

The Miraculous Simone Gray by Opal Reese Chapter 161-170

Chapter 161 What Can They Do?

Leon's decision not only surprised the guests but also astonished the viewers watching the live broadcast.

"So, even Mr. Foster has no confidence in Luca?"

"Well, setting aside Leon's character flaws, he definitely possesses good judgment and perception."

"To be honest, if we only listen to the new song sung by the two of them, besides their fame, Harry's performance is undoubtedly superior in every aspect."

"Luca does have a lot of fame, but he was also overhyped before."

"I prefer Harry's singing, so I'm betting on him."

"Our baby Luca is the best, so we're betting on him."

Soon, the viewers started placing bets in the live chat.

Although Luca has a large fan base, fans of Simone and others all went to support Harry.

In the end, Harry received an even higher support rate than Luca, sparking disgruntlement among Luca's fans.

Hence, they started to curse and brought up Harry's "dark history" from the past.

They claimed that Harry was disrespectful toward the seniors in the industry, always clashed with Luca when they were in the same company, became even more arrogant after gaining some fame, acted like a big shot, argued with his manager, and tried to seize resources by any

means necessary.

Not believing the claims, Harry's fans fought back.

Simone's fans also joined in as they believed in Simone's judgment. They knew she wouldn't sign with an artist with a bad reputation.

With that, both sides started arguing.

Gary and his team, who had been watching the live broadcast, were looking for an opportunity to defend Harry.

Seeing the situation, they immediately started revealing the truth.

"I'm an employee of Gray Entertainment. The one who suppressed Harry the most was

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actually Luca."

"Because he and Harry are similar types of singers, and Harry has better talent and creative ability, he used his background to bring Harry down."

"Luca became the top star in the music industry mainly through hype."

"Don't be fooled by his millions of fans on Facebook. At least half of them are fake followers. who get paid."

"Harry used to sing songs that didn't suit his style before because his manager intentionally. arranged it to promote Luca."

"Harry has never acted like a big shot. Luca, on the other hand, does behave arrogantly plenty of times. He even frequently insults his assistant."

"Why is Luca able to gain his current success? It's mainly because he has an influential father and two competent brothers."

"The resources of Gray Entertainment in the music industry are mainly invested in Luca. Even a pig can fly with such abundant resources."

“Luca’s fans sure are a joke. They actually said that Harry would do anything to achieve resources in the company. He had been suppressed to the point of being sidelined. How could he still use any means?”

“On the other hand, Luca doesn’t need to make any effort. He has all the good resources because his second brother, Titus, is the company’s top manager while his eldest brother, Reuben, is the president.”

These statements caused everyone to join in the discussion.

Luca’s fans disagreed and started to argue, telling them not to speak without being able to provide concrete evidence.

Little did they know, Gary dared to make those statements because he naturally had plenty of evidence.

So, his team uploaded the songs that made Harry famous when he debuted and the songs he sang later for everyone to compare their styles.

Then, they also started using several accounts they had created and managed before to gradually release evidence of how Luca suppressed Harry at Gray Entertainment.

Furthermore, they even released the list of resources that Harry received.

After comparing, it became clear that even the resources Luca had rejected were still much

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better than the ones Harry received.

More importantly, two good music programs were supposed to invite Harry.

However, his manager intentionally gave them to others.

In addition, Gary and his team also released evidence of Luca’s acting like a big shot, insulting his assistant, and not making the most of the good resources he had.

The internet was swiftly in an uproar.

After many saw the solid evidence, they felt that Harry was truly pitiful.

Just because his style was similar to Luca's, who had connections, not only did he face suppression, but he also got pushed down.

If it weren't for Simone poaching him to her studio, he would have to sit on the sidelines at Gray Entertainment until his contract expired.

His future in music would also likely be over.

As a result, the public's impression of Luca significantly worsened.

Considering that it was already late in the evening, and the PR department of Gray Entertainment had already finished work, they could no longer keep up and salvage the situation when trending topics such as "Between Luca and Harry, Who Do You Support?" and "Luca suppressed Harry" started gaining traction, and the online sentiment changed.

The manager of the PR department hurriedly called Titus.

"Mr. Titus, someone has released concrete evidence of Mr. Luca suppressing Harry online. We don't know who is behind this sudden attack."

Upon hearing that, Titus understood what the other party meant.

In other words, the mastermind was well-prepared, and the exposure was too sudden. For that reason, the team in the PR department didn't have time to handle the situation.

The subsequent public relations efforts wouldn't be very effective either.

"Just let it be then. These are all facts anyway. Afterward, try to help Luca clear his name as much as possible," he replied casually.

Who else could be behind this? I don't need to investigate to know it's Simone's studio.

Although Titus disliked Gary, he knew he and his team were indeed capable.

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They must have obtained this evidence before Harry appeared on the variety show.

“In that case, it will significantly affect Mr. Luca’s reputation,” the PR manager cautiously

stated.

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Titus responded, “They have solid evidence and are good at seizing opportunities. You lost again this time. Don’t bother calling me about these things anymore. I’m no longer hist manager, and I can’t be bothered about these trivial matters anymore.”

Through my analysis of this incident, Simone must have thoroughly plotted everything. from choosing that bar to subsequently luring Luca to confront Harry.

Otherwise, I won’t believe that there is such a coincidence.

These online gossips begin to spread just as Luca and Harry are about to battle each other, and their fans start arguing over who to support.

Indeed, we had all misjudged this biological sister of ours before; she is pretty formidable.

I have no intention of getting involved in her and Luca’s affairs.

Moreover, helping Luca participate in the variety show was my original plan to see him being dealt with by Simone.

We’re brothers, so he should get humiliated together with us.

I can’t believe that idiot is so easily deceived by Simone’s trap.

It’s only the first day of the live broadcast of the variety show, and he’s already falling into Simone’s trap during the bar event.

I don’t even feel like gloating over him.

After hearing what he said, the manager of the PR department could only hang up helplessly.

He then reported the incident to Reuben,

Reuben had a busy day and missed the live broadcast. However, he was shocked when he learned about Luca's incompetence, how he was dealt with on the very first day, and how he even allowed Simone and her studio team to help Harry turn the situation around and clear his name. At this point, Reuben didn't know what else to say. His approach mirrored that of Titus, leaving the matter to the PR department to handle. What can we do except watch and wait for Luca to face the consequences if Simone wants to teach him a lesson? Perhaps he will adjust his behavior from now on.

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it's a blessing in disguise. Despite utilizing numerous company resources, Luca still ends up losing to a relatively unknown singer and gets overshadowed. How embarrassing!

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Similarly, this incident made Reuben realize that the company's resource allocation was a mess. It seems that some reforms are necessary.

Other entertainment companies and individuals who were following this incident also took notice of Simone's role in it. They couldn't help but admire her and her studio's operations. team for their adeptness at seizing opportunities and praised Simone's brilliance.

Meanwhile, Luca remained unaware that his and his beloved adopted sister's behavior in the bar had become a hot topic on social media, attracting heavy criticism. He was still focused on learning the song at that moment.

Half an hour quickly passed, and the young female show host took the stage. She asked the two of them, "Who wants to go first?" Luca looked at Harry but didn't suggest Harry go first this time. He believed that if he sang first, it would leave a deeper impression on others and put pressure on Harry. Therefore, he wanted to go. first.

Chapter 162 She Will Completely Humiliate Him Then

As Luca's long-time rival, Harry could easily discern his thoughts just by looking at his expression. "How ridiculous. A true music lover wouldn't have so many hidden motives just to win," he thought to himself.

"Luca, why don't you go ahead and choose? I will sing after you if you choose to go first, and I will sing first if you choose to go after," he said respectfully.

Instead of voicing Luca's thoughts and suggesting that he should sing first, Harry wanted Luca to say it himself. This way, Luca couldn't use the singing order as an excuse if he lost later.

During his time with Simone, Harry had also learned many counterattack strategies. By expressing his respect towards Luca as a senior in the music industry and allowing him to choose first, Luca's fans couldn't curse even if they wanted to.

Luca originally wanted to wait for Harry to propose that he should sing first. To his surprise, Harry let him choose. Therefore, Luca accepted it bluntly.

With a smile, he said, "Since you have said so and even expressed your respect towards my seniority in this industry, how about I sing first and show you an example?" Believing that he was stronger than Harry in all aspects, he carried himself with arrogance.

