

## The Miraculous Simone Gray by Opal Reese Chapter 401

Chapter 401 Why Must You All Pressure Me Like This?

Upon hearing his sister's words, Nicholas knew exactly what she wanted to express. He said sternly, "Your

ister-in-law and Elbert's intentions reflect my attitude."

added, "I have endured years of mistreatment from an ungrateful person like you, and now I don't want to have a sister like you in the future."

Salma couldn't believe what she was hearing and asked, "Nicholas, are you really cutting ties with me? Is it necessary to make such a big deal out of this?"

Feeling unjust and distressed, she continued, "I've already mentioned that I will find a master to help Eibert get ri-l of it. Moreover, Jo said transferring it to him would be much easier. Who says he'll die in months? That's just nonsense."

As for the impact on fertility, Salma didn't argue, knowing that it indeed affected one's reproductive

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Simone spoke up, saying, "I said that. I am a geomancy master, just like Jodie."

She didn't see anything yet she could predict Elbert's situation in advance. If she is so amazing, can she ste controlled by the so-called ancient master? And can she be affected by absorbing your son's fortune? Salm were becoming more and more unreasonable.

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Perhaps this was due to their limited interactions over the years. Actually, her biological mother was like this from the beginning, which was why she treated Jodie, whom she had raised and cherished personally, in a similar manner.

Simone stood up to argue, leaving Salma infuriated. She knew that her own family treated her this way because of her own daughter.

Salma looked at Simone and said coldly, "Jo isn't a master, but she knows one."

"If the master is not capable, how could he help me transfer the curse?" She asked, "And if you are so capable, why don't you help Elbert remove the curse?"

Simone raised an eyebrow, "So, you believe in the so-called master, trust Jodie, and refuse to consider the truth?"

"But it makes sense because that's the only way you can brainwash yourself and justify your actions," she added. "Thing that you did a small thing and everyone should understand."

Naturally, Simone wouldn't let Salma provoke her into revealing that she could remove the curse. She still had to rely on the latter to expose the person behind it.

Salma said, "Y-you're just talking nonsense."

She also knew that she couldn't argue with Simone anymore. This daughter of hers was becoming more and more eloquent.

So, Salma turned to Nicholas and said, "Jo really said that the situation won't be serious if it's transferred to Elbert."

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"You don't even believe in me, your sister, and yet insist on believing others?" she questioned. "She has

always harbored resentment towards me, which is why she tends to exaggerate the severity of the situation."

Everyone naturally knew who Salma was referring to.

Nicholas observed his sister while showing no signs of remorse. Once again, he couldn't help but feel a chill in his heart. The kindness he had shown her over the years seemed to be in vain.

"I can't believe there would be someone who harms their own nephew and even their biological daughter. He expressed his disbelief..

"I trust Salma, and I won't explain further," he added. "I won't consider you my sister anymore. If you don't believe me, I can post on Facebook and announce that I'm cutting ties with you."

This time, he didn't hesitate in his heart at all because he couldn't afford to keep such a sister.

Salma's face wore a wounded expression as she looked at him. "Nicholas, how can you

do this?"

How can I find a skilled man to help Elbert lift the curse. Why don't you believe it?" she questioned. "Your obstinacy makes it look like you want to harm him."

Even Teresa couldn't bear to hear these words. She looked at Salma with a disappointed expression. "Enough. How did you become so detestable now? Always talking about what Jo says and Jo does." She continued. "Jo is the cause of your broken relationship with your own children, and your fourth son is still bedridden or in a wheelchair."

"If it weren't discovered early, it could have harmed your other sons," she added. "Are you that naive? How can you still trust her so blindly?"

Teresa was on the verge of being infuriated by her daughter.

However, Salma argued, "What Jo did to my fourth son and others wasn't her intention but that she was ordered by the master."

"How can you blame her for that?" she defended. "During this time, I was cursed, and my own daughter didn't help or visit me. My sons are estranged."

"Only Jo stayed by my side, caring for me and comforting me, she continued. "She even helped me find ways to alleviate the pain. If I don't trust her, who can I trust?" As Salma spoke, she felt more convinced of her stance.

Salma's children were unfilial, so what was wrong with favoring her adopted daughter who treated her

well?

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Teresa infuriated to the point of being half-dead upon hearing this. "She's exploiting you and intentionally giving you these distorted ideas!" She added, "She claims to know a more powerful master, so if he can lift the curse, why doesn't he come directly to help you instead of transferring it? Her care and

comfort are just to keep you, to continue deceiving you so she can stay in the Gray Family"

"If not for her, you wouldn't have done so many wrong things and conspired with Mrs. Carver to harm your daughter, Teresa accused. "Your own daughter will cut ties with you, and your sons will hate you."

"Why only think about what they do and not reflect on what you've done?" she asked "If you continue

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## Chapter 402 Things Are Getting Out Of Hand

Teresa was so furious that she staggered backward.

They were only trying to do what was best for their daughter by getting rid of that troublemaker so that

the mother and daughter would no longer be estranged. But, their daughter had the audacity to accuse them of forcing her and causing her harm.

Teresa's face wore a cold expression as she said, "If you don't get rid of that troublemaker, don't consider me your mother anymore."

Austin chimed in. "Your mother's decision is also mine. If you continue to interfere with Jodie, I will no longer recognize you as my daughter, and we won't welcome you into our family anymore."

Salma was even more heartbroken. "You are being too harsh. Do you want to see me tormented to death by insects that would make you happy? It's a simple matter that could be resolved, yet you blame everything on me"

"To have not done anything to harm you. Why do you have to target her? She's still my daughter, and I won't give up on her," she cried.

Austin was furious and couldn't believe he had raised such a daughter. He pointed to the door. "If you can't give up, Jodie, then you're choosing to give up on your family. Go, and don't come to our home again."

Salma was also furious. Her parents believed in others but not in her. They were so heartless.

Of course, she didn't really think they meant it. They were just trying to scare and threaten her.

How could they possibly disown their own daughter? she thought.

Even if Simone treated her this way, as long as she apologized afterward, she could still be accepted. After all, they were blood relatives.

Thus, she stubbornly declared, "Fine, I'll leave."

"I will prove to you that I do not intend harm to Elbert. I'll seek a master to lift the curse from him," she emphasized further.

With that said, Salma confidently walked out of the room in her high heels.

Staying long would only make things more awkward and uncomfortable for her. Each one of them, without understanding or empathy, continued to force her.

Therefore her father's words provided her with the much-needed excuse to leave promptly.

At that moment, they were all worked up, and anything she said would be deemed wrong.

Once the master came to help Elbert lift the curse, her family would likely calm down and forgive her.

Seeing his daughter actually leave, Austin almost fainted from anger.

“Unfilial daughter, such an unfilial daughter. Our Johnston Family cannot tolerate such daughter. Now that she’s gone, she better not cry and regret it later.”

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He added. There’s no remedy for regret in this world. Even if she regrets it, I won’t recognize her as my daughter.”

If their daughter continued to behave like this, not only would she bring trouble to the Gray Family, but

might also cause harm to the Johnston Family.

Since Salma chose to give up on them so decisively, Austin wanted her to know that cutting off ties was not just an empty threat or talk, but rather, they were serious.

He instructed Nicholas, “Son, as soon as you get home, inform all our relatives that Salma and we, the Johnston Family, have no relation anymore. Also, tell your brother-in-law while you’re at it.”

As for the roject between the Gray Family and Johnston Family, stop it immediately while the losses are stil manageable.” He added, “If she chooses Jodie, then let her live her life with that adopted daughter

From now on.

Since Salma couldn’t listen to the advice of those who truly cared about her and insisted on continuing. she would have to face the consequences herself.

