

The Miraculous Simone Gray by Opal Reese Chapter 471

Chapter 471 Salma's Dream (1)

Salma was admitted to the hospital.

She fell into a coma, and although her situation was not very critical, she still hadn't regained

consciousness,

Steven received a call from the servant and summoned his sons to rush to the hospital together.

In the hospital room.

Salma felt as if she was floating.

Then she entered into a dream.

The dream began on the day Simone first returned to the Gray Family.

Salma, as an observer, watched what unfolded in the dream.

She witnessed Simone's care for the Gray Family and herself.

Simone didn't like to show off, but she expressed her care through practical actions.

For instance, she prepared medicinal meals for her. Simone personally tested various medicinal ingredients and ensured they were both effective and palatable before serving them.

Because Salma was particular about taste, even if the medicine was effective, she couldn't consume it if it

tasted bad..

When Simone massaged her, there was warmth in her eyes.

These were things that Salma had previously overlooked, but now she found them heartwarming.

She knew that these events had truly occurred in the past because she still remembered them.

In the dream, there was not only Simone but also Steven, her sons, and Jodie.

Then, she discovered that Jodie genuinely cared for and relied on her.

However, this caring was mostly superficial, mostly just words.

For example, when she was sick and bedridden, Simone prepared medicinal meals, congee, and massaged her, always staying by her side.

She also learned to cook and personally made their favorite dishes.

On the other hand, Jodie only expressed verbal care and then continued to do as she pleased.

Her sons were slightly better than Jodie. Besides expressing verbal care, they would accompany her to the hospital for check-ups.

But it was rare, and they only did it after Simone suggested it.

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Then it came to the time when Jodie wanted Simoll

In her dream, Salma also discovered that Jodie often said some ambiguous things behind their backs, guiding them to have a negative impression of Simone.

She felt that Simone was specifically targeting Jodie and frequently causing trouble.

What surprised Salma was that in the dream, Simone did not completely sever ties with them.

Because of her concern for family, although she also made some sarcastic remarks, she still gave up variety show resources for Jodie.

As an observer, she could see that Simone was disappointed and distant.

This made Salma feel-uneasy.

Afterward, Jodie became popular because of these variety show resources.

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Simone went to the set arranged by Titus to act, but in the end, the play was not aired due to an incident.

She also noticed that since giving the spot to Jodie, Simone had distanced herself from them on her own

initiative.

Simone's acting location was in Cebros,

But Simone hardly ever came home and no longer sent messages to them like she used to, showing concern and greetings.

She no longer reminded her to dress warmly when the weather changed.

When she wasn't feeling well, she hinted at it in a message to Simone.

Simone only replied perfunctorily, telling her to take care of her health, and that was it

She didn't come back to visit her, let alone make medicinal meals and accompany her.

She felt uncomfortable at that time and, under the influence of Jodie's manipulation, felt that Simone was just using this as an excuse to cause trouble.

So she asked Simone to come home, but after she politely refused, she endured and didn't call again.

She even dismissed the idea of visiting the set.

Afterward, Jodie became popular, supported by her sons and Leon, and her career flourished.

Simone, on the other hand, didn't do well at Gray Entertainment and had almost no opportunities.

Every time Titus, who was her agent, tried to secure better opportunities for Simone, they would always be taken away or given to other artists by Jodie.

Simone's career in the entertainment industry didn't go well, but she never begged her family for help.

When Titus and the company didn't provide opportunities, Simone went out to find them herself.

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Then Simone contacted a film crew and went to remote mountain areas to shoot.

Simone didn't come home and didn't even send a message to let them know. She just went alone.

When they found out, they didn't feel good about it and were very angry.

It would be insincere to say that they didn't care at all.

After all, she was their biological daughter and sister, and after spending so much time with Simone, how could they not have feelings?

But every time they sided with Jodie, it completely disappointed Simone.

She didn't sever ties with them, but it was evident that she was deliberately distancing herself and not interacting with them

During the months of filming. Simone hardly ever contacted them proactively.

When Aaron reached out, Simone's response was also very cold.

From her attitude, they could tell that Simone was giving them silent treatment.

This left them confused, not knowing why Simone was behaving this way.

Jodie hinted that Simone was still angry about them taking the opportunity.

After hearing it repeatedly, they thought Simone was being petty.

It was just a variety show opportunity. Was it necessary to hold a grudge for so long? After all, they were family, and there was no need to be so distant

They gave up on the idea of asking Simone to come back.

They thought she needed to experience some hardships on her own and come back willingly when she realized that the outside world was challenging

As long as Simone apologizes, like she used to, they won't hold it against her.