Such a demeanor further confirmed the concrete evidence posted online, stating that he was suppressing newcomers and acting stuck-up. Many commented that they never expected Luca to be so arrogant.

Raising his hand, Harry gestured to Luca and said politely, "Luca, please take the stage!" With that, he completely pushed Luca to the highest position. "You're a senior while I'm a junior. It will be quite a sight if I defeat you," he thought to himself.

Luca was used to being arrogant, so he didn't think much about these twists and turns. Instead, he believed that he had subdued Harry once again. He nodded at the show host, indicating that he was ready to start.

The young female show host first played the song for everyone to listen to once. After everyone had listened to the song, she explained the rules to them.

This time, everyone present didn't need to press the red or green button first. Once Luca and Harry finished singing, they could press the green button to support Luca or the red button. to support Harry.

Then, she used the computer and played the song. She quickly removed the original vocals and only played the accompaniment. At the same time, the lyrics appeared on the large screen in front of the stage.

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Without needing to memorize the lyrics and only learning to sing the song, it wasn't difficult for Luca. He began singing along with the accompaniment while looking at the lyrics on the big screen.

The young female show host had chosen a sentimental ballad, which suited both of them. Luca sang well, indeed. One could tell that his level was that of a professional singer. After he finished singing, the bar erupted with applause and cheers, which boosted Luca's confidence

even more.

He smiled at Harry and said, "It's your turn!"

Smiling back at him, Harry replied, "Alright!" Instead of singing immediately, he took out his phone and opened a translation application. Then, he walked up to the young female show host and exchanged a few words with her. As she spoke, the young female show host nodded. along. Everyone was somewhat curious about what they were talking about.

Soon, the young female show host revealed the answer to everyone. "This guest has rearranged our song, and it is within the allowed range. In fact, he doesn't need the original accompaniment and will play his guitar instead. Everyone, please look forward to his performance."

Everyone was extremely surprised after hearing what she said. 'Does Harry not think he's getting too full of himself?' 'Not only did he memorize the song, but he also rearranged it in just half an hour?! Is he messing with us?' 'Harry is truly going all out to win, huh! But such behavior only makes him look incapable instead. Is he scared?' 'I had recorded a video when the young female show host played the original song. I will play it while listening to see if

Harry really memorizes the song when he sings. I'm waiting to see Harry embarrass himself.

Luca's fans kept mocking Harry in the live chat, saying they were waiting to see him get humiliated. Meanwhile, Harry and Simone's fans were nervous and didn't pay attention to them. After all, memorizing an unfamiliar song and rearranging it within half an hour was truly somewhat impossible.

After the young female show host finished announcing, Harry picked up the guitar he had played before and sat on the chair in the center of the stage. He strummed the guitar, and his whole demeanor seemed to have changed. Then, he started singing.

Simone noticed that Harry was quick-witted. "Playing the guitar himself will highlight his ability to sing without accompaniment and his beautiful voice even more," she thought.

As expected, his voice brought an ethereal feeling resembling the divine as soon as he started singing. He remembered most of the lyrics. Even if he forgot, he would glance at the big screen. He immersed himself in this song, pouring his emotions into his interpretation of it.

Even though the overall melody of the song remained the same, he added several brilliant touches. For that reason, it suited his voice and style better, making it more emotional and vivid when he sang it. As a matter of fact, it gave a feeling of instant sublimation.

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The whole venue fell silent, thoroughly engrossed in his singing. When the song ended, Simone applauded, causing many people to snap out of their trance. Immediately afterward, almost the entire audience joined in the applause. Many even cheered loudly.

Luca's facial expression couldn't help but darken when he saw such a sight. "I didn't expect that Harry would not only learn the song within half an hour but also rearrange it! How is this possible?!" he thought to himself. The more he thought about it, the more he thought that Harry already knew this song and cheated in advance.

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After Harry finished singing, the young female show host walked over and stood beside him. She even took the initiative to reach out and hug him, saying she enjoyed his adapted style. Then, she asked everyone to start voting by pressing the buttons.

The image on the big screen started to move. Everyone looked together and saw the red light column constantly rising while the green one received few votes. In the end, the red light column won with over 90% of the support votes. Judging from the voting results, not only did Harry win, but he also completely crushed Luca.

The young female show host congratulated Harry and announced that all the drinks at the table he sat at today would be free. This made Luca really unable to accept it, especially now when he was facing the viewers who were watching the live broadcast back in Corynthea. Losing like this was too embarrassing for him. Furthermore, it would affect his reputation. and status in the industry.

Therefore, he couldn't help but glance at Harry and ask, "Have you really never heard this song before?" He believed himself to be a talented singer, but even he couldn't learn and rearrange a song so quickly.

As a result, he doubted Harry's ability to do so.

Furthermore, he also believed that Harry's victory was simply a result of taking advantage of the adaptation.

Harry wasn't surprised by Luca's skepticism.

"Luca, just because you can't do it doesn't mean others can't. Whether you believe it or not, I genuinely haven't heard this song before today."

Luca clearly didn't believe him. "Is that right?" With a slightly sarcastic expression, he continued, "In that case, it seems like you're truly a genius among geniuses when it comes to songwriting!"

Harry graciously accepted the compliment. "Thank you for your praise, Luca!" Luca choked, his face filled with doubt and disbelief.

Simone was also unsurprised by Luca's reaction as it was within her expectations.

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After all, Luca had great confidence in himself.

He always believed that he was a talented singer-songwriter in the music industry and that only a few could compare to him.

Because of that, his emotional outburst intensified, especially when he faced Harry, whom he continuously suppressed and belittled.

On the contrary, Simone was somewhat taken aback by Harry's performance and talent.

Indeed, Gray Entertainment has wasted his talent.

Since Sc"mbag No. 3 doesn't believe Harry, I will completely humiliate him then.

That way, I can also let Harry thoroughly prove his strength and talent. After all, he is born to be in the music industry.

Simone stood up and made her way towards the stage.

Chapter 163 Things Are About To Get Exciting

As Simone approached, Harry had a feeling about her intentions.

Simone walked up to the stage and had a brief conversation with the young female show

host.

She smiled and nodded, her eyes filled with anticipation. Then, she signaled for Simone to make the announcement.

After thanking her graciously, Simone turned to Harry and said, “Mr. Luca doesn’t believe that you improvised on the spot. As your manager, I don’t want you to be accused of cheating. So, I have a suggestion.”

She looked at Luca and said with a smile, “Luca, do you dare to go for another round?”

Unhappy with Simone defending Harry, Luca asked, “How do you propose we prove that he didn’t hear the song and rearrange it in advance?” With a fearless expression, he added, “How else do you suggest we proceed?”

Simone replied, “Hasn’t the song you just sang not been recorded and released in Corynthea yet?”

Luca quickly understood her meaning. “The song I just sang is newly produced, so it hasn’t been recorded and released.”

“Are you suggesting that Harry learns this song?” he asked. Simone nodded. “Yes! If Harry can learn and rearrange this song within half an hour, it will prove that he is the genius you mentioned earlier and didn’t cheat in advance. After all, you wrote that song, and you sang it for the first time today. Harry couldn’t have learned it before tonight.”

Once again, she challenged Luca. “Do you dare to go for another round?” Before Luca could answer, she provoked, “If you refuse, then I can only assume that you’re scared.”

Simone believed in Harry’s talent, which is why she proposed this method.

Not only would it demonstrate Harry’s abilities, but it would also completely humiliate Luca.

And given Luca’s personality, he would surely accept the challenge.

Otherwise, it would imply that he was indeed scared.

As expected, Luca sneered, “Me? Scared?! Fine. Bring it on. I’ll go along with it as long as the bar’s management agrees. There should be surveillance cameras in this bar, right? Ask them to retrieve the footage of me singing and let Harry study it.”

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This song is one that I had just produced before appearing on the variety show. I have yet to record it in a studio, and there's no recording of me singing the song on my phone either.

It was my first time performing it on stage just now.

So, there is no way Harry could have heard or known it in advance.

Moreover, I highly doubt Harry can rearrange it within half an hour.

Simone flashed him a beaming smile and said, "I admire your confidence, Luca!" Then, she turned to Harry and asked, "Are you okay with it?" Harry confidently nodded and answered, "No problem. Trust me. I won't let you down."

Just now, he had been considering whether he needed to prove that he didn't cheat.