Bridgette and Salma ha good relationship, and the latter hoped that Bridgette would often help her with family matters. So, Bridgette gave her husband a meaningful look.

She also stepped in, saying, “Mom and Dad, please calm down. This matter isn’t worth cutting ties. It’s not

necessary.”

Oliver added, “Yeah, once you cool off, it won’t be a big deal. There’s no need to make it so tense, dragging my brother-in-law and the Gray Family into it. It’s unnecessary”

As for the project with the Gray Family, he planned to advocate handling it on his own. It couldn't just come to a halt.

Austin, however, wasn't oblivious to their subtle intentions. He sternly stated, "If you continue advocat for her, with all your scheming, you can leave the Johnston Family. I'll cut ties with my own sons, and can take your shares and get lost."

Oliver was a bit of a slacker, and Bridgette wasn't very attentive either.

Initially, Austin had hoped that Nicholas' family would look out for Oliver's family, but now, it seemed like it was time to seriously consider the idea of separating the family.

Upon hearin Austin express this sentiment, Oliver and Bridgette immediately had a change of expression.

Oliver wa quick to say, 'Alright, alright, Dad. Whatever makes you happy.'

He ched his tone. "If you want to disown Salma, go ahead; her actions were indeed too much."

fter healing this, Austin grew even more furious.

If Oliver had stood firm and continued supporting his sister, there would have been some humanity left, but with just one threat, he immediately changed his stance. Truly unreliable

Even Bridgette dared not say anything because she was afraid that Austin, in his anger, actually kick them out.

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anger from within himself, he wouldn't be able to get over it.

And then there is Jodie who is always hiding behind the scenes causing mischief. Nicholas wondered how his brother-in-law would handle such a situation.

Bridgette, standing on the side, agreed. "Yes, if we're going to cut ties, let's do it cleanly. I'll als inform my family that it's no longer necessary to cooperate with the Gray Family in the future."

Whether it was venting anger or seeking revenge, it didn't matter. There was no need for further dealings with the Gray

Upon hearing their word. Titus and his two siblings knew that things had escalated.

What was Mom thinking. Did she really believe that Grandpa and the others were just talking? When Simone said she wanted to sever ties before and actually did it, shouldn't Mom have learned her lesson? But now, she has managed to offend all of her family members on her own, thought Titus.

Aaron feigned a pitiful expression and pleaded, "Grandpa, Grandma, Uncle Nicholas, Aunt Bridgette, if you decide to sever ties with my mother, please don't sever ties with us as well." He added, "We have also been abandoned by our mother."

Austin chuckled and said in a reassuring voice, "Don't worry, I still acknowledge my three grandchildren as family."

He then turned to Simone and added, "And Simone, even though you may no longer acknowledge, the Johnston Family will always welcome you."

Simone smiled without saying anything.

It was evident that the Johnston Family was resolute this time, and it was satisfying to see that Salma had ruined her own relationship with her family.

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Chapter 403 Do You Want To Drive Me Away Too?

Simone had completed what she needed to do, so she decided to say her goodbyes.

ung Karah stood up and held her hand, saying. "Let me see you off."

Elbe said to Simone, "Do drop by the hospital to check on me, considering my infertility."

The wor-is hir Old Mr. and Mrs. Johnston emotionally. If their grandson was indeed infertile, what would happen in the future? They would have even more grievances toward their own daughter.

Simone chuckled and shook her head, then playfully winked at him, saying, "I'll go back and make a het bag for you. Being infertile isn't as easy as it seems.

By temporarily suppressing the curse, Elbert could avoid becoming infertile.

Tie was deeply loved and exclaimed, "Simone is still the best in my family."

Aunt Karah escorted Simone out, and the Gray brothers, including Titus, followed along.

Due to their mother's actions, they felt ashamed to stay any longer. Moreover, they need to inform their father about the situation.

On the way, Simone whispered to Aunt Karah, "Mrs. Karah, don't you worry. However, in the next week or so, you guys still need to act out your roles."

"Auntie Bridgette should relay your emotions and feedback to Mrs. Gray, she added.

Aunt Karah nodded. "Alright, if there's anything urgent on my end, I'll get in touch with you."

As long as the curse on her son was not lifted, she would continue to worry. That was why putting on this act felt more genuine.

After seeing Simone off at the parking lot, Mrs. Karah greeted the Gray brothers before returning to the hospital ward.

Titus said to Simone, "Mom might be angry with you again this time."

Simone shrugged and said indifferently, "I know, but I don't care. It's not like I forced her to do what shie did. Can't she let me expose the truth?"

"Besides," s continued, Jodie and the person behind her have ulterior motives. Even if it wasn't for me today, it yould have been exposed in a few days."

Titus nodded, "True. We don't think you did anything wrong by helping the Johnston Family."

“Just wanted to remind you to be careful with Mom and Jodie lately. They’ve been picking on us a lot.” He sighed bitterly.

Lately, they found themselves under the constant scrutiny of their birth mother’s disapproval.

Simone nodded in acknowledgment. “I understand.”

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She was afraid they wouldn’t cause any trouble. Things were easier to manage after they caused a ruckus,

specially when it came to Jodie.

Simone kept an eye on the person behind her, capable of absorbing more luck to continuously support

Wter Simone drove away, Titus pulled out his phone to contact their birth father.

Once the call was answered, he recounted the hospital incident to his father, Steven.

Steven was furious that he was almost on the verge of a stroke. He had been away on a business trip for a while, and his wife had pulled such a stunt again.

Why can’t sne stop being a hindrance?” he exclaimed to his son.

After hanging up the phone with his son, he dialed Salma’s number and began scolding her.

However, Salma was deficit and retorted, claiming she did what she did because their daughter-i aw deserved it.

It seemed that she was just the way she was, and her family couldn’t stand to see her doing well.

Steven knew that continuing the argument wouldn’t make a difference.

She didn't see herself as wrong; instead, she believed her family was exaggerating the situation. So, he changed the topic. Just send Jodie away by today."

Salma was stubborn and said, "I won't send her away. Jodie is also our adopted daughter. How can you be so heartless?"

Steven was irritated. "I wouldn't dare keep such a scheming and heartless adopted daughter. My daughter is only Simone."

Salma sneered. "Your heart only has room for Simone, but she has to be willing to acknowledge you as her father!" She added angrily. "If it weren't for her, I wouldn't have been blamed by my family

Steven had a headache and retorted, "Even if Simone doesn't acknowledge me, she's still my daughter. And this is clearly your fault; you caused trouble yourself, so it's normal for your family to blame you. What does this have to do with Simone? As soon as an incident happens, the Johnston Family will eventually find out the reason, and it will lead back to you."

Salma was interested in hearing more and said, "The trouble has already happened. Is saying all this useful?"

Steven emphasized, "Indeed, it's not useful. So, today, you must send Jodie away immediately."

"I wound her away. If Melinda lets that great warlock target me again, the master Jodie knows can help

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Steven's face darkened. "Why are you so naive? Her so-called help is just a way to deceive you!"

Impatient, Salma retorted, "Can you stop thinking so badly of Jodic and the master?"

No one in the family, husband and children alike, could stand her. It was so frustrating,

Steven took a deep breath. If you don't send her away, then you can move out of the Gray Family with Jodie.

He wasn't joking or threatening. If his wife insisted on being with Jodie, then he would grant her wish.

the kindness and accommodation he had shown her couldn't win her gratitude. Besides disappointment, his heart had also turned cold.

Salma couldn't believe it, and her voice was tinged with sharpness, "What? You want to drive me away, too? Did you have an affair outside and want to make room for someone else?"

Steven's voice turned dark. "You're simply being unreasonable. I haven't had an affair; I have a clear conscience. If you don't believe me, you can investigate."

"I'll give you two choices right now. Either send Jodie away immediately and sever all ties, or you and Jodie move out together," he stated.