Salma knew that the version of herself and her sons in the dream did really care about Simone.

On the contrary, they were not accustomed to Simone not coming home, deliberately distancing herself, and no longer showing the same level of concern as before.

Instead, they still missed her and wanted the family to return to how it was before.

But if they were to actively coax her back, they were afraid that Simone would return and cause even more trouble, continuing to target Jodie, making the home uneasy.

They couldn't bring themselves to do it.

So they continued to be at odds with Simone, hoping that she would come back on her own,

The version of herself in the dream may not have realized it yet, but Salma, who was observing the dream, did.

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Simone was a very emotional person and longed for familial affection.

When Simone started to come back, they welcomed her and showed concern.

As a result, they received double the affection and attention from Simone.

Everyone in their hearts understood this, which was why they shamelessly took advantage of Simone's affection and kindness towards them.

They always believed that no matter what, they were a family and that blood ties could never be broken.

Simone couldn't let go of her loved ones, so it was only natural for her to come back on her own.

Just like in the past, Simone would get upset when they showed favoritism towards Jodie, but she would still treat them like family and take care of them.

Therefore, in their hearts, they were certain that Simone would not leave,

The next scene depicts Simone returning after completing the movie, but she still doesn't live at home.

They felt uneasy when they found out, and as a result, they were all too angry to reach out to Simone proactively, prolonging the cold war.

Until one day, not long after, they received a call from a kidnapper.

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Chapter 472 Salma's Dream (2)

The kidnapper claimed to have abducted Jodie and Simone, instructing them to bring the ransom.

In her dream, Steven was on a business trip abroad. She called him, and he instructed her to take their sons and rescue the hostages.

He also wired the requested ransom to her account and sought assistance from nearby help.

Without hesitation, she and her sons took the money and went to the designated location.

The kidnapper had been monitoring their house, and he threatened to harm both hostages if they dared to involve the police.

Therefore, they didn't report to the police and decided to use the money to rescue the hostages first. Upon learning of the situation, Leon also joined them.

Upon arrival, Salma saw Jodie and Simone tied up with ropes while the kidnapper held a gun.

Negotiations ensued. In order to save the hostages, they continued to bargain with the kidnapper, promising to give him the money in exchange for their release.

However, for some unknown reason, the kidnapper suddenly became sadistic and demanded that they make a choice.

They had to choose between releasing either Jodie or Simone first

The kidnapper intended to keep the other as a hostage and would only release them after safely leaving with the money.

This demand from the kidnapper caught them off guard.

From the kidnapper's perspective, it was a reasonable request.

Jodie cried and suggested that they choose Simone. She explained that although Simone had martial arts skills, Simone was the biological daughter of the Gray Family.

Therefore, they should save Simone first, and she volunteered to stay as a hostage.

Salma, in her dream, realized that Jodie was intentionally manipulating the situation.

Jodie was strategically retreating, trying to get them to choose her over Simone.

Although it seemed fake, those present believed it.

Simone remained silent, calmly waiting for their decision.

This comparison made those in the dream perceive Jodie as more sensible and considerate.

Jodie's words also reminded them of something.

When Simone was with the Gray Family, she would wake up early every morning to practice martial arts taught by her master.

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She had also once saved a girl who was being bullied by a group of hooligans of the su

Simone defeated four or five hooligans and was thanked by the girl's parents when they visited their

house.

In their hearts, Simone was strong and resilient.

On the other hand, Jodie had been spoiled and pampered by them for could make her cry and demand comfort.

so many years even a minor injury

Moreover, they had favored Jodie for so long, so their hearts were biased.

They believed that Simone, rather than Jodie, was more suitable to be taken hostage.

Therefore, they chose Jodie without hesitation.

Leon also made the same choice.

Then Salma witnessed the hope in Simone's eyes completely shattered, and she chuckled self-deprecatingly

She displayed an expression that seemed to have already anticipated this outcome.

She carried a sense of sadness and determination as if she had made a decision.

Salma felt a knot in her heart as she observed this scene.

She also noticed the touched expression on Jodie's face, but there was a hint of smugness in her eyes. Obviously, what she said earlier was insincere, otherwise, she could have offered herself as a hostage again.

Following the agreement, the kidnappers released Jodie.

Just as Jodie approached them, Simone stood up. They all thought that the kidnappers would take the money and escape with Simone, abandoning her once they reached a safe place.

However, the kidnapper suddenly burst into laughter.

He looked at them mockingly and revealed that his choice was merely a game.

He had already been diagnosed with a terminal illness and couldn't tolerate the arrogance of people from wealthy families like them.