To his surprise, Simone came to his aid in restoring his reputation.

Boss is really kind to us.

What's more, she unquestionably believes in my abilities and talents. That's why she suggested this approach in the first place.

It warms my heart to know that someone trusts me unconditionally like this.

So, I will undoubtedly live up to Boss' expectations..

I want everyone to know that her judgment in selecting people is never wrong.

I must make her proud.

Simone made a cheering gesture at Harry. "Good luck!" Luca, who observed their interaction, suddenly had a foreboding feeling.

But after thinking that Harry couldn't possibly succeed, he felt there was no need for him to panic.

If Simone insists on pursuing this, let her get humiliated alongside Harry.

She can't blame me.

Simone had already consulted the young female show host, who agreed to her proposal.

The two of them communicated again, and the young female show host sent someone to retrieve the surveillance footage for Harry to study.

She also informed everyone about this additional segment.

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Not only did the customers in the bar not object, but they also cheered and called for it.

Even the viewers watching the live broadcast couldn't help but join in the excitement.

"Wifey has the same smile as Zachy. Luca is definitely falling into a trap!"

Well played, Simone.

"Wifey has also been led astray by Zac. Luca will be completely humiliated if Harry can do it.

'Suddenly, I think Luca is a bit foolish?'

"Is this a trait of the Gray brothers? One was tricked by Zachy, while the other by Simone.

The trickster duo, who don't care about fair play!

Haha, I can't wait to see the fun begin.

'As expected of our iron-fisted wifey. She will protect her subordinate!'

I'm so touched that I'm about to cry when I see Simone standing up for Harry.

"Thank you, Simone, for believing in Harry and protecting him. I love you!"

Harry's fans were thrilled and sincerely thanked Simone.

In the past, Harry had to endure bullying and suppression alone.

Now that someone was finally standing up for him and not allowing others to bully him, it was a huge relief for his fans. However, since Luca's fans believed that Harry had cheated in advance, they couldn't help but voice their dissent when they saw Simone and their fans celebrating like this.

'Don't you think you're being too confident in Simone and Harry?'

'Sure, you can laugh as much as you want now. But if he's proven to have cheated later, you all will be crying.

'I, for one, don't believe Harry can do it. If he fails, let's see how Simone continues to be

arrogant."

Simone's fans paid no attention to them as engaging in arguments would only tarnish their reputation among bystanders.

They maintained a positive attitude as they were fans of class.

Either way, they had unwavering faith in Simone.

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With the surveillance video copied, Harry went to take his seat and learn the song.

Luca and Simone returned to their original seats.

Once Simone sat down, Zac winked at her and said with a smile, "Simone, you're amazing!" He enjoyed witnessing Simone playfully teasing others.

Keira, being a professional, could recognize Harry's genuine talent.

At the same time, she admired Simone's quick thinking and ability to counterattack.

She smiled and added, "Simone, you're incredible!" Eric and Brandon followed suit. "Simone, you're amazing!" If Harry could rearrange the song within half an hour, Luca's reputation would be severely damaged today.

Furthermore, Harry could also use Luca as a stepping stone.

Simone's adaptability and public relations skills were truly outstanding.

Upon witnessing this turn of events, Jonah immediately arranged for promotion and generated excitement.

In this way, even those who didn't watch the live broadcast would become aware of it.

Soon, the show regained its popularity.

More viewers flocked to the chatroom during the live broadcast and engaged in discussions.

The ratings of the variety show reached unprecedented heights.

While observing the growing number of viewers watching the live broadcast and analyzing the data in the background, Jonah couldn't help but smile. "Inviting Simone to participate in our show and ensuring Zac's presence was the best decision I made."

The assistant director smiled and nodded in agreement. "When it comes to causing trouble, these two are truly exceptional."

Only shows that could create drama were truly worth watching.

He expressed with anticipation. "Things are about to get interesting ahead of us."

Jonah echoed with a smile, "Yes. Let's continue to enjoy this excitement."

Undoubtedly, this ongoing drama is captivating. I thoroughly enjoy it!

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Chapter 164 Brothers Should Get Tricked Together

Luca took a seat.

Zac glanced at Aaron and Jodie. "You can start drinking the alcohol as your punishment for losing the bet now."

Speechless, Aaron looked at him and thought, This guy has been keeping an eye on us.

He took a deep breath. "Fine. We accept our defeat and will drink!" I can easily gulp down three glasses of alcohol.

However, just as he was about to pour the alcohol into the small cups on the table, Zac suddenly had the waiter bring six cocktails.

Not only were the glasses large, but the color of the drinks looked somewhat strange.

Seeing this, Aaron refused, "We won't be needing those drinks. We will drink the ones we ordered."

Zac smiled and said, "The bartender made these exclusively for you. Now that the waiter has served them to you, how can you reject them? You will have to pay for these drinks yourselves if you don't drink them."

Ah, I knew he was waiting for us to give him money! "How much per glass?" Aaron asked. Raising a finger, Zac replied, "This much."

Aaron asked again, "15 bucks? We can afford to pay 90 bucks."

To his dismay, Zac shook his head. "What are you thinking? It's 150 per glass. I ordered them. specifically for you. If you finish it, the bill will be on me."

At this point, Aaron wanted to curse him out loud. "You're the one who ordered it, so why should we pay if we don't drink it?" Zac shrugged his shoulders and said innocently, "Because I ordered it under your table number!" Aaron choked with rage. "Have some integrity!" Zac smiled and gestured for him to drink. "Come on. Show your sister an example."

When Luca heard that, his originally gloomy expression became even darker.

For some reason, he felt that Zac was deliberately saying that to mock him.

After all, he lost after telling Harry he would show him an example earlier. He looked at Zac with a hint of coldness in his eyes.

Seeing him looking over, Zac smiled and said, "Mr. Luca, you don't have to look at me like that. I'm just imitating what you said."

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Luca was at a loss for words. Why hasn't this guy been beaten to death yet? "Ha! Ha!" he sneered sarcastically before inexplicably asking Aaron, "Accept your defeat? What defeat? Why do you have to drink as a punishment?" Having no choice, Aaron explained to him in a low voice. about the bet they had just made.

The more Luca listened, the gloomier his expression became.

He looked at Aaron with an expression indicating they were a bunch of idiots. "Why did you listen to him and make the bet?" For a moment, he nearly blurted, "Are you guys dumb or insane?"

Sure enough, Aaron could see through his meaning. He rolled his eyes and defended. "We're doing this because we trust you."

In his heart, he added. Yet, how the hell would I know that you're so unreliable?!

Luca was tongue-tied. "Go ahead and drink then."

Aaron had no choice but to pick up a glass and gulp it down.

Then, his whole face wrinkled up. "What kind of cocktail is this? It tastes awful."

Zac laughed and said. "This is a new cocktail that the bartender has been experimenting with. You guys are lucky to have stumbled upon it."

Upon hearing that, the viewers burst into laughter.

Those are Zachy Cocktails. Suddenly, I realize that Aaron is so naive. I can't believe he drank it.'

"How mischievous of our Zachy. Making things up with a straight face. Haha.

'Aaron actually knew it was 15 bucks-but for all six glasses and not just one.

“He definitely doesn’t know that Zachy had sneaked behind the bar counter, bought the cocktail ingredients for 15 bucks, and randomly mixed them when he pretended to go to the bathroom earlier.

“Zachy did ask the bartender if it was okay for him to mix them like that and if it would harm the body or stomach, though. He only “made” the cocktails after the bartender said it was fine.

“That’s right. So, when Aaron drinks it, it won’t give him diarrhea like eating his sister’s dumplings.”

After hearing Zac’s words, Aaron rolled his eyes at him. “I don’t believe you.”

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Nevertheless, he did lose. Although the cocktail tasted awful, it didn’t have a strong alcoholic taste. Therefore, he figured drinking three glasses wouldn’t get him drunk, and his stomach. shouldn’t hurt either.

And thus, he held his breath, picked up the other two glasses, and drank them as well.

After finishing the three glasses, Aaron turned them upside down and said to Zac, “All done.

Zac applauded him. “You are indeed a real man, A-Bear.”

Aaron was speechless with rage. “Shut up!”

Somehow, he felt like there was something more to Zac’s words.

No longer staring at Aaron, Zac turned to Jodie. “Jojo, it’s your turn.”

Jodie would be happy if Zac called her Jojo on normal days.

