

The Miraculous Simone Gray by Opal Reese Chapter 221

Chapter 221 Wow, Turns Out They're the Most Miserable. Ones

Titus appeared puzzled. "Our destinies are different, so how could her luck affect us?"

Simone replied, "She must have taken your hair or blood and given it to someone behind her. Then, she used some kind of curse to steal your luck. All these years of favoritism toward her created a magnetic field. As long as you continue to shower her with love, combined with what she stole from me, her luck will always be good. Think about it: ever since I left the Gray Family, wasn't Jodie always lucky? Her luck even reached its peak at times."

When her hair and blood were lost, someone behind Jodie must have taken them.

The master must have done something for her.

With the mystical tool he had given her, she was able to temporarily escape the misfortune of having her luck stolen.

If she didn't leave the Gray Family after returning, Jodie would continue to steal her luck.

So, in their previous lives, when the variety show that was supposed to make her famous was snatched away by Jodie, her luck started to decline.

For example, the drama she participated in didn't air because of other actors.

The advertisement she fought for was lost due to some accidents.

In short, everything went wrong.

Later, when she left the Gray Family to film that movie, she didn't contact anyone from the Gray Family.

Gradually, her luck started to turn around.

She had a good chance of winning the Best Actress award for that movie, which meant she might become famous.

If she succeeded, it would definitely be detrimental to Jodie.

So, this should also be one of the reasons why she was targeted.

As for the last time. Jodie and the people behind her wanted to use Titus' blood to harm her.

It was mainly because she had done something to both of them.

They believed that by obtaining the blood Titus willingly gave, they could severely harm her.

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However, Jodie and the two masters didn't expel that after being hinted at by Harold, Titus would become smarter and not give it to them.

After hearing Simone's question, Titus thought refully.

"Come to think of it, it's true. Jodie has always had good luck since she was young. That geomancy master even called her a lucky star. That's why bringing her home enables her to provide support, helping you manage things and ensuring you don't suffer outside. Also, we can find you more quickly at home. She does have periods of exceptionally good luck every year. Like when she told Aaron to join a talent show, and he became famous. Or when she told Andrew to buy a script early, and the show became a hit. There's also Luca-she suggested he buy a song, and it became popular. Once, Reuben got hurt, and Jodie was the first to notice, which saved him from serious danger

So, in the minds of the family members, there is also a kind of understanding.

Jodie was lucky. She was indeed a lucky star.

He thought again. "And I, the person she suggested I sign with, also became popular. The two people you forced Fiona to leave the entertainment industry for, it was also Jodie who suggested that I sign them. To cover up for her and suppress Fiona, it was also Jodie who hinted for me to do so. In addition to these, there are many similar things."

The more he thought about it, the more Titus felt a cold sweat on his back.

The combination of so many things seems too deliberate to be a coincidence.

After listening to him finish, Harold looked at them like he was looking at a fool. "I told you before that you were being played around by her but you didn't believe it. Now you feel that something is not right, right?"

Leon also thought that Titus and the others were stupid, but how much better was he himself? It was also because of his mother that she was taken advantage of by Jodie a lot

th we are brothers in difficult times! Titus felt that his understanding had been overturned.

So, Jodie's so-called good luck and lucky star were actually stolen?" Before Simone could speak. Harold said, "That goes without saying. They say you guys are pigs being raised, and when you're fattened up, you guys can be slaughtered. So, it's obvious what that means.

Titus angrily said, "Shut up

This guy really knows how to hit where it hurts, put shameless?

He asked Simone. How will she take away our laik

Narobe asked back Think carefully Did she gible all of you into the entertainment

industry?"

Titus thought deeply, and then his expression changed.

"That's true. When we were young, she always said she wanted to be a big star and asked us to protect her. She said I was the most talented and could cultivate many stars. At that time, I didn't have a specific job in mind, and since the Gray Family had an entertainment company, I became a manager. Except for Reuben, who went to Gray Entertainment to accumulate experience. Luca, Andrew, and Aaron were indeed encouraged and guided by Jodie to enter the industry.

"For example, she always praised Luca for his singing and writing talents, saying that if he entered the industry, he could become a top singer. Andrew liked photography, so she said if Andrew went to shoot dramas and movies,

many people would like it. As for Aaron, it seems that Jodie often dragged him to sing and dance, and he just fell in love with it.”

Titus realized and continued, “So, you mean we entered the entertainment industry because of her and the person behind her?”

After reading the horoscope, Simone had a vague feeling and speculation.

Indeed, her judgment was correct.

“Yes, you are not like Harold, who can compete to become the head of the Jenner Family and have better luck. That’s why it’s good to latch onto you. You know how the Gray Family cultivates their successors. Unless Reuben has a problem, it’s impossible for you to enter. You don’t have strong career ambitions. If it weren’t for being spoiled or working in a subsidiary of the Gray Family, you wouldn’t be able to live off dividends. With your current situation, your luck will be mediocre. How can that satisfy Jodie and the person behind her?”

“So, when she discovered that you have good potential, coupled with the fact that the Gray Family has a major entertainment company, they guided and encouraged you to enter the industry. The people you brought along became popular, and their careers will continue to flourish, naturally increasing their luck. When the three of you become popular in the industry, your luck will also improve. And your luck will undergo a normal transformation, which will not affect the fans, so it will not be noticed by any special departments or geomancy associations. After enhancing your prosperity, Jodie can be harvested, right?”

Titus asked curiously, “But how does she harvest our luck? We are not like Harold, a towering tree, nor are we like you and Gwen, constantly growing.”

Sumone replied, “If the person behind her intends to harvest your luck, it is the simplest thing to do Jodie will ask you some seemingly ambiguous questions. For instance, if she is feeling unwell or experiencing misfortune, she will ask you to share your luck with her. With your affection for her, you will undoubtedly agree without hesitation, giving her everything This is something you willingly offer, and naturally your luck will be transferred to her through the mystical connection

“Since you are willing, in general, it is not easy for special departments or geomancy associations to detect anything amiss. You won’t even consider

those possibilities. After diminishing your luck, you will only feel that things haven't been going well recently or that you have been unlucky."

Titus was speechless. Well, it turns out we are the ones in the worst situation.

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After hearing this, the others were at a loss for words.

It turned out to be so easy to take away their luck

Harold couldn't help but laugh. "Here you go, all for you. You guys are so amusing. While you guys are still having fun, Jodie is thinking to herself how easily she can deceive these idiots."

If it weren't for Simone, they wouldn't have discovered Jodie's true intentions. They would have definitely agreed to such a request and willingly given their luck to Jodie.

Titus' face became even more unpleasant. "If you don't speak up, no one will consider you anything more than a mute." Can she stop being so hurtful? Just listening to her makes me think that we are so foolish...

Suppose it weren't for what happened after Simone left home. If Jodie made such a request, they might think it was a joke, and they would coax her and agree to give their luck to her.

That would be truly miserable.

Titus asked, "But we don't know if giving her luck is a real thing. If such a situation arises, would it still count if we agree?"

Simone replied, "Of course it would."

"No matter how you ask, as long as you don't have any thoughts of refusal in your hearts and you say it out loud, the spell to transfer luck will take effect. So, in the future, if someone keeps asking you if they can borrow some luck

from you or if they can benefit from your luck. You have to think carefully about how you answer. Sometimes, you might think it's a joke, but it could be real. This is just borrowing luck; there's an even more malicious way of borrowing life."

Titus and the other two shivered-with only one thought in their minds: they must not

agree.

If it weren't for Simone mentioning it, who would have known about these twisted methods?

It was truly terrifying.

Imus frowned. "This method is truly sinister and cunning. Most people wouldn't be prepared for it, right?"

The group of brothers would never think of these kinds of methods and take precautions.

Harold said, "Well I would definitely be prepared

He glanced at Gwen and continued, "Unless Gwen asks me for it, I wouldn't agree to anyone

else."

He has always been cautious with people like Freya, carefully considering his actions and

words.

Aaron and Leon were speechless. This guy is too cunning. He can even use this to show loyalty.

Gwen was lost for words, too. She glared at Harold in annoyance and said, "You've annoyed. me again, thanks!"