"Fine, you're all forcing me" Salma reluctantly agreed. "If no one can accept me, then I'll leave."

Steven's heart grew colder. "Good, take Jodie with you."

If his wife continued down this path, he was ready to bring up the dreaded word-divorce. He couldn't bear to see the entire Gray household crumble because of such a troublesome person.

They ended the call on a sour note.

Salma angrily called Jodie to pack up, announcing they were moving out. Jodie hadn't expected things to escalate to this point. She was taken aback by her stepmother's decision, but after a moment's thought, she realized it was because her stepmother still found her useful. Without benefits and her accommodating attitude, her stepmother might turn against her at any moment.

A stepmother was still a stepmother and incomparable to a real mother.

Jodie wanted to stay and was hoping her stepbrothers would come back to her. However, she knew Steven had given the order, and she had no choice.

She grumbled about her father being too heartless, for she had called him 'dad' so many times in vain.

The Gray brothers were speechless at their mother's choice. But they were relieved to finally get rid of the trouble that Jodie had become.

As for their other, they sighed, hoping she would come to her senses after enduring the hardships brought by die. They offered to help, but Salma rejected their assistance.

Eventual, the brothers reluctantly moved both women to a villa nearby that was under Salma's name. They also brought along a few servants to help them move and settle in with Jodie.

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Salma still held a grudge. So, every day, she would make the three brothers come to the villa to eat together. If they didn't come, she would call and nag and scold them.

During meals, the three brothers became her targets for venting her frustrati

Titus and his brothers endured untold suffering, and as a result, their feelings toward their birth mother grew increasingly distant. To make matters worse, a hint of resentment began to build in their hearts. Dealing with a mother like this was truly a challenging ordeal for them...

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Chapter 404 What Caused It?

In the subsequent two weeks, Simone continued to visit Elbert to make a sachet for him as a thoughtful

gesture.

However, he lingered in the hospital, compelled to maintain appearances for those orchestrating things behind the scenes.

Simone's regular visits persisted as she kept a watchful eye on Elbert and Skyler.

Simultaneously, the previously filmed drama set in the Republican era commenced airing and quickly became a sensation.

Its success was attributed to impeccable costumes, props, and the exceptional talent of the actors.

The engaging plot and pace captured attention that elevated not only the main cast but also the supporting roles.

Simone's dresses dazzled, which captivated everyone's gaze.

Daily, her fans and admirers engaged in conversations, praising her beauty.

Exclamations of Simone's beauty and her resemblance to a beauty echoed, further amplifying her popularity.

"Simone, your dresses were stunning, exclaimed fans and admirers.

Other cast members, including Ethan and Zac, who played the second and third male leads, respectively, also gained significant fan followings.

Ethan, in the role of the second male lead, amassed a significant fan base thanks to his mature acting skills.

His portrayal of a refined and elegant character with glasses vividly brought to life a noble young man from the Republican era.

Zac, the third male lead, embodied the rebellious and untamed young man, accompanied by profound emotions, drawing in numerous fans.

The chemistry between the second female lead and the third male lead even led to them being shipped by

fans.

Critics of her acting skills were silenced as she breathed life into her character, eclipsing the second female lead in the script.

Her extensive acting skills flawlessly portrayed multiple characters, from a dancer to a double agent.

Simone's seamless transformations, complemented by her stunning figure and exquisite dresses, left audiences in awe."

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As a dancer and a double agent, Simone altered her appearance seamlessly, complemented by her

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stunning figure and exquisite dresses.

The fashion wave triggered by her role dominated short video apps.

Numerous offers of film scripts flooded her doorstep, and her excellent variety show performances brought

with numerous invitations.

Simone meticulously selected scripts and variety shows, even securing opportunities for her studio's

artists.

She had stumbled upon a handful of promising scripts and developed a fondness for two potential variety

shows.

Taking the initiative, she reached out to the individuals in charge of the scripts, ensuring auditions for the studio's artists were successfully secured.

Out of these, roles were directly confirmed.

She not only secured a male lead role in a new drama for Ethan but also secured him a spot as a regular guest on a variety show

Being a rising star like Ethan, it was crucial for him to sustain his popularity by making occasional appearances in the media.

Failure to do so would result in his quickly fading from the public's memory.

His previous guest appearance on a variety show had a positive impact.

Impressed by Ethan's recent popularity and Simone's influence, the director made a decisive decision.

Upon completing the previous film with Fiona, Simone swiftly identified another film resource and was on the brink of commencing shooting.

Moreover, she managed to secure a slot for Lisa's newly signed artist on another popular variety show.

Through the consistent acquisition of quality resources, Simone once more garnered attention within the industry.

Her abilities were beyond question.

Simone's undeniable talent turned heads, prompting major entertainment titans to vie for her as their top

agent.

The allure of Simone's studio grew, attracting a surge of artists eager to sign on or make the leap to join her rank

Every Jodie found herself consumed by jealousy and envy as she witnessed Simone's resurging popularity and the triumphs of her studio.

Yet, Simone faced a hurdle when she contended for a supporting role in a movie.

The challenge arose with a supporting role meant for a recently signed, washed-up actor in Simone's studio.

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The individual in question had initially been an artist under Gray Entertainment.

Unfortunately, he experienced betrayal from both his agent and a supposed close friend, resulting in the loss of several crucial resources.

Additionally, he managed to offend a company shareholder, leading to his suppression and sidelining within the industry.

The prolonged absence from public view, coupled with a dearth of noteworthy projects and nearing the age of 40, naturally ushered in a decline in his career,

Similar to Ethan, this actor refused to give up on himself.

Even in the absence of acting opportunities, he persisted in honing his craft and refining his acting skills.

Despite the myriad pressures of life, his desire to act remained unwavering.

Taking matters into his own hands, he proactively reached out to Simone's studio.

Coincidentally, Simone returned to Cebros and engaged in a conversation with this actor.

Upon reviewing his portfolio and confirming the absence of any character issues, Simone wasted no time in officially signing him under her banner.

Fueled by her belief in the script and the character, she championed the cause for this actor to secure the supporting role in the movie.

Simone harbored the hope that this fresh project and role would catapult him back into the limelight, offering the audience a renewed perspective on his talent.

The director suggested having a discussion with Simone.

Simone found herself immersed in a captivating encounter as she embarked on a rendezvous with the movie emperor, Mr. Crayson.

Their clandestine meeting unfolded in the seclusion of a private room at the tea house.

Simone and Mr. Crayson took their places first, and after a while, the weary director, Mr. Nielsen, entered the room.

In his fifties, Mr. Nielsen was a distinguished director renowned for crafting numerous cinematic classics.

After he entered the room, he apologized to Simone. "I'm sorry, I was delayed at the hospital, which is why I'm late."

Simorimiled and replied, "No worries, Delays happen. Life has its own schedule sometimes."

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Mr. Nielsen's fatigued demeanor, Simone intuited the reason behind his desire to discuss the le with her.

As Mr. Nielsen settled into his seat, Simone took the lead in the conversation. Mr. Nielsen, has your family. been experiencing a series of incidents lately?" Mr. Nielsen's hand, poised to lift the teacup, came to a sudden halt

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He smiled wryly and replied, discernment is truly remarkable; it's evident just by glancing at me."

"Can you discern the cause behind the troubles in my family?" The primary motive behind inviting Simone for this private meeting was to seek her advice on geomancy.

name responded, "Your parents are unwell and currently in the hospital, and your son recently fell seriously ill, leading to his admission a few days ago.

Furthermore, your wife broke her leg this morning and is currently hospitalized too, added.

"I didn't sense any negative energy from you, so it's likely that the issue is connected to your ancestral grave, Simone suggested,

Nielsen was caught off guard.

