

The Riches: The Lying King season finale

S02E07) I debated whether or not I should follow that post title up with a "kind of" or an "unfortunately." Because really, it is unfortunate that season two was cut short by the strike. If we were gearing up to watch the next six episodes of season two, this would have been a pivotal episode.

With Dahlia's breakdown, Didi rebelling against her father, and the growing tension between Wayne and Quinn, things are building nicely. As a season finale though, I'm left feeling disappointed. Still, "The Lying King" did offer up some good bits to the story. More on that, after the jump.

To start, let us go to the end, with Quinn's closing words for the season, "I have your son." Last week I suspected that was the motivation for his interest in Cael. But they did do a good job selling the possibility that Quinn could have other ideas. For just a moment, as he defended Wayne to Cael, you could almost believe that he was a changed man and did want to take the family in a different direction. Alas, as we saw, not so much.

Clearly, Wayne wants no part of a partnership with Quinn. We're missing some pretty big bits to that back story, and it's something that I would really like to see in season three. Of course, even if Quinn was sincere in his desire to deal with Wayne, that ship had already sailed with what happened at the Bayou Hills construction site. Sabotage and just showing up to take over are not the friendliest of methods for saying let's be partners.

For me, the best part of the Bayou Hills construction story was the entrance of Wayne's mafia muscle. It was good to get Minkov back into the story. It's a great example of just what the Riches project has become for the Malloys. It did all start on a fluke. It was a perfect storm of coincidences that brought them into this situation to begin with. And with everything that has happened, all the close calls, they should have cut and run by now, cashing out for whatever they could from Doug's estate.

And they almost did, but then we had Bayou Hills and the promise of the big payday. It's just as much the definitive deadline as it is the \$13 million. When they first took this gamble, it was all wide open. But now, if Wayne can just get to the end of the Bayou Hills project he can disappear with a big score. So now the game becomes juggling all of the balls until the very last minute. It's a tricky bit of business. He doesn't have to actually solve all of these problems. He just has to delay any negative resolutions until just after he's out.

That's what we see shaping up with Minkov. Given the choice, Wayne would surely side with Hugh and turn the tables on Minkov. And really, unless he absolutely has to in order to keep the game going, he's not going to throw Hugh under the bus. At some level, Wayne is growing to like Hugh. When we see Hugh stop to share a genuine moment where he thanks Doug for everything he does for him, it is just that much more pressure on Wayne. It all makes for a fascinating story.

On the other side of our tale, we have Dahlia. I found myself mesmerized by Minnie Driver this week. The breakdown of Dahlia as her past and her present just overwhelm her is great TV. It was impressive how much of her story they were able to tell by letting us watch her think about her situation. Dahlia's part of the story also served as the setting for some of the best Nina scenes we have had yet. I've liked the Nina character from the start, but watching her deal with Jim's death, and both Dahlia and Wayne, was Nina at her best. It really showed just how much alike Wayne and Dahlia are. She is so angry with Wayne, yet doing the exact same thing to Nina.

The only part of Dahlia's story, and the episode, that didn't work for me was the scene with Devereaux. I just wasn't buying his sudden kiss of Dahlia to start with, let alone with his wife and kids just inside the house. That's just not at all what I got from all of the earlier Devereaux scenes.

As to the kids, there's not a lot to take from Sam and Cael's involvement this week. I'm curious to see more with Sam and his new friend, but as this was the season finale, that bit felt kind of tacked on because they needed something for Sam to be doing. And Cael, he was more or less playing support to get to Quinn's big line. There was a bit more for Didi this week though. Dahlia tossing Wayne under the bus by telling Didi about Pete set a lot of things in motion. The telling line for me was Didi asking Wayne if that's who they are now. She's left searching and confused, seeing everything falling apart and takes off for some good old fashioned teen age rebellion.

And there we are. All the seeds have been planted for what should surely be a great season three. I do wish that we could get all of those answers over the next couple months as a full season two raps up, but what are you gonna do? I suppose we should take from it that six episodes of a very good show is still a check in the win column.

It was a weird season finale. In the sense that it wasn't one at all... But I'm okay with that, as long as "The Riches" will be back for another season. I really love this show! It doesn't seem to have a large fanbase, though... So that has me worried.

And Minnie Driver has been outstanding the whole season, her acting is just remarkable...

Reply

The song at the end was the Robert Plant/Allison Krauss collaboration "Please Read the Letter" that I now must make sure I have downloaded from iTunes. Have loved it since I first heard it earlier this year.

