33,205 --> 00:19:35,440  
That was a joke, you hobo.

360

00:19:35,574 --> 00:19:37,609  
Of course I'll give her your message, Betty.

361

00:19:37,743 --> 00:19:40,812  
But no promises that she'll care or respond.

362

00:19:44,183 --> 00:19:47,286  
VERONICA:  
Okay, Ethel. Open your eyes.

363

00:19:49,588 --> 00:19:51,356  
What is happening?

364

00:19:51,490 --> 00:19:52,858  
VERONICA:  
I was purging my closet...

365

00:19:53,192 --> 00:19:55,894  
...thinking how you would look magnificent  
in some of these.



366  
00:19:56,228 --> 00:19:59,565  
Here. Try this on.

367  
00:20:01,633 --> 00:20:04,203  
This is-- This is so nice.

368  
00:20:04,369 --> 00:20:06,705  
And I love this.

369  
00:20:06,872 --> 00:20:09,374  
It is so you, Ethel.

370  
00:20:09,875 --> 00:20:12,444  
Ronnie, I-- I can't take all this.

371  
00:20:12,611 --> 00:20:14,713  
I want you to have it.

372  
00:20:15,948 --> 00:20:19,985  
These things? My dad gave them to me.

373  
00:20:20,319 --> 00:20:24,923  
He always brought home gifts  
whenever he did something wrong...

374  
00:20:25,857 --> 00:20:28,994  
...as a way to make up for it, I guess.

375  
00:20:29,361 --> 00:20:30,696  
Did it work?

376  
00:20:31,597 --> 00:20:33,899  
What girl is immune to the charms  
of a Givenchy bag?

377  
00:20:35,801 --> 00:20:38,437  
And I still wear these pearls he gave me.

378  
00:20:39,972 --> 00:20:43,909  
Okay, but you don't have to do anything...

379  
00:20:44,476 --> 00:20:45,811  
...give me anything....

380  
00:20:46,979 --> 00:20:48,780  
I just want to be friends.

381  
00:20:50,749 --> 00:20:52,684  
Me too, Ethel.

382  
00:20:54,419 --> 00:20:55,754  
[KNOCKING ON DOOR]

383  
00:20:58,023 --> 00:21:00,459  
Mr. Andrews. Nice haircut.

384  
00:21:00,626 --> 00:21:02,261  
Looking extremely DILF-y today.

385  
00:21:03,262 --> 00:21:04,730  
-Is Archie home?  
FRED: Cheryl.

386  
00:21:04,896 --> 00:21:08,467  
Yes. Um, come on in.

387  
00:21:11,336 --> 00:21:13,272  
The Icewoman Cometh.

388  
00:21:14,506 --> 00:21:15,741  
Hey, Cheryl.

389  
00:21:15,874 --> 00:21:19,978  
As a maj. thank you for coming  
to the Maple Banquet with me tomorrow...

390  
00:21:20,312 --> 00:21:21,613  
...I wanted to give you this.

391  
00:21:23,315 --> 00:21:27,052  
An '84 Les Paul in our signature color.

You're welcome.

392

00:21:29,688 --> 00:21:32,391  
Okay, that's all. I'm going now.

393

00:21:32,524 --> 00:21:34,559  
My claustrophobia acts up in small houses.

394

00:21:35,761 --> 00:21:37,696  
See you tomorrow.

395

00:21:44,636 --> 00:21:46,071  
I'd give that back if I were you.

396

00:21:46,405 --> 00:21:50,075  
Dad, come on. The Blossoms, they're helping  
me get into that summer music program.

397

00:21:50,409 --> 00:21:51,710  
Like, the best in the country.

398

00:21:51,843 --> 00:21:54,780  
Since when did the Blossoms  
ever give a damn about you, Archie?

399

00:21:54,913 --> 00:21:58,917  
-Well, they think I have potential, Dad.  
-He's also pimping himself out to Cheryl.

400

00:21:59,051 --> 00:22:02,854  
The Blossoms tried to run our business  
into the ground.

