

The Miraculous Simone Gray by Opal Reese Chapter 131

Chapter 131 You Have No Idea?

Jodie expressed her desire to borrow a mystical tool from Melinda, so the two masters decided to leave promptly. Steven instructed **his** secretary to escort them out. Harold had already left, and Freya didn't want to stay either. She wasn't acquainted with Jodie and knew that Jodie couldn't assist her in borrowing the mystical tool, so she left to find a solution on her own.

After everyone **departed**, Steven sat there silently. Jodie was in so much pain that she couldn't bear it, so she made a phone call to Melinda in front of them

Due to Steven's presence, she refrained from saying anything negative about Simone in front of Melinda. However, she did mention the need for the mystical tool and requested Melinda to lend her one, a precious antique that could ward off bad luck.

Melinda readily agreed.

Observing Jodie and Melinda conversing so familiarly on the phone, Steven couldn't help but furrow his brows slightly. He hadn't forgotten that his biological daughter, Simone, and Leon were once a couple. According to online rumors, Simone and Leon broke up due to his ambiguous relationship with Jodie.

Steven had business dealings with Adam and would often meet up to play basketball or have a meal together. Their relationship was quite good. He had a favorable impression of Leon, so he had assumed that Simone's relationship with him was fine.

Little did he know that not only did they break up, but it also became widely known

As a result, his impression of Leon plummeted. Now, seeing Jodie and Melinda, it seemed more like a mother-in-law and daughter-in-law relationship. This disgusted him. Not only did Jodie lead his son astray, but she also snatched Simone's boyfriend, crossing a line for him.

If it weren't for his plan to investigate the relationship between Jodie and Master Shane, he would want his wife to send her away now. Anyway, she was already an adult and could survive on her own outside of the Gray Family.

Witnessing his two wayward sons, Steven was furious. "I'll be going on a business trip abroad. in a few days, and you two will accompany me.

Luca and Andrew were both taken aback. "Why should we go? company and had no interest in business.

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Steven responded coldly, "If I tell you to go, then go. Don't bother asking why." Then, he ushered them out, saying, "I **still** have some business to attend to. You can go back first." He planned to keep his two sons away from Jodie for a while.

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Luca and Andrew could only reluctantly say, "Yes."

They helped Jodie up but didn't dare to be too affectionate.

Jodie knew that Steven was displeased, and she also felt uncomfortable. She could only obediently smile and say, "Dad, since you're busy, we'll go now."

Steven didn't ignore her. Instead, he showed a gentle smile and uttered, "Go ahead, if you need anything, you can come find me. Naturally, he wouldn't want Jodie to be wary of him.

Seeing him like this, Jodie couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief. "Okay"

After the others left, Steven called in his secretary and instructed him to investigate Jodie and Master Shane. After giving the instructions, he began working on some documents.

Meanwhile, Simone also turned off the surveillance video.

Gwen sighed. "He is quite cunning. He seems amiable to Jodie, but then he orders an investigation." The speed of this change was something she couldn't achieve.

Simone smiled. "If he didn't have some tricks up his sleeve, he wouldn't have been able to become the chairman of the Gray Group. He has also developed the Gray Group very successfully."

Steven was the most astute member of the Gray Family and quite suspicious. Therefore, Jodie would surely be suspected by him. Gwen curiously asked, "Do you think there **is a** relationship between Jodie and those two masters?"

Simone replied, "There must be a connection."

Gwen felt that the relationship between the three of them was not simple. Today's performance seemed like a collaboration between Jodie and those two masters.

"Shall we also investigate their relationship? Gwen asked.

Simone shook her head. "Mr. Gray has already sent someone to investigate. If we investigate again, we might alert them. They will take action if they want to deal with me."

This matter was too deep, and she didn't want Gwen to get involved, as it would be very dangerous. She would use her means to investigate Jodie and those two masters.

Upon hearing this, Gwen gave up, saying, "Okay" She began downloading the transferred documents. "I know that detective. He sent me the things he found."

While the document was still downloading, Gwen's phone rang. Seeing the caller ID, she felt perplexed. "Melinda called me. It must not be anything good."

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Upon hearing Gwen's sarcasm, Melinda was not pleased, but upon considering the purpose of her call, she had no choice but to accept it. She spoke gently, "I'm your mother. Can't I show some concern for you?"

Gwen didn't fall for it. "So, today is not a normal day as the sun rose from the west."

Melinda was speechless. Knowing that a gentle approach wouldn't work, she decided to get straight to the point. "I have something to discuss with you."

Gwen lazily responded, "That's right; just get to the point. There's no need to pretend to be a loving mother. It's disgusting."

Melinda was so angry that she stumbled back. "You!" She took a deep breath and softened her tone as much as possible. "We're mother and daughter, must we make it so tense?"

Gwen yawned. "Why is it so tense? Don't you have any motives? Stop beating around the bush. If you have something to say, say it. If not, just hang up. I'm busy and don't have time to engage in this mother-daughter drama with you. If you want to act, go find Skyler and Leon. They would be happy to play with you."

If it weren't for something important, Melinda would have ended the phone call. Gwen was heartless and cold, unlike a caring daughter, so she didn't beat around the bush anymore. "I want to borrow an antique with auspicious energy from you. I'll return it in two weeks."

"I do have one." Gwen deliberately dragged her tone. "But I won't lend it to you."

Melinda's face changed. "Gwen, you're going too far. Since what I said to you didn't work, do I need your father to come and talk to you personally?" She knew she couldn't control Gwen, so she brought up Adam.

Gwen wasn't afraid. "Then, let him come find me. By then, I'll have a good talk with Grandma and him. And while we're at it, I'll have Grandma invite you back to the mansion for a meal."

Melinda choked. "You ungrateful daughter! You do want to anger me to death, don't you?"

Gwen smiled. "Don't worry, if you die of anger, I definitely won't pray for you. To spare you from feeling disgusted, I also think it's a waste of energy to pray for you."

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This time, she could settle the old scores. Melinda didn't expect Gwen to curse her, and she was **so** angry that she almost spat blood. Unable to hold back, she wanted to curse loudly. "Y You wicked-"

But before she could finish, Gwen hung up the phone.

This infuriated Melinda even more. She immediately called Steven to complain and hinted that he should ask Gwen for the mystical tool.

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Gwen ended the call and stared at Simone in disbelief. "I can't understand why Melinda treats Jodie so well. **She** treats Jodie much better than she treats me and Leon. I even feel like she treats Jodie better than Skyler."

"I can't help but wonder if Jodie is her biological child." Simone chuckled. "If Jodie is her child, she wouldn't have gone to such lengths to pair Leon with her," Gwen responded.

Gwen had secretly conducted a DNA test between her, Skyler, Leon, and Melinda, confirming that Melinda was their biological mother. So, Jodie couldn't be Melinda's child.

Gwen pondered for a moment and said, "That makes sense. But I still can't understand. Could it be that Jodie is related to Melinda's family?" Melinda treated her own family much better than she treated them, especially in terms of support.

"Why don't you help me analyze their features and see *if* there is any blood relation between Melinda and Jodie." Simone smiled and said, "Sure. Show me a picture of Melinda." Gwen nodded and found an old family portrait in an album. She also retrieved a photo of Jodie taken that night from her phone.

"Let's compare them." Simone took the phone and carefully examined the photo of Melinda. In the family portrait, Melinda had minimal makeup and no camera filter, so her facial features were clear. Then she looked at Jodie's photo and made a comparison.