He just wanted to find someone to vent his anger.

But he was a man of his word, and he would release one as promised.

Then, when everyone was caught off guard, the kidnapper suddenly turned around, raised his hand, and shot Samour without hesitation.

At that moment, Simone had just managed to break the rope that bound her with a small stone.

If the kidnapper hadn't shot so quickly and unexpectedly, Simone would have had a chance to save

herself.

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The kidnapper hit Simone in a vital spot.

As Simone fell, she revealed a regretful yet relieved smile.

Then she looked at them with a cold and desolate gaze and said, "You chose to let me die, and I will remember. Death is fine. Consider it was repaying your

favor of giving birth to me. From now on, we have no relationship and owe each other nothing.”

After saying that, Simone closed her eyes and fell to the ground, losing her young life.

Salma couldn't help but scream, “No. Simone!”

At the same time, she heard their voices in her dream, screaming Simone's name.

She felt as if a piece of her heart had been torn away, and the pain was unbearable.

As she continued to shout and opened her eyes, she saw Steven standing in front of her, wearing a worried expression, asking. “Are you okay?”

Salma realized that tears were streaming down her face, and she felt like she couldn't catch her breath. She desperately needed someone to comfort her, so she hugged Steven and burst into tears.

“We're sorry, Simone. We're so sorry!” The dream felt so real to her, as if it had actually happened. She didn't know what their lives would be like after Simone's death. But she knew that she felt heartbroken both at that time and now.

Steven stiffened as she hugged him, initially intending to push her away. But after hearing her words, he stopped

He couldn't help but ask, “Sorry for Simone? Has something happened again these past few days? Was Salma causing trouble with Simone again, along with Jodie?”

Titus and the others had similar thoughts.

Salma cried, gasping for breath, but managed to tell them in fragments what she had seen in her dream.

“It felt so real. I felt like it actually happened. Simone is dead, our own daughter, because of our choices.”

Salma had never felt so guilty before, and the anguish from the dream carried over into reality.

After listening to Salma's words, Steven and her sons were all stunned for a moment. They didn't know what to say.

Steven thought for a moment, reached out, and patted Salma's back to comfort her. "It's okay. Simone is Mill alive and well."

"It was just a dream. Don't dwell on it."

Simone was indeed alive and well.

Steven speculated that Salma must have been deeply affected by Jodie's contemptuous attitude, which resulted in this dream.

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But Salma shook her head. "No, it felt too real. It wasn't just a dream."

"The events in the dream mirrored reality. But now, due to that incident, Simone suddenly cut off contact

with us."

"I sense a connection."

"Otherwise, considering Simone's emotional nature, she wouldn't have made such an abrupt decision."

"It's as if in the dream, she only started to distance herself from us without immediately severing ties."

Saliua suddenly yearned to hear Simone's voice. I want to call Simone."

Then she went to search for her phone, only to remember that it had been damaged by Jodie.

She said to Steven, 'Give me your phone.'

Observing Salma's emotional breakdown and overwhelming guilt towards Simone, it didn't seem like she was seeking trouble.

After contemplating for a moment, Steven unlocked his phone and handed it to her.

Salma took the phone and eagerly dialed Simone's number.

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Chapter 473 I Will Never Forgive You

Simone was at home, engrossed in reading a script.

The script was originally a fantasy drama that she was supposed to film with Jodie.

However, due to Jodie's tarnished reputation online, the director decided to terminate the contract with her and find a new female lead.

Simone didn't particularly like the script for this drama.

The storyline revolves around a male lead who kills his wife to prove his devotion but ends up falling in love with the female lead,

The scriptwriter intended to convey the depth of the male lead's love for the female lead, even to the point where a heartless person like him could become affectionate.

However, in Simone's eyes, the male lead was nothing more than a sc*mbag.

The female lead in the story was aware of the male lead's act of killing his wife, but instead of seeing anything wrong with it, she was moved by the fact that he became affectionate for her sake.

Even after the male lead entered the sect and met the female lead, she actively pursued a relationship with him despite knowing that he still had a wife in the mortal world.

It was like having an affair.

Simone initially took on this drama because she liked the role of the second female lead.

However, with Jodie no longer able to play the role, Simone lost interest as well.

She expressed her thoughts to the director, who surprisingly agreed with her.

Upon further consideration, he realized that the values portrayed in the previous script were not quite right.

As a result, he decided to have the scriptwriter make changes.

The script was transformed into one with a dominant female lead, turning the innocent girl into a murdered wife.

The director asked Simone to play the female lead, and the drama became a story of a murdered wife's revenge, surpassing the scumbag couple and showcasing the rise of the most powerful female sect leader.