401

00:22:02,988 --> 00:22:05,924  
-If you tried talking to Mr. Blossom--  
FRED: I tried talking to him.

402

00:22:06,058 --> 00:22:07,659  
He laughed in my face.

403

00:22:07,793 --> 00:22:11,330  
Don't think for a second

that the Blossoms are looking out for you.

404

00:22:11,463 --> 00:22:12,664  
They're using you, Archie.

405

00:22:13,398 --> 00:22:16,902  
They look at us like we're dirt  
under their shoe.

406

00:22:17,803 --> 00:22:19,404  
I'm over it.

407

00:22:28,680 --> 00:22:29,748  
What's this?

408

00:22:29,881 --> 00:22:32,084  
The biggest story we've ever broken.

409

00:22:32,417 --> 00:22:36,688  
A tell-all exposé on the Blossom clan  
and all of their glorious corruption.

410

00:22:36,822 --> 00:22:39,391  
Um, mind telling me  
what your mother is talking about?

411

00:22:39,524 --> 00:22:44,830  
It's time that they finally answer to everything  
that they've done to us, including taking Polly.

412

00:22:44,963 --> 00:22:48,934  
By the way, Polly's living with the Blossoms  
now, so congratulations.

413

00:22:49,067 --> 00:22:50,669  
You finally got what you wanted.

414

00:22:50,802 --> 00:22:55,440  
-She's officially out of our lives.  
-I am not publishing your personal vendetta.

415

00:22:56,608 --> 00:22:58,477

Good thing I don't need your permission.

416

00:23:06,718 --> 00:23:07,753  
What did you do, Hal?

417

00:23:07,886 --> 00:23:09,621  
Well, you kicked me out.

418

00:23:09,755 --> 00:23:12,057  
So now I'm kicking you out.

419

00:23:12,657 --> 00:23:16,862  
If we expose the Blossoms,  
maybe, just maybe...

420

00:23:16,995 --> 00:23:19,898  
...we might have a chance in hell  
to get our daughter back.

421

00:23:20,031 --> 00:23:22,734  
You are done here, Alice. You're fired.

422

00:23:27,038 --> 00:23:28,774  
Fine, Hal.

423

00:23:40,519 --> 00:23:41,887  
What?

424

00:23:46,625 --> 00:23:49,661  
I want my daughter back, you bastard!

425

00:23:56,601 --> 00:23:58,003  
Mom.

426

00:24:03,842 --> 00:24:06,444  
Black piping for the velvet, of course.

427

00:24:06,578 --> 00:24:08,213  
I'll take measurements for the pants.

428

00:24:08,547 --> 00:24:13,819

Uh, before we do that,  
could I talk to you, Mr. Blossom?

429

00:24:21,226 --> 00:24:23,862  
Things aren't going great  
at my dad's company.

430

00:24:24,696 --> 00:24:26,832  
And I know you two have been at odds  
recently.

431

00:24:26,965 --> 00:24:30,535  
But I was wondering, instead of helping me  
with that music school...

432

00:24:31,670 --> 00:24:33,705  
...if maybe you could help my dad?

433

00:24:34,072 --> 00:24:36,641  
Are you negotiating  
on behalf of your father?

434

00:24:36,975 --> 00:24:39,978  
No, no, no. I'm impressed.

435

00:24:41,213 --> 00:24:45,684  
In fact, I'm trying to imagine if Jason would  
ever have given up something like that for me...

436

00:24:45,817 --> 00:24:47,052  
...and I don't believe so.

437

00:24:48,620 --> 00:24:50,255  
Speaks to your character, son.

438

00:24:50,755 --> 00:24:54,092  
I'll tell you what. We've already called  
the Brandenburg Music Academy...

439

00:24:54,226 --> 00:24:56,528  
...and they're very excited to meet you.

440

00:24:57,629 --> 00:24:59,898  
Let's just get through this banquet,  
all right?

441  
00:25:00,031 --> 00:25:03,835  
Sit down man-to-man  
and discuss what I can do for Fred Andrews.

442  
00:25:05,637 --> 00:25:07,105  
Is it satisfactory?

