

The Miraculous Simone Gray by Opal Reese Chapter 191

Chapter 191 How Would You Know if You Don't Try?

Jodie dialed her biological mother's number, and she answered promptly.

Her mother's voice was gentle and filled with concern as she asked, "Jo, are you okay? I saw you getting hurt on the live broadcast, and I've been worried about you. Your phone was confiscated, so I couldn't reach you."

Jodie's cold expression softened when she heard that.

"Mom, I got injured and couldn't continue recording the upcoming live broadcasts, so I got my phone back. My brother came to see me, and my injuries weren't too serious. I just need some time to rest and recover."

Samantha seemed relieved and said, "**That's** good, then. But I was so worried ."

"We didn't know about your situation before, so we sent your sister abroad under the guise of participating in a program to take care of you."

Jodie was taken aback and asked, "You **made** Tina become a guest to take care of me?"

Samantha replied, "Yes."

Jodie asked, "Who helped arrange it?" It wasn't easy to obtain the resources to become a guest

on that show.

"Your uncle helped."

"He was also worried about you, so he had Tina come to take care of you."

Jodie knew that the so-called uncle Samantha referred to was a wealthy, influential, and mysterious man.

He was also her mother's former lover, but they didn't end up together.

However, there were still lingering feelings, so he treated the three of them—Jodie and her siblings very well. siblings—very

It was also with his help that she was able to become a foster child in the Gray Family.

But over the years, she had never seen that person's face.

All the questions she originally wanted to ask were swallowed back.

Since she joined the Gray Family, her biological mother had been secretly good to her, even more so than to Tina.

They had maintained contact throughout these years.

That was why Jodie would actively give her mother a considerable amount of money every year.

Of course, the Gray Family had no knowledge of this.

They had no idea that she had such close and frequent contact with her biological family behind their backs.

“I knew that you and Uncle love me the most!”

Jodie pretended to be sad and continued, “But my dear sister only knows how to perform on variety shows. She hasn't even come to the hospital to see me.”

She sighed before adding, “Let alone take care of me.”

As expected, she heard Samantha's anger towards Tina. This child is really outrageous. After she got her new phone, she sent me a message. I'll call her later and scold her. I'll ask her to go to the hospital to see you.”

Jodie looked pleased, her voice sounding coquettish as she said, “Thank you, Mom!” They exchanged a few more words before hanging up the phone.

Little did Jodie know that her conversation with an unknown number was automatically recorded and sent to a designated email address.

However, the recording and email logs were automatically deleted after being sent.

On the other side, after finishing their meal, Simone's group went to an internet cafe to practice playing games.

Leon's group, on the other hand, returned to the hotel where they were staying.

At the hotel entrance, Leon asked Luca and Aaron, "Are we still going to the bar for a singing gig tonight?"

As he sat quietly in the hotel, his mind was filled with memories of the beautiful moments he had with Simone.

The more he reminisced, the more he felt a pang of heartache and loneliness.

He didn't want to be alone, so he planned to go sing and have a drink.

Aaron replied, "Sure, why not? We don't have anything else to do anyway."

Being alone was boring, especially when they couldn't even download game apps on their

phones,

Luca shook his head and said, "My throat is inflamed, and it hurts a lot. I can't go."

As a result of yesterday's hangover, his throat was not only hoarse but also very painful.

Aaron sighed. "I told you not to overdo it, but you insisted on drinking. I bought you medicine. Did you take it?"

Luca murmured, "I did. I took it twice today, but it didn't help."

He thought for a moment and asked, "Do you think I should ask Simone to make some soothing throat lozenges for me? Will she agree?" Aaron raised an eyebrow and said, "You're overthinking it."

His younger brother didn't even have the self-awareness to realize that.

Luca sighed. "Why am I overthinking? I'm not asking her for something big. Who knows? It might also help improve our relationship."

He felt increasingly guilty about what happened before.

If it weren't for Simone proving that she didn't harm anyone and that it was Jodie's fault, he wouldn't have tarnished her reputation in the live broadcast due to a momentary impulse.

Aaron rolled his eyes and said, "Bro, I just want to say one thing to you."

Curiously, Luca asked, "What is it?"

Aaron bluntly replied, "Why do you not have an ounce of embarrassment?"

He thought it was ridiculous that his brother, who had rushed to confront Simone for Jodie, now wanted to mend their relationship.

Luca did not know what to say. He realized that this was his own brother who always hit him. where it hurt.

"How would you know if you don't try?" He then added, "Simone has always had a soft heart."

His throat couldn't bear it anymore. When he worked as a tour guide this afternoon, he hardly spoke.

Swallowing and talking were both painful.

It was an old problem, and he knew going to the hospital wouldn't help. The medications. took too long to take effect.

He longed for the throat lozenges that Simone used to make.

Aaron sighed. "Her soft heart was for the old us."

Now, Simone was not soft-hearted towards them. She was rather ruthless.

"In the previous issue, I had diarrhea and asked her to help me make medicine, but she ignored me."

By saying this, he wanted to make Luca give up the notion.

Luca, however, countered, "That's you. Maybe she will treat me differently, no?"

Aaron looked at him speechlessly and asked, "Where is your confidence coming from?"

Luca didn't like his brother's skepticism and replied, "How would you know if you don't try? Besides, what's the point of going to the bar every day? We can also go to an internet cafe!"

He didn't want to go to the bar himself but wanted to go to an internet cafe, so he planned to drag the others along.

He didn't want to admit that he would feel a bit nervous if he went alone to see Simone.

Upon hearing Luca's words, Aaron pondered for a moment and said, "Alright."

Drinking every day was also taking a toll on his stomach.

Ah, he longed for the congee and medicinal meals that his sister used to prepare.

If Luca could truly soften Simone's heart, perhaps Aaron could also take advantage of the situation.

Through the previous incidents, he has gained some insight.

It was possible that they misunderstood Simone due to Jodie's instigation and insinuation.

It was not that he didn't feel remorseful, but he did not know how to mend their sibling relationship.

Then, he asked Leon, "Leon, how about going to the internet cafe?" Leon readily agreed and said, "Sure, I'll tag along"

Although Simone had not forgiven him, being able to see her at the internet cafe and feel her presence would be comforting.

After the three of them finished discussing, they remembered that they had added a teammate to their group.

They all turned towards Tina, who was standing nearby, and asked, “What about you? Are you coming to the internet cafe with us?” Tina smiled and replied, “Sure, I’ll come too.”

And so, the four of them returned to their rooms to rest and agreed to meet in the hotel lobby in half an hour.

Tina went back to her own room and had just changed her clothes when her phone rang.

Seeing the caller ID, she frowned.

But she still answered the call. “Mom.”

Samantha asked sternly, “Why didn’t you go see your sister?”

When Tina heard this, her face displayed a hint of sarcasm.

Ever since Jodie went to the Gray Family and started resembling that so-called uncle more and more, her mother’s attitude towards them had completely changed.

Jodie was cherished, while Tina was merely a burden.

And because Samantha believed that Jodie could assist that person, she viewed Tina as an obstacle.

That being said, Tina knew how to handle her own mother.

Chapter 192 What Does This Twin Mean?

Tina gathered her thoughts and weakly said, “But my uncle wants me to perform well in the live broadcast and make everyone like me.”

She emphasized again, “He also wants me to try to befriend Simone.”

Otherwise, her biological mother would definitely ask her to target Simone on behalf of Jodie.

“I can’t just leave in the middle of a live recording and go to the hospital to see my sister, right?” Samantha originally wanted to continue criticizing but swallowed her words.

Her attitude also softened a lot. “Since your uncle asked you to do it, then you should listen to him. After today’s live broadcast, remember to go to the hospital to take care of your sister.”

She added, “Over the years, she has given so much money to our family, allowing us to live at good life. Don’t be ungrateful.”

Tina sneered. She and her father didn’t use that money, but she couldn’t reason with her mother, who was led by her heart.

“I understand. I will go to the hospital tonight.”

Her mother made this phone call to criticize her. If there were no instigations from Jodie, she wouldn’t believe it.

Since the other party wants me to go to the hospital so much, I will definitely go.