Great, great show. Ranks up there with Lost and Mad Men in my book - intriguing characters and just the right pace of plot development

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Reform and opening up and the socialist market economy in-depth development, socio-economic composition, forms of organization, means of employment, interests and increasingly diversified distribution methods, and society adapt to those new ideas, new concepts enrich the young people's spiritual world, so that their thoughts become more active, more innovative and pioneering consciousness on the other hand, market economic activities brought some negative impact on the social life and moral loss in some areas, money worship, hedonism, extreme individualism negative phenomena of corruption and cult, Huang Duda, and other social evils, to the healthy growth of young people have a negative impact, and some embarked on the criminal path, to the social cause great harm to families and relatives bring great sadness.

Witnessed in the education of young people in both government or educational institutions, educators and relevant functional departments of absence, was very anxious; youth in social and school life in adverse phenomenon can be summed up in the following areas:

1, ignoring the discipline, ethics and regulations. Individual young people, liberalism, hedonism and extreme individualism serious, the school does not accept the management education in the community it is creating things.

2, Yan Xue very serious. The economic and social phenomena of corruption and social impact of the new study is useless to the rise in the number of young people, therefore, their living space and more Internet cafes or in the streets Liudang, parents have lost some students unable to control or supervision, School teachers in this part of the students powerless, to give up the natural attitude.

3, acts of loss. Individual students smoking, drinking, Tanqingshuoai, the blind imitation touch with long hair, ears

Occurred.

4, a case of contradictions, Viagra's use of force, interpersonal Commissioner of hostilities; some of the martial arts students, the impact of violent video films, because of trivial or short, on the escalation of conflicts in his early years is Roubo, so that your muscle pain, the use of development to the present is Daofu, stick, stick, maimed death scenes not sure what Head Jingxin.

The reasons for this phenomenon have:

1, subjective factors

Young people in the juvenile phase, young people early stages, the nervous system in a state of instability, their understanding of feelings and will of the changes, so that they become easily excited and easy impulse to act impetuously, vulnerable to outside influence. When faced with further studies, employment, love, marriage, communication, and other practical problems, they had some self-satisfaction of needs, once the impact of

adverse factors, they will be a youth crisis.

As physical maturity and psychological maturity of not synchronous with puberty and that the gap will form a pair of contradictions.

2, objective factors:

(1) the absence of family education. The family is the longest youth activities, the impact of the deepest, most closely associated, in recent years, Shihe, the missing, misconduct migrant workers and parents of families gradually increased. Cadres to work on time, evening and holiday entertainment in the community, less communication with their children; rural families parents simple and crude methods of education is anti-Deqi;-to-year-old Liu Qishi the elderly to manage a modern society under the influence of young people only shout Days, bad family education environment and education is the formation of young people took to Xielu an important factor.

(2) the wrong school education. China s education is still the quality of education Hande vigorous, the exam-oriented education slackening down-to-earth, the objective remains the primary and secondary school students further their studies, many psychological problems were covered up, many of the educational activities of schools and teachers preach patience because not even the family and society Fixed so few results, the long run, result in students moral quality is not high, interpersonal communication force is not strong, psychological vulnerability, easily into the extreme.

(3) social environmental impact. Play up violence, pornography, superstition, books and newspapers repeated audio-video products, the county seat of the dozens of Internet cafes ineffective supervision departments, plus the social transformation has also brought many problems, such as urbanization, a large number of farmers in cities so that structural changes in the population , Resulting in the school, employment and social life in many aspects, such as uneven phenomenon, abusing power for personal gains, and other negative phenomena of corruption on social areas of life such as the interference caused by young people s ideological bias is another factor.

According to youth education and the problems in the cause of these problems, makes the following recommendations (for reference).

One, and establish and improve the three-pronged the youth education system, school education, family education, social education coordinate with each other and promote each other; rural township and village committees, urban neighborhood committees to take up the responsibility of education of young people .

1, school education. Really developed countries the implementation of the relevant measures of quality education, moral education to-earth manner, both to the students a healthy physique, but also to students of a healthy psychological. Teachers should set an example for students, it is necessary to preaching the 1st time, to dispel misgivings doubts students cultivate a sound personality. School education should firmly seize the main positions, as the carrier in a variety of activities, students cultivate patriotism and love school, love home, love and social life; carry forward the national spirit, teamwork, and foster self-confidence, self-reliance, self-reliance, self-esteem of quality, Young people into society so that every family, the healthy growth of a patriotic and law-abiding, a letter that the ceremony, unity friendly, self-improvement through diligence and thrift, dedicated devotion, the new generation.