"They aren't mother and daughter, and they have no blood relation." Simone wasn't surprised by this. But Melinda did treat Jodie exceptionally well, which was a bit strange. She went back to look at the family portrait again. Then a look of surprise appeared on her face. "I noticed something significant."

Gwen leaned closer and asked, "What is it?" Simone looked at Gwen with a somewhat awkward expression and uttered, "Your dad has been betrayed."

Gwen was stunned. She looked at the photo on her phone. Then she suddenly realized what Simone meant. “You mean my dad has been cheated on by Melinda?” She asked again, “So Skyler is not my dad’s biological child?” When she secretly did the DNA test before, she also took a sample of Adam’s hair, and it matched. If that was the case, then Skyler was the one with the problem. She hadn’t considered this before.

Simone nodded. “Yes. Based on the photo, there is no blood relation between Skyler and your dad, but he is Melinda’s child.” Then she seemed to remember something and opened Jodie’s photo again. Continuing with the family portrait, Gwen enlarged the picture of Jodie’s face. She had always felt that something had been overlooked, and now she knew what it was.

When Gwen saw her action, she couldn’t help but widen her eyes and ask “Sister half-siblings.”

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their faces, they are half-siblings.”

She continued, “Melinda is really something. After marrying into the Fosters, she had an affair and gave birth to an illegitimate *child*. She even kept it a secret until now. And Skyler has already been brought to the company by your dad to be groomed as the heir, right?”

Gwen was stunned by the revelation, and it took her a moment to recover. “She’s really something.” Things that she couldn’t understand before suddenly became clear.

“No wonder she never liked me and Leon but liked Skyler so much. If it weren’t for accidentally getting pregnant with us, and having an abortion would harm her body, she wouldn’t have wanted to give birth to us.

“No wonder she treats Jodie better than us and even tries to pair her with Leon. It turns out that Jodie is her lover’s daughter, and she loves her too.”

It had to be said that Gwen was disgusted by her own mother. Simone also understood why Melinda didn’t like her, but instead liked Jodie. She had always

helped Jodie with her impression in front of Salma. It turned out to be a case of loving the whole family.

At this moment, Gwen's phone rang again. Seeing the caller ID, Gwen showed a hint of complexity on her face.

'It's my dad calling.' Simone said, 'Don't tell him about this on the phone.' It wasn't safe to talk about it over the phone.

Gwen nodded, answered the call, and said, 'Dad.' She treated her biological father much better. Although he had a love brain, he secretly protected her and Leon. She was forcibly sent to Melinda's family and had a difficult time. Adam often sent money and had people bring her food and entertainment.

Knowing that she was being abused, he subtly reminded her that she could live with her brother. She was smart enough at the time to think of her grandfather, so she called him. Sure enough, her grandfather came to take her in and didn't let Melinda and her family

interfere.

She was able to keep the things her grandfather left for her, thanks to Adam's secret protection. She still had feelings for Adam. Especially now, she sympathized with him even more. He fought his way out of the Fosters and became the powerful and decisive chairman of the Foster Group. He was not only a love brain but also betrayed by his wife. Adam was truly pitiful.

She couldn't help but speak with a touch of sympathy. 'Dad, are you okay?' When Adam heard Gwen's voice, it seemed to carry a sense of sympathy, which was somewhat inexplicable.

'I'm fine, what's wrong?' Adam responded.

Gwen changed the subject. 'Did Melinda complain to you?' Adam uttered, 'She conveyed

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your conversation to me.' Gwen pouted. 'She doesn't have any other skills, but she's excellent at complaining.' In her mind, she added, she was also excell

ent at seducing men, shameless. Adam helplessly said. “You know what kind of person she is, why to bother arguing with *her*?”

Gwen dissatisfiedly said. “She picked a fight with me, and I don’t owe her anything. You don’t of it, it’s like giving a have to say anything. I won’t lend her that mystical tool. If she gets on hone to a dog, there’s no going back.”

She knew exactly what kind of person Melinda was. Melinda said she wanted to borrow it, but in reality, she definitely wouldn’t return it. Most likely, she would just give it directly to Jodie. And even if she did return it, she wouldn’t have lent it in the first place. Not to mention that Gwen also discovered those dirty secrets, so she definitely wouldn’t have lent it.

Adam sighed helplessly. “What are you saying? Dogs and all, don’t mention it again in the future.” Gwen rolled her eyes. “I never intended to.

Adam sighed again. “Then what should we **do**? She ordered me to get that mystical tool from you today no matter what.”

Gwen firmly stated, “Forget it, I won’t lend it anyway.

Adam persuaded, “Why don’t you reconsider? Or come up with a way to deal with her.

Gwen’s frustration with Melinda had reached its peak. “No need to think about it. She can forget about touching any of my belongings.”

Adam seemed to have thought of something. “Why don’t you ask your grandmother? I’m out of options.” Those words resonated with Gwen. “That’s exactly what I was thinking.”

Even if Adam didn’t make this call, she was prepared to seek out Old Mrs. Foster. Not only would Melinda , but she would too.

Adam’s voice carried a tone of affection. “You!” Gwen had put the call on speakerphone, so Simone heard their conversation as well. She typed a few lines on her phone and handed it

Gwen glanced at Simone, who nodded and pointed to the phone. Gwen made an OK gesture in response. Then she said to Adam, "Dad, this time I'm back, and I don't plan to go abroad

again

Adam, showing more patience with Gwen, asked, "Did you have another conflict with Harold?" Gwen replied. "We broke up."

Adam asked unexpectedly, "How did you break up?" Gwen told the truth. "He was flirting with his secretary while leading me on. I've had enough, so I won't play with him anymore. There are plenty of men in the world, and I can live without him."

She couldn't help but add, "There are also good women everywhere. No one can't live without someone else. Don't be obsessed with love." Adam chuckled from the other end of the phone. It seems like my daughter has grown up. It's good that you're happy now. Can't imagine that Harold is playing both sides and with the complexity of the Jenners, it's not going to end well.

"I told you before that he's not a good match, but you didn't listen and insisted on going abroad with him." If it were in the past, Gwen would have argued and said that he was no different from Melinda. But thinking of Adam's situation, she held back.

She said, "I understand now. Adam smiled and said, "You're so beautiful and capable. You will find someone better than Harold." Gwen raised her chin and agreed, "That's for sure."

Then the topic changed. "Dad, I'm not interested in love right now, but I'm very motivated in my career. How about arranging for me to work at the Foster Group? After all, I also have shares."

This was what Simone asked her to inquire about. Adam obviously didn't expect Gwen to say that. He remained silent for a moment before saying, "It's not the right time yet, wait a little longer." Gwen pretended to be unhappy. "You're just like Melinda, always favoring the eldest."

Adam didn't get angry, but instead uttered, "Don't worry, you will have what he has too." He continued, "There's something urgent in my company, so let's not talk about it for now."

Gwen knew that he didn't want to continue the previous topic. "Okay, but you have to promise me one thing."

Adam asked, "What is it?" Gwen acted coquettish and said, "You have to take me out for a meal tomorrow, and I've set my eyes on a set of jewelry. You have to buy it for me." Adam said with a helpless and indulgent tone, "Alright, little girl. I'll take you to buy it tomorrow."

Gwen smiled and said, "That's perfect. Bye, Dad!" After hanging up the phone, Gwen looked at Simone and asked, "Simone, have you noticed anything? Otherwise, why would you

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suddenly suggest **that** I go work at the Foster Group?" She never liked Skyler before, and now she didn't want to see him even more.