In his erraticued and lackluster eyes, a glimmer of optimism began to surface.

Master Gray, our insi is truly extraordinary. In just a brief observation, you've uncovered t ruct cause of the turmoil win my family," he acknowledged with admiration..

The person he had sought advice from had also alluded to the presence of an issue with his ancestral grav at demanded attention.

## Chapter 405 To Give Or Not To Give?

Simone cast a discerning gaze over Mr. Nielsen's countenance, and the revelation regarding ancestral

aves hardly caught her by surprise.

inquired, "Has someone broached this topic with you previously?" Mr. Nielsen, making no attempt to conceal it, nodded.

Ind.ed. My parents faced consecutive mishaps, ending up in the hospital. It was there that I crossed paths with a geomancy master," he disclosed. "He shared an intriguing bit of wisdom, mentioning that if my philtrum turned black, my family would be prone to frequent mishaps. At the outset, I dismissed it, thinking it was mere superstition."

"However, when my son fell seriously ill and ended up in the hospital, I encountered him again. T when I deci-led to take the initiative and inquire," Mr. Nielsen elaborated. "He revealed that there complication with my family's ancestral grave, and unless addressed, my wife would be the next face misfortu

And soon after, the same fate would befall me," he added, acknowledging the prophecy.

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"This time, I placed my faith in his words and sought his assistance in examining our ancestral grave," he admisted, recognizing the gravity of the situation. "Of course, I knew I had to compensate the geomancy master, so I inquired about the amount that he deemed suitable. Surprisingly, he decline any monetary compensation. Instead, he expressed that he was aware of my passion for collecting antiques, a shared interest of his as well."

"He proposed an intriguing arrangement-if he assisted in resolving the ancestral grave issue, he requested an antique as compensation. After careful consideration, I decided to bring him home to select an antique as compensation," Mr. Nielsen recounted, underscoring the significance of the arrangement.

"Little did I anticipate, the antique he selected happened to be a cauldron, an heirloom that had been handed down through generations in our family,

requiring careful preservation,” Mr. Nielsen revealed, recognizing the unexpected twist in the unfolding narrative.

“At that very moment, the thought of parting with it proved unbearable, and I found myself hesitating,” Mr. Nielsen admitted, acknowledging the sentimental attachment to the cherished family heirloom

Mr. Nielsen paused, then continued, “He didn’t push me into a decision; instead, he advised me to take my time and carefully consider the matter. He left me with his contact information, assuring me that I could reach out if I chose to proceed, and encouraged me to give him a call.”

“But he added one condition—using the cauldron as the designated compensation. Mr. Nielsen added.

“Afterward, the more I pondered, the more a sense of unease settled in. I couldn’t shake the feeling that this person had appeared too conveniently, almost as if he had prior knowledge about the existence of the cauldron in my family for quite some time. But due to its longstanding presence in my family, a relic

by anyone outside, it struck me as peculiar when he not only identified its location but also

me to retrieve the cauldron,” Mr. Nielsen mused.

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Mr. Nielsen turned to Simone, stating, “My assistant reached out to me to advocate for a male character’s supporting role on behalf of one of your company’s artists. I figured, given your remarkable skills as a geomancy master, it would be worthwhile to engage in a conversation with you.

Having spent numerous years in the industry, he had witnessed myriad darker facets.

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The seemingly coincidental arrival of the geomancy master left him skeptical, and he couldn’t fully

comprehend the credibility of the situation.

Doubts lingered in his mind, harboring suspicions that the other party might harbor ulterior motives.

Impressed by Simone's proficiency in geomancy and mystical arts showcased during her livestream, he harbored a glimmer of hope. Consequently, he scheduled a meeting with her to delve into a discussion.

The meeting wouldn't have materialized if Simone hadn't reached out to his assistant first.

Following his wife's unfortunate accident and subsequent hospitalization due to a broken leg, he proactively reached out to the geomancy master.

If the master indeed proved effective in rectifying his family's issues, he would find himself reluctantly parting with the cherished ancestral cauldron as a token of appreciation.

Ultimately, despite the sentimental value of the family heirloom, he realized it paled in comparison to the well-being and lives of his family members.

Nevertheless, he opted to proceed with the meeting with Simone.

Upon their meeting, before he even broached the topic, Simone astutely discerned the underlying issue afflicting his family.

This decision brought him satisfaction, as he was relieved that he hadn't canceled the appointment over the phone and had chosen to rush over in person.

Listening intently, Simone furrowed her brows slightly and remarked, "The appearance of this master does seem rather coincidental."

"May I take a look at your cauldron?" She couldn't shake the feeling that the master had orchestrated everything with meticulous calculation.

There was an air of assurance as if he harbored the certainty that Mr. Nielsen had no alternative but to turn to him for assistance.

In light of this, Simone's curiosity about the cauldron intensified.

Mr. Nielsen agreed, saying, "Certainly, why don't we head to my house now to inspect the cauldron?" Urgency crept into his voice, fueled by the string of accidents that had befallen his family members.

In accordance with the master's words, what had transpired so far was just the beginning

Failure to promptly address the ancestral grave issue would leave his family members vulnerable to ongoing danger, the geomancy master had warned.

Simon nodded and said, "Alright, let's head to your house now. Mr. Crayson, are you joining us or heading back to the studio?" Mr. Crayson, too, was intrigued by his manager's prowess in geomancy.

Having only witnessed it during live streams, he was eager to see Simone's geomancy abilities in person.

He smiled and replied, "I'll accompany you and have a look."

Simone simply nodded, acknowledging his decision.

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Upon reaching Mr. Nielsen's villa, he led the two of them to his collection room.

He then activated a mechanism, causing a small door to materialize on the wall.

From within, he retrieved a wooden box and set it on the table.

"This is the cauldron, Master Gray. Please inspect it; is it of any use for geomancy purposes?" Despite its antiquity, the cauldron seemed to pale in comparison to many other valuables lining the shelves in the collection room.

There must have been a unique reason the master found this particular item intriguing.

Simone's gaze fixed upon the cauldron, and a glint of surprise flickered in her eyes. As she focused, he sensed a potent auspicious aura emanating from one half of the cauldron and a robust negative aura emanating to the other.

Remarkably, two auras didn't clash but instead coexisted in a harmonious balance.

Harnessing her elemental power to enhance her perception, Simone observed that the two auras within the cauldron had converged to create a symbol.

You know, this thing is indeed a treasure for geomancy masters. If utilized wisely, it has the potential to safeguard the well-being of many," she explained.

"However, in the wrong hands, it could unleash disaster upon the surroundings," she cautioned.

Pausing for a moment, she resumed, "Considering its ancestral significance to your family, this item holds numerous advantages for your household."

"It was crafted specifically by a geomancy master for your ancestors, utilizing the accumulated merits of your family over generations."

"Preserving it at home has the remarkable effect of fostering prosperity and safeguarding the household. contributing to your family's longstanding prosperity."

"Based on the insights from the reading, without this cauldron, some of your family members might have already faced dire consequences

"Therefore, my recommendation is to preserve and care for this item diligently, Simone advised, emphasizing the invaluable role the ancient cauldron played in the well-being of his family.

Mr. Nielsen, a respected figure in the film industry, was well-regarded for his philanthropic endeavors.

Year after year, Mr. Nielsen and his wife ventured into impoverished mountain areas, extending a helping hand to the elderly and offering support to children unable to afford education.

His commitment to philanthropy extended to consistent donations to various medical charities over the course of many years.

For a decade, they had maintained a consistent commitment, eschewing high profile publicity and opting instead for a genuine display of sincerity that was devoid of any theatrics.

Through this cauldron, Simone unveiled the amassed blessings of the Nielsen Family.