443  
00:25:09,774 --> 00:25:11,676  
It's more than satisfactory.

444  
00:25:12,110 --> 00:25:14,212  
My parents are unbelievable, Jug.

445  
00:25:14,546 --> 00:25:18,717  
Polly is locked up in that house like a character  
out of Jane Eyre and what are they doing?

446  
00:25:18,850 --> 00:25:22,888  
Changing each other's login accounts  
and throwing bricks through windows.

447  
00:25:23,021 --> 00:25:24,189  
I wish I'd seen that.

448  
00:25:26,291 --> 00:25:28,026  
Okay, I'm sorry. It's not funny.

449  
00:25:28,159 --> 00:25:32,731  
It's like you know how in a time of crisis,  
people either come together or fall apart?

450  
00:25:35,166 --> 00:25:37,869  
It feels like we're falling apart.

451  
00:25:38,003 --> 00:25:40,672  
And the way things are going,  
pretty soon, the Coopers?

452

00:25:40,805 --> 00:25:44,242  
We're not gonna exist anymore.  
And there's nothing I can do to stop that.

453  
00:25:44,576 --> 00:25:46,978  
Betty, don't do that. Don't give up.

454  
00:25:48,313 --> 00:25:52,651  
Your family is definitely splintering right now,  
but it won't fall apart because of you.

455  
00:25:53,318 --> 00:25:55,820  
Because you're holding them together.

456  
00:25:56,655 --> 00:26:00,091  
You're so much stronger  
than all of the white noise.

457  
00:26:01,693 --> 00:26:04,829  
You're stronger than your mother.  
You're stronger than your father.

458  
00:26:05,964 --> 00:26:08,233  
You're holding this family together.

459  
00:26:10,302 --> 00:26:11,903  
So don't.

460  
00:26:13,271 --> 00:26:14,339  
Don't let go.

461  
00:26:16,341 --> 00:26:17,943  
I won't.

462  
00:26:26,117 --> 00:26:27,319  
Valerie. Hi.

463  
00:26:27,652 --> 00:26:28,920  
VALERIE:  
I thought you should know.

464  
00:26:29,054 --> 00:26:32,791



Cheryl poured insane poison into my ear  
about how close you two are getting.

465

00:26:32,924 --> 00:26:35,827  
She thinks she's gonna steal you  
away from me or something.

466

00:26:35,961 --> 00:26:38,096  
-No, she doesn't.  
-Yes, she does.

467

00:26:38,229 --> 00:26:40,231  
And I don't blame her.

468

00:26:40,365 --> 00:26:43,201  
A new guitar, a new suit.

469

00:26:44,002 --> 00:26:46,037  
-The Blossoms are buying you.  
-For one night.

470

00:26:46,171 --> 00:26:48,707  
If it helps my dad  
and gets me into a music program--

471

00:26:48,840 --> 00:26:52,243  
Wouldn't you rather earn your place  
at that table? With your music?

472

00:26:52,377 --> 00:26:54,879  
All the Blossoms are doing  
is opening a door for me.

473

00:26:55,013 --> 00:26:56,314  
What would you do in my place?

474

00:26:56,881 --> 00:27:00,185  
If you have to ask,  
then you don't know me at all, Archie.

475

00:27:01,686 --> 00:27:03,221  
KEVIN:  
Oh, my God. Did you hear?

476  
00:27:04,089 --> 00:27:06,157  
Remember when you went swooping in  
to save Ethel...

477  
00:27:06,291 --> 00:27:08,727  
...because you thought  
she might be suicidal?

478  
00:27:09,394 --> 00:27:10,895  
Oh, no. She--? She didn't--?

479  
00:27:11,029 --> 00:27:12,697  
KEVIN:  
No, but her dad did.

480  
00:27:12,831 --> 00:27:15,967  
He accidentally swallowed  
a whole bottle of sleeping pills.

481  
00:27:16,101 --> 00:27:20,372  
[IN DISTORTED VOICE]  
He's going to be okay, but....