But now, she felt a hint of irony in his words.

She looked at the three glasses of strangely colored cocktails and felt a strong resistance in her heart.

Hence, she never made a move.

Confused, Luca asked, "Why does Jo have to drink?" Then, he looked at Leon. "Shouldn't it be Leon who drinks?" Aaron and Leon are behaving overly ungentlemanly right now. How can they let a young lady drink these large glasses of cocktails?

Leon glanced at him. "I bet on Harry to win, so I don't have to drink."

Really? These two Gray brothers sure are foolish.

One look and I can tell that Zac was the one who made these cocktails. Yet, Aaron actually drank them after hearing they cost 150 bucks per glass.

Now, I can't help but wonder if Simone has inherited all the Gray Family's intelligence.

Luca stared at Leon with wide eyes. "We're a team, aren't we?" I can't believe this guy bet on my least favorite person. It's betrayal.

"Although we are a team, I don't want to be the unfortunate fool who drinks three glasses of such alcohol. Is there a problem?" Leon said coldly.

Luca was upset. "Do you think I will lose?" We had agreed to be a team, hadn't we?

Upon hearing that, Leon laughed. "Didn't you already lose? Otherwise, what did Aaron drink

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Luca silently hissed in pain from getting pierced by Leon's harsh words.

"D"mn it! This guy is such a jerk!"

"In spite of appearances, Harry has yet to prove whether he listened to the song and rearranged it in advance," he said in his defense.

Leon looked at Luca with a mocking expression, implying his naivety. "If that's the case, why don't you also bet three glasses of alcohol?" "Since Simone dares to suggest this and let Harry prove it, she will definitely win."

“Furthermore, although I’m not a singer, I do have some knowledge of music. After all, I have released songs before.”

“Harry has indeed surpassed Luca in various aspects.”

“Where does Luca get his baseless confidence from?”

He glanced at Simone first. Noticing that she was also looking in their direction, he proposed to Luca. “You will drink if Harry successfully proves his talent. If not, you shall ask him to drink three glasses of cocktails as an apology to you. How about that?” Everyone was surprised as soon as these words left his mouth.

They couldn’t believe Leon would trick Luca as well.

After all, the two of them were supposed to be a team. Nevertheless, things had just become more interesting.

Zac immediately added to the argument, “Why just three glasses? If Harry has to apologize, he should drink at least five glasses, right? So, to be fair, Mr. Luca must also drink five glasses.”

Leon and Zac’s banter left Luca speechless.

“When did I say I’m going to bet? Plus, five glasses...” Luca forced a smile and said, “That’s not necessary.”

However, Aaron suddenly reached out and placed his hand on Luca’s shoulder. “Luca, I think it’s necessary. If Harry wins in an unsightly manner, then he must drink these five glasses as an apology.”

“Luca, whether you end up being the one to drink or not, that’s not important.”

“We’re brothers, so you should join me in getting tricked and being made to drink as a forfeit.”

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“As our third eldest brother, you should take more responsibility and drink a few more glasses than us...”

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Chapter 165 Who Did He Offend?

Luca was puzzled by Aaron’s involvement. Were they truly brothers? Why did he have a feeling that even the youngest, Aaron, had ill intentions towards him? “There’s no need for this. After all, I am older and have some tolerance.”

None of these three were decent individuals. If they insisted on him betting, then he would have to do the opposite.

Just as he finished speaking, Simone spoke up. “You may have such tolerance, but we aren’t going to just go along with it. If Harry cheated, I won’t cover for him, and he should face the appropriate consequences. Of course, if my artist is the one being bullied, then those who accuse and slander him should apologize.” She turned to Luca with a smile that wasn’t genuine. “What do you think, Luca? Or are you having second thoughts?”

Aaron encouraged from the side, “Luca, what are you afraid of? Let’s bet with them. Earlier, Luca gave me a look of disdain when I agreed to bet. Now, I’ll let him experience what it means to have no choice and be forced to know that it’s a trap, but you still have to jump in.”

Zac rarely found Aaron so agreeable. That’s right, Luca. Don’t be afraid of them. If you’re a man, then bet. What’s five glasses of cocktail? You can finish them in five sips.”

Speechless, Luca thought, “Aren’t these two supposed to dislike and hate each other? When did they start to stand on the same side? Who did I offend?” Gritting his teeth, he hissed, “Fine, I’ll bet.”

What else could he do? If he didn’t bet, it would seem like he was afraid. On the other hand, he firmly believed that Harry, who had always been suppressed by him, couldn’t be that talented. Therefore, he had nothing to be afraid of! Looking at Simone and Zac, he said, “But I have a condition.”

Although Simone already guessed what he was going to say, she still asked, "What is it?"

"If Harry can't do it, it proves that he's not that talented. Then, both you and Zac will have to drink five glasses as well." Since Simone insisted on supporting Harry and going against him, they should all face the consequences together, and Zac was no exception.

Without hesitation, Simone and Zac said in unison. "Deal!"

Zac glanced at the three next to Luca. With a smile, he asked, "If you lose, will your team also take the punishment with you?"

Leon wasn't fooled. "I just chose Harry earlier, so I won't be the scapegoat this time."

Luca had a lot of opinions about Leon; this guy was betraying him. What did he mean by being the scapegoat? Did that mean he would lose? He chuckled, "Then, it won't count as

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Leon's loss."

Aaron raised his hand and said, "I'm quitting this round. He didn't want to drink five more glasses of this kind of cocktail.

However, Luca objected, "No, we're brothers and have to do it together."

Aaron played rogue and declared, "Then, let's temporarily cut off our relationship." This time, he was determined not to fall into the trap. He had dug the hole himself, and jumping in would just make him look foolish.

Luca seethed silently, "I don't want a brother like this." With a dark face, he growled, "Get lost!"

'What a fake sibling affection!"

"From this, you can see how unpopular Luca is.

"Even the famous actor, Leon, and his own brother are not on his side. What a pitiful loser.

Just now, I thought Aaron was indignant for his brother, but it turns out that he wanted to push him into the pit instead.

It's so satisfying to see Luca being stabbed in the back by his brother!

"What a perfect stab! Aaron did a great job!"

Haha, I suddenly don't dislike Aaron as much right now.

I'm a bit curious. How will Jojo choose?"

I'm curious too.

Everyone looked at Jodie on the live screen with curiosity.

At that moment, Jodie's heart was overwhelmed. She hadn't even finished the three drinks in front of her and her third brother had agreed to five more drinks. How could he be so foolish? She was supposed to be the obedient and considerate little sister, and if she didn't stand on Luca's side, she would be criticized.

But seeing that no one was on Luca's side, she felt that she had to bear his burden. So, she found herself in a dilemma.

After thinking for a moment, she decided to play dumb. As long as she didn't speak, no matter who won, she wouldn't have to drink.

Little did she know that Luca desperately needed someone's approval at the moment. He

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looked at her and asked, "Jo, you're on my side, right?"

Speechless, she really wanted to say, "Get lost." Acting embarrassed, she pointed to the three glasses of alcohol on the table. "Luca, I haven't even finished these yet."

Luca looked at the three large glasses on the table and said to Aaron. "Jo is your sister and can't drink so much. Help her to finish them."

Aaron was speechless. "She's your sister, too. Why don't you drink them?" Luca is really shameless. Why should I be the one to finish them all? Being a brother doesn't mean being taken advantage of like this.

Luca frowned. "You're acting strange today!" If this happened before, he wouldn't have needed to say anything, and Aaron would have taken care of Jo, helping her to finish the drinks without hesitation.

Aaron knew exactly what his brother meant. If this happened before, he would have done it willingly, but ever since the last episode when he got diarrhea for Jodie, he realized that she only showed concern with her words and did nothing in action.

He couldn't help but think of Simone, who would take action to care for him when his stomach hurt.

What he couldn't accept was that Jodie had previously told him that her relationship with Leon was just a normal friendship. Despite that, after the photos and videos were revealed, it proved that their relationship was not simple, and because of this, Simone broke up with her childhood sweetheart.

Not only did Jodie lie to him, but she also intervened in his sister's relationship, which left a thorn in his heart.

In addition, before coming on the variety show this time, Titus had mentioned that Jodie was scheming and playing with them, not as innocent and obedient as she seemed. This reminded him of many past incidents, and he realized that she did have many ulterior motives.