Samantha said in

satisfaction, “That’s right. You are sisters, connected by blood. In the future, take better care of your sister.”

Tina’s face was cold, but her tone was gentle as she murmured, “I understand.”

Then, the other party hung up the phone first.

After a few minutes, her phone rang again.

Seeing the incoming call this time, her cold face warmed up.

“Dad!”

Chester's concerned voice came. "Tina, are you still used to being abroad? Did you get tired from walking so much during the day?"

This time, Tina's voice was sincere, and she said with a smile, "I'm much better now. Walking

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so much is not tiring at all. But Dad, don't stare at your phone all day. Otherwise, your eyes will hurt again..." The father and daughter talked caringly to each other for a while before hanging up the phone.

Tina felt much better this time.

She went to freshen up and put on makeup again.

Half an hour later, the four of them left the hotel and went to the internet cafe where Simone and the others were.

At this time, Simone and the others had played several games and were taking a break.

Seeing the four of them coming over, they were a little puzzled.

Zac looked at the four of them and asked, "Are you also here to participate in the competition?" Aaron said, "We're not participating. We just came to have some fun."

Then, he looked at Simone and nudged Luca. "Simone, Luca wants to talk to **you** about something."

Simone looked at the two of them and asked, "What's the matter?" Luca was speechless with Aaron. He wasn't even prepared yet, and this guy pushed him out.

And so, he put on a smile and looked at Simone with a somewhat pitiful look on his face. "Simone, my throat hurts."

Simone was speechless. "If your throat hurts, shouldn't you go see a doctor?" She probably understood why this man came to find her.

Whenever he drank too much, his throat would become hoarse and painful.

Medicine and intravenous drips took a long time to take effect.

The several types of throat lozenges she specially made for him worked quickly and were very effective.

She spent more than half a year researching and making these candies.

Now that she thought about it, it really wasn't worth it.

However, she couldn't let them go to waste either.

After returning to the country, she could find someone to collaborate with and mass-produce these throat lozenges to benefit more people.

Luca muttered, "You know, it's an old problem of mine. Going to the hospital won't help."

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"Can you help me make some throat lozenges?" he added. "I won't let you work for nothing."

Simone decisively refused the offer. "No."

She sarcastically said, "Just a few days ago, something like that happened. Now, you have the audacity to come to me to make throat lozenges. Also, do I look like someone who needs your little reward?"

Luca had no comeback. He felt a pang in his heart again.

Aaron tried to hold back his laughter on the side.

Sure enough, his older brother was just asking for trouble.

He said his brother had quite an attitude, but his brother didn't believe it.

Now, he was being slapped in the face.

Luca glared at his younger brother. "Stop laughing"

I'm being teased, and this guy is enjoying it.

Just as his younger brother said, they were nothing more than brothers on the surface.

Luca lowered his posture and apologetically looked at Simone. "I know I was wrong. Please forgive me and show some magnanimity."

In order to mend his relationship with his sister, he was willing to do anything.

It was also the first time he had humbled himself and apologized like this.

Simone sneered, "I'm sorry, but I don't forgive. I'm just a woman. I hold grudges."

Luca's expression changed.

He had even lowered himself in front of a live broadcast and apologized to her so sincerely. Yet, she still had such a hard heart.

He asked with a hurt expression, "You don't care about our sibling relationship at all?" Simone was speechless as she countered, "When did we have a sibling relationship? I think your focus right now should be on seeing a doctor for our head, not treating your throat. You really can't get your priorities straight."

Luca was speechless. *Does she mean I'm crazy?*

Simone couldn't be bothered to deal with him. She turned to Zac and the others and said. "Let's continue."

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The others also realized what was going on.

Simone didn't give the Gray brothers any leeway.

Since they didn't support Simone when others were in trouble, they naturally wouldn't support the Gray brothers either.

And because they had a good relationship with Simone, they didn't like the Gray brothers

either.

And so, they all chimed in, "Alright, then. Let's continue!" Tina looked at Simone with a hint of admiration.

Her eyes were bright, and she muttered softly, "Wifey is so cool!" The others didn't hear what she said, but Simone did.

She was puzzled and surprised as she glanced at Tina.

She saw the woman's sparkling eyes.

What does this twin mean? *Is she really a fan of mine? Or is she pretending to be a fan?* When Simone looked over, Tina became a little excited and shyly lowered her head.

Oh no... Did wifey hear that?

Simone pondered for a while, feeling a bit confused.

However, when it came to Tina, she didn't feel any aversion or disgust just by looking at her.

Nevertheless, she wouldn't let her guard down.

Tina shyly lowered her head, and Simone averted her gaze.

She continued playing the game with the others.

Meanwhile, Luca felt embarrassed and bitter after being defeated. His sister was so cruel.

He glanced at Simone and deliberately said loudly to Aaron, "Shall we go to the bar for a drink?"

In the past, when Simone heard that he wanted to go drinking, she would express concern and ask him not to go or drink less..

Right now, he just wanted to be stubborn and see her reaction.

To his surprise, Simone didn't even look at him.

She started playing the game and chatting with Zac, even putting on headphones.

Luca was at a loss for words. His heart was being pierced today.

After witnessing the scene, Aaron also felt a little disappointed.

Once his sister hated them, she no longer softened his heart.

He tugged on Luca's arm and said, "Let's forget about drinking and just sit here and play games."

Luca, feeling disappointed, allowed himself to be tugged over and sat down in an empty seat nearby.

Leon wisely didn't say anything and also sat down.

Tina sat in the seat opposite Simone.

Afterward, she didn't really play on the computer but turned around and leaned against the chair, her eyes shining as she watched Simone play the game.

When Simone and the others won, she couldn't help but restrain herself from softly cheering.

This left Luca and the others speechless. It seemed that Tina was still Simone's devoted fan.

Chapter 193 Getting More Interesting

Aaron sat beside Tina. He asked, "You like watching?"

Tina turned her head and replied, "Yes!" Not only was Simone beautiful, but she was also skilled in playing games.

Aaron asked, "Are you a fan of hers?" Tina raised her finger and gestured to him.

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She whispered, "I don't want to **cause** trouble for my wifey. I think you guys should stop bothering her if she doesn't want to deal with you."

The live camera was at a distance, so only Aaron could hear her voice.

Aaron felt speechless. That hurts.

So, in Simone's fans' eyes, when they went to greet their sister, they were actually bothering and annoying her? He said softly, "We know we didn't do well before, so we want to make it up."

Tina disagreed with him. "Why didn't you do it earlier?" She turned her head and faced away from the camera.

She looked at Aaron and added softly, "The damage has already been done. What good does it do to make up for it later? So why should my wifey forgive you guys?"

Aaron was speechless. "Kid, don't speak so harshly!"

Tina only glared at him. "Who's a kid now?"

Aaron was at a loss for words. *D*mn! I thought she was a sweet little girl. Who would've thought that she's a little wildcat?*

He was speechless. "You're not like this during the day."

Tina acted as if she wasn't stupid and said, "That's because there's a live stream. Otherwise, who would bother with you three stinky losers?"

Aaron did not respond. *This woman changes her attitude so quickly it's like flipping a book.*

It was really as Luca said—a woman's heart was like the bottom of the sea.

Tina ignored Aaron and continued to watch Simone's new game.

Because their conversation was lowered in volume and other people were talking in the internet cafe, no one except Simone heard them.

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Simone was somewhat surprised by Tina's words.

Is she being sincere or intentionally saying it for my own benefit? Well, it's getting more interesting.

Netizens also noticed that Tina's eyes were shining when she looked at Simone.

The whispered comment she made earlier, "Wifey is so cool," was also translated by someone who could read lips.

'Didn't expect this girl to be a fan of Simone!

'She looks just like a little fangirl!'

"*Haha!* She looks exactly like me when I look at my wife."

"This girl has good taste.

Tina's fans immediately came out to support her.

'We're not just riding the wave of popularity, but sweetie is indeed a fan of Simone.'

'In the first episode of this variety show, she recommended we watch Simone in the chat.