In this new script, there was a male supporting character but no male lead.

Nowadays, many people prefer dramas where either the male or female lead stands out, and the focus is not solely on the romantic storyline but also on the career aspect.

Simone found herself somewhat interested in this kind of script.

Just as she received the script, her phone rang

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It was Steven calling.

Ever since Mr. Lewis was arrested, Steven had been trying to mend their relationship and reach out to her.

However, she had rejected him every time, as there was nothing important for him to discuss with her. Steven was a very tactful person and knew how to maintain a distance that wouldn't make her feel repulsed. So they hadn't been in contact since then.

Now that he was calling. Simone guessed that it must be something important, so she answered the call.

To her surprise, she heard Salma crying on the other end of the line.

This left Simone feeling somewhat puzzled.

She knew that Salma was aware of the online incident and was so angry that she ended up in the hospital, fainting.

Logically speaking, Salma should have gone to find Jodie instead of her.

Curious, Simone asked, "Is there something wrong?"

If there was nothing, she would hang up.

She didn't want to listen to Salma crying

Then she heard Salma said, "Simone, I'm sorry!!

This caught Simone off guard,

It was the first time Salma had apologized to her.

But based on Salma's character, she shouldn't have come to apologize to her in the face of Jodie's betrayal.

Even if she compared herself to Jodie and felt that she was more genuine, it would still take some time.

Confused, Simone said bluntly, "Your apology scared me."

Salma was taken aback, but this time she wasn't angry.

She honestly said, "I had a dream. I dreamt that you died, and I wanted to see you. Can you come to the hospital? I want to tell you about the dream so that you can be more cautious."

Salma was afraid that the events in the dream would happen again, with kidnappers shooting and killing

Simone.

Simone was surprised. Salma had dreamt of her death.

If Salma had only apologized and felt guilty towards her, wanting to see her, she wouldn't have gone. But Salma had dreamt of her death, and she hadn't done anything.

So she decided to go and listen to what Salma dreamt about to see if it was related to her past life.

After a moment of silence, she said. "Okay, I'll come

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Simone arrived at the hospital and walked into the ward. She saw Steven and the Gray brothers standing there while Salma had swollen eyes and looked blankly.

When Salma saw Simone coming, her eyes lit up as if she had regained something lost.

This gave Simone goosebumps, something she really didn't need.

Simone had just walked over when Salma grabbed her hand and excitedly said, "Simone, you're here."

But Simone immediately pulled her hand away without hesitation and said coldly, "Tell me about the dream.

Seeing Simone's reaction, Salma felt very sad.

She had previously blamed Simone, her own biological daughter, but it wasn't because she didn't care

anymore.

If she didn't care, how could she get angry and blame her daughter for not paying attention to her and opposing her?

Of course, she had made mistakes before.

Salma took a deep breath and recounted the events of the dream.

Then she looked at Simone and tentatively asked, "Simone, do you know about the dream? Is that why you don't want to have anything to do with us anymore?"

She felt that Simone was too calm, as if she wasn't surprised at all by the events in the dream.

After waking up, she had always suspected that Simone knew about the dream, and that's why she cut off ties with them.

Simone could clearly see Salma's thoughts

No wonder Salma acted this way and insisted on having her come over.

She didn't deny it. "Yeah. I had the same dream you had, too. So I don't want to follow in the footsteps of the dream, and I am indeed disheartened by you all, so I decided to cut off ties."

She smiled and said, "Now it represents that my decision was right."

Salma had not spoken yet when Andrew asked, "Did you cut off ties with us because of a dream? But what if the events in the dream did not occur?" Simone raised an eyebrow and questioned, "Is the dream the reason why I cut off ties with you, or is it because of your choices?"

Salma continued, "Let me ask you: if you were unaware of Jodie's true intentions in the dream and were not hurt by her, if we were to be kidnapped in the dream again, would you choose Jodie or me?" This question left the Gray Family stunned.

Without waiting for their response, Simone declared, "You would still choose Jodie."

"That is why I chose to cut off ties with you."

"This was also the decision I made when I died in the dream"

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Tears welled up in Salma's eyes once again as she apologized. I'm sorry. We chose Jodie back then because we thought you were stronger.

"And you had martial arts skills, so we believed you had a better chance of escaping"

Simone sneered. “So being strong means being the one who gets abandoned? But the outcome was that I died! This was your true choice, so why bother making so many excuses?”

Salma knew that Simone, who had been abandoned, would not agree.

She looked at Simone and said, “I am sorry. I want to make it up to you.”

“Even if you don’t recognize me, it’s okay.”