Thus, Mr. Nielsen's prophetic endeavors could be deemed a longstanding family tradition.

This item could be regarded as a high-quality magical tool, explaining the geomancy master's keen interest in it.

Incorporated into rituals, it wields an extraordinary amplifying and empowering influence.

Upon hearing Simone's words, Mr. Nielsen suddenly grasped the full understanding of everything that had been clear before.

It was no surprise that the ancestral teachings of the Nielsen Family mandated that each generation engage in virtuous deeds, amass merits, and protect this cauldron.

The cauldron had been nurtured by the accumulated merits of their family throughout.

Master Gagy lend your expertise to address the matter with my family's ancestral gift.

Simone responded with a confident nod, saying, "Absolutely, I'm here to help."

Mr. Nielsen could resist asking, "What are your terms for this assistance? Do you, by any possession of this cauldron? If so, it would indeed put him in a tricky situation.

He sought

The internal dilemma should he yield and hand it over or stand firm and keep the cauldron.

to be positive.

In her conviction, Simone felt it was more fitting for the cauldron to stay under Derrick's guardianship, ensuring its legacy by being passed down through generations in the hands of the Nielsen Family.

In her judgment, Simone deemed it more appropriate for the cauldron to continue residing in Mr. Nielsen's possession, securing its legacy as it passed through the hands of the Nielsen Family across generations.

Mr. Nielsen breathed a sigh of relief, somewhat surprised that Simone didn't request the cauldron as a reward.

He praised, "Master Gray, you are generous."

"I've heard about your excellent reputation in the circle before, and today, I've witnessed it firsthand."

According to Simone's words, this cauldron incredibly valuable, a true treasure. There are likely not many masters who can resist its temptation.

Simone shared a moment of agreement. "Contentment brings happiness, and my master believes in taking only what is rightfully ours and not succumbing to the allure of others' possessions."

The sentiment resonated with Derrick, and he responded, "Wise words. Your master has imparted valuable lessons."

Indeed, the ability to shape a disciple like Simone suggested that her master possessed exceptional character and teaching qualities.

Simone noted as she agreed with him.

Mr. Nielsen took the initiative and said, "Master Gray, how about you take a look in my collection room and see there's anything that catches your eye?"

"If you'd something you like, I will give it to you as a reward," he offered graciously.

As long as it's not this cauldron, he is willing to part with other antiques from his collection.

Hang gleaned that numerous masters shared an avid interest in antique research, Mr. Nielsen was prompted to extend his generous offer.

Simone gave a nod, "Sure."

She strolled around the collection room, and her attention was eventually drawn to a casually positioned antique book.

A warmth radiated from the jade buckle hanging around her neck as her eyes lingered on the ancient book.

She strolled over as her curiosity piqued, and she delicately picked up the ancient book to flip through its

pages.

The jade buckle adorning her neck reacted even more intensely.

Simone scrutinized the ancient book carefully, initially noting nothing out of the ordinary.

However, as she flipped through the pages quickly, she stumbled upon a hidden secret.

As she swiftly turned the pages, the slanted arrangement of the pages seemed to come together to form a

swift-formed

picture.

The image in the book appeared strikingly familiar, matching the style and structure of the one concealed within the jade buckle.

It appeared to be a puzzle,

Hence, it made sense why her master's ancestors couldn't decipher the mystery of the jade buckle, preventing them from pinpointing the location on the map.

It transpired that the map was incomplete, and an additional copy was concealed within the ancient book.

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Simone gazed at Mr. Nielsen and remarked, "Mr. Nielsen, I'm quite fond of this ancient book. Would it be possible to consider it as part of the compensation?"

Mr. Nielsen was taken aback by Simone's unexpected request. This book is only worth a few tens of thousands of dollars, and I acquired it more for enjoyment than its monetary value," he explained.

"Moreover, when the geomancy master came to the collection room, he examined other items aside from the ancient tripod," Mr. Nielsen added.

"Not only did he not show any interest in this ancient book, but he also didn't even bother to pick it up." Mr. Nielsen mentioned.

He remind, Master Gray, this ancient book is not particularly valuable."

Simone rinned, "My preferences aren't for sale, regardless of the price tag."

"My has a fondness for collecting ancient books, so if I come across one that captivates me, I feel comped to add it to my collection."

This one is exceptional."

Seg her determination to use it as compensation, Mr. Nielsen ceased to persuade her, "Alright, you can take it. And afterward, please spare some time to accompany me on a visit to my family's ancestral grave in my hometown."

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Compared to the previous master, he had more faith in Simonc.

And he wasn't particularly attached to this ancient book either.

Regardless of whether the issue with the ancestral grave can be resolved, he is prepared to give it to

none as a token of gratitude for sharing the secret of the inherited ancient tripod..

Sat expressed, "I have time tomorrow and the day after tomorrow. You can decide which day."

Mr. Nielsen promptly proposed, "Then, let's leave early tomorrow morning. It's a four-hour drive from here to my ancestral grave."

Faced with the series of problems his family has been enduring, he is understandably anxious.

Simone aged with a nod, "Okay!" The next morning.

Simone hopped to Derrick's car, where his assistant took the wheel. Accompanied by Romulus Crayson, who remained... and presence by Simone's side, they embarked on the journey to Derrick's

hometown.

Upon reaching their destination, the quartet indulged in a leisurely lunch before making their way up the mountain with the requisite tools in tow.

The entire expanse of the mountain had been acquired by the Nielsen Family, serving as the resting place for countless generations of Nielsen ancestors. As Simone attuned her senses, she detected an anomaly surrounding a specific grave.

She gestured. That one seems to have an issue; it should be your grandfather's grave, affecting your entire family directly. Let's take a closer look.

Mr. Nielsen, astonished, responded, "Indeed, that's my grandfather's resting place." His amazement at Simone's capabilities grew.

Without disclosing details and with the tombstone facing away, making it impossible to discern the name, Simone confidently asserted the issue.

Excitement surged in Mr. Nielsen as he considered the possibility of resolving the familial grave predicament with Simone's exceptional skills.

Approaching the grave, Simone retrieved a compass.

The trio observed the needle wildly spinning, seemingly malfunctioning, indicating significant problem.

Simone marked, "The magnetic field around this grave is entirely chaotic, explaining the severity of your family's situation. If we delay any longer, someone in your family might face an unfortunate departure

Mr. Nielsen's expression shifted, "So, Master Gray, how should we deal with this?"

Simone utilized a compass to identify the most disrupted magnetic field and restored, "Climb and dig down about a meter or so."

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Without waiting for Mr. Nielsen to respond, the assistant ascended the grave with a hoe began digging.

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After a short while, the assistant exclaimed, "Ah, there's something pitch black here."

Simone leaped onto the grave, donned her gloves, and retrieved the object.

Nielsen and the others observed a small black wooden coffin adorned with seven equally black nails.

Simone took out a talisman from her bag, affixed it to the coffin, and recited an incantation.

Suddenly, the talisman ignited, and the nails on the coffin mysteriously loosened.

Simone proceeded to open the small wooden coffin.

The trio witnessed a puppet inside, with a slightly discolored yellow talisman paper affixed top.

Mr. Nielsen's countenance shifted once more as his gaze fell upon his grandfather's name and birthdate inscribed on the talisman paper.

In that fleeting moment, realization dawned upon him, "Could someone be deliberately targeting our family?" Simone, already ahead in her deductions, affirmed, "Yes, it's clearly aimed at your family."

"More precisely, it's targeting something within your family."

She scrutinized the puppet and the talisman paper, detecting a similar energy emanating from both.

The resonance mirrored the energy encountered during their confrontation at the hospital.

It hinted that the puppeteer behind this sinister plot was in league with Jodic Gra

Most likely, the true orchestrator was that cunning old mastermind.