2, family education. First, from a legal point of view clearly do not perform their duties or incomplete due diligence should be held accountable and the condemnation of public opinion; Secondly, as the parents should study and master the basic theories and methods of education, understanding and knowledge of child care, elementary, middle and high school youth The growth of law, in family life, parents should set an example for their children; words and deeds are the parents of children in the heart in a subtle role, husband and wife, neighbors harmony, Xiaojing elderly, the unity of comrades, and should not have said, should not be Do not do that, care for the child s daily life, pay attention to soul communication, family life democracy, the children make mistakes more to study educational methods, children should be given recognition of progress and encouragement. Parents should once again with the children attending school teacher and Renke teachers to maintain regular contacts, to understand each other, and discuss teaching methods.

3, social education. Students living in neighborhood committees and village committees should be the person responsible for youth education and management, clearly students home addresses, contact information, family size and population structure, employment, cultural level, cognitive ability, economic conditions, regular or From time to time held the villagers, residents and parents of students will study the introduction of advanced educational concept, Jiaoziyoufang recognition of the success of the family and parents, students and parents actively participate in social activities, visit the advanced models, will participate in the report, the speech so that the Green Juveniles are from the education.

Second, create a good social environment for young people is essential for the healthy growth

1 to purify the growth environment for youngsters. Strengthen the supervision of the cultural market, the re-transmission of obscene, pornographic, homicide, violence, feudal superstitions and pseudo-science publications, the re-evoked with a minor criminal and terrorist acts, harmful to the cruel game software products to the rectification county Internet cafes carry out the work, hold the relevant functional departments and business owners of illegal responsibility. Strengthen the business of entertainment, electronic game rooms, Lu Xiangting, songs bar, supervision management, to achieve the purification and cultural environment.

2, to strengthen legal education for young people, schools, neighborhood committees and village committees to employ public security, procuratorial, Comrade law and other legal workers for popularizing counsellors, with their actual work and the characteristics of juvenile delinquency, extensive Propaganda, instilling strong, so that they Jidong law as a weapon to protect themselves and understand the law and crime will harm the community, I will be subject to legal proceedings truth.

3, to strengthen young people specialized places the construction and management of all types of schools at all levels to play the existing culture, music, art, sports venues utilization rate for young people is conducive to a healthy cultural activities. Woxian in the transformation of the old city, the new district plan for construction, planning and construction should be places of the young people, especially the resumption of building a good young Palace, the building Liu Bo Jian Martyrs Memorial Hall so that young people have holiday destination, activity room, guiding the Green Junior visited the new rural construction, the Sichuan-Shaanxi Soviet Area understanding of history, carry forward the spirit of the Red Army should be building cultural centers, libraries, young people learn to accept from time to time, in reading, enjoy the activities are educational.

4, and building a good young team, to carry out the responsibility. County, education, information, culture and sports, broadcasting, film and television, press and publishing, women s federations, the regiment the county committee, public security, finance, civil affairs, taxation and Spiritual Civilization Office and other departments and organizations to better cluster to perform their duties And concerted efforts so as to enable the effective and worthy of the next generation. We should give full play to retired officers, veterans, veteran experts, teachers, the old model of role models, the formation of a combination of part-time, high-quality, the number of young people s ideological and moral construction team and ask them to make a report into the social and family Participate in educational activities to their Yanzhuanshenjiao encourage the majority of young people.

5, all sectors of society to care about the next generation of growth. Train and create tens of thousands have lofty ideological quality and good moral training of qualified builders and successors, both the party and state relations to the cause of Houjiyouren and also the 10 million families and the expectations of parents, therefore, urged the whole society reached a consensus , The management and education of young people is everyone s responsibility; government leadership to the relevant people at the Friendly reminder to the entire county, to draw attention to the whole society, we all participate in this work.

Third, the establishment of the Next Generation Working Committee, to carry out management Woxian education of young people.

1, and county people s governments should set up the Next Generation Working Committee, by the Department of Education, the regiment party committee, county unions, the WoC, publicity, radio, style, public security, and other relevant departments of Commerce and Industry, in service, office , To be spending the funds, the county is responsible for management education for young people.

2, as tackling economic and security work, the county departments, schools, neighborhood committees, village and township work evaluation for the advanced, promote our work.

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