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"Yes, exactly! After Simone confronted Aaron and Jojo head-on, she thought Simone's straightforward love-and-hate attitude was very cool.

'I also like Simone's clear love-and-hate personality. She treats the people she cares about well and shows no mercy to those she dislikes.

'Me too! I just love having a wife like that.

‘Luca is also on another level. He dared to ask Simone to make throat lozenges for him.’

‘Now they know how great wifey is, but it’s too late!’

‘Simone did a great job. She shouldn’t have forgiven or paid attention to them.

Then, a bunch of people started to criticize the Gray brothers, with Luca being the most targeted.

Even some of Luca’s fans couldn’t help but agree with the criticism.

Besides, the dislike towards Jodie reached a new level.

They played until around 10 p.m., and then Simone and the others left the Internet cafe and

went back.

Simone couldn’t be bothered with those three, but she took the initiative to greet Tina with a smile.

Tina’s eyes sparkled even more, and her voice was filled with sweetness when she said. goodbye to Simone.

Simone’s fans were jealous as they also wanted to say goodbye to Simone.

It would be even better if they could get closer.

Not only the fans but even Leon and the Gray brothers couldn’t help but feel down.

They looked at Tina with a slightly resentful gaze.

Tina deliberately turned her back to the camera and showed them a brilliant smile.

She whispered, “This is something you can’t envy.”

The three of them stayed silent. They thought this new guest was pretty good during the day. But now they felt that this woman was a bit hurtful and wicked.

After Simone’s group left, they also returned to the hotel.

Once they all entered their respective rooms, the live broadcast ended.

Tina changed into a different outfit and let her hair down, then she put on a mask and went

out.

After deducting the hotel and meal expenses, they split the money they earned during the day among the four of them.

So now, she was taking a cab to the hospital.

Her mom had sent a text message saying which ward Jodie was in.

Tina went straight upstairs and knocked on the door of the room.

Jodie was browsing Facebook and looking at the trending topics, feeling frustrated.

No wonder she felt that her luck had weakened a lot. There were so many people criticizing her online.

She didn't know why, but she had a feeling that it shouldn't be like this.

When she heard the knocking on the door, she couldn't help but feel a bit hopeful.

Were her two brothers coming to see her?

She had messaged them today, but neither of them replied.

Do the two of them want to surprise me? So, with a hint of joy in her voice, she said, "Come in"

When she saw that it was Tina who came in, her smile froze for a moment. "Why is it your Tina closed the door and took off her mask, holding it in her hand.

She raised an eyebrow. "Don't tell me you thought it was Luca and Aaron who came?"

Jodie's expression darkened. "What's it to you?"

Tina sneered, "You're becoming more naive. After you did something so stupid, they can't possibly still revolve around you, not unless they have a problem with their brains. Titus presented Jojo to you **as** a persona, and you genuinely believe you're better than everyone else?"

Jodie was furious. "What do you mean? Did you intentionally come here to ridicule me?" Tina innocently replied, "Didn't you invite me to come?"

Jodie coldly snorted. "It was Mom and Uncle who asked you to take care of me. You better show more respect, or else I'll inform them that you came here to mock me."

Tina looked at Jodie and pursed her lips. "That's the extent of your capabilities, huh? Tell **me**, then—how should I take care of you? Should I give you water or feed you food?"

Jodie frowned. "I'm not feeling well, so go fetch some water and assist me in cleaning myself."

During the day, she could ring the bell and ask the nurse for assistance, but it was inconvenient at night.

The production team had arranged for someone to take care of her.

However, she was afraid that her brother would come looking for her, so she sent the person away.

Tina put the mask in her pocket. "Alright, I'll help you get some water and assist you in cleaning yourself."

She went to the bathroom and fetched a basin of cold water, bringing it to Jodie's side.

Jodie said triumphantly,

"You see, there was no need for you to do what you did before. In the end, you still have to serve me."

And you went and pretended to be a fan of that little sl*t, Simone. How embarrassing! If I were you, I would have confronted her directly and started a fight. That's how you gain fans. That's how she became famous, after all."

Just as she finished speaking, a basin of cold water was suddenly poured over her head, soaking her entire body.

She screamed. “Argh! Tina Wilson, you b*tch! How dare you pour water on me?!”

Chapter 194 Don't Regret Later

Tina set the basin aside.

Innocently, she said, “Didn't you feel uncomfortable and want to freshen up? I'm just fulfilling your wish. And besides, you're such a little sl't.”

She had been wanting to do this for a long time, but she hadn't found the opportunity before.

Jodie was drenched like a drowned rat, glaring fiercely at Tina. “If you dare to treat me like this, I will tell Mom to deal with you! Now, I am her precious daughter.”

Tina smiled indifferently. “Go ahead and tell her. Do you think I'm afraid of you? You're just Mom's precious daughter, that's all. As long as Dad loves me, it's enough.”

Jodie looked at her speechlessly. “Stop pretending. Do you think I would fall for it? Do you think I would want that useless, physically weak, and poor old man to love me?”

Tina's eyes turned cold. “He is our father.”

Jodie sneered, “I don't have such a useless father. My father is the chairman of the Gray Group. Even he is much better than him.”

Tina suddenly chuckled. “Then go and acknowledge him as your father. She then said, meaningfully, “Maybe he really is your biological father.”

Jodie also smiled. “If he were my biological father, that would be great. And if he were my biological father, he would also be your biological father.”

However, Tina said, “I only have one father.”

Whether he was her biological father or not, she only had one father.

Jodie disdainfully said, "Are you playing games with me, or are you just stupid? But looking at your poor appearance, you resemble that old man. And his family is all poor and pathetic." She coldly snorted. "If you like them so much, then go and be a part of their family. I don't care.

Tina also sneered, "Don't regret it later."

Did they think the Gray Family was a good place to be? Did they think that the so-called uncle was acting in their best interest? This sister of hers not only had a malicious mind since

and naive.

childhood but also became more and more foolish,"

She asked, "Do you need me to serve you anything else? If not, I'm going back."

Seeing her arrogance, Jodie felt as if she was looking at Simone.

Tina was just as annoying as Simone.

With a stern face, she commanded. "Bring me a clean set of clothes and help me change."

She would definitely make Tina pay for splashing water on her today.

Her forehead was still wrapped in gauze, and her hands and feet were in casts.

I wonder *if* being *splashed with water* will *have any impact*. *She* is just jealous of me, unable to *stand* seeing me doing well.

Tina laughed. "My dear sister, they called you stupid, and you didn't admit it before, but now, you're being stupid again. Do you think we are living in the last century? Do you still want to find a servant to serve you?"

Jodie choked upon hearing that. “How dare you?!” She couldn’t help but sarcastically say, “I want to find a servant to serve me because I have a life of wealth and prosperity. Unlike you, who went to kneel and lick Simone’s boots, wanting to be someone else’s maid.”

“You are just a despicable person.

“I really don’t know what you’re thinking. Are

you going crazy for fame?” What she wanted to see was Simone and Tina tearing each other apart, not the current situation.

Seeing Tina’s appearance on the livestream tonight made Jodie angry.

They were supposed to be sisters, but Simone ruined it.

Not only did Tina not stand by her side, she was on Simone’s side.

She even wanted to become Simone’s fan, which was utterly ridiculous and stupid.

Tina suddenly raised her hand and slapped Jodie’s face. “You’re the despicable one! You’re nothing but a fake and counterfeit, thinking you are the Gray Family’s daughter.”

Then, she grabbed Jodie’s hair and slapped her twice again.

She also pulled out a strand of Jodie’s hair and tucked it into her sleeve.

This was her true purpose for coming today.

Jodie didn’t expect Tina to slap her.

She screamed, “Tina, you have become bold, huh? How dare you treat me like this? Just you wait! I will make sure you have a miserable life.”

Jodie wanted to resist and fight back **against** Tina, but with her broken hands and feet, **she** couldn’t do anything.

She could only endure being beaten while her hair was being pulled.

After slapping Jodie a few times, Tina let go of her.

“Hmph! I’ll be waiting.”

She looked at Jodie, who had a fierce look in her eyes, with a complicated expression. “Let’s see who will have a miserable life first.