Simone agreed, "You've annoyed me too."

Harold suddenly made such a loyal statement; it was really cheesy.

Their words couldn't help but make Titus and Leon laugh gleefully.

Serves them right! Titus said disdainfully, "Harold, you really are too cheesy today."

Leon nodded. "Not just them, even I feel nauseated by you."

Harold was utterly speechless. He shouldn't have brought these two troublemakers with him today since they were just dragging him down. So, he cleared his throat and said, "Let's continue with the main topic."

He remembered a question. "If we look at it this way, doesn't Leon manage to escape?"

Titus looked at Leon and said, "We've all been tricked, and Leon managed to avoid it?" He then sneered. "Why is that?"

Harold teased from the side. "Could it be because of Jodie's love for Leon?"

The smile on Leon's face immediately disappeared. "You two better shut up. What benefit do I get if I get unlucky too?"

They were supposed to be best friends, but they were worse than useless.

Harold shrugged. "Isn't it better if we're all in this together, like brothers in adversity?"

Titus nodded. "I think so too; being brothers in adversity is better. But obviously, Leon, you managed to escape, making us envious!"

Of course, they were just joking.

They had fallen into the trap themselves, but they still hoped their brother could escape. Simone raised an eyebrow. "Who said he managed to escape? Don't forget, he and Gwen are

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twins. It means that his destiny and Freya's are the same. He could also be the target of stolen luck. His hair and blood must be the same as Gwen's; they were probably taken away together and cursed."

As for who that person was, it was most likely their birth mother.

Then, she continued, “As long as he continues to help and indulge Jodie like before, then he will be like a brother to the Gray Family. If Jodie lets him take the luck, and he agrees, the luck will be transferred to Jodie.”

Harold and Titus didn't understand. “If their destiny and Freya's are the same, and he's the target of stolen luck, what does it have to do with Jodie?”

Gwen understood this question and said, “Because they are sisters.”

She asked Simone, “Can they steal luck from each other through this blood relationship?”

Simone gave her an approving look. “Gwen is indeed clever. They have the same bloodline. As long as they are connected by a secret method at birth, they can complement each other. Jodie's relationship with Leon also means that she can be involved with Freya. Freya's birth chart can counteract Leon's, so Jodie can ask for luck from Leon and have it granted.”

If one had not been cursed or had someone ask for luck on their behalf, naturally, they would not have it taken away.

Otherwise, the world would be in chaos.

Harold added, “If it weren't for Leon's indulgence toward Jodie in the past, coupled with his mother's demands, he would definitely give it to you. All for you.”

“Wow, that sounds really spoiled!”

Leon looked at Harold with a serious face and warned, “Shut up.”

Can he say such things in front of Simone? She will feel even more uncomfortable and misunderstand me even more. How can this be a good brother? Is he an enemy sent specifically to mess with me?

Upon seeing his good brother like this, Harold couldn't help but be speechless. Even if he didn't say anything, with Simone's intelligence, wouldn't she figure it out? However, forget it; he won't continue to hurt his brother's feelings.

So, he changed the topic. The people behind Jodie and Freya all linked to each other. What an amazing arrangement.”

Although the individuals behind them were repulsive and ruthless, they had to be acknowledged as formidable figures.

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Not only were they proficient in geomancy and mystical arts, but they were also adept at manipulating emotions and scheming.

Suddenly, he exclaimed, "Wait, did you just say that Jodie and Freya are sisters? What's the story behind this?"

Leon and Titus also reacted. "They are sisters?"

Gwen replied, "Yes, just as you suspected, they are half-sisters. Not only are they sisters, but Skyler is also their biological brother."

This revelation caused Leon, who was drinking water, to throw it out. "What? Skyler is their brother? What does that mean?"

Gwen sneered. "It's quite obvious. Your mother secretly delivered Skyler after being impregnated by Jodie's biological father."

Because Skyler had never wronged them before, it was difficult for her to utter the words "bastard child."

"They all share the same father but have different mothers." She continued, "That's why our mother favors Skyler more than her own biological children."

Chapter 223 You Guys Really Have Some Self-Awareness

Leon's entire understanding was upended when he discovered his own mother's involvement in such an act.

With a complicated expression, he questioned, "Does Dad know about this?"

Gwen arched her eyebrows and retorted, "Dad is far more astute than you."

It was evident she avoided discussing their father's affairs, anxious that her naive brother might accidentally divulge their father's secrets.

Despite dropping such blatant hints, and their brother should not repeat foolish errors, caution was the key.

Simone added, "His situation is actually grimmer than yours. He's the medium siphoning your family's luck. Initially fated for a short life, he now faces an uncertain future and endures the toll of being a medium intermittently. That level of agony isn't bearable for an ordinary person."

Consequently, Skyler aimed to take charge and fight for his own life.

Tina, too, was unwilling to be manipulated and become the exploited one. She needed to discover a means to break free from this situation. Once the situation was shattered, they could evade the fate orchestrated by that individual and live life on their own terms.

Individuals like Skyler and Tina yearned to steer their destinies.

Conversely, there existed individuals like Jodie and Freya.

Their mindset pondered. Why not appropriate someone else's luck to enhance our own lives? They did not aspire to lead ordinary lives with average luck and chased power, wealth, and status.

As they were reluctant to settle for mediocrity yet unready to put in the effort, they could only acquire without toiling diligently.

They followed paths meticulously calculated and arranged by those behind them.

Jodie and Freya's greed, selfishness, and cruelty were in full swing. Hence, they willingly became pawns in the hands of those manipulating them. Alternatively, the pair could have entirely attempted to break free from fate and refrained from causing harm to others for their personal gain.

Ultimately, Jodie and Freya would not meet their end by not stealing Simone and Gwen's

luck

It all boiled down to their own decisions.

At that moment, Leon's heart brimmed with conflicting emotions, so he inquired, "Is there still a way to rescue him?"

He did not harbor animosity toward Skyler and even sympathized with him.

It became apparent how terrifying his mother's favoritism was.

She was driving her own son toward a dead end! Whether she was aware of these circumstances remained unclear.

Simone remarked, "It depends on him."

If Skyler aimed to salvage himself and break free from this predicament, there was still a chance, provided he had not committed any wrongdoing before.

Should everyone unite and collaborate, hope persisted.

However, hope was futile if he aided the individual in manipulating him to commit malevolent acts.

"Accumulate good deeds, or karma won't spare you." She glanced at Titus and added, "The hardships you face now stem from your own past actions. Don't attribute everything to Jodie and me."

Had he not aided those two in bullying Fiona, Simone would not have had the leverage to retaliate against him.

He would not have faced expulsion from the company, now grappling with the repercussions alone.

Touching his nose, Titus remarked, "I'm not placing blame solely on you guys."

Acknowledging his numerous past wrongdoings, he could not help but inquire, "Is there still a chance for me to change and seek redemption?" Previously skeptical about karma, firsthand experience altered his belief.

Simone replied, "You haven't taken a life or caused someone's death, so there's room for change. Start anew, endeavor to make amends with those you've hurt, and engage in more benevolent actions."

He comprehended, saying, "I understand."

Harold patted Titus' shoulder and remarked, "Mate striving for positive change is crucial for you. Being a bad person might come naturally, but being good can be challenging."

Leon chimed in, "Given his history of misdeeds, altering for the better is indeed an uphill battle for him."

Engaging in benevolent acts came effortlessly to Titus as he was not lacking in wealth. He wholeheartedly donated yearly or went out of his way to assist others..

His expression darkened. "Get lost." What kind of friends are they? Portraying me as despicable and

evil.

He sneered. "Do you believe you were a better person than me? Don't forget we were childhood friends." Gwen clapped in agreement. You're absolutely right."

Simone interjected, "You guys really have some self-awareness! Titus and the other two were left speechless. This supposed brotherhood and deceptive opposition are equally matched.

Once again, they found themselves embarrassed in front of Simone and Gwen.

Titus glared at Harold and Leon. "You two, keep quiet. I have something to say."

He turned to ask Simone, "So, how do we get rid of Jodie?" Once doting on Jodie, he found her repulsive.

Simone arched an eyebrow. "How would I know how you guys can get rid of Jodie? Figure it out yourselves."