Simone honestly replied, "I feel like your dad knows something, and when he called you, it wasn't really about the mystical tool. He even gave you advice and told you to go find your grandmother.

In the Fosters, Old Mrs. Foster was the person Melinda feared the most. Hearing her say this, Gwen also realized it. She thought carefully and said, "That's true. Every time Melinda asks my dad to deal with me and Leon, he always handles it lightly. It seems like it's all for show in front of Melinda."

Gwen then asked with a strange expression, "You're saying that my dad already knows he's being cheated on?"

Simone uttered, "It's not impossible. Especially with what he said earlier, it always feels meaningful. Like it's not the right time yet, or like Skyler has something that you definitely will have too. I feel like your dad isn't really in love."

If he was in love, he would prioritize love above all else, and what would his children mean in front of the woman he loves? If he truly loved Melinda, he would listen to everything she said. Just now on the phone, he would have used a stern tone or even commanded Gwen to bring out the mystical tool.

The most surprising thing was that Adam took the initiative to advise Gwen and suggested she go find Old Mrs. Foster. He couldn't possibly know that Melinda feared her the most. This was very intriguing. The more Gwen thought about it, the more she felt that Simone's words made sense.

She asked in confusion, "So, what is my dad planning?" Is he trying to make Melinda jealous? He's not crazy,"

Simone thought for a moment and said, "There must be hidden motives behind this.

"And haven't you noticed a coincidence? Skyler, Jodie, and Freya are half-siblings with the same father. They have the same father, but three different mothers."

Gwen couldn't help but comment, "Is he a boar that only knows how to mate? But it does feel strange, how can things be so coincidental."

She added with disdain, "Is Melinda blind? How could she steal such a man and even have his illegitimate child?"

Simone saw further. "She knows that Jodie is that man's daughter, otherwise she wouldn't take care of her so much. There are secrets here that we don't know about."

Gwen agreed. "Definitely. She then asked, "Should I remind my dad to not be naive?" She

Chapter 134 He Doesn't Care Anymore

The unexpected relationship between Harold and Freya surprised both Gwen and Simone. Gwen shrugged **and** said, "Whether he has a purpose or not, it's no longer my concern. He told me before that Freya **is** a relative"

She chuckled and added, "So it turns out they're that kind of relative."

Simone patted her shoulder and comforted her, "As your dad said, find someone better than

him.”

Gwen nodded and agreed, “Regardless of any difficulties he may have, the fact that he led me on is true. In any **case**, it’s impossible between him and me. Even if he comes begging on his knees in the future, it won’t make a difference.

If Harold was facing difficulties and couldn’t be with her, why couldn’t he just be honest instead of leading her on? Since he made this choice, it was not wrong for her to choose to let go. She was exhausted in this relationship and she had moved on.

Simone agreed and uttered, I support you. Let’s **find** someone better than them. Even if we can’t find anyone, it’s also fine to be alone.” She couldn’t reconcile with Leon either. Although she was hurt by Leon in the past, she was still willing to believe in love.

Life was long, and it was nice to have someone who could accompany you all the way. Of course, if she couldn’t find someone who could touch her heart, she wouldn’t force it and would be content being alone.

Gwen smiled and said, “Yes, let’s find someone better than them and **make** them jealous.” She asked Simone, “When I talk to my dad tomorrow, should I tell him that you figured it out through physiognomy?” Simone replied. “You can tell him.”

She had already been exposed. Even if she didn’t investigate her master’s matter, those people would still target her. As for why they wanted to target her. Simone had suspicions and doubts in her heart. Now that she had discovered the secrets of the Grays and the Jenners, her suspicions had deepened.

“Alright, then I’ll tell him.” Gwen picked up her phone and dialed. I’ll go find Grandma first and complain to her, asking her to deal with Melinda.”

Soon, a kind voice came through the phone. “Gwen, do you need something from me?” Gwen immediately put on a pitiful voice, “Grandma, Melinda is bullying me again. She’s pressuring me to give away an antique left by Grandpa. I disagreed, so she brought up my dad to pressure me.

break up “And the person she wants to give it to. I really dislike. She flirted with Leon, causing him to with his girlfriend.”

Old Mrs. Foster was stunned and angrily said, "Melinda is becoming more and more outrageous. Leon's previous girlfriend seemed fine to me. But she insisted on meddling and caused them to break up. She usually doesn't care about you, but now she has the audacity to ask you for antiques. *How* can she **have** such a nerve?"

She advised, "Don't pay attention to her. Don't give anything to anyone, even if it's something *your* grandfather left for you."

Gwen continued to feel wronged. "I don't *want* to give it to her either, but she went and involved my dad without any hesitation."

Old Mrs. Foster said, "I'll handle this matter. Whether it's her or your father, if they come looking for you again, tell them to come find me."

Gwen finally smiled and said, "Okay. Grandma is always reliable. Thank you, Grandma. I'll come to the mansion in a few days to have a meal with you."

Old Mrs. Foster indulgently said, "Good. I'll have them make your favorite dishes."

After hanging up the at Simone and said, "It's settled."

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Melinda thought she was very powerful, but in reality, she was either being suppressed by her mother-in-law or afraid of strong-willed people. Simone had taught Gwen before that one can counter another, and that fighting back with borrowed strength was truly effective.

Simone gave her an approving look and said, "Well done." She thought for a moment and asked, "By the way, was Skyler born by C-section or natural birth?" Gwen replied, "C-section."

She continued, "She doesn't like me and Leon for another reason, which is that she had to have another C-section because of us."

Simone asked again, "Do you know Skyler's exact time of birth?" Gwen shook her head. "I only know his birth date, but not the specific time. Melinda celebrates his birthday every year, so that's why I remember

But she never celebrated their birthdays. On the other hand, Adam remembered every year and gave them birthday gifts.

Simone said, “Then try to find out the exact time of his birth.” She added, “Ask the detective to continue investigating Jodie and Freya. Find out if they were born by C-section or natural birth. It would be best to find out their exact birth times.

Gwen was smart and asked, “Are you suspecting that there’s something wrong with their birthdates?” Simone nodded. “If they were born by C-section, it can be calculated based the time. If all three of them were born by C-section, there’s most likely a problem.”

Gwen nodded. “I’ll have him thoroughly investigate this. Then I’ll go to the mansion and

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some information from the maids who took care of Melinda during her confinement” After discussing this, the two of them talked about the arrangements for their studio.

Old **Mrs.** Foster called Melinda. Not only did she scold her, but she also made Melinda immediately return to the mansion to accompany her in reciting scriptures. Melinda dared not defy Old Mrs. Foster’s words, so she reluctantly packed her things and had someone drive her to the mansion.

She **was** even more angry and annoyed with Gwen. She secretly cursed Adam for being useless, not even being able to control Gwen.

While sitting in the car, Melinda received a call from Jodie asking about the antique. After placating her for a few words, she hung up and then contacted Leon. She asked Leon to get a mystical tool from Gwen and send it to Jodie.

At this moment, **Leon** was sitting in a coffee shop that Simone used to frequent, staring blankly at the photos of the two of them on his phone. Upon hearing Melinda’s request, he didn’t comply this time.

When she finished speaking, he didn't respond and simply ended the call. He couldn't help but recall what Gwen had said. Melinda only contacted them when she needed something. but she was friendly in her approach.

In the past, he lost the woman he loved because of this hypocritical and elusive form of maternal love. Now, he no longer cared about this type of motherly affection.