Although they were once close, it was better to sever this kind of sisterhood.

“Take care of yourself. I’m busy, so I won’t come to the hospital to see you. If you want to tell Mom about me, go ahead, I don’t care.”

She turned around and walked away.

Even if she was reported, the most her mother would do was to call and scold her.

And as long as she mentioned that so-called uncle, her mother’s anger would be extinguished.

Jodie watched as Tina completely ignored her, and she was filled with

After cursing for a while, she took some selfies with her phone.

Then, she sent them to her mom, along with a detailed complaint.

anger.

After that, she rang the bell and asked the nurse to help her change into dry clothes and get a new bed.

When Samantha saw Jodie’s miserable appearance in the photo, she felt both heartbroken and furious.

She immediately called Tina.

Meanwhile, Tina had already set her phone aside.

After Samantha finished her tirade, she picked it back up.

Then, she explained that her uncle wanted her to get close to Simone.

She had to deliberately treat Jodie like this to show her attitude and gain favor with Simone.

Sure enough, after hearing this, Samantha's anger subsided a lot.

She no longer scolded Tina but rather advised her with a serious tone, saying that if she wanted to act, she should do it in moderation and not treat her own sister like this.

Tina didn't pay attention to what was being said, but her mouth kept saying all right.

After being lectured, Tina hung up the phone.

By now, she had reached the entrance of the hospital.

As she turned to gaze at the hospital building, she pondered how much longer Jodie could endure.

An hour later, Simone was on the verge of falling asleep when she was abruptly startled by a knock on the door.

She opened the door and found a hotel staff member standing outside.

Curious, she inquired, "What's the matter?"

The staff handed her an envelope and explained, "A lady asked me to give this to you. She mentioned that you two know each other."

Considering the fact that the envelope felt thin and there was no apparent danger, the staff decided to accept the package and assist in its delivery.

Initially, Simone carefully examined the envelope and detected no signs of danger.

Satisfied, she took it and expressed her gratitude. "Thank you. I appreciate it!"

Chapter 195 They Don't Care

There was a folded piece of paper that she took out and opened.

In the middle of the paper, there was a strand of hair.

There was a message on the paper. This is Jodie Gray's hair. Keep it safe. You will definitely need it in the future. With your abilities, you should be able to discern the relationship between me and Jodie. As for why I did this, besides admiring your fearless, loving, rebellious personality, it's also because I have someone I want to protect.

Simone looked at the paper again; there was no signature on the message, but it was obviously from Tina.

The fact that Tina sent Jodie's hair was quite surprising to her.

Tina was so certain that Simone would need Jodie's hair in the future. It meant she must know something.

Simone didn't think that Tina sent the hair for her to use magic or something on Jodie.

She felt that there was a deeper meaning behind it.

At the same time, it reinforced her previous speculation.

Presumably, after returning home this time, the results of the investigation over there would come out, and she would be able to make an accurate judgment.

Simone drew a talisman and placed Jodie's hair inside.

Then, she folded it into a triangle and put it in the middle layer of her wallet.

She also felt that she would need this item in the future.

When she left the Gray Family, she actually considered taking a few strands of Jodie's hair with her.

But Jodie might have been instructed by the people backing her to be very careful not to let her hair fall anywhere and to be especially careful not to bleed.

At the racetrack, Simone heard that Jodie had hit her head.

She made an excuse to go to the stands and see if she could collect Jodie's blood.

But when she arrived, the blood on the steps had not only been cleaned completely removed.

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It wasn't done by Ernest; it was done by the people in their group who were specifically monitoring the live broadcast.

Those people seemed very worried and vigilant, afraid that Simone would obtain Jodie's

blood.

It was hard for her not to speculate further.

The next day, Simone and the others took everyone out as usual.

But in the afternoon, they went to the internet cafe to practice.

Tina's group continued to be tour guides and translators at other tourist spots.

Another day passed just like that.

After

lunch, Simone and the two groups went to the internet cafe for a competition.

They had already registered two days ago.

It was a game with multiple maps as backgrounds, and the teams entered the map when it

was drawn.

Five people formed a team with five different positions and gameplay.

Zac was the sniper, Simone was the medic, Harry was in charge of assault, Brandon was the support, and Keira was the demolition expert.

There were preliminary matches, semi-finals, and the grand finals.

The initial match was played on one map, and the team that won advanced to the semifinals.

The semifinals consisted of three maps, and the team that won two maps advanced to the grand finals.

The grand finals consisted of five maps, with the first team to win three maps being crowned the champion.

When Simone and the two teams arrived at the internet cafe, there were already many people gathered there.

This **game**

game was popular worldwide, and there were annual esports competitions.

Many players in the country now knew that Zac and others were participating in the internet cafe competition and had tuned into the live stream.

The traffic generated by gamers was extraordinary.

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Zac used to be a professional esports player, but he played a different tower defense

not this **one**.

However, because he was a world champion, he had many fans worldwide.

game,

Even if he was now competing in a different game, there were still many people watching.

Everyone was curious to see if Zac would be able to be the savior of his team of four or if he would be defeated by the others.

Soon, the number of viewers in the livestream doubled and reached a new high.

Jonah, accompanied by his production team, also came to the internet cafe to watch.

They communicated with the person in charge of the internet cafe and were allowed to do a livestream of a variety of shows.

When Jonah saw the viewership of the livestream reaching a new high, his face lit up with joy.

The other team of four went on a guided tour in the morning and also went to the Internet cafe in the afternoon.

The players who were going to compete were in a specific area, and spectators were not allowed to enter.

There was a large screen in the internet cafe that broadcasted the entire game.

Leon and the others found seats.

Since the game hadn't started yet, they started chatting.

Luca asked the four of them, "Do you think Simone's team can win first place?" Aaron, who often played this game, said, "I think it's difficult. Zac's skills should be fine, but it's hard to say for the other four. If they draw difficult maps, they might lose in the initial match."

Leon didn't usually play computer games. He only occasionally played mobile games.

It was because he used to accompany Simone and Gwen during their school days.

He frowned and asked, "Is it really that difficult?"

If they lose so quickly, people online will surely mock and ridicule Simone's team.

Aaron nodded. "So, it all depends on their luck."

Luca also

played this game, and he chimed in, "That's what I think, too. I've done some

research, and there are three amateur

team might just be here to provide easy wins today!"

with professional teams. Zac and his is whose skills are quite good and can compete

Tina listened to their conversation and retorted, "But why do I feel like they have a chance to win? I saw them playing games at the internet cafe before. Zac's skills are impressive, and Simone's healing abilities are also good. Although the other three players may be relatively weaker in terms of gameplay, I think they can still make a comeback"

Aaron raised an eyebrow upon hearing that. "Are you saying this just because you're a fan of Simone?"

Tina was speechless, and she announced, "No, I genuinely believe in them."

Then, she deliberately teased, "You guys look down on them as if you're hoping they'll lose. If Simone finds out, I wonder what she'll think."

Aaron and Luca exchanged glances, not saying a thing. This woman *is* shameless. *Can she just*

up stories like this? Simone must not misunderstand!

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The three of them immediately shook their heads, "We're not."

Leon, with the strongest survival instinct, said, "I don't play this game, but I believe Simone and her team can come in first."

Aaron and Luca looked at Leon at a loss of words. *He's blatantly lying. This person has no shame! He does everything for the sake of making Simone happy.*

Then, Aaron continued, "I don't look down on them, nor do I wish for them to lose. What I mean is, it would be amazing if they could all come in first in such a difficult situation."

He added, "With Simone's medical assistance, they have a great chance of winning."

As for Zac, he intentionally disregarded that man's name.

Luca looked astonished and glanced at Aaron. *These two* individuals have *no* conscience!

Then, he smiled and said, "With Simone on their team, they have to aim for first place. I have high expectations for them. Not to mention Simone's medical skills—her bandaging is even superior to mine. She's a seasoned player of several years. There's no such thing as losing in the preliminary matches. They will continue to win and make it to the finals."

It was Leon and Aaron's turn to be speechless. *This person does not even feel* an *ounce* of embarrassment.