All she could do was offer a reminder.

In situations requiring cooperation, she would collaborate. However, she could not be bothered if it was not necessary, and she certainly would not offer such advice.

Should Simone propose expelling Jodie from the Gray Family? Suggesting this might lead to future blame for meddling in their affairs.

Worse, they might perceive Simone as caring too much about them. Moreover, allowing them to experience Jodie's harm firsthand seemed more beneficial

Sembag No 2. Sc*mbag No. 3, and Sc'mbag No. 5, have you guys finally come to your senses?

Titus struggled for words, contemplating how to enlighten himself. However, he sensed Simone's continued reluctance to engage with them

Deding not to delve deeper, he refrained from spoiling the atmosphere

Be inquired "May I share today's discussion with the others at home?"

Simone pondered belly before responding "Your car inform Mr. Steven Luca, and Aaron

Both had already discerned that Jodie was not as innocent as she appeared.

It was wise to inform them.

Otherwise, they might be caught off guard and fall prey to Jodie's tricks.

Simone continued, "However, let's keep this from the others for now."

Steven maintained rationality regarding Jodie and would not be swayed by her. Salma, Sc*mbag No. 1, and Sc*mbag No. 4 had not directly experienced Jodie's attacks and schemes.

Thus, it was probable they still held affection for Jodie.

Simone stressed, "Especially Andrew. Please don't inform him. Trust me, he'll go straight to Jodie."

Andrew remained unaware.

Titus concurred, "I agree. Andrew's capable of such imprudent actions."

Otherwise, Andrew would not have provoked his mother to the extent she ended up hospitalized abroad because of Jodie.

Titus remained conflicted. "But if we keep him in the dark, he might fall into Jodie's trap."

While playful pranks among brothers were normal and even beneficial for mental and physical health, watching his younger brother fall into a perilous situation was not something he could tolerate.

Simone countered, “Will he not be manipulated by Jodie if you tell? If he were truly smart and rational, he wouldn’t have made a foolish mistake abroad. I heard he plans to join Jodie on the next variety show. Instead of stopping him, let him experience being deceived. Perhaps he’ll realize his mistake on his own. Luca will be betrayed by Jodie on this season’s show. It seems like Jodie is facing consequences now, right?”

She thoughtfully added, “Pain only registers when it’s felt firsthand, so it’s best to let him experience it himself. Don’t worry. Your safety won’t be jeopardized until your luck completely runs out.”

Chapter 224 Taking Advantage of the Opportunity

Upon hearing this, Titus found the reasoning sound.

He, Luca, and Aaron had all fallen victim to Jodie’s deception, finally realizing her innocence. was a facade.

Mere discussions seemed futile..

Like before, Luca and Andrew had teamed up to assist Jodie in stealing the bracelet from

Titus.

Now, only Andrew might take action if it were to happen again.

She’s right. Let Andrew experience the trap set by his good sister.”

Regarding Reuben, he had always been wiser and more rational than them, making it unlikely for him to fall for Jodie’s ploy easily.

If he did, it would be his own fault.

As long as there was no life-threatening danger, he could even aid in exacerbating the

situation.

Observing the conflicts between his brothers was indeed intriguing to Reuben.

Titus nodded in acknowledgment at Simone's words. "I understand."

She addressed what was necessary and queried what was needed before directing the three. "Please leave."

Gwen also urged, "Yes, we need to rest."

Harold and the others felt a twinge of frustration.

Are they throwing us out just like that? Well, at least today wasn't a complete waste as we gained valuable insights.

He was the most cunning.

With a brief thought, he approached Simone "Could you create me a talisman? I want to safeguard my luck from being stolen. If I can't prevent it, at least protecting myself would be

beneficial

Harold was determined not to let Freya easily snatch away his hard-earned luck.

Despite uncertainty about the talisman's effectiveness in preventing luck theft, the evening's revelations left him feeling notably uneasy.

Having a talisman for safety would offer some psychological reassurance.

Simone observed that among the three. Harold stood out as the smartest and most shrewd.

She nodded. "Sure, but it comes at a cost."

Their relationship had not reached a point where she'd give away talismans for free.

He smiled, saying, "That's fair. I won't let you work for nothing."

Harold inquired, "Would you prefer compensation in money or something else?"

Simone responded, "Just money. The talisman costs 750 thousand each. It guarantees safety, prevents a major disaster once, and averts three minor ones. If you wish to safeguard against Freya stealing your luck, there's a solution. I'll embed a backlash effect in the talisman. If Freya steals your luck again, she'll inadvertently face consequences, and your luck will be restored. However, the talisman expires in three months, meaning it'll cost 750 thousand. after that period."

She added, "However, it's not easy to draw. It involves capturing your breath and infusing it into the talisman. If you're open to it, I can craft a personalized talisman for you right now."

She intended to purchase a batch of raw stones for carving jade and crafting talismans.

Additionally, she aimed to bolster her abilities by employing jade to establish formations.

As a result, Simone was currently short on funds.

She would not decline, given Harold's offer.

He was not at a disadvantage either. Finding another expert to draw a talisman and interference with his luck would not be easy.

The moment he learned about the talisman's function, he recognized its value.

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Without hesitation, he smiled and said, "No problem. Share your account number, and I'll transfer 750 thousand to you."

To Harold, money was merely a number. He was career-focused and relished the sensation of hard work and striving for success.

The two exchanged contact information, and Simone shared her bank account details with

If all went as expected, he would likely continue purchasing these talismans in the future.

He promptly transferred the money.

She captured a strand of Harold's breath and commenced drawing the talisman.

Thirty minutes later, Simone folded the completed talisman and secured it with a red string.

Handing it to him, she advised, "Carry this with you. It's resistant to water and fire, so you can wear it while bathing or swimming."

He accepted it and exclaimed, "Thank you!" He then immediately placed it around his neck, feeling a sense of enhanced security.

Leon and Titus simultaneously said, "I also want to buy a talisman."

Harold glanced at them and inquired, "Why buy one if interference with luck doesn't affect you?" With a disdainful look, Titus responded, "True, we might not be affected, but we face greater danger and misery than you, don't we? If affected, we willingly give away our luck."

The mere thought of it weighed heavily on their minds.

Leon agreed. "That's correct."

Additionally, he personally wished for a talisman drawn by Simone.

Harold was baffled. "Can't you simply refuse? I'm the one passively impacted by luck interference, while you have the choice. So, who's more miserable?" Titus countered, "We also fear being tricked into unintentional agreement."

The situation felt enigmatic and unsettling to them.

There lingered uncertainty about whether Jodie might employ other methods to manipulate them into agreement.

Reflecting on it, Harold nodded. "You're right. Carrying a talisman does offer some level of security."

Their predicament was challenging, each grappling with their own share of misfortunes! Simone did not object and said, "Certainly, it's also 750 thousand per talisman, valid for three months."

With the opportunity right before them, Leon and Titus promptly agreed, saying, "Okay."

She individually captured their breaths and crafted the talismans.

Once finished, she folded and secured them with red thread before handing them to the two

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men.

Simone stressed, "If Jodie manages to trick you into unknowingly agreeing, the talisman will retaliate. However, it works only once. Until you purchase new ones, if trapped again, you'll have to accept your ill fate. Once the talismans turn to ashes, it signifies they shielded you from disaster and are no longer effective."

Taking the talismans, the two men affirmed, "Understood!" They then wore them around their necks.

The previously tense atmosphere diffused and was replaced by a sense of enhanced safety.

Without prompting from Simone and Gwen, the three took the initiative to bid goodbye.

They collectively agreed that any discovered problems should be promptly shared with

everyone.

Taking the initiative, Harold ingeniously created a group chat and included everyone.

He suggested using it for discoveries or issues.

Simone did not object as she needed to stay updated on the three families' situations through

them.

After joining the group chat, she implemented an extra layer of security on their phones to shield them from potential hackers.

This ensured their communication in the group remained relatively safe as long as they were not under surveillance.

Finishing her setup, she informed them. "For matters of confidentiality, I'll delete and clear them entirely after discussing them in the group to ensure no access or review of chat records."

Given Simone's reluctance to frequently meet Leon and Sc*mbag No. 2, it was impractical to gather for frequent discussions.