482  
00:27:25,276 --> 00:27:27,278  
[SOBBING]

483  
00:27:55,807 --> 00:27:57,308  
[FORK CLINKING ON GLASS]

484  
00:27:57,442 --> 00:27:59,244  
CLIFFORD:  
We were tested this year.

485  
00:27:59,377 --> 00:28:02,747  
As a town, as a company.

486  
00:28:02,881 --> 00:28:04,182  
Mainly, as a family.

487  
00:28:04,916 --> 00:28:09,054  
And it may not have been Jason's hand

that staked the maple this year...

488

00:28:09,788 --> 00:28:11,322  
...but it was the hand of hope.

489

00:28:17,796 --> 00:28:19,230  
[ELEGANT CLASSICAL MUSIC PLAYING]

490

00:28:20,965 --> 00:28:23,068  
Don't think they're being nice or genuine.

491

00:28:23,735 --> 00:28:25,804  
They wanted me to fail at the tree-tapping.

492

00:28:26,905 --> 00:28:30,809  
-But you're going to help with all that.  
-I'll do whatever I can.

493

00:28:31,910 --> 00:28:34,479  
CLIFFORD:  
Archibald. Can I have a word?

494

00:28:34,813 --> 00:28:36,081  
I'll be right back.

495

00:28:38,316 --> 00:28:41,753  
I just wanted to let you know  
that I've decided to help your father.

496

00:28:42,353 --> 00:28:44,389  
You did? You will?

497

00:28:44,723 --> 00:28:48,393  
Well, you've helped our family,  
Cheryl especially.

498

00:28:49,094 --> 00:28:50,195  
You fit in so well.

499

00:28:50,795 --> 00:28:54,332  
And I think you and your father  
have a very bright future with us.

500  
00:28:54,466 --> 00:28:57,335  
-Thank you, Mr. Blossom.  
-No. Clifford, please.

501  
00:28:57,469 --> 00:29:00,905  
And just so you know,  
you don't have to keep doing me favors.

502  
00:29:01,039 --> 00:29:02,040  
I like Cheryl.

503  
00:29:02,173 --> 00:29:04,242  
And I'm happy to be here for her as a friend.

504  
00:29:04,976 --> 00:29:07,345  
You know, I'm gonna be honest with you.

505  
00:29:07,912 --> 00:29:09,914  
Cheryl's a bright girl...

506  
00:29:10,048 --> 00:29:11,349  
...but the Blossom board...

507  
00:29:11,483 --> 00:29:15,954  
...they're very skeptical about having her  
play an active role in the company.

508  
00:29:16,087 --> 00:29:19,357  
Now, someone with your stock and character  
by her side...

509  
00:29:19,491 --> 00:29:22,961  
...tempering her more, uh, erratic behavior....

510  
00:29:24,362 --> 00:29:28,833  
You know, it's about creating a picture.

511  
00:29:28,967 --> 00:29:30,268  
The right picture.

512

00:29:30,401 --> 00:29:34,105  
Having you with us, with Cheryl,  
it tells a very appealing story...

513  
00:29:34,239 --> 00:29:37,275  
...which is something  
I think we could all use right about now.

514  
00:29:38,543 --> 00:29:40,478  
You'll help us, won't you?

515  
00:29:40,812 --> 00:29:43,915  
Excuse me, Mr. Blossom.  
May I have this first dance with Archie?

516  
00:29:44,048 --> 00:29:45,784  
I think that's an excellent idea.

517  
00:29:51,156 --> 00:29:53,224  
Polly, can we talk  
about what's going on here?

518  
00:29:53,358 --> 00:29:56,294  
Just keep dancing.

519  
00:29:56,427 --> 00:29:58,029  
And smiling.

520  
00:30:00,298 --> 00:30:02,000  
Betty keeps asking Cheryl about me.

521  
00:30:02,133 --> 00:30:03,301  
She needs to stop.

522  
00:30:03,434 --> 00:30:05,537  
She's worried about you. She will never stop.

523  
00:30:05,870 --> 00:30:07,472  
Yes, she will.