Therefore, during this episode of the variety show, when it was his turn to take care of his adopted sister, he didn't act as selflessly as he had in the past.

Of course, after all these years of love, he hadn't actually intended for Jodie to drink all of it. His original plan was to share two glasses with her. Extending his hand, he grabbed a glass and stated. "I'll drink this one for her."

With bated breath, he downed it in one gulp. Then, he glanced at Luca and remarked. "Luca, you usually spoil Jo the most, so the remaining two glasses are yours."

Initially, it was meant to be one glass each, but since Luca insisted on taking the initiative, he

could have the extra cup.

In addition to the five glasses later and Jo's five glasses, Luca will probably vomit later, but I won't sympathize with him, Aaron decided.

Although Luca was displeased with his brother's distribution, he picked up a glass when he noticed Jodie's dependent and aggrieved gaze. "Alright, I'll drink these two glasses for Jo."

He finished them in one gulp and scowled, almost unable to suppress the urge to vomit. What kind of cocktail is this? Why is it so challenging and repulsive to drink?

Before he could recover from the disgust, Aaron grabbed another glass and handed it to him, saying, "Bro, you're a true man. Keep going."

Luca was speechless; even his brother had been influenced by Zac.

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Chapter 166 Giving It Back

Luca was suddenly overwhelmed with the urge to grab the cocktail glass and pour it over his younger brother's head. He had never seen his brother behave like such a jerk. "This guy and that son of a b*tch, Zac Turner, seem more like real brothers."

With so many people around and the live-streaming going on, he had no choice but to tolerate it. Grabbing the cocktail, he held his breath and downed it in one gulp.

Not only was it difficult to drink this time, but it also had a spicy kick to it. Quickly, he grabbed a bottle of mineral water from the table and drank half of it.

Jodie felt relieved when she saw her two brothers helping her share the cocktails and cast them a grateful look. "Thank you, Luca and Aaron!"

Aaron felt a strange sensation when she looked at him. Awkwardly, he smiled and said, "No need to thank us. You're still on Luca's side. If you guys get five glasses as a punishment later, I won't be helping out anymore."

It meant that if she had to drink five glasses of cocktails as punishment, he wouldn't help her drink again. Helping her with two glasses was already the best he could do as an older brother.

If she could be as straightforward as Simone, she could completely refuse to accompany Luca, but he had a feeling that she wouldn't refuse because she wanted to maintain her image as the little angel.

Sure enough, Jodie's smile froze for a moment, but she said, "If neither of you will stand on Luca's side, then as his sister, I'll accompany him."

At the same time, it was a pun. She meant that while both of them were his sisters, Simone not only didn't accompany her real brother but also betrayed him. On the other hand, Jodie was an adopted sister, but she would stand by his side.

Meanwhile, she also had a lot of resentment toward Aaron. She could feel that since the end of the previous live variety show, Aaron hadn't been as caring and considerate toward her as before and even seemed to be avoiding her at home.

She knew it was because of Leon and Simone. He thought she had deceived him, but she was innocent! He didn't believe her, so she deliberately kept her distance from him.

In the past, he would have compromised first and pampered her. Now, he had hidden meanings in his words, forcing her to make a choice, which made her very angry.

Aaron chuckled. "Well, you are Luca's dear sister. I support you both!"

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Reaching out, Luca hugged Jodie by her shoulders, deliberately saying, "My sister is the best!" When he finished speaking, he glanced at Simone. "Both are my sisters. Why can't Simone learn a thing or two from Jo?"

Simone gave him a disdainful look, wondering what this se mbag was thinking.

What is Luca doing with my wife? My wife has already cut ties with you, thank you very much!

Luca disgusts me. Just hold onto your lover tightly and stay away from my wife!

'Of course, she'll stand by you. After all, she is your lover

'Seems like Luca is quite familiar with this embracing gesture. He must have done it times before.'

'Definitely, even Aaron confirmed that they are the closest,

'Closest? I guess everyone can imagine.

Their relationship is not just about being siblings; it's about showing affection.

Jojo is quite funny. She meant something else with what she said earlier!

My wife can't pick up on this kind of thing. Having Jojo is enough for him.

"Yes, my wife won't play along with them!

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Simone's fans were speechless as these two were intentionally showing affection in front of

their real sister.

Luckily, their wife, daughter, and granddaughter had cut off ties with people like them. Otherwise, they would be disgusted and sickened.

After seeing this, Gary immediately instructed the team to generate more buzz. Soon, Luca and Jodie Showing Affection became a hot topic, and they were criticized by netizens.

Meanwhile, Luca and Jodie made a bet on five drinks each. On the stage, half an hour had passed. When it was time, Harry turned off the video and stood up, signaling to a lady that he was ready.

To make a fair comparison, the lady played the video of Luca singing just now. Many viewers, who were watching the live broadcast also recorded the song and prepared to compare the performances of the two.

In the bar, the lady announced that it was starting. The lyrics were displayed on the big screen as usual, but this time it was muted.

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Harry walked to the center with his guitar, and the people in the bar quieted down as they kept their eyes glued to Harry on the stage.

Calmly and coolly, Harry started singing, changing the melody of the first line. His voice was beautiful, more suitable for sentimental songs, so he instantly outshined Luca.

What was even more astonishing was that this song was written and sung by Reuben, but Harry infused it with emotions, which made it sound even better and captured the essence of the lyrics more than Luca. Furthermore, he made more changes to the song this time compared to the previous one. Each modification was a finishing touch, making it more suitable for him. It gave people the feeling that after this song was recomposed this way.

it sounded better indeed.

When he finished singing, everyone felt that he had taken the same song to a higher level. This time, even without Simone leading the applause, the customers in the bar spontaneously clapped.

Hearing the enthusiastic applause throughout the bar, Harry couldn't help but turn teary-eyed. "I didn't embarrass myself in front of the boss. I've proved myself."

In addition, he had returned what Luca had given him before. Immediately, he looked toward Simone and saw a smile in her eyes, and she even gave him a thumbs up and said, "Well done!"

Another warm feeling surged through his heart. "It's great to have such a manager," he thought, and was even more grateful that he had chosen to switch companies. Not only did he prove himself to be a genius among geniuses, but he also surpassed Luca.

Luca's face fell, and his eyes were filled with disbelief as he murmured, "How is this possible?"

His voice was not loud, but Simone heard it and said to him, "Luca, just because you can't do it doesn't mean it's impossible."

Actually, she could learn and adapt this song in half an hour as well, but she wouldn't suggest performing it herself and stealing Harry's thunder. This was his moment to prove himself, and she was happy and proud of him.

Luca gazed at Simone in astonishment, feeling both confused and hurt. She was his sister, so why did she keep hurting him?

Zac, noticing this, added, "Aaron and Jojo, your ten drinks have arrived."

He had just asked the bartender for assistance in preparing ten drinks that were the most affordable, largest, and most challenging to consume.

At this moment, the bartender had finished making the drinks, and the waiter had brought

them over.

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As they stared at the ten glasses of drinks with unusual colors on the table, both Luca and Jodie rejected them in their hearts, thinking, "Can we simply choose not to drink them?"

Aaron smirked at Luca and commented, "Luca, Jo is your sister. How can she handle so much? Why don't you help her finish them?"

By doing so, he would be returning the favor and allowing his brother to experience how it felt.

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Chapter 167 A Bit Ridiculous.

Luca was taken aback when his younger brother threw his own words back at him. Already in a bad mood, he became even more annoyed. With a stern face, he asked, "You helped Jo just now. Shouldn't you help me, too?*

Aaron grinned and replied, "We're still temporarily estranged, so you should handle it yourself"

Luca really wanted to drag his dear brother out and give him a beating. Looking at the ten glasses of cocktails on the table, he dreaded drinking them, but he also knew that he couldn't

avoid them.

Zac spoke up. "Are you going to drink all ten glasses? Won't your sister help share the burden?" He originally suggested the drinking bet to set up Leon and Jodie. These two had treated Simone so badly before, especially Jodie, who took everything from Simone and still pretended to be innocent.

He had unintentionally noticed the resentful and hateful look in Jodie's eyes when she looked at Simone. It made him wary, and he wanted to find an opportunity after the live broadcast to remind Simone to watch out. Jodie disgusted him, and she acted just like a jackal seeing meat when she was with him. So, he wanted to find a chance to expose her true colors, at least to let everyone see who she really was.