Hence, it was more convenient to address discoveries within the group.

This reasoning underlined her decision to join the group chat.

Had Harold known her thoughts, he might have regretted creating the group.

However, he could use the excuse of frequent meetings with Gwen.

The three had no objections and agreed. "No problem."

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Before departing, Titus inquired, "Can I add you as a friend again?" Simone declined. "No."

He was taken aback. She's heartless as always! He then asked, "Can I mention. you chat if needed?" She agreed. "Sure!"

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He pondered for a moment. "I'll share a video later in the group. Maybe you can use it in your next variety show."

She sensed his intention to prank his younger brother and did not refuse. "Alright."

With that settled, the three then took their leave.

As soon as Titus exited the elevator, he posted the video that Aaron had sent him in the group chat.

'Goodnight, everyone!'

Chapter 225 Do You Need Me?

After Titus shared the video in the group chat, Simone and Gwen clicked on it and began watching. Once they were done, Simone wasn't surprised with the contents at all. After all, Jodie liked to do these things to seek attention, and she even treated the sc*mbags as possessions. However, if this video were to be released, it would indeed be the talk of the

town.

Sc*mbag No. 2 was skilled at tricking his younger brother. Maybe he felt lonely after his video with Jodie was exposed last time, and he just wanted his fourth brother to experience the same treatment as him.

After Gwen finished watching, she said in exasperation, "Jodie is really good at pretending to be innocent. She looks quite convincing, but I think your ex-mother must be furious this time."

It was the first time Gwen had seen someone fighting so ungracefully with a broom like that.

Simone replied, "When she fainted and was hospitalized, I already suspected that she was angered back then, but I really didn't expect it to be because of this. Jodie and Andrew are really careless."

"Mrs. Gray cares the most about pride and etiquette, so it's no wonder she'd get so angry by the

way those two were caught red-handed.”

However, this was not the worst part for Salma. She had prepared a gift for her, a special gift from her beloved adopted daughter. She just hoped that she would be able to withstand it when the time came.

Even so, Salma was someone who seemed fragile, but when it came to life and death, she could still pull her weight, and it wouldn't be easy to anger her to death.

After returning to the Gray Family, she had done the most for Salma, and she was hurt the most by her. Except for Steven, with whom she had little interaction, no one had intentionally hurt her in words or actions.

She still held a grudge against the others. Of course, Steven did nothing, so she treated him as a stranger. Sc*mbag No. 2, Sc*mbag No. 3, and Sc*mbag No. 5 had been dealt with, and now it was Salma, Sc*mbag No. 1, and Sc*mbag No. 4. Next up was Sc*mbag No. 4.

Gwen found it ironic. “She raised him herself. She brought this upon herself by angering her.”

Simone smiled. “Indeed, she will have more things to be angry about in the future.”

Meanwhile, Harold and Leon watched the video as well, and they looked at Titus with mixed

expressions once they were done.

Harold said, “Your fourth brother is even better than you.”

Titus sneered. “I don't want this kind of skill.”

“Jodie is practically squeezing him dry.”

Joe raised an eyebrow at Titus and asked, “Didn't you say before that if Jodie came to you willingly, you wouldn't refuse? Is that still how you think?”

Titus shivered and replied, "I used to think that since she had no shame, I didn't mind playing along. But now she's like a cursed spirit, and I dare not have her."

He rubbed his arms and said, "I'm scared, I'm scared!" If Jodie ever wanted to come to his room on her own, he would definitely not open the door.

Joe laughed. "Look at how scared you are. Is it necessary?"

Titus glanced at him and rebutted, "Since you're not afraid, you can go!"

Joe shook his head with a smile. "I am loyal to Gwen, so I'm not interested."

He turned to Leon and said, "Leon, you can have her. Jodie probably still wants to get you."

Leon replied angrily, "Get lost."

This guy's mouth was getting more and more offensive. He had been keeping his distance from Jodie before, but now he wanted to stay as far away as possible.

The three of them didn't continue drinking, and each took a cab home.

In the following days, Simone was busy with her studio work. The original song Harry sang in the foreign bar became very popular, but the sound quality recorded through live streaming was very poor. Now that the song had a chance at topping the charts, Simone contacted Cebros' best recording studio and sent Harry to record it professionally.

As Fiona and Ethan had already joined the crew, she went to visit them as well. At the same time, she was also preparing to join the crew and play the female supporting role in Alex's historical film.

Meanwhile, at Gray Residence, Salma returned to the country with her three sons and Jodie. who sat in a wheelchair that was pushed by Steven's assistant.

Steven had just returned from a business trip abroad today and arrived home earlier. Upon seeing Salma, who still didn't look very well, he asked in a concerned tone. "How do you feel? Do you need to go for another round of recuperation?"

Salma shook her head, I'm much better now; no need for further recuperation."

If she went for recuperation, how could she keep an eye on her sons and Jodie? This time, she had to invite someone to teach Jodie etiquette and see if she could correct those bad habits.

Steven didn't insist any further. "Then rest well at home and don't get angry anymore."

He then looked at Andrew and Jodie, his eyes filled with coldness. Jodie tried her best to look pitiful and helpless, hoping that Steven wouldn't vent his anger on her, while Andrew also shrank his neck under his biological father's gaze, wanting to escape.

"You guys talk first. I'll take Jo upstairs to rest."

Upon saying that, he was about to push the wheelchair with Jodie.

Steven's face darkened. "Does Jo not have hands? Do you need to push her? Besides, my assistant and your mom's assistant are both here. Does she really need you? You scoundrel, not only did you do something so shameful, but you also made your mom faint from anger. Tell me, how should I punish you?"

This statement made Luca and Aaron, who were originally standing beside Andrew, quickly move away to avoid being affected.

After all, their mom took her anger out on them that day. Who knows if their dad would do the same?

Andrew almost burst out laughing from anger at their actions. These two brothers were simply worthless. They were faster at running away than anyone else when something happened.

He didn't think he was in the wrong and casually said, "I know I was wrong. I won't do it again. next time."

Steven could clearly see that his son was not convinced, and it made him furious.

“Do you really expect me to believe you?” he said, his expression icy. “Go kneel outside the door, you

fool. You can only get up when the sun comes up tomorrow morning.”

Andrew couldn’t believe his ears and glanced up at Steven. “Dad, I have to kneel for that long? Do I not need my legs?”

Steven responded with a meaningful tone, “You won’t need your legs. You can sit in a wheelchair with Jo; it’ll be perfect.”

Titus was also present at home during this time. Upon hearing this, he chimed in with a smile, “Yes, little brother, you’re so fond of Jo, after all. It would be wonderful to sit in a wheelchair with her”

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Andrew glared at Titus. “You’re heartless, plain and simple.”

Indeed, the second oldest brother was the most heartless of them all. He was still plotting against his younger brother.

Titus laughed and said, “I’m only thinking of your best interests. How else can you be with Jo?” He then looked at Jodie and asked with a smirk, “Jo, don’t you want Andrew to be with. you?”

Jodie didn’t expect the conflict to involve herself. She silently criticized Titus in her mind. Why was he behaving like a rabid dog, biting anyone in sight? She hadn’t provoked him at all.

She awkwardly replied, “Titus is just joking. I don’t need Andrew to be with me.”

“Dad, it was all my fault,” she said as she turned to Steven. “Don’t punish Andrew. Punish me instead.”

Andrew was the only one who treated her the best and remained loyal to her. She couldn’t let him slip away, and she didn’t believe that Steven would make her kneel outside the door all night with a broken leg.

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Chapter 226 What Is He On?

Jodie's words deeply touched Andrew. Jo was still the kindest to him, unlike his own heartless

brother.

“Dad, Jo and I are innocent. Whether you believe it or not, we have a clear conscience, and it was my own decision to sit on the bed instead of the chair.”

He was afraid that his dad would punish Jo, so he added, “It's my fault; it has nothing to do with Jo. I take full responsibility.”

This time, Steven couldn't help but laugh, “Good, very good. You are indeed responsible, so go and kneel down.”

