

The Fallen Angel

Richard Branco was once a titan in the financial world. The investment bank he founded, Gramerl Bank, rapidly rose to become one of the most prominent on Wall Street in the 1990s through his shrewd tactics. Richard was worth tens of billions, second only to his old friends Jack Green and Maurice Faubregues.

However, his reign didn't last. Richard's greed led to his downfall. After the subprime mortgage crisis erupted, Gramerl Bank was exposed for massive manipulation of high-risk mortgage investments, causing widespread harm. The scandal broke, Richard was fired, and his shining crown was tarnished by dust. His friend Jack even took advantage to squeeze him out of the bank he founded.

Stripped of his kingdom, a devastated Richard found solace only in his daughter Maria. Unfortunately, Maria had long despised her father's corrupt ways. She left home as an adult, gradually growing apart from him. It wasn't until his twilight years that Richard realized his mistakes and attempted to reconnect with her.

Having witnessed her father's unscrupulous business dealings, Maria was determined to uphold justice her own way - by becoming a human rights lawyer. She joined an international non-profit, working alongside Spanish colleague Carlos Gonzalez for years to assist the oppressed. A deep friendship blossomed, and unbeknownst to Maria, Carlos developed feelings for her - having secretly admired her since college when he was too shy to act on it.

Carlos' wife Patricia seemed to sense his growing affection for Maria and secretly plotted against her rival.

Meanwhile, turmoil also brewed in Jack Green's household. The renowned art collector fretted that his daughter Emily, a talented novelist, lacked interest in money and power. Conveniently, Emily planned to write a new novel centered on an art collector protagonist - Jack saw an opportunity to draw her into the world he loved.

Jack's old friend Maurice's son Travis was developing a similar film about an art collector's life. Years ago, Maurice had betrayed his former partner Richard, leaving him bitter for revenge. Now Richard schemed to reclaim his ousted stake in Gramerl Bank and get even with these two snakes.

Love, hatred, schemes intertwined - everyone seemed motivated by ulterior motives. Emily's friend Sophie harbored secret affections and volunteered to assist with the new book. Her ex-boyfriend Owen also covertly planned to reconnect through the project.

Though elderly, Richard hadn't abandoned his ambition to reclaim power - not just his stake in Gramerl, but vengeance against those who betrayed him.

Unaware, Maria remained dedicated to human rights - until an unexpected event pulled her into the fray...