Then, the two immediately began praising Simone in different ways.

Luca inwardly cursed the two of them for being hypocrites and joined in the conversation of

praising Simone.

Meanwhile, Tina was completely shocked by their survival instinct and shamelessness. These individuals have completely *abandoned their conscience...*

The fans and viewers who were watching the live stream burst into laughter upon hearing

their words.

Their strong survival instinct is evident on the screen."

'*Haha!* As soon as they realized Simone might find out, they immediately changed the topic and started praising her. They're so amusing!"

"Poor third-rate players.

All I can say is, Simone is impressive!"

Chapter 196 What Is This?

The three of them took turns praising Simone in various ways, giving the impression that Simone and their group had already secured the championship.

This left Zac's haters speechless. *How are these the top three in the industry? They're just three bootlickers!*

So, they resorted to attacking and criticizing them with their words.

For instance, they stated that they lacked confidence in Simone's abilities as an awesome healer, emphasizing that it took more than a few days of playing to achieve such a level.

Zac had to drag along the four deadweights, and in the end, he was left crawling in the gutter, unable to get up.

They even went as far as saying that if Zac, the world champion, lost in this kind of entertainment competition, it would be a disgrace, and he should go abroad.

They also predicted that Zac's team should have been eliminated in the preliminary rounds. Even if they miraculously made it to the finals, they would still be crushed and trampled by their opponents.

Jodie was also watching the livestream.

She felt disgusted and sour when she saw Leon and her two brothers shamelessly praising Simone earlier.

Now, seeing these negative comments from the haters, she couldn't help but agree.

She couldn't hold back and created a new account to join the live chat and participate in the criticism.

The joyful atmosphere in the live stream room was instantly dampened. Naturally, the fans were not happy and started to fight back.

It's just entertainment, so let's just enjoy it. It's not like it's an international competition. These haters are taking it too seriously and intentionally causing trouble.

Both sides quickly got into an argument.

In the end, it was a fan of Simone who had the final say. You can continue to hate and criticize, but when my wifey has the time, she will draw a backlash c harm for you.”

The haters had no comeback.

Okay, that’s *too* wicked! Can we get caught in *the backlash of a charm drawn* so casually? We’re *scared*. We’re leaving!

The fate of those who had previously criticized Simone became a hot topic, and everyone was aware of it .

Geomancy was popular in the country, and the special department was also made public.

Many people believe in this. Those haters didn’t disbelieve in geomancy.

They just didn’t believe that Simone, who went abroad and drew a charm from such a distance, could cause a backlash from people **in** different parts of the country.

But the results proved them wrong— Simone could indeed do it. So now, these haters were also scared.

Seeing the sudden disappearance of insults and criticism in the live chat, both the fans and casual viewers were stunned.

‘The power of the backlash charm is so great!

‘Haha! Finally, there’s something that can shut up these keyboard warriors and haters.’

‘Wifey is awesome!’

The live chat resumed its previous cheerful atmosphere, leaving the haters feeling frustrated.

Jodie, who had personally experienced the backlash effect, was also feeling so frustrated she was about to blow a gasket.

However, she didn’t dare to continue cursing in the live chat. She was afraid that Simone and the others would blame someone if they lost.

She will draw a backlash charm, wanting us to taste the pain....

After a while, the competition began on the big screen in the live broadcast.

Simone and the others drew a strong team for the initial match. The haters started to gloat. But in the game, the five of them quickly won this round and successfully advanced to the finals.

Zac's marksmanship was extremely accurate, and there was no escaping once he had targeted.

someone.

Although the other three's skills were average, Simone's medical skills were unexpectedly good.

Every time it was crucial, she could bandage the three of them or save the three dying teammates at the most appropriate time.

Seeing that Simone and the others won the initial match so quickly, Aaron and the rest were stunned, clearly surprised. Their previous praise was just to make Simone happy. Who would have thought that her medical skills were really strong?

Meanwhile, Luca felt like crying. He realized that his years of playing as a medic couldn't compare to his sister's few days of learning.

With a helpless expression, he said to Aaron, "My skills feel completely trampled on by Simone."

Aaron agreed. "Indeed, if we played together before and Simone was the medic, I wouldn't have died so many times."

Luca said with a pout, "Get lost.... Your skills are also terrible. Zac can hit one shot with each bullet, but you never know how many shots it takes for you to hit one."

Aaron replied, "You're no better..."

After all, brothers were meant to tease each other.

Then, the two looked at each other and started praising Simone shamelessly and enthusiastically.

They just hoped that after the competition, Simone would know how much they believed in her and praised her.

Leon originally wanted to praise her as well, but he realized that everything he wanted to say had been stolen by these two. He was speechless as he grumbled, "You two are about the same. Let others have a chance, too!"

Aaron and his brother were also speechless.

What *happened* to the *cool and aloof males they were supposed to be*? Why are they so shameless?

The fans watching the live broadcast laughed again when they saw this, realizing that they hadn't noticed how amusing these three were.

In front of Simone, they were like clowns, competing to see who had a stronger will to survive.

After a short break, the finals began. This time, Simone and the others encountered a relatively strong team, one of the top three favorites to win.

The haters saw this and once again sought attention. They managed to hold back from

cursing, but they continued to mock and gloat in various ways.

Then, they were slapped **in** the face again because Simone and the others won two **games** in a row and made it to the finals.

the second game, and the fans in the live stream room cheered.

Everyone played well this time, with Zac and tributing the most. They secured

Even Tina, who **was** watching the livestream, cheered. "My wifey is the coolest! My wifey is so cool!"

Seeing Tina like this, the Gray brothers, Aaron and Luca, were immediately inspired.

They also stood up and cheered, "Simone is so cool! Simone is the best!"

They even exaggeratedly hugged each other to express their excitement and joy.

Leon had nothing to say to that. It was so painful to watch. He could hardly bear to watch the exaggerated acting of these two.

He had never praised Simone so much before, and it was already his limit. He couldn't bring himself to do such a shameless and exaggerated act.

In the end, the Gray brothers were the ones who completely disregarded their embarrassment. Even their fans couldn't help but want to cover their faces when they saw the Gray brothers like this.

In the hospital, Jodie was filled with anger when she saw the two of them, to the point where she almost smashed her phone.

If it weren't for her leg being in a cast at the moment, she would have immediately rushed over and found a way to whisk the duo away.

She couldn't help but cry in sorrow.

Since the day Luca left in a fit of anger, he never visited her in the hospital.

Aaron was the same as well. No matter how many pitiful messages Jodie sent, he neither replied nor came to see her.

They ignored her but went and begged Simone for forgiveness.

What is this? This kind of humiliation and seeking forgiveness from Simone is like a slap in the face. And the worst part is that Simone doesn't even pay attention to them. They are truly despicable.

In the end, Jodie decided that after the live stream ended today, she would call the two of them.

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If they still did not answer, she would have the filming team come and take her to the hotel where they were staying.

She simply had to regain the affection they once had for her and not let Simone take advantage of it.

Chapter 197 Impressed by Simone

After a half-hour rest, the final match commenced.

Simone and her team faced the strongest opponents, which included two players who had previously been in the youth training camp.

They were brimming with confidence.

Consequently, in the first round, the opponents displayed arrogance and underestimated Simone and her team.

In the second round, one of their players made a mistake.

As a result, Simone and her team won two consecutive rounds.

In the third round, the opponents adjusted their emotions and strategies, and all five players performed at their normal level and emerged victorious.

In the fourth round, they chose the map that the opponents were most skilled at and had practiced extensively, and they triumphed once again.

Witnessing this, everyone believed that this team would win three rounds in a row and ultimately claim first place.

In the live broadcast room, the haters had already begun celebrating for this team.

On the other hand, Simone's fans watched nervously.

Tina also anxiously watched the big screen, shouting and cheering for Simone and her team.

Aaron and his brother were also on edge. It was real this time, without an ounce of acting.

Leon felt the same, his hands tightly clenched and covered in sweat.

The final round commenced.

Since all five members of the other team were experts, the other three members of Simone's team were slightly inferior.

The battle had been intense throughout.