After ending the call with Melinda, he noticed a call from Titus. He declined the call.

Then Harold called, and he continued to reject the call.

On the other end, in the underground parking lot of the Gray Group. Harold heard the busy tone and helplessly said to Titus, "He's ignoring us."

Titus chuckled. "He's always so stubborn." He had just used his appointment with Leon as an excuse to slip away.

Harold asked, "Should we go our separate ways then?" Titus didn't want to go back. "Let's have a drink. After we go back, I'm afraid Jodie will bother us again."

Titus asked with a smirk, "Aren't you afraid of being bothered by Freya when you go back?" Harold agreed immediately. "I'm afraid too. Let's have a drink." If they went back, they might truly be bothered by Freya. He felt irritated whenever he saw her.

Titus curiously asked again. "Have you ever had a relationship with her?" Harold raised an eyebrow at him. "Do you think that's possible? I'm not crazy."

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When Titus asked this, Harold smiled wryly.

"Do you think I want to take her with me? She is the spy that my father and that woman placed by my side. I can only keep her with me so that I can counterattack at any time."

His gaze deepened as he added. 'And I suspect that she herself also has issues. I can only feel at ease if she is kept under my watchful eyes.'

At that, Titus asked, "What kind of issues?"

Harold didn't answer but asked in return, "Do you think there was something wrong between Jodie and those two masters today?"

Titus thought for a moment before saying, "She kept—asking me for blood, wanting me to choose to resolve it. I think there is something suspicious about that."

He quickly reacted and questioned, "Are you suggesting that Jodie is connected to those two masters?"

Harold nodded. "There must be a connection."

"Today, I felt that they were working together, targeting you and Simone. I was just an afterthought."

His tone deepened as he continued, "Titus, remember one thing—never give your blood to geomancy masters. After giving it away, they can use your blood for curses, poisonous magic, and so on. This time, they want your blood, probably to deal with Simone. Of course, in the future, you might not be able to escape either."

Titus was astonished and he asked, "You know so much?"

Harold thought for a moment and said, "I almost fell into their trap once, so I have some experience. It's because we're close, which is why I'm reminding you. Don't tell Jodie about these things. Be cautious in general too. Don't end up helping her after she stabbed you in the back. If it weren't for me giving you a signal today, you would have definitely given your blood to someone else."

It was also because the duo had a childhood friendship. Otherwise, Harold wouldn't bother reminding Titus.

Meanwhile, Titus was speechless. I'm not that stupid."

Harold sneered, "But you've done plenty of foolish things. Before, I thought Jodie was just a plaything kept by you and your brothers. Who would have thought that today I would see the

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true colors of you two brothers and realize that you are the ones being played with, eh?”

Titus' expression darkened. “Shut it if you're going to spew nonsense. You're not any better. Even if you want to keep a spy close, if you like Gwen, just be together. Why bother stringing her along? It serves you right to get beaten.”

Harold sighed. “If I were to confirm my relationship with Gwen, I'm afraid she would be in danger and get implicated.”

Titus smirked. “I see you're following in Leon's footsteps.”

Harold raised an eyebrow. “What do you mean?”

Titus bluntly replied. “You got dumped. What else could it mean?”

“Have you ever asked if the other person wants to accept your so-called good intentions or concerns?” He sneered, “Both you and Leon are the same. Now, you're acting all lovey-dovey, but where were **you** before? I can't stand it.”

“Simone and Gwen will definitely not want you guys anymore. If you don't believe me, just wait and **see**.”

This time, Harold's expression turned dark. “Scram! If you can't speak properly, then shut up. Just drive the car.”

Titus then drove the car out. “You and Leon are just too self-righteous. Of course, I am too. So, I was taken advantage of by my foster sister and was messed up by my own sister. You guys can't escape either.”

He sighed again. “We truly are brothers in adversity.”

“Send a message to Leon. Ask him to come out and drown his sorrows in alcohol. Stop pretending to be sentimental!”

Harold sighed. “Believe it or not, if you say that in front of him, he will beat you up.”

Titus suddenly remembered the incident when Leon hit him before. “D*mn! Are we even friends? I won’t call him, then.”

The two of them went straight to the club to drink.

In the cafe, Leon called Gwen.

Gwen answered the call impatiently, “What do you want?” Leon reminded her, “Mom is concerned about the antiques in your **possession**, so hide them well.”

Gwen was surprised. “Oh, so you’re not acting as her lackey today? I thought you were here to

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ask me for something to give to Jodie.”

Leon frowned. “Don’t say such harsh words.”

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He sighed again. I’ve also come to terms with it. Let Skyler enjoy that bit of motherly love **on his** own.”

Now he suddenly felt that his past self was very foolish and even more boring.

Gwen clicked her tongue twice. “You finally realized it. Don’t let Mom sweet-talk you later, and you end up licking her boots again.”

Leon rubbed his temples. “Can we still have a decent conversation?”

Gwen said, “No, we haven’t had a common tongue for a long time.”

She was about to hang up the phone. “Alright, I got it. Thank you for reminding me.”

However, Leon shouted, “Wait! Is Simone next to you? Can you put her on the line?” He looked through the photos of him and Simone when they were together, feeling nostalgic and longing for her.

Just being able to hear her voice now would be good enough.

Gwen was speechless. “Are you crazy? Simone is next to me.”

She then added. “But I won’t help you. And she wouldn’t want to hear your voice either, so please stop bothering her. Go look for Harold and Titus. You three are a bunch of lonely souls.”

Before Leon could say anything else, she hung up.

Leon was furious, his expression turning dark.

My sister is becoming more and more infuriating!

On the other hand, Jodie couldn’t wait for Salma’s mystical tool and called her again, this time more politely urging her.

But Salma never answered the phone.

Finally, she sent her a message, saying that she was called back to the Gray Family mansion and asked her to ask others first.

Jodie was already on the verge of collapsing, and when she saw this message, she even blamed Melinda.

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She should have said that earlier!

In the end, she continued to seek help from Salma.

After a long time, Salma finally replied to Jodie’s message.

In fact, there was a geomancy tool in the Gray Family mansion that brought good luck.

But Steven had already warned Salma in advance that if his adopted daughter wanted to borrow it, she shouldn’t even consider going to the old mansion.

Salma was more inclined to heed Steven’s advice, especially since her biological daughter. Jodie, had recently broken up with her boyfriend.

Furthermore, Salma was unhappy with the close relationship between Jodie and her sons.

Therefore, she pretended to inform Jodie that she had inquired about it at the mansion, but they had refused to lend it, leaving her with no other options.

Jodie didn't suspect anything. She knew that the elderly couple at the mansion never really liked her, so it was expected that they wouldn't lend it to her.

After contemplating for a moment, she wondered if anyone else might have this item.

Suddenly, she recalled that Gwen had a collection of antiques, so there must be something that could serve as a mystical tool.

Moreover, Gwen was wearing a bracelet that even that person wanted Melinda to have, so it must be superior to the one from the old master.

With this in mind, she called Leon, hoping he could assist her.

However, every time she called, it was always busy, and when she sent a message, she discovered that she had been blocked.

Jodie was deeply hurt by this. She never expected Leon to treat her in such a manner.

She wanted to seek solace in Zac, but she also had feelings for Leon.

Now that he had dared to block her, she decided to complain to Melinda and ensure that he faced the consequences.

Unable to bear it any longer, Jodie finally sent a message to an unknown number.

Little did she know, her phone had already been hacked by Simone.