Who knew that Leon was smart this time and managed to avoid it? On the other hand, Jodie had to maintain her image and hadn't even drunk a single glass from his trap. It was like digging a pit for nothing, which he found unacceptable. Even if she didn't end up drinking in the end, he wanted to leave a thorn in Luca's heart.

Meanwhile, Jodie didn't expect Zac to target her. "Why is this guy so lacking in grace? Luca didn't even say anything yet." Now, she was caught in a dilemma again and couldn't help but curse Luca in her heart. Why did he have to drag her into it when he was so confident in the drinking bet?

Aaron looked at her and saw the refusal and resentment in her eyes, and his heart sank. Luca usually protected her so much, but she didn't even want to help with taking a few drinks. And now, she was even blaming Luca. Moreover, since she didn't want to drink, she should have been direct from the beginning, like Leon. Or like him, who found an excuse to refuse and didn't participate anymore.

She wanted to maintain the image of a caring and considerate little sister but didn't want to share the difficulties. The so-called care and thoughtfulness she usually showed turned out to be just empty words, so fake.

At this moment, his heart was incredibly complicated, and he felt very uncomfortable. She was the younger sister they had spoiled for so many years, but this was getting a bit

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ridiculous!

He said to Luca, Luca, why don't you let Jo share a few drinks with you?" He didn't mean to force Jodie to drink but just wanted to see what she would do and let Luca see how "considerate" Jodie, his sister, could be.

Jodie couldn't believe it and jerked her head up at Aaron. Although she didn't expect Aaron to help her, she didn't expect him to join Zac in trying to set her up. "Did he lose his mind? Is he crazy?"

Luca glanced at his brother and saw him subtly nodding at him. He didn't know what Aaron was up to, but he still turned to Jodie and said, "Jo, do you want to have two drinks?"

Taken aback, she didn't want to drink at all. Just now, she had witnessed the pain on Luca and Aaron's faces while drinking the cocktails, especially Luca, who almost spat it out and even drank half a bottle of mineral water afterward. It meant that the drink was horrible.

After contemplating for a moment, she said, "Luca, of course I'm willing to drink with you. It's just that I'm on my period, so how about I only drink three glasses?" She believed that Luca, who loved her so much, wouldn't let her drink during her period.

Sure enough, Luca suddenly smiled. "It's okay; it's just ten glasses of cocktails. I'll drink it." Without hesitation, he picked up a glass and drank it all in one gulp.

Crushed by the most hated and despised person, his biological sister teamed up with someone else to set him up, his brother didn't help him, and even his beloved foster sister did the same. He was hurt, uncomfortable, and frustrated

at the time. Then, he drank another glass, feeling a sense of relief through alcohol.

Jodie pretended to reach out and pick up a glass of cocktail. "Luca, let me help you with two glasses.

Luca wasn't that foolish and realized that she didn't want to drink. Even though she had picked it up, she didn't drink it directly but asked him instead. So, he reached out and snatched the drink she had picked up. "No need, I admit defeat and deserve to be punished."

Although he hated to admit it, he was indeed slapped and crushed by Harry today. Even without the need to look, he could guess that the online sentiment would change today, and he would probably be criticized. He was willing to accept the consequences of his bet. Otherwise, what else could he do? Arguing or evading would only make him more embarrassed, so he might as well be straightforward.

He drank nine glasses in a row, and his face turned slightly red, but he wasn't drunk. Although Zac wanted to set them up, he had emphasized to the waiter to use drinks with low alcohol content. Therefore, even if Luca drank ten glasses in a row, he actually hadn't consumed the same amount of beer that would easily make him drunk.

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Picking up the last glass, Luca was ready to drink when Simone spoke up, "Luca, why don't you come over and toast to Harry for the last drink? Shouldn't you apologize after misunderstanding someone and throwing dirt on them? Should he be stepped on because he has a low position and no background? That's not how it works." She had to protect her artist: no one should bully them like that anymore.

Luca's eyes were bloodshot from embarrassment and anger, and he said reluctantly, "Yes, of course I should toast to Harry." Standing up and walking to Harry, he fell silent before speaking. "Im sorry, I misunderstood earlier." It was really hard to say.

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Simone was really something, forcing her brother to apologize to an outsider. But she brought it up, if he didn't apologize, he would appear petty and lacking in. Although he didn't care about the money he made as a singer, he still cherished the glamor of being a top singer.

Harry could sense that Luca had been coerced by Simone into coming to apologize to him, and tears welled up in his eyes. However, it wasn't Luca's apology that moved him, but Simone's actions. She had gone to great lengths to protect him, making it difficult for him not to be touched.

Harry didn't want to pretend that everything was okay or offer forgiveness and reconciliation. Without Simone's help, he would have been oppressed by Luca and eventually forced out of the music industry.

Simone understood his thoughts and felt the same way. Apologizing didn't automatically guarantee forgiveness. Otherwise, all the pain Harry had endured would have been in vain.

Taking a stand for Harry, she looked at Luca seriously and said, "It's good that you realize you misunderstood him. I hope you will be more mindful of your words and actions in the future. Otherwise, it will cause great harm to others and deprive the music industry of a shining star.

Luca gazed deeply at Simone and replied, "Thank you for your guidance, Miss Gray!" Then, he quickly finished his drink. Without waiting for Harry to say anything, he returned to his original position. He could see that if Simone spoke up again, it would be in support of Harry.

Harry didn't want to accept Luca's apology, so Simone stood in front of him, preventing him from doing anything he didn't want to do. Luca couldn't help but feel heartbroken, and a bitter taste filled his mouth.

After Luca finished his drink and apologized, Simone and Zac turned away from him. Harry poured a glass of wine and specifically toasted Simone. Meeting such a manager was the luckiest thing in his life.

Zac got up and left for a while, then returned with a tray in hand. The tray was filled with various cocktail ingredients. Seeing him holding these items, Aaron and the others couldn't

collie cautious. What was this guy up to now? Seeing the guarded looks of the others, Zac was amused and exasperated.

He mixed three cocktails using the ingredients he had prepared earlier, picked up a glass, and said to Aaron, "I'm sorry, I lied to you earlier. I didn't order drinks using your table number, and the drink you're having was made by me. I was just joking around, but I didn't expect you to drink them all. Now, I'll have three drinks, too!"

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Chapter 168 Now Everyone Knows Simone Is Good?

Zac had never expected that Aaron would drink the drink he made. He claimed to have used the drinks from the other table, but Aaron could have easily denied it. After all, this excuse was easily exposed. He had already figured out what to do if both of them didn't drink this drink. However, to his surprise, Aaron drank it without hesitation.

Zac had planned to trick Leon and Jodie, but they didn't drink a single glass. He felt a bit

for himself and decided to punish himself by drinking three glasses.

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On the other hand, Aaron was also surprised that Zac would admit to his actions voluntarily. When he saw the drinks, he guessed that it was Zac who was up to no good, not the bartender who had concocted the drinks. Paying 150 per glass was a scam, considering that the most expensive cocktail in the place was only 30.

Moreover, if the other party had ordered the drinks at their table, he could have completely denied it. The owner couldn't possibly keep an eye on them paying, and whoever ordered it should pay. He wasn't that foolish.

At that time, Aaron thought that maybe this would make Simone feel better, and he did lose the bet. So, he took the initiative to jump into the pit and also helped them set up Luca, letting the latter experience it himself and see his younger sister from a different perspective. Now that Zac did this, he had to

admit that he was quite clever, and his dissatisfaction disappeared. Giving Zac a lopsided smile, he said, "You finally acted like a decent person."

Zac returned his smile and replied, "Cheers!" Then, he picked up a glass of cocktail and drank it in one gulp. The drink he made was terrible, and he vowed to never touch it again in the future. He then drank the remaining two glasses in succession.

After drinking the three glasses, Zac sat back in his original seat and started chatting and drinking with the others. The atmosphere at their table was very lively, with laughter and

conversation.

On the other hand, the atmosphere at the other table was relatively subdued. Luca looked somewhat depressed as he picked up the wine on the table and drank glass after glass. It was clear that he was very unhappy and annoyed.

Leon remained silent, holding his wine glass and occasionally looking toward Simone's direction. Aaron didn't want to talk either, so he picked up his phone and randomly opened an app to distract himself.