At the final point, the two sides clashed, and a team fight broke out.

After Zac eliminated three opponents in a row, their three teammates also fell.

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Both sides were left with two players.

However, the opponents had a sniper in addition to an assault rifle user.

Both were attack characters with high accuracy.

On Simone's side, there was only Zac, the sniper, and Simone, the medic.

Thus, no matter how one looked at it, the odds of winning were very slim unless Zac could eliminate them one by one.

But this time, the two opponents were smart and didn't separate. Instead, they acted together.

Zac and Simone took cover in two different positions.

The opponents then began to lure them out.

Clearly, they wanted to eliminate them one by one and wipe out Simone and her team.

Zac hid in a corner and communicated through his headset, "Simone, I'll rush out and take down one of them as bait for you to find an opportunity."

Simone hid in another corner and replied, "Okay!"

The other three teammates shouted, "You two, go for it! Take them down!"

They all tightly gripped their own mouse, feeling extremely nervous.

Then, everyone saw Zac controlling his character and leaping out.

Upon seeing this, the two opponents immediately emerged from their hiding spots and started shooting at Zac.

While jumping, Zac aimed at the charging opponent and shot him in the head, instantly killing him.

At the same time, he was shot and killed by the opponent's sniper.

Zac fell, but the opponent still had one sniper remaining.

And Simone, the medic, had been completely overlooked by everyone.

At this moment, everyone had only one thought in their minds. *It's over!* Even if Simone could hide and survive, she was destined to be killed.

The enemy sniper also began moving quickly, clearly intending to capture Simone.

Many people displayed disappointed expressions.

Just when everyone thought the enemy was going to win, suddenly, a gunshot rang out, and Simone somehow fell out of that corner.

Then, she used her pistol to directly blow off the head of the opposing sniper, killing him instantly.

This sudden move stunned everyone present and in the live stream.

Luca said, "If it wasn't for Simone firing the gun, I would have forgotten that medics can also carry firearms. In her final round, she chose to bring a gun, which was unexpected."

Aaron couldn't help but say, "And she even managed to shoot the guy in the head! He was constantly moving before. How did she do it?"

In this game, medics could carry all the weapons of the other four professions.

However, the number of items each character could carry was limited.

So, whether it was a professional match or casual entertainment, medics usually carried life-saving items.

Their usual training and play were focused on how to save people.

Even if they were given a gun on the spot, they might not be able to kill the opponent with one shot

One would have to aim and hit—
it was not like one could shoot anyone they wanted.

So, it really tested one's marksmanship, which was why medics did not typically carry guns.

Simone not only brought a gun, but her marksmanship was also incredibly accurate, which was very impressive.

Tina jumped up and excitedly shouted at the screen, "Ah! My wifey is so cool! My wifey is amazing!" Everyone finally came to their senses and realized that Simone's team had won the final round.

It also meant that they had won the championship.

And the key to their victory was actually a shot from the medic.

It was utterly amazing. It also left the five members of the opposing team stunned for a while before they had to accept this fact.

They were truly speechless.

A medic is better at shooting than a sniper. How did she manage that? Simone's medical skills

were very strong.

She was very skilled at timing, always providing her teammates with bandages at critical moments or even saving them.

And she was especially adept at surviving. In the previous five rounds, the opposing team deliberately attempted to capture the medic several times.

But Simone managed to evade them every time, and she always survived until the end.

It was because she played the medic so well that everyone overlooked the fact that she chose to bring a gun in the final round.

Then, the people supporting Simone in the audience also cheered.

"Zachy is awesome! Simone is awesome!" Simone's ability to shoot snipers with a single shot. was also attributed to Zac's support.

He eliminated the enemy assault rifle user, who had much higher health, sacrificing himself to give Simone a chance.

If Zac hadn't supported them, allowing the two of them to rush out and expose the sniper's position, Simone wouldn't have had the opportunity to kill the skilled sniper quickly.

The cooperation and understanding between the two of them was excellent.

If they had not timed it just right, they couldn't have won this round.

The Gray brothers also stood up and hugged each other excitedly.

"Simone is so cool! Simone is amazing! This time, their excitement was genuine. It was not

an act.

They didn't expect Simone to be so skilled in medical treatment and have such accurate marksmanship.

They were all impressed by her.

While they were excited and happy, they couldn't help but feel proud and think that their sister was fantastic.

Leon also stood up, clapping with an excited smile on his face.

He knew that whenever Simone wanted to accomplish something, she would work hard to succeed.

She was always so dazzling, which is why he used to be so petty and wanted to have her way

He glanced around at the numerous people who were amazed by Simone, shouting, with excitement for her.

Just like that day at the racetrack when she emerged victorious in the race.

At that moment, Leon suddenly realized how mistaken he had been in the past.

A pearl would always shine. Even if it was concealed, its brilliance could not be hidden

He should have felt proud to possess such a precious gem.

But due to his narrow-mindedness, he lost her.

Presently, the fans in the live broadcast room also cheered.

“Zachy is incredible! Wifey is incredible, too. She’s amazing! Everyone was commenting something similar to this.

Of course, they also praised the other three.

Although their skills were relatively inferior, they did not disappoint.

Many domestic clubs were also tuning in to the live stream.

Witnessing Simone’s impressive medical skills, two top clubs even considered poaching her.

They planned to wait for Simone’s return and have their professional managers attempt to

recruit her.

As for Zac, his marksmanship surpassed that of professional snipers specifically trained for the game, and he performed exceptionally well.

However, they knew that it would be impossible to recruit this man once he retired from the gaming scene, which was a shame.

Meanwhile, Jodie was so furious when she saw that Simone and the others had actually emerged victorious that she broke her nails in frustration.

Chapter 198 They Are So Jealous

After they won the championship, Simone and the others also received a prize of 20,000 dollars.

They exited the competition room from a special exit.

The two groups discussed where to go for a nice dinner to celebrate and also joyfully discussed their plans for the future.

With this prize money, everyone could finally relax together for the remaining three days.

Keira's group was extremely excited. They no longer had to go on budget trips or work hard and finally had the opportunity to ride on someone else's successes.

Keira hugged Simone's arm and said, "It's true that following Simone brings benefits. It feels amazing to ride on someone else's success."

Eric and Brandon also agreed with a smile. "We can finally relax too. Simone is powerful! No wonder Mr. Eric always follows Simone. It feels great to be led to success."

"If we have the chance, we also want to ride on Simone's glory and be led to success."

"Simone, do you need any more followers? The three of them joked but also spoke sincerely.

Recently, they had been seeing Zac posting pictures of food, drinks, and entertainment in the group every day, which made them feel envious.

They were envious of that guy and wished they could switch places with him and ride on his

success.

Simone couldn't help but laugh. "Cut it, guys. Winning the championship and receiving such a large prize is everyone's achievement." She smiled and said, "Today, it wasn't just me leading you to victory. It was everyone's effort and teamwork that allowed us to succeed. This is a game for five people, not just two."

She truly believed this.

Zac also said, "Yes, you three did a great job today. Without your cooperation, we couldn't have won. So, let's celebrate together tonight."

When they heard their words, the others felt content.

Although they believed that the key to victory was Zac and Simone, they were also happy to be recognized.

They all agreed, "Okay, let's celebrate tonight."

The fans of the group were even more impressed by Simone and Zac's words .

If it were someone else, they would have already taken credit for themselves.

Simone and Zac's fans liked them even more. Many game players and random viewers who were watching the livestream also became fans of the two.

Simone's Facebook fan count continued to skyrocket and reached a new high.

This made many celebrities in the industry extremely envious.

Simone's popularity was skyrocketing; it was really impressive!

At the Internet cafe, the two groups had a harmonious relationship, and they walked out laughing.

They saw the four members of Leon's group.

Zac raised an eyebrow. "Oh, you guys actually came."

He shook the stack of money in his hand at Leon and his group. "Oh my, our two groups won so much money again. I don't know how to spend it. Having too much money is also a kind of trouble. I was planning to ask you guys in the group chat. Now that you're here, I won't post any pictures today."

He smiled and asked, "Do you have any suggestions on how we should spend this money?"