Every time she made a call or sent a message, Simone would receive a notification.

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Simone was on the phone with Jonah, discussing the upcoming variety show. Unfortunately, Leyla had been in a car accident and wouldn't be able to participate. Jonah decided to replace her with a new regular guest and have a few more flying guests throughout the week's program.

The show had become so popular that there were many people vying for a **spot**. Jonah couldn't refuse some of the companies and individuals who wanted to be on the show. To do Simone a favor, he allowed her to bring one of the artists from her studio as a flight companion for two days. Simone had recently held auditions for Fiona and Ethan, so she planned to take Harry with her and informed Jonah about it. Harry was not well-known and lacked popularity, so a spot on the show would be good for him.

After ending the call, Simone informed Harry that he would be going on the variety show with her. Gwen suddenly remembered something and asked Simone when they were going to release the photos she took on her phone.

Simone knew she was referring to the intimate photos of Scmbag No. 2 and Jodie. She told Gwen to send them to Gary and that they would be released at a more appropriate time on the next episode of the variety show. Releasing them now wouldn't have much of an effect, but if they found the right timing, it would definitely boost Jodie's fame even more. Gwen understood and smirked.

Simone and Gwen returned to their apartment together after finishing their work. Meanwhile, Jonah informed the other guests about Leyla's injury and the need for a replacement. When receiving Jonah's call, Aaron was playing games with Luca, who happened to overhear that Harry had been confirmed as a flying guest and therefore felt somewhat displeased.

After Aaron hung up the phone, Luca said, "Aaron, now that your regular guest got injured, how about me taking his place?"

Surprised, Aaron asked, "Didn't you say you hate programs like the show?"

Luca replied, "You, Jodie, and Simone are all participating, and I want to join in the fun too. Besides, I don't want to go abroad with Dad."

He was still unhappy that Simone was bringing the stupid Harry to the show. So, he decided to be part of it too. Then he could outshine Harry there, and redirect Simone's attention back to himself as her brother. Of course, he didn't explicitly state this.

After thinking for a moment, Aaron thought Luca joining was not a bad idea, so he wouldn't be stuck as the middleman between Simone and Jodie.

Ill ask Jonah, Aaron said as he redialed Jonah's phone.

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Jonah **was** surprised to hear that Luca wanted to participate in the show. He knew Luca was a well-known singer in the country and usually focused on singing-related shows. He didn't immediately agree but told Aaron that they would have to discuss this matter with Gray Entertainment.

After the call, Jonah contacted Simone again and informed her about Luca's interest in replacing Leyla. Simone guessed **that** Luca must be doing it for Jodie, as Sc'mbag No. 3 and Sembag No. 4 were the closest to her among the Gray brothers. She hinted that if Luca appeared on the show, there would be a lot of intimate contact with Jodie and more information about her in the next episode. Simone believed that releasing the intimate photos at that time would create the perfect opportunity for a scoop.

Jonah laughed and agreed that the next episode of the show would definitely be popular if Luca participated. He decided to wait for someone from Gray Entertainment with authority to come and discuss it.

Meanwhile, Luca couldn't sit still after hearing the conversation between Aaron and Jonah. He was afraid that someone else would take the guest spot, so he took the initiative to contact

Titus.

Inside a clubhouse, Titus was having drinks with his two troubled friends. Seeing his brother's call, Titus felt a bit puzzled. He answered, "What's up?"

Luca explained his desire to participate in the show, saying. "Titus, get a spot for me."

Titus was speechless. "You want to join the next show? Are you out of your mind?" snapped. Titus. In the previous show. Aaron had his reputation rained by Simone. The lessons were still *fresh*. Now Luca wanted to willingly walk into the same trap?

Displeased, Lucas said. "Titus, just say whether you'll help or not."

Titus, recalling the incidents where his brother competed for his prayer beads today. chuckled. "Sure, you're my brother. Of course I'll help you. Considering the bond of blood, he decided to indulge this fool. He would let Simone deal with him and help him think better.

For some unknown reason, Luca felt a chill down his spine, "So, it's a deal then?"

Titus assured, "No problem. I'll handle it for you. Although Titus's reputation was currently tarnished, and he was temporarily cast aside by the company, he was still the second young master of the Gray Family with influential connections.

"Thank you, Titus, Luca exclaimed, joyful.

I hope you'll still be thankful after the show, Titus thought to himself. On the phone, however, he just answered, "You're welcome."

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ver hanging op, Titus contacted a director from the company's investment department, someone familiar with Jonah. Since the person had a good relationship with Jonah, he agreed to help Luca secure a spot without hesitation.

Titus felt **relieved** after making the call and poured himself a glass of wine, smiling as he

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Harold glanced at him and remarked. “Are you really that pleased with yourself for deceiving your brother?”

Titus raised an eyebrow and retorted. “Weren’t you happy when you deceived your brother?”

Harold chuckled. That’s a different matter.”

Titus shrugged nonchalantly. “Although what I did was different, it was still foolish and required someone to rectify it.”

Harold burst into laughter. “Indeed, your brother is quite foolish. It wouldn’t be a bad idea to have Simone help him regain his senses”

Both of them smirked and clinked their glasses.

Meanwhile, on the other side. Simone received a notification message.

She discovered that Jodie had sent a text message to an unfamiliar number that was not saved in her phone contacts.

The message read: [Bro, I can’t bear the pain anymore. I’ve asked everyone I know, but couldn’t find a mystical tool to alleviate it. Can you arrange for someone to send one to me?]

Soon, a reply came: [Okay!]

Simone followed up on this response and traced it **back**.

However, she found that it was from an anonymous SIM card and couldn’t determine the sender’s identity.

There were no messaging apps installed on the phone.

Instead, there were several text messages exchanged with Jodie, all from numbers without saved contacts, only displaying phone numbers.

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Simone glanced at the messages.

She discovered that Jodie had been in contact with this number ever since she left the Gray **Family**

Based on their conversation, it seemed that they would change the number after a certain period.

They had previously used a different number to communicate.

When Jodie left the Gray Family, she messaged this person.

The person replied, telling Jodie not to worry about the Gray Family and not to take it to heart.

After appearing on the variety show, Jodie messaged this person again, informing them that the Gray Family's attitude towards her had softened.

The person then replied by instructing Jodie to find a way to return to the Gray Family.

They also wanted to further damage Simone's relationship with the Gray Family, preferably to the point where she would be driven away by them. They had also instructed Jodie to keep a close eye on Simone and prevent her from becoming popular in the entertainment industry.

Then, Jodie informed this person about the incident where she was hurt by Simone immediately after it happened.

The person told Jodie to endure it for now and that he would make Steven voluntarily seek help from a master for them. They also instructed Jodie to make sure to help the master and obtain the blood of Titus, whom Simone had harmed.

It would be even better if they could also get the blood of Harold.

After that, there were the text messages exchanged today.

In this person's phone, there were no contacts, only direct messages from phone numbers.

The other messages were probably about arranging tasks for a few masters.

Because the number would be changed every once in a while, there were not many messages, and they were not complete.

Simone had implanted a virus in this person's phone. Even if they changed the number, as

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Long as they still used this phone, she would be able to know if there was any activity.

From the text messages between the two, it was evident that both Jodie and this person were plotting against her.

Moreover, many of the things Jodie did might have been instigated or taught by this person.

Simone was curious about who this person that Jodie referred to was.

She didn't know if it was Skyler or someone else.

However, she knew she needed to keep her guard up.