524  
00:30:07,806 --> 00:30:10,542  
If I tell you the real reason I'm at Thornhill.

525

00:30:10,875 --> 00:30:13,244  
The Blossoms had something to do  
with Jason's death.

526

00:30:13,378 --> 00:30:16,147  
I'm sure of it.  
They threatened him, and I'm gonna prove it.

527

00:30:16,281 --> 00:30:19,150  
-Is that why you keep blowing Betty off?  
-It has to be believable.

528

00:30:19,284 --> 00:30:21,052  
I don't want her trying to rescue me.

529

00:30:22,320 --> 00:30:24,088  
Will you please tell her that for me?

530

00:30:24,255 --> 00:30:27,292  
-I'm so done with this. No, I'm done!  
-Cheryl, do not make a scene. Not now.

531

00:30:27,458 --> 00:30:29,194  
Polly, will you excuse me?

532

00:30:37,001 --> 00:30:39,003  
[INDISTINCT CHATTERING]

533

00:30:42,173 --> 00:30:43,541  
ETHEL:  
Betty.

534

00:30:43,875 --> 00:30:45,343  
Veronica. Hey.

535

00:30:45,476 --> 00:30:49,113  
Mom, these are my friends.  
This is Betty and this is Veronica.

536

00:30:49,247 --> 00:30:50,982  
-Hi.

-Mrs. Muggs.

537

00:30:51,115 --> 00:30:52,517  
Ethel. Um....

538

00:30:53,284 --> 00:30:58,223  
We heard what happened,  
and we wanted to leave these flowers with you.

539

00:30:58,356 --> 00:31:00,124  
That's very kind. Thank you.

540

00:31:00,258 --> 00:31:04,195  
Please, don't. Don't thank me.

541

00:31:04,329 --> 00:31:07,465  
We're just so glad  
Mr. Muggs is gonna be okay.

542

00:31:07,599 --> 00:31:09,901  
And we'll see you at school, Ethel?

543

00:31:15,106 --> 00:31:17,342  
You don't need to do this, V.

544

00:31:18,877 --> 00:31:20,178  
Ethel.

545

00:31:21,279 --> 00:31:22,947  
Mrs. Muggs.

546

00:31:24,883 --> 00:31:27,185  
There's something I need to tell you.

547

00:31:32,223 --> 00:31:35,293  
My name is Veronica Lodge.

548

00:31:36,427 --> 00:31:39,063  
-My father is--  
MRS. MUGGS: Hiram Lodge.

549

00:31:40,031 --> 00:31:41,032  
Hmm.

550  
00:31:43,401 --> 00:31:47,538  
-And you're showing your face here?  
-Mom, she's my friend.

551  
00:31:47,672 --> 00:31:49,040  
She's not your friend.

552  
00:31:50,642 --> 00:31:52,277  
Her father is a criminal.

553  
00:31:52,410 --> 00:31:55,179  
He's the reason Dad did this to himself.

554  
00:31:56,681 --> 00:31:58,249  
Ronnie.

555  
00:31:58,383 --> 00:32:00,084  
Is that true?

556  
00:32:01,252 --> 00:32:02,687  
Yes.

557  
00:32:04,155 --> 00:32:05,323  
And I am so sorry.

558  
00:32:05,456 --> 00:32:07,058  
I wish I could do something.

559  
00:32:07,191 --> 00:32:09,661  
"Sorry" isn't good enough.

560  
00:32:09,994 --> 00:32:12,363  
You wanna do something? Tell the truth.

561  
00:32:12,497 --> 00:32:14,599  
Your father is ruining lives.

562  
00:32:14,933 --> 00:32:18,202



He deserves to sit behind bars  
for the rest of his miserable life.

563

00:32:24,175 --> 00:32:25,677  
Come on.

564

00:32:28,079 --> 00:32:29,480  
Come on.

565

00:32:40,291 --> 00:32:41,526  
Cheryl.

566

00:32:43,094 --> 00:32:46,130  
-You okay?  
-What did my dad say to you?