Leon's group was speechless. *D'mn it; please be a decent person.*

Aaron couldn't help but say, "When will you stop being so annoying?" It was like rubbing salt in their wounds on purpose.

Zac looked innocent. "I'm just sharing my joy with you; when did I annoy you?"

Aaron's group was quiet. They really didn't need this kind of joy, but he complained, "Don't show up in front of us. Don't talk to us."

Zac used the money **as** a fan and deliberately waved it in front of them. "Jealousy makes people ugly: **you** guys have become ugly, but it's normal. After all, this is something you can't

envy.

He deliberately taunted again, "Who said Simone could never bring you guys along to play?"

Aaron's group found no words. *Can someone be kind enough to come and drag this annoying man out to be beaten to death?*

The more he said, the more it hurt.

They were indeed envious, jealous, and hateful.

They were not jealous of the fact that these two groups could relax but the fact that these people were brought to success by Simone.

Luca glared at Zac. "With your behavior, will you still be able to find a girlfriend in the future?"

Aaron added, "Which woman can tolerate your sharp tongue?" This annoying person has caused Jodie to lose her reputation many times before.

Zac sneered. "You don't need to worry about that."

After he said that, he glanced at Simone. He really wanted Simone to be his girlfriend.

When Simone noticed Zac's gaze, she thought he wanted her help. So, she glanced at Luca and said, "Both of you can find girlfriends, so Zachy doesn't need to worry. He's not sharp-tongued toward everyone. Why is he sharp-tongued towards you? Don't you have any faults in your hearts?" When he saw that Simone defended him, Zac felt it was a sweet gesture.

Simone was just that good.

He lifted his chin and looked at the Gray Family brothers. “Why am I not sharp —
tongued towards Mr. Eric, Harry, and Brandon? Don’t you guys have any faults in your hearts? If it weren’t for these two people protecting that fake saint and bullying Simone, he wouldn’t have used his sharp tongue against them.

Aaron and Luca kept quiet. They were hurt again.

At the same time, they felt extremely jealous of Zac, who was being protected by Simone.

If looks could kill, they would have already murdered Zac with their eyes.

Leon’s gaze toward Zac was also icy cold.

Zac completely ignored them, and the three of them exchanged cold and sour glances.

At that moment, Tina approached Simone and said, “Simone, that shot you just made **was** amazing.”

Her eyes sparkled as she asked, “I often play this game too. Can I play with you in the future?”

Simone chuckled lightly and replied, “Sure! After this round is over and I get my phone back, we can become friends and play together if we have the chance.”

This way, they could openly contact each other.

Unable to resist, Tina quickly reached out and hugged Simone as she said, “Simone, you’re so great!”

In her heart, she screamed, Ah, we’re so close, like a couple.

Her idol was truly amazing.

As she looked closely at her idol’s appearance, she was incredibly beautiful, and it struck her like a critical hit.

Simone looked at her with a smile in her eyes and said, “If we go to the internet cafe to play games these days, I’ll call you.”

Tina quickly nodded in agreement and said, "Sure, sure!"

In that instant, Leon and the other two couldn't help but feel a pang of jealousy toward Tina.

They were being disregarded and excluded, while she was the only one receiving favoritism from Simone. It left a bitter taste in their mouths.

Chapter 199 The Unspoken Topic

After she left the internet cafe, Simone decided to book a fancy hotel again. This time, they decided to share a room to save money for entertainment.

Simone and Keira, Eric and

Brandon, Zac and Harry shared spaces, and they went back to the hotel to rest.

Meanwhile, the other group....

Tina looked **at** the three of them and said, "We only have enough money for meals, but not enough for the hotel we stayed at yesterday. So, we have to earn more money."

Leon and the other two were feeling down.

"At this hour, there won't be many people at the tourist attractions. Maybe we can just eat something cheap and save the money for the hotel. If we don't have enough money, we can stay in a cheaper hotel."

Today, they didn't feel like putting in any effort.

Tina thought to herself, Whoever ends up with *these three* is unlucky. Fortunately, she wasn't really trying to gain popularity; otherwise, she would have been driven crazy by them. It was better this way. If these three wanted to act lazy, she could only "be forced" to act lazy as well. If she didn't become popular, it was not her fault. So, she reluctantly said, "Alright, as long as you guys are happy."

Then, they booked a hotel that was much lower in grade compared to yesterday.

After they booked the hotel, Tina deliberately asked the three of them, “Your previous teammate got injured and is in the hospital. Since we’re not working today, do you want to visit the hospital?” She knew that Jodie, with her personality, must be watching the livestream.

She asked this to annoy the three of them and to provoke Jodie.

Aaron and the others looked at Tina with complicated expressions.

This woman was truly wicked.

The unspoken topic is being mentioned.

Leon bluntly said, “I want to avoid suspicion, so I won’t go. Otherwise, it might stir up rumors about me and her, and I can’t handle that.”

This is another denial of his relationship with Jodie. And he’s telling everyone that he wants to keep his distance from Jodie.

Leon can be so straightforward, but the Gray Family brothers can’t.

Luca thought for a moment and showed a pained expression. “I still have unresolved issues from before. Let me resolve them first, and then I’ll go to the hospital.” He still didn’t know how to face his sister, whom he had loved and pampered for so many years, but was thrown out to take the blame.

The two of them said this, which left Aaron speechless.

He didn’t want to go to the hospital either, especially not alone.

With a change of mind, he covered his stomach and said, “I drank too much alcohol earlier, and now my stomach hurts. I’ll go back to the hotel and rest for now. Let’s talk about it tonight or tomorrow.”

If Leon and his youngest brother didn’t go, he wouldn’t go either. If they all went together, it wouldn’t be awkward.

Tina knew that the three of them would react this way.

She smiled and said, “If you guys don’t want to visit, let’s go back to the hotel.”

The three of them breathed a sigh of relief when they saw that she wasn’t staring at them

anymore.

Then they took a cab together to the hotel.

Jodie was really angry as she watched the live stream.

She didn't expect that Tina would take the initiative to suggest going to the hospital to see her, but Leon and her two brothers refused to go along with it.

It was as if they were treating her like a ferocious beast.

The more they acted like this, the more determined she was not to let them get away.

They can keep dreaming *of winning Simone back*.

She wouldn't let them have their way.

If Leon wanted to get rid of her, he would have to see if she was willing or not.

She had a trump card up her sleeve, and she didn't believe that Leon could escape from her.

So, she cried and called Melinda.

She said that there was no one taking care of her in the hospital, and she felt lonely and

pitiful.

She also hinted that Leon deliberately distanced himself from her for Simone's sake.

After she was hospitalized, he never came to see her once.

Melinda didn't watch the live stream, but she felt sorry for Jodie when she heard her crying.

She assured Jodie that she would make sure Leon took care of her.

Jodie acted spoiled and thanked Melinda.

She also sent Melinda Leon's current phone number.

At the hotel.

As soon as Leon entered the room and sat down, he heard his phone ringing-

He picked it up and saw that although the caller ID was a string of numbers, he remembered

who it was.

He had never told his biological mother his phone number for the show before

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But now she was calling.

Without guessing, he knew who instigated her.

Leon threw the phone aside and didn't answer, but the other party was persistent and kept calling several times in a row.

Only then did Leon pick up the phone and answer, "Hello!"

He pretended not to know whose number it was, but it was this greeting that made Melinda unhappy. "It's me."

Leon pretended to be surprised and said, "Mom, how did you know this number? Is there something wrong?"

Melinda asked in displeasure, "You don't remember my phone number?" She was annoyed that her son didn't remember her number.

He said, "I saved your number on the other phone."

She suddenly asked, "Do you remember Simone's phone number?"

Leon naturally remembered, but he said, "I don't remember. I usually just flip through the contacts on my phone; I don't deliberately remember anyone's number."

He knew his mother was strong-willed, and if he didn't meet her expectations, she would be unhappy.

So, this was the only answer that would satisfy her.

Sure enough, Melinda's anger subsided a bit.

She continued to question, "Jo was so badly injured because of Simone. Why didn't you go to the hospital to take care of her?"