He then looked at Jodi. “Although Andrew took all the blame, your behavior before was indeed inappropriate. It takes two to tango; you are also at fault. Andrew will kneel down and reflect, and you can reflect at home.”

What he wanted was just an excuse to confine Jodie at home and prevent her from causing trouble outside.

Jodie breathed a sigh of relief. "I know I was wrong. I will reflect at home like you say, Dad."

Salma interjected, "You have problems with your etiquette, so I will hire a teacher for you again."

She would invite the strictest teacher in the circle to teach Jodie.

Jodie didn't expect Salma to do such a thing. Salma, who used to be so kind to her, had now become detestable. She felt resentful and didn't want to learn any etiquette, but when one was under someone else's roof, one had to submit.

She could only pitifully lower her head and say, "Yes, Mom, I will do what you say."

In her heart, she couldn't help but complain. If it wasn't for her biological mother, she wouldn't be treated so casually. Salma was just a cruel person with a kind face. In the end, her biological mother was still better. She would find an opportunity to meet her and seek

comfort.

After that, Steven asked the butler to find someone to keep an eye on Andrew kneeling outside. He then supported Salma and went upstairs to rest.

Jodie looked at Titus and the other two with red eyes and said, "It's all my fault that Andrew got into trouble. Titus, Luca, and Aaron, when Dad calms down, please help Andrew plead for mercy. Andrew's legs won't be able to bear it if he kneels all night."

In front of her brothers, she had to show her previous gentleness, thoughtfulness, and kindness. Naturally, she couldn't just watch Andrew being punished all the time.

Seeing her worried appearance, Luca thought that she wasn't completely heartless.

“When we have dinner, we will go and plead with Dad, so don’t worry. Take care of your own hands and legs, as they are injured.”

Aaron also didn’t want to think badly of his beloved little sister. Seeing her like this, it seemed that she really cared about Andrew.

“Yeah, Andrew has us.” Jodie’s heart leaped with joy. It seemed that acting weak still worked, after all.

She looked at the two of them innocently and happily. “Thank you, Luca and Aaron. I knew you were the best!”

Only Titus sneered. “Enough, you are all good people. I’m the only bad one.”

He realized that the minds of his third and fifth siblings were still clouded.

Jodie couldn’t understand why Titus had been targeting her lately. She bit her lip and looked at him pitifully. “Titus, are you still mad at me? If I did something wrong, just tell me, and I’ll change.”

Titus smiled. “I’m not mad at you, and you don’t need to change. I see that you’re tired from the flight, so go upstairs and rest.”

Jodie knew his temperament, and she knew he wouldn’t be happy if she argued with him, so she obediently said, “Thank you, Titus. I’ll go back to my room and rest now.”

Titus had Salma’s assistant take Jodie back to her room before he called Luca and Aaron and led them to the garden, as he didn’t feel safe talking inside the house. It was much better to be in this open and unmonitored place.

Luca and Aaron were puzzled when they were called to the garden to have tea.

What is Titus on?

Aaron asked, “Titus, what do you want?”

Titus said, “I called you here to talk.”

Luca was speechless. “What do we have to talk about with you?” He still remembered how Titus tricked him into appearing on a variety show

Titus was at a loss for words “You’re still so impatient, but I called you here today for your

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own good. I wanted to share a huge secret with you. If you don’t want to listen, then leave.” He took a sip of tea and continued, “If something happens in the future, don’t blame me, your older brother, for not warning you.”

After hearing him say that, the two who had originally wanted to leave were also piqued with curiosity.

“Titus, stop teasing us.”

From his expression, it seemed like there was indeed something important to say.

Titus beckoned to the two of them, and they willingly approached him. He then leaned in closer to them and whispered what Simone had told him that day, giving them a rough

summary.

Luca and Aaron looked stunned after listening, finding it hard to accept.

“Is this true or false?” The two of them felt a bit overwhelmed at the moment.

Titus raised an eyebrow. “Simone wouldn’t lie to us. Think carefully, ever since Jodie came to our family, hasn’t her luck been excessively good? Her previous good luck was all because she stole Simone’s luck. When Simone returned, she manipulated and hinted at us, keeping us away from our own sister. During that time, her luck was off the charts.”

“However, when Simone was so angry with you guys that she cut off ties and became famous on variety shows, Jodie’s luck wasn’t as good all of a sudden. It’s because their fortunes are inversely proportional. If Simone has good luck, Jodie’s luck will be weakened.”

Aaron said angrily, “What do you mean we made Simone cut off ties? It sounds like you had no part in it.”

Luca also complained, “Exactly, we all had a part in this.”

Titus glared at both of them and said, "Let's focus on the matter at hand."

Both of them thought carefully and became more and more alarmed, "If that's the case, it seems to be true."

Titus was stating facts, and even if it was a coincidence, it couldn't happen so many times.

Luca found it difficult to accept. All these years, had he been caring for someone like this? So, he tried to console himself, "Does she truly have so many malicious intentions? Didn't she just ask us to help plead for Andrew earlier? She seemed genuinely concerned about him."

Aaron agreed, "Indeed."

Titus was the most ruthless among the brothers, so he was relatively more rational.

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"Then let me ask you, did she manage to get Andrew exempted from punishment after all her concerns?" He looked at both of them and asked, "How many times has her concern for us been mere empty words? Anyone can say they care and apologize, but does it have any effect? Instead, it was Andrew who was moved by her and voluntarily took responsibility for the mistake, and he's still kneeling outside. However, she didn't suffer any physical or mental pain. I told her to go back to her room and rest, and she actually did."

Titus sarcastically said, "That's how much she cares about Andrew. Even if she couldn't kneel outside with him, she could at least sit in a wheelchair and accompany him outside. But did she? No. She didn't even bother to take a look at him, much less accompany him."

"Do you need this kind of concern? Think about it: if this had happened with the previous. Simone, what would you have done?"

Before knowing Jodie's true intentions, he might have believed that she genuinely cared about Andrew. But after seeing through her true nature, he realized how false her so-called

concern was.

Chapter 227 She Couldn't Wait Any Longer

Titus' words immediately changed the expressions on the faces of Luca and Aaron.

Their little comforting fantasy was completely shattered.

They couldn't help but wonder, What would Simone do if she were in our shoes? She'll most likely go to our parents and beg for mercy. And if that doesn't work, she'll probably kneel alongside Andrew.

Of course, that was the old Simone.

The Simone now would probably just sneer and tell Andrew, "You deserve it."

People were always afraid of comparisons.

With such a comparison, Jodie's concern seemed very insincere.

Aaron sighed. "Yeah, if she truly cared, she wouldn't just say it with her words and make us beg Dad. Even if we go, it's not her who gets scolded by Dad. But she benefits from the favor she has done for Andrew. She can still maintain the impression of being kind and caring toward him."

He continued, "Speaking of which, I can't help but think of the first episode of the variety show. I got food poisoning from eating the dumplings she made, and she said she cared about me, but she didn't even stay with me.

"The next day, she completely forgot about me. The congee I drank was made by the production team. But when I had a stomachache before, Simone would make medicinal meals for me.

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“She would even send messages to remind me to eat on time. For some time, she would even cook and bring me food to the company.”

He chuckled self-deprecatingly. “Why was I so blind back then and not see Simone’s kindness? Comparisons can indeed reveal the truth.”

Without careful consideration, they wouldn’t realize the difference between sincere and fake

care.

With that being said, Luca also felt heartbroken.

“Yeah, in this episode of the variety show, I was hurt by Jodie too. Let’s put aside the fact that she betrayed me and talk about my sore throat. Simone used to make medicinal meals for me and made candies to soothe my throat.”

“She reminded me not to drink alcohol or to drink less. But Jodie only asked if I needed her

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to help me buy medicine, and when I said no, she didn’t bother. In the following days, she didn’t even ask me how my throat was doing. We used to go to great lengths to care for and spoil her.”

He said with a sad expression, “That time we went camping, she suddenly got a fever, and the car broke down on the way back to the city. We couldn’t hitch a ride, so the three of us-me, Andrew, and Aaron-took turns carrying her and ran around 10 miles to the hospital. But what about her? How did she treat us when we were sick?”

He never really thought about it before, so he didn’t have such a strong feeling. Now that it was brought up, it was quite hurtful.