Feeling awkward, Jodie wanted to start a conversation, but no one paid attention to her. Finally, unable to bear it, she reached out and tugged at Luca's sleeve, persuading him, "Luca, don't drink anymore."

Casting her an ugly smile, he replied. "I want to drink now. Don't worry about it." He

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continued to drink, leaving Jodie feeling helpless. Piqued, she no longer cared about him.

After a while, Simone and the others left, and Leon suggested going back to the hotel. Luca didn't want to go back and insisted on drinking more, but Aaron forcefully pulled him away.

No one spoke during the cab ride to the hotel. After checking in, Leon greeted everyone and returned to his room first.

Turning to Luca, Jodie asked, “Luca, are you okay? Should I buy some hangover medicine for you?”

Although Luca had a thorn in his heart, hearing her words made him feel a little better. Shaking his head, he said, “I’m fine and not drunk. Don’t bother. His gaze softened, and he reached out to stroke her head, saying, “You should go back to your room and rest because you have to make money tomorrow.”

Jodie breathed a sigh of relief and flashed him a sweet and obedient smile, saying sincerely, “Then, you should rest early, too. If you don’t feel well tonight, give me a call.”

Luca nodded and replied, “Okay!”

As Jodie was still mad at Aaron, she didn’t want to talk to him much but waved and smiled during the live broadcast, saying, “Aaron, goodnight!

Aaron nodded and answered, “Goodnight!”

Luca was also mad at Aaron, so he didn’t pay attention to him and went back to his room.

Aaron sighed as he watched Luca’s back, thinking. He’s so easily consoled by her. What a fool. He remembered the time when he was getting an IV drip alone, and Jodie said she would accompany him, but she didn’t really want to. So, he said it wasn’t necessary, and she didn’t do it. If it was Simone, not only would she accompany him, but she would also cook and make home remedies for him.

If it were Simone today, she would remember that Luca couldn’t drink too much. Otherwise, his throat would hurt. Moreover, she wouldn’t just say empty words and would buy hangover and throat medicine for Luca.

Aaron thought for a moment and didn’t go to his room. Instead, he turned around to leave the hotel. The cameraman, under the director’s signal, followed him, and they went to the pharmacy, where they saw Aaron buying hangover and throat-soothing medicine.

This action stunned the viewers, especially the fans who had been criticizing Aaron in the live chat.

Aaron's fans couldn't help but fight back. They said, "Look, compared to Jodie, Aaron is the real little brother. Jodie only uses words to coax, but the little brother uses actions."

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This time, the fans didn't fight back because many of them knew that Luca's throat would hurt if he drank too much or ate something spicy. Although Aaron and Zac had played a prank on Luca before, which made them angry, they couldn't stay angry at this moment.

Instead, it was their idol who always protected and cherished Jodie, the one who said she would buy hangover medicine but didn't actually do it. This showed that she didn't care. Compared to Aaron, who just tricked his brother, Jodie's concern seemed ridiculous.

On the way back to the hotel, an assistant, at Jonah's request, struck up a conversation with Aaron. "You're really considerate. You knew that Luca's throat would hurt if he drank too much, so you bought medicine for him, right?"

With a smile, Aaron replied, "Compared to Simone, what I did is nothing." He then went on to talk about Simone's kindness toward himself and Luca when she was in the Gray Family, such as making homemade throat lozenges and other herbal medicine.

Simone's fans who were listening felt heartbroken. Even the fans of Luca and Aaron felt a bit uncomfortable because it turned out that Simone had put in a lot of effort when she was a part of the Gray Family, and those who used to criticize her were now silent.

If it was their own sister who treated them so well, they would be crazy to cut off ties with her and cause such a rift.

So, Luca got what he deserved. Of course, Aaron was not innocent either. He was one of those who mistreated Simone in the past.

Simone's fans sneered. Did they finally realize how talented Simone was? Sorry, it was too late! And now, Luca and Aaron's fans, unable to vent their anger, began to criticize Jodie, calling her a fake angel, pretending to care, and not as good as Aaron, a genuine guy.

Moreover, she instigated conflicts between the brothers and even caused a rift between them and their sister, Simone. She was simply toxic and a troublemaker, creating chaos within the family.

As Jodie finished showering and stepped out, she screamed upon seeing herself in the mirror. She noticed that her once fair skin had become dull, and there were even some blemishes on her cheeks.

Her complexion was not as fair and smooth as before and seemed to have darkened slightly.

Jodie covered her mouth, panic evident in her eyes.

The fact that this had happened indicated that her spiritual energy had declined and might have backfired. Quickly, she grabbed her phone, ready to send a text message, but when she picked it up, she realized that it was not her phone.

Her face contorted with anger. This can't continue like this, and it's all because of Simone.

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Tomorrow, I'll have to avoid the camera and borrow a phone to make a call.

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Chapter 169 This Is Obvious, Isn't It?

On the other side, Aaron returned to his room and took a shower. After watching TV for a while, he got up and knocked on the door of the room next door.

Luca was lying on the bed, feeling very uncomfortable in his throat at the moment. When he heard the knock on the door, he thought it was Jodie who had bought the hangover medicine and brought it to him. Opening the door, he saw his younger brother standing there and was momentarily stunned.

Aaron raised an eyebrow. "What? Did you think it was Jo?"

Luca didn't argue. "What do you want?"

Aaron waved the bag in his hand. "I brought you medicine."

Luca was very surprised. "Come in." He closed the door and turned around to see Aaron sitting on a chair and looking at him with a strange expression. "Why are you looking at me like that?"

Aaron answered, "I'm observing how foolish you're being."

At the mention of this, Luca's face darkened. "If you have nothing good to say, just leave. Instead of learning anything useful, you're picking up from Zac Turner and Leon Foster. those two idiots."

Aaron chuckled. "Can you stop dwelling on the past? I see how foolish you are because of Jo. You think that she'll bring you medicine, but she actually won't. Only your little brother, me, will think of it." He took out the medicine from his pocket. "Your throat is uncomfortable now, isn't it? Take the hangover medicine first, then the throat treatment medicine after six hours."

When he bought the medicine, he informed the pharmacist about Luca's condition when he drank, and the pharmacist gave him the medicine and explained how to take it.

Luca was stunned. "How did you know?"

Aaron told the truth, "When Simone was still at home, there was a time when I went to an event with you, and she reminded me that when you drink too much alcohol or have a sore throat, your voice box will hurt. She advised me to persuade you not to drink, but if you really can't resist, eat some of her specially-made throat lozenges. She also gave me a box as a backup. After that, when you didn't drink, I ate them myself. They tasted really good and made my throat feel better."

Luca was stunned. "So, you know because Simone told you?" All of a sudden, he didn't know the words that could describe his complicated feelings.

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Her care was sent, and that was why Luca found it difficult to adjust after Simone left the Gray Family, Jodie also cared for him and was considerate, but it was always just words. As be thought about it, he couldn't recall a single action she had taken for hum

Luca poured a glass of water and took the hangover medicine. The aftereffects of drinking were starting to show now with a headache, a sore throat, and an uncomfortable stomach. He would take medicine for his threat in the morning

He asked. "Why did you come to tell me all this?"

Aaron sighed. "Because during my first variety show, I had a deep realization" Then, he talked about how he got food poisoning from eating with Jodie and ended up needing an IV drip, but she didn't care about him. "And before this variety show, Titus told me that Jo wasn't as innocent and considerate as she seemed. I observed and found that it's true; she has a lot of hidden thoughts, and her care and kindness are just words"

Luca fell silent, feeling very confused right now

Aaron didn't say anything more, got up, and patted Luca's shoulder. "Luca, you should be more aware." Then, he went back to his room.

Meanwhile, at the other hotel, Zac also warned Simone and told her about his findings. asking her to be careful around Jodie, and Simone assured him that she would be ca

The next day. Simone and the other three went to have breakfast, and then they checked the

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app to see if there were any activities or ways to make money.

Zac handed his phone to Simone and Harry. "We can participate in this!"

Simone and Harry looked at it. In three days, the best internet cafe in the city would be hosting a "Gun Fight" game event.

The registration deadline was tomorrow, and teams could sign up to participate. The winning team will receive a prize of 30,000.

Harry said. "I can play this game, and I'm pretty good at it."

Simone replied, "I haven't played this before, but I can learn. Occasionally, she would play computer games for entertainment and even used to be a professional gamer in a mini timeline. So, learning it now would be no problem at all.

