## **Desperation 73**

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As netizens were left in awe of Ashley's formidable network, a surprising twist caught their attention. Jeremy retweeted Ashley's

tweet with a comment: [Wholeheartedly supporting Ashley! I just purchased 100 copies of Bryce's new EP.]

The netizens were stunned.

[What the hell? Jeremy!]

[Rather than supporting his younger brother Matthew, he opted to purchase Bryce's latest songs?]

[Wait. Jeremy's main point was the unconditional support for Ashley, and buying Bryce's new songs was just a side note.]

[Do you mean he finally acknowledges Ashley's talent and is desperately trying to mend things with her?]

Seeing Jeremy's retweet, Ashley coldly turned a blind eye.

Meanwhile, Matthew couldn't hide his frustration.

He thought, 'Has Jeremy lost his mind? To seek forgiveness from Ashley, he even went as far as to support Bryce, my direct

competitor! He is making a spectacle for others to laugh at!"

The news of Jeremy purchasing Bryce's new songs did stir up considerable discussion online.

As time passed, netizens couldn't resist sharing their thoughts on the quality of the songs released by both artists.

[Incredible! Why do Bryce's new songs sound so amazing? Is it even real?]

[I also bought Matthew's new album. The songs are good, but compared to that, Bryce's are more astonishing.]

[Tsk, it seems Matthew can't do without Ash. In the last album, Ash helped with the composition, assisting Matthew in winning

the Most Popular Male Singer Award. Without Ash this time, he can't even produce a stunning new song.]

[You guys above are probably just trying to create a buzz! Matthew's songs are also good!]

However, with the word spreading, Bryce's new songs soon gained positive reviews.

Twitter was soon filled with hashtags, "Bryce's new songs are great", "Dark Faith" and "The Shape of Light".

Conversely, "Matthew is a bad singer" had been trending.

The comments on them were in sharp contrast.

Some netizens who hadn't purchased the new songs yet, tempted by the widespread acclaim with a 95% positive rating, couldn't

resist and decided to give it a listen.

After all, one song cost only three dollars, and three pieces were just nine, not exactly breaking the bank.

Upon buying, they discovered that it wasn't just propaganda. The songs. were genuinely good.

The remaining five percent of negative reviews seemed to be from haters.

Others who had already bought the new songs couldn't resist purchasing a few more copies to share with friends. They were

convinced that this year's chart-topping songs had to come from Bryce.

Of course, what caught the netizens' attention the most was the genius behind these captivating songs.

[Bryce, please! Quickly reveal the composer!]

Curious about the composer, the netizens stumbled upon a surprising revelation. The number of copies sold for Bryce's new

songs surpassed that of Matthew!

Matthew's new album had sold 800 thousand copies.

Bryce's new EP had sold 810 thousand copies.

It had taken the lead!

And the gap continued to widen at a rapid pace!

Clearly, Matthew's new album was on the verge of slowing down, while Bryce's sales were skyrocketing.

[I just checked again, and Bryce has already sold 1.15 million copies! The growth is incredible!]

[But in terms of total sales, Matthew is still ahead. His album costs 30. dollars, while Bryce's is only nine. The difference is

substantial.]

[I might be overthinking this, but I feel Bryce's new songs have a hint of Ash's style.]

[Oh, that's it! I agree with you! It's a bit reminiscent of Ash's style!]

Witnessing the increasing popularity of Bryce's new songs, Matthew frowned, his expression growing more serious.

Even though his sales were currently higher, at this rate, Bryce would catch up sooner or later.

Moreover, the trending hashtag "Matthew is a bad singer" kept attracting attention, which was annoying.

Matthew kept a close eye on netizen comments and noticed some expressing that Bryce's new songs had some of Ash's style.

Disdainful, Matthew thought, "Could anyone just imitate Ash? Don't make me laugh!"

However, as he scrolled through the comments, it wasn't just one person saying this. Many netizens shared the same sentiment.

Despite disdain, Matthew couldn't resist going to a pirate website. Without spending a dime, he listened to Bryce's new songs.

After just listening to one piece of them, he was sure. It indeed bore the style of Ash!

He sneered inwardly, This composer dared to imitate my mentor Ash!"

Given Matthew's existing displeasure with the praise for Bryce's new songs, he decided to capitalize on this defect he just seized

on.

He promptly posted a scathing tweet.

Matthew: [I heard someone is trying to imitate my mentor Ash. Well, can just about anyone replicate Ash? If a song like this is

still being praised, it's truly a tragedy in the music industry. Listen, blind imitation won't get you far! Many people try to imitate Ash

but can never become Ash! Ash is my forever respected mentor!]

Matthew posted this tweet in the name of Ash's student, exuding a righteous tone. It instantly grabbed the attention of numerous

netizens.

Matthew's fans were even moved to tears.

[Matthew, you are right! I'm so glad that you're still the boy who loves. music after all the twists and turns!]

[Ash is Matthew's mentor. Some people dare to imitate Ash for attention! How disgusting!]

[To be fair, Matthew's tweet is quite moving. Seeing others' praise for Bryce's new songs, I initially wanted to support him. But

after seeing Matthew's tweet, I instantly abandoned the thought.]

[I won't buy Bryce's songs as well!]

[@Bryce, go away! Stop imitating! Ash's student is Matthew!]

"Matthew criticizes the imitation of Ash" quickly became a trending hashtag.

Seeing the praise in the comments, Matthew smiled with satisfaction.

He thought, 'That's more like it. Why bother buying Bryce's new songs? My songs are the best!!

However, the next moment, Matthew's smile froze.

On Twitter, Bryce had just posted a special tweet, solemnly revealing information about the composer.

It was a concise and forceful line of text.

[Thank Ash for being the composer and arranger "Dark Faith", "Youth" and "The Shape of Light".] of my three songs,