Titus said, “So, you guys should realize what kind of person she is. I believe in luck, whether you believe it or not. If Jodie borrows your luck, don’t blame me for not warning you.”

Luca and Aaron both said, “We got it.”

After reminding the two of them, Titus instructed them not to tell Reuben, Andrew, and their mother.

Then, he went to find their father.

Luca looked at Aaron and said, "You'll be the only one to witness Andrew's performance in the next variety show."

Aaron frowned and said, "Can I choose not to go?" He had just asked Titus if he wanted to participate in the next variety show and received a disdainful look.

Luca raised an eyebrow. "Do you think that's possible? You're a regular guest, so you definitely can't escape."

Aaron still wanted to make a final attempt and called Reuben, who hadn't returned home yet.

He asked the same question of whether he wanted to participate in the next variety show but received a reply of 'not interested.

Aaron looked enviously at Luca and said, "You're lucky. You managed to avoid it."

Now, going on a live variety show was like going through a trial for him.

Yet, Jonah only agreed to let him bring Jodie along because Aaron had promised to participate in all three episodes.

If he forcefully refused to go, his reputation in the industry would be ruined, so he couldn't terminate the contract even if he wanted to.

Aaron thought for a moment and asked, 'Do you think this whole thing about borrowing

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luck is true?"

Luca frowned. "I don't think so. If you promise to borrow your luck, it'll be transferred and taken away. It feels too supernatural. Jo has never asked us about it before."

Aaron nodded. "I think so too. It's probably not that supernatural."

Both of them were now half-believing and half-doubting.

On the other side, Titus took Steven out for a walk.

He found a blind spot in the surveillance and quietly told Steven about everything.

Steven's face turned grim. "It seems like our family has been targeted and plotted against from the beginning. If that's the case, then your sister's disappearance back then was probably not an accident. No wonder we tried so many methods but couldn't find Simone."

They reported to the police, put up reward notices everywhere, and asked relatives and friends to be on the lookout, but nothing worked

It must have been the people behind Jodie deliberately obstructing them.

His eyes turned cold. "It's definitely the people behind sabotaging us."

Titus nodded. "They're most likely the ones who handed Simone over to human traffickers. Luckily, her luck wasn't that bad at the time, so she encountered her mentor. Otherwise, she would have been sold to the mountains."

If that happened, his younger sister would have lived miserably for the past ten years.

At this thought, he felt a bit.

uneasy.

They were indeed too harsh on Simone back then.

Unfortunately, she now ignored them and refused to forgive them.

Steven also felt a bit sad.

Who could have imagined that the loss of his daughter would be intentional?

He gritted his teeth and said with determination "We must break through and not let them get away with it I'm planning to send Andrew abroad, so he won't have any contact with Jodie

anymore

Otherwise, they wouldn't know how Jodie would harm him.

Now he was still kneeling outside, looking like didn't regret anything and not repenting

So, the only solution was to separate the two of them.

Titus suggested, "If we allow Andrew to experience some hardship because of Jodie, he uncover her true intentions and wake up."

He then repeated Simone's words.

Upon hearing this, Steven agreed. "Alright, let him participate in the next episode."

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He narrowed his eyes. "You and Reuben should pressure him. Ensure that he has no choice but to go."

Andrew truly needed to be taught a lesson.

Titus nodded with a smile. "Dad, don't worry. I'll take care of it."

Andrew won't be able to escape.

On the other hand, after Jodie returned to her room, she lay down on the bed to rest.

After sitting on the plane for such a long time, she was indeed tired.

As she fell asleep, she suddenly dreamed that she had entered a dark corridor with no light, unable to find her way out. She felt frightened and struggled continuously. Breathing became increasingly difficult as if she were about to drown.

After an unknown period, she abruptly opened her eyes and freed herself from the dream.

She sat up and took deep breaths of fresh air.

That dream felt so real that it was terrifying.

It took her a while to recover.

At the same time, she let out a sigh of relief, grateful that it was just a dream and not reality.

Then, she noticed some new spots on her hands,

She quickly got up to look in the mirror. She discovered that not only had her skin deteriorated, but there were also a few wrinkles around her eyes.

She widened her eyes. How could this be? My luck has once again weakened. Why? Her brother had previously told her that if she could seize Simone's luck, her luck would improve.

The more the Gray Family brothers loved and doted on her, the more stable her luck would

be

If she could become a popular star in the entertainment industry with tens of millions or even billions of fans, her luck would skyrocket, and she would become more and more beautiful.

However, once the absorbed luck weakened and disappeared, she would face backlash.

What she sacrificed was not only the deterioration of luck but also her lifespan.

Therefore, as long as luck weakened and fell to a certain extent, there would be a situation of becoming unattractive, developing spots on the hands, wrinkles on the face, and aging.

Jodie didn't want to become old and unattractive. Nervous and anxious, she covered her mouth and wanted to scream.

I need to find a way to regain some luck.

Then she remembered that method, which was originally intended for future use, but now she couldn't wait any longer.

Chapter 228 Just Take Him Down

That night, Luca and Aaron pleaded with Steven.

Firstly, they felt sympathetic toward Andrew and were afraid that he would hurt his knees and be unable to participate in the show. Secondly, they wanted to test Jodie.

However, their pleas were rejected, and Steven scolded them. Furthermore, Steven instructed them to go out and kneel with Andrew. Luca and Aaron felt like crying.

They were pleading for someone else, but they ended up being punished. Both of them looked at Jodie. Jodie hadn't expected Steven to be so angry this time. Even the ones who pleaded were being punished together.

She had always been afraid of Steven, and now she didn't dare to speak up and plead. She was afraid of being blamed and disliked by Steven. After all, he was the head of the family, so she still had to please him.

She could only give Luca and Aaron an expression of helplessness and apology. Luca and Aaron were completely defeated this time. Titus was right. Besides making empty promises, Jodie was insincere in everything else.

Under the supervision of the butler, the two of them went to kneel at the door together. Andrew had already been kneeling, and his legs didn't feel like his own anymore. Seeing the two of them being punished together, he couldn't help but feel schadenfreude. He uttered, "You're being punished too? You deserve it."

Seeing his response, Luca couldn't help but say angrily, "We're punished because of you. We pleaded with Dad for your sake, but not only were we scolded, we're also getting the punishment." Aaron added, "That's right. You even have the nerve to laugh. We're punished because of you."

Andrew was surprised. He didn't expect them to suddenly show brotherly affection. It was rare. He uttered, "Then, kneel with me. I can't stand it anymore by myself."

Luca and Aaron were speechless. They shouldn't have sympathized with him in the first place. The three of them talked while kneeling. Although Luca and Aaron didn't mention anything about Jodie having a problem, they guided Andrew to think that she was just making empty promises.

But Andrew was stubborn and didn't understand at all. Luca couldn't help but point it out. Andrew retorted, saying that if there was any resentment, it should be directed at him and not Jodie. How could she, a girl with broken hands and legs, accompany them? Instead, he lectured Luca and Aaron. He thought the two of them were cold-hearted and ruthless, not caring about sibling affection.

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This made Luca and Aaron completely give up on trying to communicate with Andrew. They had done their part in reminding him anyway. If he didn't listen and suffered losses in the future, he couldn't blame them.

None of the three of them had dinner. They were hungry, and kneeling made their legs feel like they were about to break. Because there were several bodyguards guarding them, if they stood up and moved around, they would be taken back. Luca and Aaron regretted it even

more.

When it was almost midnight, Jodie came over with a tray of food. Once again, Andrew was touched. However, as soon as she approached the three of them, she was stopped by a burly bodyguard. "Mr. Gray doesn't allow any food for them."

Jodie tried to persuade the bodyguard with some soft words, hoping to get him to relent. But he remained unmoved. Jodie could only look helpless and full of pity as she looked at the three of them. "Luca, Andrew, Aaron, I wanted to help you. But Dad doesn't allow it, and I can't do anything about it."

She didn't care whether they could eat the food she brought. It was just a show, letting them know that she cared and worried about them. She continued, "I'll stay with you guys."

