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Ripples in The Dream Answer Key

Character & Decision	Cause	Effect
Walter - invests the insurance money with Willy and Bobo	He decides to trust his friends with the money in hopes of opening a liquor store.	The family's financial security is lost when Willy runs off with the money, crushing Beneatha's dream of medical school and shaking the family's stability.
Mama - puts a down payment on a house in Clybourne Park	She invests part of the insurance money in a house.	The family gains hope for a better future, but they also face racial hostility from the neighborhood.
Ruth - chooses to keep her baby	She decides not to go through with an abortion.	Her choice brings relief to Mama and shows resilience, but also deepens financial worries for the family.
Beneatha - pursues becoming a doctor and questions tradition	She insists on becoming a doctor and debates with George and Asagai.	This inspires discussions about identity, challenges gender roles, and highlights generational differences in the family.
Walter - rejects Lindner's offer in the final act	He chooses dignity over money by refusing to sell out.	The family unites with pride, regains hope, and prepares to move into their new home together.