Little did she foresee that her intervention in securing a role for the star inadvertently disrupted the adversary's grand design.

Inadvertently, she also stumbled upon another set of enigmatic alphabet symbols.

Should she express gratitude towards the person responsible? However, at this point, they probably despised her.

As expected.

Somewhere thin Cebros, at Salma Johnston's villa, a middle-aged man sitting cross-legged abruptly opened his

He clutched his chest, his face paling from the backlash, with a tinge of dark blue appearing on his brows.

His complexion transformed even further upon realizing that someone had shattered his spell.

This move had been of utmost importance, instructed by his master, and it had been broken so easily. It made him feel like he was about to spit blood.

He was even more fearful of the consequences once his master discovered what had happened.

Thus, in his mind, he couldn't help but curse the individual who had broken the spell.

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After being confronted by the middle-aged man, he immediately dialed a number on his phone.

Once the call connected, he asked, "What are the movements of the people who have been monitoring the

Nielsen Family?"

A respectful voice came from the other side, "Master, Mr. Nielsen went back to his hometown with someone today. They also visited the cemetery, but I didn't dare to follow too closely for fear of being discovered."

Upon hearing this, anger filled the middle-aged man's eyes. He questioned, "Why didn't you inform me about this earlier?"

The other party helplessly replied, "I called you more than ten times but couldn't get through

Only then did

the middle-aged man realize. Last night, because of his new insight, he had his phone on silent mode before entering a deep meditative state. He hadn't noticed the missed calls until now. He asked, "Who did he go to the cemetery with? Was there a geomancer accompanying them

The other party replied, "There were three men and one woman. I know who the woman is. She's the recently popular bodice dress goddess."

The middle-aged man immediately knew who it was, "Is that woman Simone?"

The other party replied, "Yes, yes, it's Simone."

The middle-aged man was so angry that he felt like spitting blood, "Alright, I understand. You continue to monitor them and see if Simone will also visit the Nielsen Family. If she goes to the Nielsen Family, pay close attention to whether she is carrying a wooden box or something similar when she leaves."

He believed that Simone was also going for the cauldron on behalf of the Nielsen Family.

The other party said, "Master, rest assured, I will keep an eye on her."

After ending the call, the middle-aged man pondered for a moment and decided to contact his master

With Simone involved, they wouldn't be able to obtain the cauldron unless they used force. But the Nielsen Family had done so many good deeds over the generations, and they had the cauldron to protect their home.

It was unrestic to snatch it or forcefully seize it by setting up geomantic formations in the Nielsen Family.

They would face backlash from the cauldron, and the heavenly principles would also punish them.

They co only wait for the future generations of the Nielsen Family to willingly offer the cauldron before thould use it

The call was quickly connected. The middle-aged man reported the situation to his master.

The old man was furious, and his face turned dark, "Simone, it's Simone again. This treablesome girl, why is she so persistent?"

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The middle-aged man respectfully said. "Yes, Master."

Cat the othe hand, Simone broke the curse before she burned the wooden puppet and small wooden coffin ins together.

After they turnte shes, the feeling of gloom that had clouded Derrick's heart also lisappeared.

He asked Simone, "Master Gray, now that this matter is resolved, will my family be safe

Simone replied, "Although there won't be any more deaths, various misfortunes will still continue. Illnes will continue to occur one after another. Even your career will be affected."

Derrick's face changed, "Is there any way to break this?"

Simone replied, "The magnetic field of this grave has already been disrupted, so it will continue to affect future generations. The method to break it is simple. Just move the grave. We can erect a stone monument here, and I will draw a talisman on it to suppress the effects of the previous curse."

Derrick breathed a sigh of relief, "Alright, I will follow your advice."

He realized that Simone's proficiency in geomancy and mystical arts was even more impressive than the

"Can you help me choose a suitable burial site for my grandfather?" Derrick asked.

Simone nodded, "Of course!" She took a compass and walked around nearby, stopping at an empty space.

"This place is better than your grandfather's previous burial site. You can choose to move the grave here"

She then raised her hand to calculate, "Tomorrow at noon is an auspicious time."

Derrick wanted to move the grave as soon as possible so that his family would face fewer troubles and

illnesses

"Okay

Derrick

we descend the mountain, I will immediately arrange for people to come and move the grave. Master Gray, can you stay today and return to Cebros after the grave is moved tomorrow. "We don't understand anything, and we're afraid of making mistakes if we do it ourselves."

Simone nodded. "Even if you didn't ask. I would have stayed. I need to find a good spot."

Derrick breathed another sigh of relief, gratitude on his face. "Thank you so much"

Then, the group descended the mountain.

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Derrick arranged for Simone and her companion to stay at the best hotel in the county town.

He himself went to order the stone monument and hired people to move the grave.

They had sufficient funds, and the stone monument did not require any intricate carvings or words as long

itowed the given dimensions.

Su, everything was settled that day.

Early the next morning, the stone tablet was delivered to the mountain.

After breakfast, Simone and a few others, along with the villagers who were helping to move

went up the mountain.

Under Sinne's guidance, they first moved old man Nielsen's coffin out.

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ashes from the burned small collin the previous day and sprinkler hem in one spot. he villagers to place the stone tablet on top.

Once the stone tablet was buried according to her request, Simone dipped her talisman pen in top-grade cinnabar and used her energy to draw a suppressing talisman on the stone tablet.

This not only died the effects of the previous curse but also prevented other geomancy masters from coming here to destroy the ancestral grave of the Nielsen Family.

Just as Simone completed the final stroke of the talisman, everyone present had the illusion that the tire stone tablet was emitting a halo.

Meanwhile, the middle-aged man in the villa began bleeding from his seven orifices and collapsed to the ground, convulsing

It took him some time to recover.

He felt as if he had been restrained, unable to practice or utilize any magic without encountering failure halfway through.

He couldn't comprehend why this was happening, but he couldn't help but link it to Simone.

That girl must have done something to prevent him from ever becoming a geomancy master again.

How despicable she was.

Although the man harbored resentment towards Simone, he acknowledged her superior power.

He hoped of seeking revenge on his own. Impatiently, he reached out to Melinda as a geomancy

He imposed Melinda to continue dealing with Simone, as this great calamity could not be allowed to

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On the other hand, the villagers dug the graves as Simone had requested.

Just a moment later, Simone chanted a spell and burned the well-drawn talisman. Then, she pointed at the vesite. Today was originally cloudy, and although it didn't rain, there were many dark clouds. Right after Simone finished pointing at the gravesite, everyone present had a look of shock on their faces. Above the newly pointed burial site, a rainbow appeared, and they seemed to hear the chirping of birds.

Simone spoke. "You can place the collin now."

Her voice broke the silence and brought everyone back to reality. The way they looked at her carried even more i spect. This master was truly amazing.

Derrick was even more astonished. If he hadn't seen it with his own eyes, he wouldn't have clieved that one could agrivesite like this. Simone was truly incredible.

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After returnin Cinos, he would have to promote Master Gray properly.

And this scene happened to be captured by Derrick's assistant.

Originally, he was supposed to record the process of relocating a grave according to Irrick's instructions.

The main purpose was to record the location where Simone pointed after giving directions to avoid any mistakes. But he didn't expect to capture this miraculous scene as well.

After seeing it. Derrick asked Simone if he could keep the video and, after returning to Cebros, if he ould tell his friends about this.

Simone naturally wouldn't refuse such an opportunity to make a name for herself in the industry. If more directors, producers, and investors came looking for her for geomancy consultations, she could also secure more resources for the artists in her studio.

After successfully relocating the grave, Simone and her group returned to Cebros.

Romulus escorted Simone back to her apartment. With gratitude in his eyes, he said, "Boss, you've worked hard for this role. Thank you so much! Everyone in the studio now called Simone the boss, and he followed suit.