After thinking for a moment, Harry pointed out, "There are only three of us, but Gun Fight a five-player game, so we still need two more people."

Zac chimed in. "We can ask another group. Brandon knows how to play. We talked about it before, and I guess Keira can also play. If not, she should be able to learn, and Eric can be a

substitute."

Simone smiled and said, "Let's ask them. If we can win the 30,000 reward, we can just relax and play for the last three days."

Jonah, who was watching the livestream, heard her words and said, “Don’t do that! Please create more hype!”

As it was too troublesome to gather everyone individually, Zac tagged a few people in the group chat and mentioned this, which Eric and the others did not object to.

Keira: I can do it! I want to participate and be supported by you guys. I also want to relax and have fun.

Eric: Even though I can’t play, I will cheer you guys on and support you. I also want to relax and win!

Brandon: I am able and willing to participate. I also desire to relax and emerge victorious!

Before Simone led Zac and Harry to triumph, the others had been envious. Now that they had the chance, they wanted to join as well.

Zac: Alright, it’s settled then. Once you guys finish work tonight, we will head to the internet. cafe to practice.

Keira: Zac, it pains me when you mention that we need to work!

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Zac: Haha, we have Simone!

Therefore, it is only the ethers who are hurting, he thought.

Keira and the others were so envious that they could cry. The group reached an agreement, leaving the other group feeling frustrated.

Apart from Jodie, none of them had the enthusiasm to earn money through work. They were also having breakfast when Jodie saw the conversation in the group chat.

Unable to hold back, she sighed. The two groups are collaborating again, and it seems like we’ve been left behind.”

This meant that they were being excluded, and those two groups were being unfair.

Leon glanced at her and said, "You've known them for a while now, it's not the first day.

Isn't that obvious? Even Aaron knew that those two groups wouldn't include them in their games, so he said, "Let's just focus on how we can earn money for food and accommodation today."

Speechless, Jodie thought that these two guys were hopeless.

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Chapter 170 Are We Going To Relax And Win Again Today?

Jodie turned to Luca, thinking. "Yesterday, Simone and the others embarrassed him so much. Shouldn't he do something about it?"

While eating, Luca noticed Jodie's gaze and said, "My throat hurts, and my voice has changed. I can't go out to perform and sing today. Maybe we can just take it easy and go to a restaurant to continue playing the piano and violin."

The last thing he wanted was to do more exhausting work, and playing the piano and violin didn't require talking either.

Jodie thought, "This guy is even more hopeless. Not only does he not think about getting revenge, but he even wants to slack off. This is just too much," Looking at Leon and Aaron, she asked, "What about you guys? Should we try a different way to make money?"

She didn't want to play the piano and violin anymore. Instead, she wanted to do something that could stand out and make money. In turn, she could regain the audience's favor and bring back the good luck.

Losing luck, coupled with some backlash, not only affected her appearance but also made everything she did less smooth than before. Also, she could sense that her brothers' attitudes toward her had changed.

This wouldn't do.

When Aaron heard her question, he found it even more amusing. “She’s only focused on how to perform well and didn’t even think to ask about Luca’s throat.” Shrugging, he said, “I don’t feel like doing any other work today either, so let’s take it easy.”

Yesterday, he sang and danced and stayed up late, and today, he was feeling very low in spirits. In addition, he didn’t want to accompany her to cause trouble. No matter what they did, they couldn’t surpass Simone’s group anyway. It was better to take it easy.

At most, it wouldn’t increase their popularity, but it would be better than the previous episode.

The result of his efforts in the previous episode was heavy criticism, and he also lost millions of fans who unfollowed him on Facebook.

Meanwhile, Leon was never enthusiastic about anything, so he agreed, “I think this idea is good.”

Jodie was about to go crazy with anger from the lack of ambition of these three grown men. Still, they turned out to be an award-winning actor and a top star. Why was life so unfair?

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Plus, the three of them had a huge fan base, so Jodie was not happy about it. Nevertheless, she didn’t show it on the surface and said, “Then, let’s go with your plan. Today, let’s go to a restaurant to play the piano and violin again.” She emphasized, “Tomorrow, let’s find a different way to make money?”

By playing the piano and violin every day, the live stream for this group wouldn’t be able to retain the audience. Without an audience, there would be no popularity, and without popularity, there would be no luck either. Thinking about this, Jodie suddenly felt a bit unbearable. I’m so unlucky to end up with these three idiots.”

Leon shrugged. “Let’s talk about it tomorrow.”

Luca agreed, “Yeah, let’s talk about it tomorrow.”

If it weren’t for the live broadcast, Jodie would have cursed at them, but now, she couldn’t and had to tolerate the three of them, pretending to be happy.

Suddenly, she envied Simone because she could confront people and vent her anger without holding back, but then, she shook her head and suppressed that thought.

First, she looked for other restaurants, wanting to try something new and attract more viewers. However, after making several phone calls, they were all told that they either had enough staff or didn't need any.

Sure enough, her luck wasn't as good after her fortune was weakened. Reluctantly, she could only contact the manager of the restaurant they went to yesterday. Luckily, the manager agreed to let them continue.

On the other side, Simone and the others decided to participate in the internet cafe event three days later. Now, they had to figure out their accommodation and meals for the next. three days.

They searched on the app but couldn't find any suitable daytime jobs. However, there were two bars hiring singers at night, which was something Harry was good at.

"Tonight, I'll sing at the bar and make money," he said.

Zac added, "I can do that too."

He checked the salary, and it was decent, but compared to what Simone earned in one go, it was much less.

Simone chuckled. "If we can't find high-paying jobs during the day. I'll join you guys singing at night."

The three of them stood up and prepared to go out and take a look.

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Coincidentally, two customers who had finished breakfast were chatting and walking past them. Simone overheard their conversation and couldn't help but walk over to them and politely ask, "Excuse me. Can I bother you for a moment?"

The two nodded politely and asked what she needed. Then, Simone had a conversation with them. After thanking them, she walked back with a smile and said, "Let's go; I'll show you how to make money."

As Simone and the two people were not far away, Zac overheard their conversation and asked in surprise. "Are you going to participate in a motorcycle race?" He had heard the two people say that there was an amateur motorcycle race this afternoon, and they were planning to go and watch.

Simone found out from them that the registration deadline was 10 a.m.

After registration, the organizers would first check the motorcycle driver's license, after which the participants would ride a few laps and pass the test before they could participate in the afternoon race. It was still possible to rush over and register.

Simone nodded. "Yes, the first prize is 20,000. She had learned to ride motorcycles with Gwen before and participated in a few races. When she heard the two people mention this, she thought of a way to make money.

Harry was also extremely surprised. "Boss, can you ride motorcycles too?"

Simone grinned and answered, "Yeah, I have a friend who likes riding motorcycles and used to drag me along for rides. I also have a habit of carrying useful documents with me. So, I have both driving licenses for cars and motorcycles with me. I'll give it a try. It would be great. if I could win the prize, but even if I can't, I'll just consider it as participating for fun."

Zac and Harry didn't object. "Alright, we'll accompany you."

The three of them took a cab to the racing venue. Simone registered, and after the organizers checked her driving license, they gave her a number to test her eligibility.

There were quite a few people there, and she waited in line for more than ten minutes before it was her turn.

Zac and Harry, along with the viewers in the live broadcast room, watched as Simone skillfully maneuvered the motorcycle. Wearing a helmet, she started the engine and sped away, effortlessly passing the test and qualifying to participate..

Upon Simone's return, Zac looked at her with shining eyes. "Simone, you're truly remarkable!" He had raced with cars before, but riding a motorcycle was

a new experience. for him. In his opinion, Simone looked both cool and stunning on the motorcycle.

Harry also admired her. “Boss, you’re so impressive. Moments ago, he had seen dozens of

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people take the test, but Simone rode the best.

Simone smiled at them with satisfaction. “Thank you for the compliments!”

The organizers also provided lunch vouchers for successful registrants, and Simone waved the vouchers in her hand. “We’ve also sorted out lunch.”

Each participant could bring up to three people for the meal, and she conveniently had two companions.

Zac and Harry exclaimed, “Simone/Boss, that’s fantastic.”

The three of them then went to the rest area and found seats. Zac shared the photos he had just taken of Simone’s motorcycle test, the afternoon race number plate, and the lunch. vouchers in the group chat,

Zac: Are we going to win effortlessly again today?

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