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### **A Play and A Book**

I recently watched this play based on a well-known story. I enjoyed it so much because in the book, their story was boring and family friendly, but their play made the one different that nobody thought was possible to do and still make the plot exactly the same.

In the book, this little town was so adventurous, playful and neighbours knew each other from high school. Their kids also go to the same high school. And that is where the story of four best friends begins. Mary, Peter, Young and Smith have been best friends since they were 5 years old and have always been together ever since. But in the play it was only Young that came from outside the town and she met Mary, Peter and Smith in the same high school they all went to. It was confusing why they changed this bit, but the reason why in the end made everyone waved the whole play.

In the play, Young was this rich girl from outside town. Their father was sent to jail for corrupt business, so she and her mother had to move into this old town because they were running low on cash.

Another rich family from this new town was Mary's family, which in the book she was just an average teenage girl with an average family. I was confused why they changed it because out of all other things you could change why target this family, right?

Anyway, as the play was coming to an end, everyone got suspicious that maybe

Mary's family and Young's family were enemies , so Mary's family had Young's father thrown in jail. But the question was why? So we weren't sure of our suspicious because in the book, they were all such good friends with no enemies. Different families, different lives.

But in the end, the most awaited part everyone was dying to know, why was Young's father in jail and who put him there? The answer is...

It was Mary's mother! It was because Young's mother and Mary's father had an affair a long, long time ago. And the reason why Young's mum was so angry is because they had a child in that affair. And that child was Young!!! Mary's mum banished them away from town so that she didn't have to deal with the embarrassment of their family. Mary and Young were sisters in the play and that was the best plot twist of all. It made such a huge impact that made the play better than the book. Everyone else though. The book was more of a clear fun story and family friendly, which was a bit boring and the play was not so family friendly but with a better ending! So overall, I loved the story of the play more than the book. The play had a better ending!