567

00:32:46,531 --> 00:32:48,399  
That everyone thinks I'm a train wreck?

568

00:32:53,538 --> 00:32:55,440  
Jason was the golden boy.

569

00:32:56,207 --> 00:32:57,542  
But me?

570

00:32:59,277 --> 00:33:01,412  
People hate me, Archie.

571

00:33:02,580 --> 00:33:05,183  
And at school that's fine, whatever.

572

00:33:05,516 --> 00:33:07,051  
But this is my family.

573

00:33:07,185 --> 00:33:09,420  
Forget them, Cheryl.

574

00:33:10,288 --> 00:33:12,023  
Forget what they think.

575

00:33:12,657 --> 00:33:14,058

I think you're awesome.

576

00:33:15,426 --> 00:33:16,461  
[SIGHS]

577

00:33:16,594 --> 00:33:18,229  
Oh, Archie.

578

00:33:18,363 --> 00:33:21,232  
Sometimes I think you're  
the only decent person in Riverdale.

579

00:33:21,599 --> 00:33:23,701  
The only one who doesn't want something  
from me.

580

00:33:24,035 --> 00:33:27,071  
Or who doesn't want me to apologize  
for who I am.

581

00:33:28,106 --> 00:33:30,008  
What I want.

582

00:33:37,181 --> 00:33:38,182  
What are you doing?

583

00:33:40,451 --> 00:33:42,720  
My lipstick's Maple Red, by the way.

584

00:33:43,054 --> 00:33:46,357  
In case you were wondering  
why it tastes so sweet.

585

00:33:57,402 --> 00:33:58,569  
PENELOPE:  
They seem satisfied...

586

00:33:58,703 --> 00:34:01,105  
...but Uncle Bedford keeps asking  
about the drive-in land.

587

00:34:01,239 --> 00:34:04,308

I am so close to getting that land back.

588

00:34:04,809 --> 00:34:07,111  
Hermione Lodge will crumble.

589

00:34:07,245 --> 00:34:09,514  
PENELOPE: Who would have thought  
she'd prove so resourceful?

590

00:34:09,647 --> 00:34:12,717  
Maybe you should have sent her to jail  
instead of Hiram.

591

00:34:19,724 --> 00:34:21,225  
HERMIONE:  
Hey.

592

00:34:23,661 --> 00:34:25,129  
How was your night?

593

00:34:34,672 --> 00:34:39,277  
I just got back from the hospital,  
where Ethel's dad is...

594

00:34:41,379 --> 00:34:47,251  
...because he tried to kill himself,  
because of what Daddy did.

595

00:34:48,786 --> 00:34:51,689  
And, for all I know, continues to do.

596

00:34:55,593 --> 00:34:58,863  
I am done lying for Dad.

597

00:35:05,570 --> 00:35:07,171  
[SIGHS]

598

00:35:15,580 --> 00:35:17,181  
Archie!

599

00:35:18,783 --> 00:35:22,520  
I thought it was Cinderella that ran away

from the ball, not Prince Charming.

600

00:35:22,653 --> 00:35:24,789  
Cheryl, I can't do this right now. I'm leaving.

601

00:35:25,123 --> 00:35:27,158  
Archie Andrews, if you leave...

602

00:35:27,291 --> 00:35:30,628  
...the radiant sun that is the Blossom family  
stops shining on you.

603

00:35:30,761 --> 00:35:34,765  
And everything we've given you,  
including Brandenburg, disappears.

604

00:35:35,733 --> 00:35:37,268  
Sure you wanna give that up?

605

00:35:37,735 --> 00:35:40,171  
Are you sure you wanna do that  
to your dad?

606

00:35:40,705 --> 00:35:42,874  
Cheryl, I came here as a favor to your mom,  
to help you.

607

00:35:43,207 --> 00:35:44,208  
[SCOFFS]

608

00:35:44,342 --> 00:35:46,878  
Oh, Archie, don't start lying now.

609

00:35:47,211 --> 00:35:50,615  
You may not want anything from me,  
but you do from my mom and dad.