The next day, during breakfast, Simone asked Gwen, "Based on your interactions with Skyler, what kind of person do you think he is?"

Gwen replied. "I haven't spent much time with him. Whenever Mom treats us badly, he would come out and act like a good person. He is very friendly toward me and Leon, always acting like a brother and showing concern, but I just feel that he is fake. And in the end, he is the one who benefits. He looks decent, wears a pair of gold-rimmed glasses, and refined and elegant, like a charming nobleman. But I think he is just a pretentious person."

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She didn't say this because she disliked Skyler but because she genuinely felt that he was fake and pretentious.

Simone continued to ask, "Does he understand geomancy?"

Gwen shook her head. "Not that I know of."

Simone asked again, "When your mother goes to buy antiques, does he go with her?"

Gwen thought for a moment and said, "From what I remember, he didn't go with Mom on several occasions. Mom always asked my father to go with her and pay for her. Skyler doesn't show much interest in this area in his daily life. His focus is mostly on the company."

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Simone rested her chin on her hand and said, "According to your mother, she doesn't have any mystical tools, which is why she came to borrow from you. If you don't lend it to her and your father couldn't borrow it, she asked Leon to come to you."

She continued, "Then, where did all the antiques she bought before go, regardless of whether they brought good luck or bad luck?"

Gwen hadn't thought about this before, and she mused, "Yeah, where did those antiques she bought go? Could her lover be a geomancy master?" Then, she added, "No wonder she is more interested in the antiques I have than in the shares of my company. Maybe they were meant for her lover."

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Simone nodded, "It's not impossible.

She said with a deep gaze, "I always feel that behind this, someone is playing a big game, and we are all pawns.

Gwen took a deep breath. "Then, we have to be the ones who jump out of the chessboard. I will continue to investigate who Mom gave those things to."

She thought for a moment and said, "When you go to participate in the variety show next week, I will go back home."

She had to investigate personally, so going back home was the only option.

Simone nodded. "Okay. I will draw a peace talisman for you to hang around your neck, and don't ever be separated from the bracelet you're wearing."

Both Melinda and Skyler had something weird going on, and if Gwen didn't take the initiative to break free from the chess game, there could be a life-threatening crisis.

Hence, taking the initiative was also a way.

For some reason, she always had a feeling that after she died in her previous life, Gwen did not have a good outcome either.

Gwen nodded. "Okay!" She added, "I won't go to the studio this morning. I made an appointment to have lunch with my father."

Simone nodded. "Okay. When you have lunch with your father, remember to turn on the interference software I installed on your phone. This way, whether someone puts a camera or a bug, it will be disrupted and unable to function."

Gwen smiled and said, "If you didn't remind me, I wouldn't have remembered this. I will turn it on now so that I won't forget later."

She took out her phone and turned on the interference device.

The matter she was going to discuss with her father this time was quite secretive, so naturally, she couldn't let anyone

anyone overhear.

After finishing breakfast, Simone went to work while Gwen went to the studio to plan investments.

When it was almost time for their appointment, she closed her computer and drove to the

restaurant.

It was a restaurant her father had chosen.

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Adam had always held a favorable opinion of Simone. However, *he* didn't want to interfere with his son's emotions.

He had previously reminded his son, but it seemed like his words hadn't been taken to heart.

Moreover, he didn't want to involve an innocent girl in any matters, so he chose not to

intervenc

Now it appeared that just because Simone wasn't with his son, it didn't mean she wouldn't be affected.

Gwen disagreed, saying. "There's nothing to regret."

After all, why should Simone endure the grievances of Leon, just as Gwen had endured Harold?

"If you have Leon but don't cherish him, there's no one to blame."

Adam smiled. "I don't understand the love affairs of you young people."

His son had been secretly seeing Jodie while still in a relationship, and only distanced himself after they broke up, hoping for a reconciliation. So why did he engage in such behavior in the first place?

Gwen raised an eyebrow. "I also don't understand the love affair between you and Mom."

Adam was speechless. "You didn't just want to have a meal with me today, did you? If you have something to say, just say it. If I can help you understand, I will."

Gwen didn't beat around the bush. "Dad, do you know that Skyler is not your biological son?"

Adam's expression changed slightly when he heard this. "How did you find out?"

Gwen only now realized that she had misunderstood her biological father before.

Is he really not led *by* his heart?

“Simone figured it out from the resemblance.” Gwen also mentioned the fact that Jodie and Skyler were half-siblings.

Adam didn’t show any surprise. “It seems that Simone is quite perceptive.”

Gwen proudly said, “Of course, Simone is amazing!” She then curiously asked, “Dad, when

did you find out about **this**?”

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Adam hadn’t wanted to reveal these things to his daughter before, but now *he* realized *she* knew quite a **bit**. Since it **was** already involved, there was no point in keeping it a secret

He said. “I found **out** when he was just born, right after *I* did a DNA test.”

Gwen was stunned. “So. you suspected that he wasn’t your son?”

Adam nodded. “Yes, when she was pregnant. I noticed something was off. I had doubts, so I decided to verify it.”

Gwen didn’t understand. “*If* that’s the case, why didn’t you reveal the truth and get a divorce? Not only did you raise Skyler, but you also made him an important figure in the Foster Family. What’s even more bewildering is that you had more children with Mom, which is us siblings.”

She would feel disgusted if she found out that she was being deceived, and there would be no way for them to continue their relationship.

With a sympathetic look, she said. “You really are a fool. Before, I thought I had misunderstood, but it seems that you are still infatuated!”

As for Adam, he felt helpless when his daughter accused him of being infatuated.

He replied angrily. "If I were truly infatuated, you and your siblings wouldn't even be alive right now. I was very angry when I found out the truth at that time. I originally wanted to be

meone was **using** your open about it and divorce your mother, but I discovered that mother and this child to plot against our family. I can't be selfish. Otherwise, the Foster Family would be in great trouble."

Gwen thought for a moment and asked again. Then why did you marry Mom, the troublemaker? Did you really like her before?"

Adam replied, "I was deceived. It was because of me that I met her and inexplicably fell in love with her." He continued tactfully, I can only be interested in her and feel nothing for

other women.

In other words, he felt nothing when it came to other women. "Then one night, I don't know why, but I ended up being with her. And then she became pregnant with Skyler, and that's why I married her. Marrying her was also an impulsive decision."

It was precisely because of this that he felt something was off. After all, he had always been calm and rational, not someone driven by emotions.

He was certain he didn't truly love that woman, but he couldn't help but get **closer** to her, feeling as if he genuinely liked her.

He paused and continued. Then, I discovered that the people behind her were not ordinary.

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and the Foster Family was in a disadvantageous position. The reason your grandfather left Ale capital and went to that small town was also because of this. Before he left, he told me

the only way to break the situation was to endure. We have to lure out the people behind her and take them down decisively. Otherwise, the Foster Family will be finished.

Odense, how could Adam pretend to be deeply *in* love and always indulge that woman with her illegitimate child?

“Having all of you was indeed an unexpected turn of events.”

Since that woman became pregnant and entered the family, he had never slept with her.

“After she found out about the pregnancy, she didn’t want any of you and planned to have an abortion. I was deceived, and I thought I wouldn’t have any descendants. I felt disgusted and suspected that it was the work of the people behind her. But with all of you, I am hopeful and happy. Coincidentally, she had some health issues, so I had the doctor tell her that having an abortion would be harmful to her body. She couldn’t bear to harm her own body, so she had no choice but to give birth to all of you. Indeed, she didn’t like any of you at all. Especially after you started to look more and more like me, she liked you even less.”