With her brothers' concern and care for her, they definitely wouldn't want her to endure this alone. Especially since she deliberately wore a very thin silk nightgown. It was cold with the wind blowing. Sure enough, Andrew uttered with concern, "It's okay. It's all because of Dad. He is too heartless. It's too cold, and you're still sick. Go back to your room and rest."

Jodie shook her head. "No, I want to stay here with you."

Luca witnessed this and uttered, "Since Jodie has this intention, how can you refuse her, Andrew?" Aaron said, "Yeah, Jodie wants to accompany us, so just let her. She can feel more at ease this way. Andrew, why are you so unreasonable? You can't even fulfill her simple

request.

Their words made Jodie's smile freeze. Did they take the wrong medicine? They took her words seriously, which made them look foolish.

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Jodie put on a gentle and considerate smile. "Yes, I just want to be with you guys." She looked at Andrew and even pretended to be cold. "Andrew, I'm not cold. You don't have to worry about me."

She appeared strong and resilient. She had been playing this trick for over ten years, and it came naturally to her. It used to make her brothers love and care for her even more. After all, she was cold and injured, yet she wanted to stay with them. How thoughtful. Sure enough, Andrew saw how thinly she was dressed. He reached out and touched her hand, which was very cold

He sternly said. "Nonsense If you get sick while staying with us, what are we going to do? We

have to take care of you in return. Be a good girl and listen to me. Go back to your room now. We'll be fine."

Jodie expressed in a gentle manner that she wanted to stay with them no matter how cold it was. But Andrew forced her to go back. Jodie could only helplessly return to her room.

Seeing their interactions, Luca and Aaron remained silent. After Jodie finished her performance and was pushed back to her room by the servant, both of them showed a look of confirmation. If they didn't know her true intentions, based on the situation just now, they wouldn't have thought that she was simply acting.

If she wanted to accompany them, how could she intentionally dress so lightly? And she even emphasized that she wasn't cold, just to make them feel sorry for her and let her go back to her room quickly. Therefore, upon seeing the pitiful and touched expression on Andrew's face, they found it slightly irritating. However, they chose not to remain silent and didn't bother to remind him.

After kneeling all night, their legs were no longer under their control. At dawn, the butler had them carried back to their rooms and called the family doctor to treat them. Later, Jodie hypocritically visited them and even offered to massage their legs. All three of them declined.

Andrew couldn't bear to see Jodie exhausted, while Luca and Aaron were afraid to let her massage their legs. Several more days passed before they were able to go downstairs to eat. On that day, Salma accompanied Steven to an important business banquet, and Reuben, as the heir, also joined them. Only the four brothers and Jodie remained at home.

After finishing their meal, Jodie suggested to have tea together. They sat and chatted for a while. Jodie stood up, limping on one leg, and poured tea for all four of them. Suddenly, she lost her balance and fell toward the couch. Andrew was the only one who immediately stepped forward and caught Jodie, while the other three reacted by avoiding her.

Andrew supported Jodie and prevented her from falling, saying, "Jodie, you don't need to do anything for us. Please sit down." Jodie sat down and apologized, "It's all my fault." She felt a strong resentment toward Luca, Aaron, and Titus, who didn't come to support her but instead avoided her.

Since they were unkind, they shouldn't blame her for being unfair. So, she began to complain sadly, saying that she didn't know what had been happening recently, but she had been unlucky. Andrew comforted her by her

side, and Titus felt that Jodie was saying so much as if she was setting something up. Therefore, he also offered a few words of comfort, suggesting that things would get better after a while. Just as he finished comforting her. Jodie looked at him and jokingly said, "I've been so unlucky recently. How about you, Titus? Can you share some of your good luck with me?"

Recently, Titus had been the coldest and most distant toward her, so she decided to target

him

Chapter 229 Is He More Like A Scapegoat?

Jodie's sudden, seemingly joking words startled Titus, Luca, and Aaron. Titus also understood why Jodie had previously set the stage and emphasized how unlucky she had been recently. He pretended to be stunned and smiled inexplicably. "My luck is different from yours. Take it; being unlucky won't do you any good."

Jodie laughed and said, "Maybe it will be useful. She spoke with a hint of playfulness. "Titus, since you have such good luck, share some with me. Give me some psychological comfort, and maybe I won't be so unlucky afterward."

Titus was about to go crazy. Why did Jodie choose him instead of Andrew to take advantage of his good luck? Shouldn't she be looking for Andrew? Was he more like a scapegoat? He became wary in his heart, and the surprise on his face grew stronger.

He even pointed at himself and uttered, "Do I look like I have such good luck? Jodie, how did you figure that out? I can't even keep my job lately. I was fired by the company to appease angry netizens, and the stars I managed were given to other agents." He sighed. "I was hoping to borrow some good luck from someone."

Simone was right. Jodie was thinking about their luck. Now, she was asking him for luck. Could it be that his luck had reached the point where it could be exploited? But he felt that he had been quite unlucky recently.

Jodie cursed him inwardly for being stingy when she heard him say this. She didn't let it go. "Then why not give it a try?" She jokingly said, "You give me

some of your luck, and I'll let you share in my good luck. Maybe you'll be lucky soon." Sharing a little luck didn't mean borrowing or giving away too much. But she was planning to take half of Titus' luck.

This should make up for the weaknesses she had been weakened by before. Titus felt uneasy hearing these words. If it weren't for Simone's reminder, he might have agreed without hesitation to Jodie's words today. The way she looked, it seemed like she was just joking.

Fortunately, that day, he had the idea of watching a show and insisted on going with Harold to find Simone. Otherwise, he didn't know how much of his luck would have been borrowed today. Titus joked. "That's impossible. I've been having bad luck lately, and you too. Let's share it. Otherwise, it would be like adding insult to injury."

He had been playing with his phone all along. So, when Jodie first suggested it, he sent a message asking Harold to call him. He asked him to say that there was something urgent and they needed to meet. Therefore, as soon as he finished speaking, his phone rang. He immediately answered and spoke a few words with Harold. After hanging up the phone, he stood up and uttered. "Harold needs me for something I need to leave now. Leaving Jodie behind, he gave Luca and Aaron a look that said, "Good luck. Then he quickly left

Seeing Titus leave the living room so quickly and Aaron felt like crying. Titus was still

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a jerk, running away like that just as the two of them were about to come up with an excuse

to leave as well.

Jodie looked at Luca and said, "Luca, can you share some of your luck with me?" Apart from Titus, Luca had also been distant toward her recently. Even when she had taken the initiative to apologize to him at the hospital abroad, he still heartlessly refused to visit her. Since Titus had left, it was time to turn to Luca.

Luca was a top singer with a lot of popularity and fans. His luck should be much better than Titus, Luca was speechless. He looked more like a scapegoat than Andrew. He had been skeptical about borrowing luck before.

But now that Jodie was doing this, and it was falling on him, he completely believed it.

If it was just a joke, she shouldn't have brought it up again after talking to Titus. But she came looking for him after Titus left. He wouldn't believe it if there wasn't an intention.

He hesitated for a moment and said, "I've been having a rough time lately, too. When I appeared on a variety show before, and because you asked me to go find Simone, I was almost criticized to death by the netizens. I even lost a lot of fans. Just like Titus, I'm having bad luck now." He added, "I won't give it to you. Otherwise, if I give you the bad luck and make things worse for you, what should we do?"

Jodie was taken aback for a moment, then continued with a considerate smile. "I'm willing to share it with you so you won't have bad luck anymore." This time, Luca was smart enough to catch the flaw in her words. She cleverly didn't say it was bad luck. So, it could only be sharing good luck with him.

He looked at Jodie in shock. "Are you saying that I should share my bad luck with you?" Jodie remained silent. She almost couldn't hold back her smile and continued with wordplay. "Yes, I'll share it." She asked again, "Luca, can you share some of your luck with me?" Luca heard this question again and felt a chilling sensation that was hard to describe.

He looked embarrassed and said, "Then I'll share my bad luck with you. If you want it, take it."

Who the hell wants your bad luck? She coaxed. "Okay. If you say you're willing, I'll help you." As long as Luca said yes, his luck could be borrowed by her. The so-called bad luck naturally wouldn't transfer to her. It would only be luck. But it had to be his voluntary consent; even unconscious willingness would do.