610

00:35:51,182 --> 00:35:53,251  
That's why you're here.

611

00:35:53,851 --> 00:35:59,290  
Which means, as much as I want you

to be better than everyone else, you're not.

612

00:35:59,423 --> 00:36:00,458  
You're like the others.

613

00:36:00,925 --> 00:36:04,662  
I'm sorry, Cheryl. I can't do this anymore.

614

00:36:05,263 --> 00:36:06,564  
Goodbye.

615

00:36:12,470 --> 00:36:13,838  
[DOOR OPENS]

616

00:36:14,438 --> 00:36:15,706  
BETTY:  
Mom.

617

00:36:16,374 --> 00:36:20,578  
Archie just called. He talked to Polly.  
She's safe.

618

00:36:20,711 --> 00:36:21,746  
She's okay, Mom.

619

00:36:21,879 --> 00:36:23,748  
She didn't choose the Blossoms over us.

620

00:36:23,881 --> 00:36:25,683  
She's actually there to spy on them.

621

00:36:28,519 --> 00:36:29,787  
[SOBS]

622

00:36:40,898 --> 00:36:43,501  
You know, when I went after this story...

623

00:36:46,737 --> 00:36:52,443  
...I thought, in the back of my mind that,  
what if this is it?

624

00:36:52,577 --> 00:36:55,479  
What if this is finally the time  
that she doesn't come back?

625  
00:36:55,613 --> 00:36:57,582  
She will, Mom.

626  
00:36:57,715 --> 00:37:00,351  
But right now,  
she's our woman on the inside.

627  
00:37:00,484 --> 00:37:02,220  
We're going to write this story.

628  
00:37:03,354 --> 00:37:05,790  
Come write with us at the Blue and Gold.

629  
00:37:06,691 --> 00:37:10,795  
-Heh. The school newspaper?  
-Yeah, that's what we are.

630  
00:37:10,928 --> 00:37:14,799  
But I'm pretty sure that our annual  
operating budget is bigger than the Register's.

631  
00:37:22,873 --> 00:37:26,310  
[ON EARPHONES]  
La la la la la, yeah, yeah, yeah

632  
00:37:26,444 --> 00:37:30,448  
La la la la la, yeah, yeah, yeah

633  
00:37:30,581 --> 00:37:31,849  
Val.

634  
00:37:31,983 --> 00:37:33,651  
Val, hey.

635  
00:37:33,784 --> 00:37:35,686  
La la la la la....

636  
00:37:35,820 --> 00:37:38,823

Look, you were right  
about being bought and taking shortcuts.

637

00:37:38,956 --> 00:37:41,425  
After last night, I'm done with the Blossoms.  
I am.

638

00:37:41,559 --> 00:37:42,660  
Good for you, Archie.

639

00:37:42,793 --> 00:37:44,996  
But I'm done with you.

640

00:37:45,329 --> 00:37:47,498  
Ever since we started dating,  
you've ignored me.

641

00:37:47,632 --> 00:37:48,933  
You've ditched me.

642

00:37:49,267 --> 00:37:52,403  
Val, please. Let me make it up to you.

643

00:37:52,536 --> 00:37:55,806  
Sorry, Archie.  
But unlike you, I won't be bought.

644

00:37:56,407 --> 00:37:59,543  
La la la la la, yeah, yeah, yeah

645

00:37:59,677 --> 00:38:01,579  
La la la la la....

646

00:38:01,712 --> 00:38:02,947  
HERMIONE:  
Just listen.

647

00:38:03,281 --> 00:38:07,551  
So many families have been hurt by the Lodges,  
and I don't want yours to be another one.

648

00:38:07,685 --> 00:38:10,988

I've decided to sell to Clifford,  
before it gets any worse.

649

00:38:11,322 --> 00:38:13,457

No, you're not.

I'm gonna stay with the project.

650

00:38:14,592 --> 00:38:16,661

That's great.

651

00:38:16,794 --> 00:38:17,895

Thank you.

652

00:38:18,029 --> 00:38:19,964

Don't thank me. I'm not doing it for you.