Originally, Adam had been prepared to live a life without having children.

When this unexpected situation arose, even though he despised that woman, he didn’t direct his anger towards his two biological children.

Instead, he genuinely cared for them. The children were innocent, so since the accident happened, he would welcome them with open arms.

They carried his blood, and he would fulfill his duty as a father to care for them and protect them as they grew up safely.

Gwen didn’t expect there to be such a hidden story.

Her sympathy for her biological father deepened and she murmured, “Dad, you’ve really suffered and endured so much over the years.”

Adam sighed upon hearing that. ‘Indeed.

No one could understand the feeling of suppressing disgust and pretending to love those two people.

Gwen sighed again. "And you're so good at enduring."

Adam had become an expert in it, enduring the disgust of sleeping with that woman and the issue of the illegitimate child.

In the end, he still had to pretend to love them.

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If it **were** Gwen, she probably couldn't do it.

So, this may be the limit of his tolerance.

In order **to** protect the Foster *Family* and consider the bigger picture, Adam willingly made

such sacrifices.

"Dad, if you were to join *the* entertainment industry,

you would definitely win the Best Actor

award." Adam smiled bitterly. "Do you think I want to be in this situation? I have no choice but to endure for the sake of the Foster Family, for you, and myself."

A hint of coldness flickered in his eyes. "When the time comes for the truth to come to light, I won't let them get away easily."

Gwen, however, was a bit confused. "Dad, why are those people targeting the Foster Family? They have put so much effort into this game, so there must be a purpose. Do they want something from the Foster Family?"

Adam had already revealed so much and didn't hide anything anymore.

"Your grandfather speculated that they want to steal the accumulated luck of the Foster Family over so many generations."

Gwen widened her eyes. "They want to steal our luck? But isn't witchcraft prohibited by the special department?"

Adam nodded. "It is, which is why they have been secretly deploying and patiently waiting. The special department still hasn't uncovered the person behind

all of this. When the time comes, they will reveal themselves and we can catch them.”

Otherwise, why would he endure the disgust for so many years?

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After hearing this, Gwen’s disgust and revulsion towards her mother reached a new level. She also felt sorry for her father. These years, he had truly endured a lot.

Gwen asked, “Dad, do you still not know who is behind Mom?”

Adam shook his head. “The other party has concealed themselves **too** well and they are very cautious. So, even after more than twenty years, I still haven’t discovered who that person is

Gwen realized that this was very complicated. “**So**, you also don’t know who *Skyler’s* biological father is? In all these years, hasn’t Mom met that man again?” She continued by mentioning the antiques that Melinda had given away. “Did you investigate who she gave them to?”

At that, Adam helplessly replied, “I did investigate, but every time I found a clue, it would be cut off. She secretly meets that man, but the special department can’t track them. Her lover is very cautious and skilled. I can’t act rashly and alert the enemy, so I can only proceed step by step.”

Moreover, he was just an ordinary person, so it was easier for the other party to evade him.

Of course, besides pretending to continue their love affair and spoiling the two of them, Adam had also done some things over the years.

But he didn’t need to disclose this to his daughter. Knowing these things would only be detrimental to her.

Gwen felt a chill run down her spine. “Then you can only continue fishing for information.”

Adam nodded, “Yes,”

Suddenly, she remembered something. “Dad, did you know that Skyler and Jodie are siblings?”

Adam replied, “Yes, I noticed that your mother treated Jodie differently, even to the point of liking and caring for her very much. I felt that something was off. If it weren’t for the fact that she had never been out of my sight for more than three months. I would have suspected that Jodie was her biological child. But we managed to obtain Jodie’s hair and conducted a DNA test. We found out that they are not related, so I also did a DNA test between Jodie and Skyler. That’s when I found out that they are siblings, both children of that womanizer. Your mother’s kindness towards Jodie is just a case of loving someone’s child as her own.”

In all honesty, Adam couldn’t comprehend the thought process of that woman either.

How can she love that man so much and still care for his daughter and other women’s daughters?

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Presently, Gwen said, “Mrs. Jenner brought back the **so-**called niece, but she is actually her own daughter, and she is also Skyler’s half-sister. Simone and I discovered this **a few days** ago by accident

Adam was surprised to hear about the matter with the Jenner Family.

seems that Jenner was also cheated on! But he must not know what happened, as he really likes and dotes on his wife. That woman is different from your mother, she knows how to please her husband. She has influenced his decision-making. He only became a stepfather to Harold because *of her.*”

She is much smarter and more cunning than my wife. But it’s also *a good thing* that my *wife* is not that smart. She is self-righteous and thinks that *I* cannot live without *her*. *Otherwise, I* would not have been able to put on the *act for* so many years and she would’ve *discovered everything.*

Adam clicked his tongue and said. “The Jenner’s youngest son might also be an illegitimate child.”

The Foster and Jenner families had business dealings, and Adam had a good relationship with Sebastian Jenner, the matriarch of the Jenner Family.

It is evident that Sebastian did not like Harold, the son of the original wife.

He even harbored murderous intentions towards Harold in order to compete a ssets from his father.

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Harold had to be smart and go abroad to accumulate strength before coming back to challenge Sebastian.

It was because of all these complications that Adam felt the Jenner Family wa s too complicated and Harold was not a suitable match for his daughter.

He did not oppose)

things clearly.

daughter's decision to go abroad because he hoped she would see

It was also to avoid the woman's scheming.

Adam had always known that the woman wanted to obtain what his daughter had by any

means necessary.

He suspected that there was someone behind her who wanted it.

Gwen couldn't help but comment. That womanizer is probably like the arrogant men in novels."

He could seduce all kinds of beautiful women from different backgrounds.

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these women **would** he and die for him, not to mention sacrifice everything for him

would also sympathize with each other and love him along with his illegitimate
king about it made Gwen sick

If it weren't for this explanation, she wouldn't understand her mother's mindset

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Melinda utterly disliked Gwen because she resembled her father.

To Melinda, the birth of their siblings was evidence of her betrayal of that womanizer.

Maybe Melinda knew that Gwen would be bullied and tormented when she sent her to her maternal family.

And then using the hands of her maternal family, she destroyed this evidence. The more Gwen thought about it the colder she felt.

Adam agreed with her. "I sometimes have the same suspicion."

Now they had discovered three illegitimate children with the same father but different mothers, and they were all placed in three major wealthy families.

That man must be a force to be reckoned with.

Adam thought for a moment and said. "In that case, Simone was most likely abducted by the person behind all this"

The womanizer might not have seduced Mrs Gray, or perhaps when the plan started. Steven was already married and it was too late.

To seize the fortune of the Gray Family, they devised a plan to kidnap their biological daughter and then find a way to send an adopted daughter in her stead.

It was truly a series of interconnected events.

The more they discovered, the more unsettling and fearful it became.

Upon hearing this. Gwen thought it was indeed possible. That person is truly evil.

She then recounted what happened in Steven's office.

Then, she asked, "Dad, can I tell Simone about what we talked about today! Those people also want to harm her."

The only people she trusted now were her biological father and Simone.

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Gwen hoped Simone would know more about the situation and be better prepared.

Adam guessed that his daughter would react this way.

He nodded. Tell her, then. It seems she has long been involved in this. If she doesn't know anything or is just an ordinary person, telling her could easily expose and harm her. But she is a geomancy master and quite capable. Now it seems that the more she knows, the better it might be for her."