Leon frowned. "Did Jodie tell you that Simone caused her injury?"

Melinda said, "I found out by watching the replay of the live stream myself. Jo is so innocent and kind. How could she possibly curse Simone? And she doesn't even know anything about those crooked ways. It's Simone who likes them. It's obvious that Simone harmed Jo and deliberately twisted the truth in the livestream, causing Jo to be criticized by many people. It's simply too malicious."

Leon was taken aback. "It was clearly Jodie who cursed Simone, and she got hurt as a result. Simone dares to swear, but Jodie doesn't. Mom, have you misunderstood something?"

Melinda scoffed. "I watched the live stream replay myself, so how could I misunderstand? Should oaths be taken lightly? Jo doesn't swear, not because she's guilty, but because she's afraid Simone will use it against her. Only you would believe Simone."

She complained again, "I've told you many times before that Simone is not good, but you *did*

listen. Now, she has not only corrupted your sister, but she has also tarnished your and Jo's reputations. What do you expect from a woman like her? I would never agree to let such a malicious person into our Foster Family."

She had never liked Simone.

Besides wanting to match Jodie with Leon, she didn't like how much her son cared about his girlfriend.

She didn't want her son to lose his heart before getting married. It would be even worse if she married into the Foster Family.

As a mother, she had no place in her son's heart.

Although she favored her eldest son more, she still wanted her youngest son to prioritize her.

That was why she has always hindered her youngest son's relationship with Simone.

Jo was obedient and listened well, and her profile resembled that person to some extent; she was much better than Simone.

Even if she married into the family and was not as favored by her son, she still had her

support.

She watched the live stream replay, and she disliked Simone's arrogant and domineering behavior even more. She believed that it was Simone who was misbehaving, not Jodie.

Leon didn't expect his mother to say such twisted words.

Chapter 200 How Dare He Treat Her Like This?

Leon suddenly had a realization and asked, "Mom, do you really believe that?"

His mother confidently replied, "It's not just my belief; it's the truth. You're still too naive. That's why Simone is able to manipulate you so easily. She was so malicious and aggressive towards Jo during the live broadcast, and it was really unpleasant. She doesn't even know how to respect me when she sees me. She even encouraged your sister to deliberately go against me. It's a good thing you broke up with someone like her who stirs up trouble. Otherwise, if she entered our family, I don't know what kind of chaos she would cause. When choosing a wife, one should choose a virtuous one to bring prosperity to the family."

Whenever Simone was mentioned, Melinda's disgust was evident.

She couldn't hold back her insults. "Someone like her-

But before she could finish, Leon couldn't help but interrupt, "Enough! Mom, I just want to ask: is Jodie your daughter, or am I your son? It's too much for you to twist the truth and slander Simone for the sake of Jodie."

He felt like he had been doused with cold water as his heart turned icy cold.

He felt incredibly foolish for obeying his mother's arrangements and taking care of Jodie for the sake of this false motherly love, just as his sister had said.

Because of these two women with the same distorted values, he lost the girl he loved.

Melinda didn't expect Leon to interrupt her.

She was furious, "Is this how you talk to your mother? I'm your mother. Can I harm you?" She believed that Simone was a disaster.

Indeed, whenever that seductive woman was involved, her son would drift away from her.

As for her daughter, she was even worse. All because of that seductive woman, she constantly confronted her own mother.

Leon's voice turned cold. "Only you know the answer to that. If Jodie is so good, why don't you bring her home and make her your daughter? You've already caused me to lose the person I truly love. What more do you want? Are you happy only if you drive me to death?" He had truly lost his mind before as he sought this kind of motherly love.

His sister was right; his mother wanted to control his life completely.

Melinda couldn't believe that Leon would dare to defy her for Simone.

What did he mean when he said I would be happy by trying to *drive him to death*? *Is this something* a son should say to his own mother?

She sternly rebuked, "Leon, you are out of line!"

When he heard this reprimand, Leon suddenly felt incredibly sober.

He no longer wanted this ridiculous motherly love.

“Mom, as Gwen said, it’s no longer the feudal era. Why do you always have to treat yourself like an empress dowager? You don’t allow us siblings to argue back, and you don’t allow us to break free from your control. You have no idea, and you act as if there’s a throne in this household waiting to be inherited. But have you ever considered what kind of family you come from? A sparrow can not become a phoenix, so you can never truly be an empress dowager.”

He couldn’t help but add, “Don’t bother telling me that you’re my mother and, therefore, the superior one. But you never raised me for a single day; I was raised by my grandfather. The money I spend is given by my father and earned by myself. You haven’t contributed anything, so why do you think you have the right to control my life and arrange everything for me? You should reflect on yourself. Are you even fit to be a mother? From now on, please refrain from meddling and interfering in my affairs. Even if you meddle, I won’t listen to you anymore,

“Otherwise, my life will truly be ruined by you, my own mother. Since you cherish and adore Jodie so much, why don’t you fly to Slovence yourself to take care of her? If you really want to display your motherly love, you can matchmake Skyler and Jodie!”

He finally vented the frustration that had been building up inside him.

Suddenly, he realized something.

His mother loved Jodie so much, as if she wanted him to marry her and shower her with affection, but why make him marry her? Wouldn’t it be better for her beloved eldest son to marry her instead? Her favorite son and daughter-in-law could form the most harmonious and beautiful family.

For the first time, Leon defied and mocked his mother, which left Melinda furious.

“Y–You wicked child. Are you trying to anger me?”

Leon retorted, “I dare not anger you. Otherwise, I’m afraid my father will break my legs. Mom, don’t think you can continue to pretend and bestow me with your fake motherly love. Don’t expect me to obey your every command. I can see through it all; I don’t want this kind of motherly love anymore. You’ve caused me to lose the person I loved the most and now I don’t want to care about

anything or want anything. And don't even think about bringing my father out to suppress me; I'm not afraid."

He threatened again, "If you continue to control me like this, blaming me for the sake of an outsider and forcing me to cater to a woman I dislike, I'll go find Grandma and let her have a good talk with you. What about your cousins from your mother's side? Haven't they already entered the entertainment industry? Believe it or not, I can immediately kick them out of the entertainment industry as long as I speak up."

Melinda was so angry that her whole body trembled. How dare Leon treat her like this?

"That's it. Let's not contact each other anymore." Leon didn't want to say anything more, otherwise, he would feel that his past self was too foolish.

So, he decisively hung up the phone and blocked his mother's phone number.

Melinda felt stunned when she heard the busy tone coming from her phone.

It was really hard to believe that ever since her son was brought back home from high school, he had been longing for his mother's love. Yet, he would treat her like this now.

Was he rebelling? She felt uncomfortable and wanted to call and scold him, but she couldn't get through and realized she had been blocked.

Melinda felt so wronged that she couldn't help but call Mr. Foster to complain.

After listening to Melinda's complaints, Mr. Foster was somewhat surprised.

It was rare; his youngest son finally saw through his mother's true intentions.

The so-called motherly love was all fake; it was just a strong desire for control, but he couldn't be straightforward with his son before, in case his son exposed him.

Without experiencing it firsthand, he wouldn't understand the true meaning of pain and the lessons it brings.

Now was a perfect opportunity to start.

Mr. Foster pretended to join in and scolded Leon angrily for his ignorance.

Then he reassured Melinda and explained that he was currently on a business trip. He would address the issue with Leon upon his return.

He discreetly signaled to his secretary with a glance as he pretended that he was being summoned for a meeting and used this as an excuse to end the phone call.

The more Melinda pondered over it, the more her anger grew, and she felt a deep sense of unease as if she had been wounded.

Her son was willing to forsake everything for a woman she despised in defiance of her authority.

How could she allow this to happen?

However, she was unable to take any action against Leon at the moment,

She could only hope that her husband would return and teach Leon a lesson.

She wanted her disobedient child to realize his mistake and come to her with an apology.

As for Leon's suggestion of having their eldest son marry Jodie, it was completely absurd,

They were siblings who shared the same father, so how could they possibly be together?

But it did trigger a thought in her mind, so she decided to call Skyler.