Even small supporting roles in Derrick's productions were highly sought after, let alone the important and likable der ragonist.

What's ore, his former friend, the rival who stepped on him to climb up, was also actively vying for this. males porting role.

Now Simone had secured it for him, the other party must be feeling upset.

Simone smiled and said, "I'm your agent, and it's my job to fight for more resources for you. No need to thank me. Go back and prepare well. You've been silent for so long; it's time to make a comeback. I will discuss this with Derrick, and the studio will promote you properly. You don't have to deliberately establish a persona since you're doing great as you are now."

"After this movie, I believe you can become a member of the older entertainment circle.

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Romulus was an older man and he relied on his acting skills more than his popularity. With his mature temperament and great looks, he could gain a lot of fans.

Romulus smiled and said, "Okay, I will work hard."

This was not only a very good opportunity, but for Simone's sake, Derrick paid him according to his previous status in the industry, not his current one.

He received a lot of money, which finally relieved the pressure of his life in the past two years.

So, he was really grateful to Simone and felt that she was his benefactor after middle age.

When his contract with Gray Entertainment expired, he also tried to contact other entertainment companies and agents.

But good companies and agents thought that he had no hope of becoming popular again and politely

declined him

The companies that wanted to take advantage of his previous fame to make a comeback proposed very harsh conditions.

Fortunately, he had a try-it-out attitude and applied to Simone's studio and was signed.

Otherwise, he didn't know whether he should stay in this circle or not.

He liked acting and could only act. His personality was also somewhat introverted.

If he were to find another job, he wouldn't know what to do or what he could do.

Now, he could continue acting, and he was really happy and grateful.

A few days later, at Gray Entertainment, Romulus's former agent and rival were extremely frustrated when they learned that he had secured the role of deuteragonist.

The deuteragonist role that they thought was in the bag was taken by Romulus, whom they had suppressed.

It was difficult for them to accept, and they felt heartbroken.

The agent said, "Since you couldn't get the deuteragonist, I originally wanted to fight for the tritagonist for

you.

"But Derrick insisted that he would no longer use artists from Gray Entertainment. This was supposed to be your best opportunity to make a name for yourself in the film industry, but who would have thought that Romulus would seize it first."

He brought his spear and armor, and the title of king of television was already in his hands. They were now aiming for the title of best actor.

Although it was the deuteragonist this time, winning the Best Supporting Actor award would lay the foundation for winning the Best Actor award next time.

Everything was planned out, but who knew it would be disrupted?

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The agent frowned and said, "Who could have imagined that Romulus would have such good luck and luck with Simone's studio? Simone even used her identity as a geomancy master to win over Derrick."

After Derrick's family had some trouble, Simone helped solve the problem. In the past few days, Simone had been highly praised in the industry, especially because she announced that she would no longer use

from the Gray Family.

This caused many artists on his level to have a different attitude toward him these days.

They felt that he had caused them to lose the opportunity to participate in Derrick's future movies.

He found it ridiculous.

He couldn't get the role because Romulus was taken away by Simone.

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But it's a pity Derrick's no longer working with our artists. They're just coming after me because they have no bails to fight th

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It made him angry, but he can only swallow his anger.

After all, dealing with Romulus was not difficult, but dealing with Simone was very difficult.

The erstwhile top-notch agent, Titus, hadn't even come back to lead the newbies.

If the Gray Family can't handle Simone, they couldn't either. The agent helplessly said, "Yeah, I don't know what part of Romulus caught Simone's eye. She's leading him herself"

As fellow agents, although they had biases against Simone, they had to admit that she was very skilled at getting resources.

There was a legend in the industry that there were almost no resources that Simone couldn't obtain.

Although it might be exaggerated, it also represented that Simone was not only a popular top-tier actress but also at the top level in the circle of agents.

Kyle smirked, "Who knows what Simone's preferences are? She simply enjoys supporting artists who have been abandoned or rejected by others."

That's why Romulus got lucky.

The agent

ndered for a moment and advised, "I warned you about spending time with Jodie. I suspect she transfred her misfortune to you."

The reon he assisted Kyle in betraying Romulus and utilizing resources to elevate Kyle to the top was becau Kyle had become close to Jodie, the favored young lady of the Gray Family.

Littled anyone anticipate that the tables would turn, and Jodie would swiftly be suppressed by the true heiress, imone, upon her return.

They heard that Steven had expelled her from the Gray Family.

She held no value to them.

Now, it was too late for him to have regrets; he could only follow one path.

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Discussing this matter, Kyle's expression turned grim.

He complained, "Believe it or not, it's actually possible. This woman is toxic now and very unlucky. She

ld me before that if I fought for the role of the deuteragonist, she would help me and ensure I got it. But no only did I lose the role, but Derrick also put me on the blacklist. I suspect that Simone knows about my relationship with Jodie, so she deliberately signed Romulus."

He used to quite like Jodie. But it was only after the live variety show that he realized how... peculiar she reas. Being with her would drain his luck. No wonder every time she was with Jodie, something seemed to happen. That was why he originally decided to keep his distance from her.

Not long ago Jodie actively approached him and said she could help him get the role of the Leuteragonist. Because Desperately needed this role, he spent another night with her. But it turned out at everything she said an used as nonsense. She was no longer the fortunate Miss Gray from the ray Family but

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fortunate woman,

I better keep my disince from her in the future. I'm scared."

He had worked so hard to climb to the top. He didn't want to be dragged back by Jodie and return to the

past.

His agent agreed, "Yes, it's better to stay away from her. She seems so unlucky and strange now."

Meanwhile, during an executive meeting at Gray Entertainment, someone brought up this matter. Reuber was also targeted by two shareholders, implying that he should settle his family affairs. If this continued. Simone's continuous targeting of Gray Entertainment would become a problem.

Losing resources was one issue, but being embarrassed was an even bigger problem.

The artists from Gray Entertainment who were no longer popular and unsuccessful immediately gai good resources after joining Simone's studio. Even those who had left before made a comeback.

Fiona regained popularity because of a variety show and a drama.

Harry rose to fame because of a song, surpassing Luca, the top singer, and becoming popular.

Ethan was als gaining recognition recently because of a Republican-era drama.

Now, there as another has-been, Romulus, who joined Simone's studio and immediately landed a major role in a ckbuster film.

If he performed well in this role, he could gain a lot of fans compared to the male lead.

In Ds film this time, the male lead with the most screen time was a veteran award-winning actor in his field

The deuteragonist was actually the middle-aged period of the emperor played by this actor.

It was also the period when the emperor was most energetic and charismatic, which was why this role was so popular.

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Not only was their company competing for the artist, but the other two entertainment giants were pining after the role as well.

Who would have thought that, in the end, a newly opened studio that hadn't even been in business for a year would win?

I even made the famous director in the industry speak out, which was a huge blow to the Gray Family.

"I didn't expect Simone to sign Romulus and even fight for this role for him."

Reuben, who had just returned from a business trip, rubbed his temples. He had a headache.

What is Simone trying to do? Jodie was ruined by her and was kicked out of the Gray Family by her fever.

Ditus still couldn't come back to the company, and even if he did, his role was probably dire for

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What else does there no end to this? He had mixed feelings about his younger sister

He looked at the senior executives of the company and said, "I can't do anything about Simone. What do you think we should do?" Suppress Simone? But she became popular on her own and even brought the studio to success.

Make peace? With her stubborn personality, it's impossible. Neither of these options will work

The senior executives of the company were also at a loss, "How do we know what to do?" "You're the president, so it's up to you to decide."

In the past, the first thing they would think of was finding ways to suppress Simone.

If they could suppress Simone to the point where she couldn't recover, the problem would be solved.