Adam had a feeling that Simone might be a breakthrough in this matter.

"Besides Simone, you can't tell anyone else about this. This includes your brother and Harold."

He then continued, "When you see your mother and Skyler, act as if everything is normal, and don't display any signs of suspicion."

Gwen nodded. "Don't worry; I understand."

She didn't want to behave like the foolish Leon.

After a moment of thought, she asked, "Dad, is my grandmother alright?"

Adam nodded. "She's fine."

He added, "All those conflicts with your grandfather in the past were just a pretense for your

mother and them."

Gwen breathed a sigh of relief. "That's good!"

After they finished their meal, Adam accompanied Gwen to the mall and bought her a variety of jewelry and clothes before parting ways.

Although Melinda was in the mansion, she quickly learned about this news.

She cursed them both silently.

She was particularly displeased and unhappy that Adam accompanied Gwen for shopping.

Even though she didn't love Adam, she considered him her personal possession.

She didn't appreciate him being kind to other women, even if it was her own daughter.

If she hadn't been confined to the mansion by her wicked mother-in-law, she would have definitely called Adam back to keep her company.

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After returning to the apartment, Gwen shared her conversation with her father with

Simone.

Simone wasn't surprised. She had already noticed that Adam wasn't as infatuated as he seemed

It turned out that he had discovered the problem and had been pretending all along.

Simone had suspected this before. Otherwise, it wouldn't make sense for him to have connections with the major influential families.

Gwen asked, "Simone, do you think my mother was also cursed by that womanizer?" Otherwise, how could she do something so foolish?

Simone replied honestly, "I've only met your mother once before, but I didn't notice any signs of a curse."

"Your father might not be genuinely infatuated, but your mother might be."

Gwen sighed. "I knew it. I always thought she **wasn't** very smart, so it's not surprising that she was fooled by that womanizer. I wonder if you can remove the curse from my father."

Simone responded, "Once my abilities improve further, I should be able to help him remove the curse. Even if we can do it now, we shouldn't. It would alert the enemy. Your father has endured for over 20 years. We shouldn't undermine his previous efforts."

Gwen nodded. "You're right." She then asked, "Do you think Harold knows about all this?" Simone thought for a moment. "Judging by his demeanor, he might have some knowledge." Harold was more cunning and scheming than Leon and the other se mbags.

"I don't think he kept Freya by his side just because she is his stepmother's daughter."

Gwen asked, "Should we join forces with him and work together to break the situation? Since the person behind the scenes is targeting us, wouldn't it be better if the Gray Family and the Jenner Family united to fight together?"

Simone replied, "It's not the right time yet. Let's arrange a private meeting with Harold another day and test his reaction. Don't mention your father's situation. Just tell him that we discovered Jodie and Freya are half-sisters."

Harold was astute, and he was a thorn in the eyes of his biological father and stepmother. He could be a potential ally

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She *added*, “The sc’mbags in the *Gray* Family trust and dote on Jodie so much. If we work with them, Jodie will find out. So, let’s not involve them for now. We can find an opportunity to join forces *with* Mr. Gray in the future.”

Gwen nodded. “That makes sense.”

She didn’t even dare let *her* brother know. Otherwise, if he was persuaded by their mother again, they would be exposed.

“After your next variety show, if Harold is still in the country, invite him out for a chat.”

She wasn’t holding on to any lingering feelings for Harold, trying to find excuses to contact him. Instead, she wanted to join forces to deal with the people behind the scenes. After all, Harold was also a pawn on the chessboard.

Simone smiled and said, “I was thinking the same thing.”

The two chatted for a while.

Gwen’s phone rang with a notification sound.

She found that it was a text message from an unknown number, and she knew who sent it just by looking at the content.

She replied with a ‘I’

“Simone, my dad sent me Skyler’s birth certificate photo.”

Gwen had previously called and talked to the servant who used to take care of Melinda after she

gave birth at home and got some information out of her.

The servant only knew Skyler’s date of birth, but not the exact time.

So, she asked her father.

Although her father couldn’t remember, their bedroom safe contained the birth certificates of the three of them.

He promised to send it to her when he got home.

It seemed that Adam also had a separate phone and a new number, specifically to avoid those people.

Simone looked at the time on the birth certificate and made a calculation.

Then, she was shocked. "According to this person's birth date and time, he should have a short life. He shouldn't live past 16, but Skyler is already in his 20s. Either someone has been

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secretly extending his life, or he has been used as a medium by someone.

Gwen **didn't** understand. "Used as a medium?"

Simone explained, "It means that the person behind the scenes wants to directly steal the fortune of the Gray Family. This will damage their spiritual balance, and they might be harmed in the process. They find a medium to first take a way the fortune, **and** then the person behind the scenes absorbs it, so they won't be easily harmed.

"Moreover, using someone who should have died at 16 as a medium is a clever loophole. The person behind the scenes will use sorcery on this medium, allowing him to absorb a portion of the fortune as a life force when stealing it. In the future, if there's a backlash, as long as nothing unexpected happens, it will all be directed at this medium."

Gwen suddenly understood. "So, that's what it means. In that case, Skyler is very likely the so-called medium."

If Skyler really was used as a medium by his biological father, then he seemed to be quite pitiful.

Simone nodded. "I also think he's most likely the medium."

"From this point, we can see that the person behind the scenes is extremely cautious and has been planning for quite some time."

Gwen agreed. "So, we have to be careful too."

She deleted the photos from her phone.

Simone used hacking methods to erase all traces of information about Gwen and Adam.

That night, Simone drew a talisman and strung it together with a red thread, hanging it around Gwen's neck.

This talisman was waterproof and fireproof, so it didn't need to be taken off even when taking a shower.

In the following days, Simone was contacting everyone she could to help Fiona fight for the leading female role.

With her efforts, she obtained an audition opportunity.

Fiona also performed well in the audition and secured the role. This made the plan of Gray Entertainment to replace her fail.

Then, someone expressed dissatisfaction and reported it to Reuben.

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was already annoyed with his sister, but what could he do about this? **They** actually him to go find Simone and take back the leading female role.

They really thought highly of him.

The three brothers weren't that well respected by Simone, and he knew about that.

This incident also made the shareholders unhappy with Simone.

They believed that, as a member of the Gray Family, she shouldn't be opposing Gray Entertainment. It was a self-destructive and unreasonable action.

So, Reuben was asked to coordinate with Simone and called Titus to seek his opinion.

After listening, Titus came up with an idea. "We can give it a shot. Luca will be participating in a live broadcast of a variety show in the same time slot as Simone tomorrow. Tell the company executives to have him approach Simone and tell her to stop targeting our company."

Luca and Andrew tend to speak without considering the consequences.

In that case, let them face the consequences on their own.

Reuben raised an eyebrow. “You helped him secure the opportunity?” He had been busy lately and was unaware of this.

According to Titus’ words, it had already been decided.

Titus explained, “He insisted on going. I couldn’t dissuade him. He said that if I didn’t help him, then we wouldn’t be brothers anymore. What else can I do?”

Reuben understood Luca’s personality. “He must have lost his mind.”

Titus joked. “His mind has never been normal.”

Reuben sighed. “Your suggestion just now is quite cunning.”

It’s like willingly sending Luca to Simone to get beaten up.

Titus smiled meaningfully. “Don’t you think it’s a good idea? If you think it’s not, then why don’t you go talk to Simone yourself and explain it to the shareholders?”

Reuben laughed. “No, I think it’s brilliant.” It’s better to let Luca take on this important task.”