653

00:38:20,698 --> 00:38:24,402

See, from now on, everything we do  
around here is gonna be legal.

654

00:38:24,535 --> 00:38:26,637

A hundred percent aboveboard.

655

00:38:26,771 --> 00:38:28,773

Agreed. Of course.

656

00:38:28,906 --> 00:38:31,342

Also, my stake is 20 percent.

657

00:38:31,475 --> 00:38:34,578

If I'm putting myself on the line,  
I need some skin in the game.

658

00:38:36,447 --> 00:38:37,915

That's a really big share.

659

00:38:40,651 --> 00:38:44,388

I'm sick of you people  
using me and my family as pawns.

660

00:38:45,623 --> 00:38:46,824

Sure.



661  
00:38:47,792 --> 00:38:48,993  
Anything else?

662  
00:38:49,327 --> 00:38:50,461  
Yes.

663  
00:38:50,594 --> 00:38:51,896  
You and me.

664  
00:38:52,596 --> 00:38:55,866  
Whatever was going on there is over now.  
We're just business partners.

665  
00:38:57,835 --> 00:38:58,903  
That's it.

666  
00:39:05,743 --> 00:39:07,378  
Right.

667  
00:39:20,825 --> 00:39:25,096  
VERONICA:  
Ethel, I meant what I said.

668  
00:39:26,964 --> 00:39:29,400  
I'm sorry, Ethel.

669  
00:39:30,134 --> 00:39:31,969  
For everything my family did to yours.

670  
00:39:37,942 --> 00:39:40,711  
It's not your fault what your dad did.

671  
00:39:40,845 --> 00:39:43,447  
And you were there for me  
when no one else was.

672  
00:39:44,415 --> 00:39:45,416  
More than once.

673  
00:39:46,784 --> 00:39:48,953

Seat's not taken if you want it.

674

00:39:52,022 --> 00:39:57,161

JUGHEAD: It seemed that for Veronica,  
the sins of the father would remain simply that.

675

00:39:59,697 --> 00:40:03,601

While Archie Andrews returned from the brink  
with one more bit of news.

676

00:40:03,734 --> 00:40:07,138

Look, at the banquet,  
I heard Mr. and Mrs. Blossom talking.

677

00:40:07,471 --> 00:40:11,675

It sounded like Clifford Blossom was  
responsible for sending Veronica's dad to jail.

678

00:40:11,809 --> 00:40:13,444

Oh, my God.

679

00:40:13,577 --> 00:40:17,148

If Clifford sent Hiram Lodge to jail,  
tore apart his family...

680

00:40:18,149 --> 00:40:20,684

...maybe Hiram  
was trying to do the same to him?

681

00:40:20,818 --> 00:40:23,120

Yeah, by going after  
what the Blossoms value most.

682

00:40:23,454 --> 00:40:24,955

Their family.

683

00:40:25,089 --> 00:40:26,624

Their legacy.

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00:40:27,458 --> 00:40:28,926

That's a motive.

685

00:40:37,835 --> 00:40:40,571  
JUGHEAD:  
Winter had come early to Riverdale.

686  
00:40:41,906 --> 00:40:44,475  
Brutal and unforgiving.

687  
00:40:45,209 --> 00:40:46,844  
Did it work?

688  
00:40:46,977 --> 00:40:50,080  
-Are the vultures appeased?  
-We're not out of the woods yet.

689  
00:40:50,214 --> 00:40:53,217  
JUGHEAD: But it would be nothing  
compared to the storm that was gathering.

690  
00:40:55,553 --> 00:40:59,824  
A storm of chaos named Cheryl Blossom.

691  
00:41:00,724 --> 00:41:01,859  
[KNOCKING ON DOOR]

692  
00:41:01,992 --> 00:41:02,993  
[SNIFFS]

693  
00:41:03,727 --> 00:41:04,728  
Yes?

694  
00:41:04,862 --> 00:41:06,530  
Good night, Cheryl.

695  
00:41:07,097 --> 00:41:08,833  
Good night, Pollykins.