Luca and Aaron understood when they saw her staring like that. They had to make someone say they were willing. This thing had to be agreed upon personally. Otherwise, it probably wouldn't take effect

Luca would only be foolish to say he agreed I already said it just now. You can have all the bad luck He only had one thought in his mind to give her bad luck and not luck He didn't dare to utter words like "willing or agree"

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Jodie was becoming frustrated. Why was Luca being so stubborn today? Didn't he used to express

his love for her? Now, he wanted to share all the misfortune with her. Was that fair? It was too much.

Since she couldn't get anything from Luca anymore, she could only gaze at Aaron. She smiled and said, "Then Aaron, can you share some luck with me?" Aaron was speechless. He couldn't escape either.

Confused, he looked at her and asked, "Didn't Luca give it to you? Jodie, what's bothering you today?" He pretended not to understand and continued, "Why do you always want us to share our luck with you? And you ask each of us individually."

Jodie had already figured out how to respond to this. She smiled and uttered, "My brothers. are all so good to me. I can't favor one over the other. So, I have to ask each of you separately."

"Aaron, didn't you used to say you loved me the most?" Her eyes filled with grievances.

She looked at him and continued to ask, "I was just joking, and you don't even want to play along with me? Can you play a game with me?" She had wanted to ask this earlier. He had promised to always cherish and spoil her, so why couldn't he even say he was willing now?

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Chapter 230 Turning the Tables

Aaron discovered that Jodie had a remarkable talent for acting.

Her teary-eyed performance always came right on cue.

How blind were they in the past to not see through her act? And shouldn't they be the ones feeling wronged? After all the years of love and care, it felt like everything was for naught.

What did they do to deserve this? She was taking advantage of their misfortune.

Was she really their sister? In all honesty, she seemed more like an enemy seeking revenge for their father's death.

Before, he and Luca didn't want to think of her as so malicious, but now they were completely hurt by her.

She was just toying with them, making empty promises.

Not only did she not take any real action, but she also wanted to harm them.

Aaron's expression remained unchanged. "Is this just a game?" Jodie, with a poker face, replied, "Yes, it is."

She didn't believe her brothers would find out about the luck-stealing matter.

Aaron smiled. "Since it's a game, let's not take it seriously. Haven't I loved you all these years?" he asked with a deep gaze. "For you, I even cut off ties with my own sister. Isn't that enough? It was the worst thing he had done, and he deeply regretted it.

Jodie's expression changed. She didn't expect Aaron to bring up Simone while they were talking.

Now, she truly felt wronged.

Their years of affection couldn't even compare to that outsider, Simone. After everyone left, they always talked about Simone and never considered how Jodie would feel. Tears welled up in her eyes as she muttered, "Aaron, I won't take the blame for this. What does it have to do with me if you drove Simone away and cut off ties with her? I've always tried to persuade you not to let her go. I even said I would leave if she left. Now that you're having conflicts and cutting off ties, why are you blaming me?" Tears streamed down Jodie's face. "Aaron, your words really hurt me."

Aaron was at a loss for words. She was truly skilled at turning the tables.

He laughed in frustration. “Yes, you’re the good guy, and we’re all the bad guys. Are you

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satisfied now?” Then, he stood up, his face stern, and angrily walked away.

Luca remained silent. When did Aaron become so clever? He just slipped away like that. If I had known, I would have left in anger, too.

But he had the best relationship with Andrew, and he couldn’t bear to see him being deceived by Jodie. Who knows what will happen after his luck is borrowed? Will he continue to be unlucky, or will his lifespan be affected?

Meanwhile, Jodie never expected that Aaron would just leave without saying a word.

This was the first time she had been treated like this by him.

Andrew was also confused. “Is Aaron crazy?” Isn’t it just a game? Why did it escalate to such a serious issue, prompting him to walk away?

Hearing him say this, Jodie threw herself into his arms and sobbed. “Andrew, I feel so wronged and upset. Aaron is in a bad mood, so he takes it out on me. He bullies me,”

Andrew hugged her and comforted her, “Don’t cry. I’ll go teach him a lesson later.”

Seeing the two of them like this, Luca felt his heart breaking. Andrew is such a fool!

After being comforted by Andrew, Jodie stopped crying.

“Andrew, you’re the best. As if in defiance, she said, “Andrew, give me some of your luck and make Aaron furious.”

Originally, she didn’t want to target Andrew, the brother who loved her the most, but there was no other choice. Titus, Luca, and Aaron did not lend her luck, so she reluctantly turned to Andrew.

She wouldn’t ask for too much-just one-third for now.

Andrew didn't care about this at all, nor did he think about anything else. He smiled and said, "It's just luck; I-" He was about to say that he would give it to her but was suddenly interrupted by Luca.

Luca saw that Andrew was indeed a fool and had fallen for it. So, he quickly looked at Jodie and said, "Jo, why are you so tanned?" He noticed that Jodie's tear-stained face was much darker than her usual complexion.

Andrew heard this and instinctively looked at Jodie.

Sure enough, Jo had become darker, and her skin had deteriorated a lot, but he didn't say it directly

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Instead, he tried to console her. "Maybe she got tanned while studying abroad. Her skin condition isn't that good. Maybe it's because she injured her hands and feet and didn't sleep well."

Jodie stiffened in Andrew's arms.

Could these two men stop hurting her? Before coming downstairs, she had applied a thick layer of foundation to cover up her skin and the spots on her hands.

She had forgotten about it just now and cried so hard that her makeup had smudged.

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SO, she couldn't wait any longer and said eagerly, "That's why I feel so unlucky and want my brothers to give me some luck and comfort.

She looked up at Andrew, her eyes filled with expectation as she asked, "Andrew, are you willing?" Andrew nodded, about to speak.

However, at that moment, the etiquette teacher Salma had invited walked in.

She frowned and looked at Jodie. "What are you doing? Hugging and cuddling like this is not appropriate. Even a married couple does not embrace each other in public places like the living room."

She sternly and seriously said to Jodie, "No wonder your mother asked me to come and teach you. Your behavior is inappropriate. People who know you might think you're a wealthy heiress, but those who don't know might think you're a woman soliciting customers at the door."

Salma had told her that she didn't need to worry as long as she could teach Jodie well. She also mentioned that Jodie might lead Andrew and others to engage in some intimate actions.

If she saw that, the etiquette teacher had to sternly stop it, and any form of punishment would be acceptable, but she never expected it to become so intimate.

People like her valued etiquette and could not stand such improper behavior, so her words. became harsh.

The appearance of the etiquette teacher made Jodie quickly wriggle out of Andrew's embrace.

After listening to the other party's words, Jodie was furious.

Her mood was already bad because this annoying woman interrupted something important.

And now, as Jodie was being addressed in such a manner, she grew angry. "What do you mean by a woman soliciting customers? Your words are too harsh!" she retorted.

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Andrew chimed in, "Indeed, Jo is the heiress of the Gray Family. Your metaphor is too offensive."

The etiquette teacher's expression turned serious. "You yourselves are not behaving properly, yet, you blame me for speaking harshly?" She walked over and picked up the ruler in her

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hand.

"I was specifically hired by your mother to teach the young lady etiquette. Not only will I scold you for your improper behavior, but I will also punish you." With a stern face, she instructed Jodie, "Extend your hand."

Jodie felt like she was about to go insane.

Ever since Salma had hired this etiquette teacher a few days ago, Jodie's life had turned into a nightmare.

Every day, the teacher would come and lecture her, expecting her to maintain the demeanor of a wealthy heiress.

It was driving her to the brink of madness.

She had tried to resist, but Salma had threatened to send her back to her original home if she didn't learn properly.

Although Jodie loved and cherished her birth mother more, it didn't mean she wanted to return to a home without money or influence.

Besides, she hadn't even fulfilled her responsibilities, so how could she leave?

She had no choice but to endure it.

Little did she expect that this etiquette teacher would become even stricter.

"Do you wish to strike me?"

At that, the etiquette teacher commented, "No, just discipline. Extend your hand, and I will administer ten strikes with the ruler. Remember, you must not have any physical contact with any man outside."

Jodie was at a loss for words. Are you from the medieval times or something?