They didn't believe that their big company couldn't deal with Simone.

But now, no one dared to bring it up for fear of it being leaked and incurring Simone's wrath.

After all, the example of the Gray Family brothers was still fresh in their minds... Reuben laughed at their words, "Then let's not let Simone take advantage. Let the people below thoroughly investigate which artists in the company have potential and good character but are being suppressed or are currently sitting on the bench. Don't let Simone poach anyone anymore, and instead focus on helping others make a comeback and turn the tables."

Being humiliated by his sister like this, he had become a laughingstock in the industry

So, let's nerve my sister any more opportunities. This was the best counterattack he could come up with

"If we can't suppress Simone, then let's suppress and obstruct the development of artists in her studio,"

"If that doesn't work, we can use our influence to help other companies' artists such opportunities."

Simone

is growing, and not only was it humiliating Gray Entertainment, but it would also become a threatening competitor in the future.

Hester was too great at snatching resources.

Ah, couldn't she just become a top celebrity or a geomancy master? Why does she have to come anpete with Gray Entertainment? This forced him to stand against her.

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Although Gray Entertainment was just a stepping stone for him to build his resume, if this stepping stone Hoesn't work out, it would be detrimental to his future entry into the Gray Group and taking over the company.

This statement caught the attention of the higher-ups.

Yes, they couldn't suppress Simone, but they could suppress the artists in her studio and prevent their development.

And she likes to poach our company's talented artists or suppress them, doesn't she?

They wouldn't give her any more opportunities, and that would be for the best.

So, the higher-ups agreed one after another.

"Yes, the corp shid also reorganize the artists' side."

In the future

them."

Simone's artists compete for resources, let's help artists from other companies snatch.

"As long as the other artists in her studio fall into obscurity, she won't be able to stand alone."

"Maybe her studio will close down, and she can focus on being a star or a geomancy master.

"I believe other entertainment companies also don't want Simone's studio to succeed.

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## Chapter 410 Is It Because of Jodie?

Two more days had passed.

Simone and Zac made plans to have a meal together, and she gave him several amulets that she had arved. The stone that Zac had given her before had been incredibly helpful, and she wanted to repay hum Zac was delighted to receive the gift from Simone, and a sunny smile appeared on his handsome face. “Thank you, Simone. With the amulets from last time, I can give one to each of my family elders. You have once again become famous in the industry. Many people are seeking your help in geomancy.

Recently, Derrick had been promoting Simone a lot, and the news spread. Simone chuckled lily. “It seems like I need to thank Derrick for promoting me.”

Lac then brought up something he had heard. “Gray Group is targeting your studio. Have you heard about it? Yesterday Felix mentioned that Gray Group wants to join forces with Star Entertainmer and Royal

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nies compete for resources against the artists in your studio. But Feli refused, and it

fused as well,”

Simone nodded. Romulus told me about it.”

Although Romulus had fallen out of popularity, he had once won the Best Actor award and still had a few friends in Gray Fertainment. So, someone secretly told him about Gray Group’s decision, and Romulus then informed Simone.

She sighed helplessly. “When I signed Romulus this time, I just felt that it would be a shame for him to leave the industry like this. It really wasn’t because he was an artist from Gray Entertainment that I signed him. I didn’t even think about that at the time. I can only say that the executives of Gray Group like to overthink things.”

Zac agreed, “I also believe that when you signed Romulus, it wasn’t to target Gray Group. They are paranoid and distrustful.”

He asked, “Now that they want to adopt a policy of suppression, will you fight back?”

Simone replied confidently, “They have to make a move first, and I will definitely strike back. They only think that if my studio grows and develops, it will be a threat to them. They want to destroy my studio in its infancy. But I’m not someone to be trifled with. If they dare to join forces with others and use unfair means to snatch resources from my artists, I will cut off their reaching claws.”

If they cocted for resources using fair competition, she wouldn’t do anything, but she would follow the rules. Sh would just do her best to fight for her studio’s artists.

Whoever got the resources would have to rely on their own abilities.

Zackled, “I knew you would react this way.”

Although Simone was not someone to be messed with, as long as others didn’t target her first, she wouldn’t intentionally suppress or antagonize anyone.

“By the way, the idea of other companies joining forces to suppress your company’s artists was proposed. by Reuben, according to what Felix told me

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In the high-level meetings of major companies, as long as it didn’t involve company secrets, with many people and diverse opinions, there weren’t actually many secrets to be kept.

Simone nodded, “Yes, I heard it from Romulus as well.”

The wasn't surprised at all by this news.

Zac said, 'Is it because of Jodie that he came up with this idea?' Rumor had it that Steven kicked Jodie out of the Gray Family because of Simone, and Salma, because she cared more about her adopted daughter. voluntarily moved out to live with Jodie. So, it was very likely that Reuben wanted to seek justice for his mother and adopted sister.

Stone laughed. "Probably not. Reuben is much more rational than the other sc\*mbags."

She added he's just afraid that my studio will become bigger and stronger and that the pure resource benefits water to Gray Entertainment. This would affect his resume, and he's a raid that during his tenure as 1

ent of Gray Entertainment, it would become a stain on his recor

"It would also all his entry into the Gray Group and his future position as the Chairman of the Gray Group. After all, the Gray Group is not solely controlled by Steven now; there are major shareholders eyeing the position of Chairman. They will definitely use my studio to overshadow Reuben's developme in Gray Entertainment. They will highlight the success of the artists I poached from Cy Entertainment and use it to supess and target them. They will say that he is incapable, even inferior to his sister, who grew up outside, and not suitable for the position of Chairman. The idea he has now is just a preparation for the future. After all, the success of my studio has also disrupted their plans. Suppressing my studio, or even shutting it down directly, benefits the Gray Group as they can seize and divide more resources. also adds a significant achievement to his resume

Her studio had gained some recognition now, and Se mbag No. I just wanted to take advantage of the situation to establish his dominance.

Although he loved Jodie, in his heart, the position of Chairman of the Gray Group and his career were the most important.

Zac suddenly understood. "So, it's mainly for his own sake. Gray Group's people will indeed compare you with him, given your relationship."

In the end, Reuben couldn't compare to his sister, who grew up beyond the family.

“He may be questioned about his abilities, which could affect his future as the chair. But I think Reuben he got things wrong. This is the best reason for him to improve his business skills, right? To gain recognition, without suppressing and undermining others.”

“I doubt he can hold onto that position as the chairman of the Gray Group in the future, Simone chuckled. “Isn’t this their favorite trick? Ever since Reuben and his brothers joined Gray Entertainment, the company’s culture has shifted towards suppressing and undermining others.”

In the Gray Family brothers’ philosophy, this was the most effective method. As for the people being suppressed and undermined, it was not their concern.

Zac laughed, “True, their style is disliked by many in the industry. They’ll get what’s coming to them in the future.

Simone had dealt with each of them one by one. Now, Titus, Luca, Andrew, and Aaron had all been put in

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their place and no longer used trouble. Next, Zac was looking forward to seeing Reuben being dealt with. They continued to discuss work matters.

Zac jokingly suggested, “Simone, how about we plan a trip together? We can invite some of the people who

appear on variety shows.”

Of course, Leon and the others were excluded.

Upon hearing his suggestion, Simone’s mind was filled with excitement. “That’s a great idea! Why don’t we go hiking and camping?” She had already assembled the two maps and pinpointed their exact location.

This time, their journey would serve as an opportunity for exploration. After all, the master minds would never anticipate her swift deciphering of the location. Furthermore, they would never anticipate that she and the other celebrities would actually visit the places marked on the map.

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Lavoid intentional interference and ensure the safety of Zac and the others. didn't visit the designated locations, they might encounter trouble elsewhere approach would catch the other party off guard and give them a strategic advantage.

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