In the dream, she had been foolish, deceived by Jodie, and lost genuine care and concern for Simone.

So, she truly wanted to make it up to Simone and repair their mother-daughter relationship,

But Simone refused, saying. There’s no need.”

“The so-called compensation is ridiculous. I don’t need it.”

“I have already stated that I no longer want any relationship with you, and I won’t change my mind.”

“I will never forgive you, ever”

“So don’t even think about repairing our relationship.

She looked at Salma with indifference and added, “If you feel guilty, then go do some good deeds accumulate merits. Don’t bother me.

“I’m leaving.”

With that, she turned around without hesitation and walked away.

Leaving behind the stunned Gray Family and the heartbroken and bewildered Salma.

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Chapter 474 Experiencing the Pain

Andrew was the first to regain his composure.

He asked uncertainly, "So, Simone and Mom had the same dream. Is that why she cut ties so decisively?" Titus glanced at him and replied, "It's obvious. What else is there to ask?"

Andrew, influenced by Jodie, was becoming more foolish by the day.

Andrew sighed. "No wonder she made that choice. If it were me, I would have done the same."

"If Simone and Mom had the same dream, there must be a connection to this mysterious thing.

Otherwise, how could they coincidentally have the same dream?

He suddenly remembered something. "Could it be that she is like what's written in a script, actually reborn?" As a director, he had read many scripts about rebirth and time travel.

Simone's situation was somewhat similar to rebirth.

Aaron said, "No way. Didn't Mom also have the same dream?" He added with concern, "But she must have experienced that kind of death, which is why she was so decisive.

Luca asked, "So now, there is actually a life separating us from Simone?" Andrew nodded. "Exactly."

"According to what Mom said about the dream, even though we were all deceived by Jodie, Simone can still be considered indirectly killed by us

Thinking about that dream, he also felt quite uncomfortable.

He self-deprecatingly said, "We gave up our own sister to choose a wolf in sheep's clothing. Our judgment must have been clouded."

Titus thought for a moment and said, "It's not just that. I also suspect that the kidnapper is connected to Jodie."

"Otherwise, how could such a coincidental thing happen, where both of them were kidnapped together, and the kidnapper said they would release whoever we chose?"

“If the kidnapper was truly perverted, shouldn’t things have gone against his wishes? The more we choose someone, the more he should have killed the person we cared about.”

“Suddenly, he said he had a terminal illness and wanted to seek revenge on the wealthy, so he shot Simone.”

“This feels like someone behind the scenes deliberately trying to cover up.”

Andrew looked up at Titus and said, “That must be it.”

“After all, you’re the most perverted one in our family. Whatever you can think of, the perverted kidnapper must have thought of it too.”

He continued to analyze. “If the kidnapper didn’t follow this plan, it means he’s not a real perverted

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kidnapper from a news agency, but someone else is pulling the strings.”

“Based on our previous experience, this is most likely related to Jodie.”

Titus was speechless.

He impatiently replied, “If you can’t contribute, then say less.”

Andrew sneered. That’s how it is.”

Steven also fell into deep thought.

At this moment, he felt a pang of discomfort and regret. It turned out that Simone had experienced such a harsh situation, which was why she didn’t want to have any relationship with them anymore.

If the version of him in her dreams or his parents were here, he would have chosen Simone.

After all, she was their biological daughter, and they owed her so many years.

However, it couldn’t be denied that he wasn’t much better than Salma and the others.

He was also an irresponsible father who didn't care enough about Simone, who had returned.

Although he didn't favor Jodie, he believed Salma and their sons' words about Simone's nonsense. He wasn't a good father, so it was no wonder Simone also resisted and disliked him.

It wasn't just Simone, but also the same for his sons..

It was because of them that they were brainwashed by Jodie since childhood, making them worthless.

He sighed heavily. It's all our fault. Simone can't be blamed."

Now, he really wanted to make up for those debts, but Simone resolutely refused, making him even more distressed.

Just then, Salma, who had been lost in thought, suddenly looked ferocious. "It's all Jodie's fault."

"If it weren't for Jodie, Simone wouldn't have been taken away."

"If it weren't for her, we wouldn't have severed ties with Simone."

She started crying again. "If it weren't for her, Simone wouldn't have been killed by the kidnappers."

The image of Simone's hopeful and resolute expression before her death kept haunting her mind,

Whenever she thought of that scene, she felt extremely uncomfortable.

Jodie not only indirectly killed Simone but also played tricks on their whole family.

She had raised her for so many years, so there must have been some emotional attachment.

That's why she took in Jodie and even gave her money several times.

But Jodie not only didn't appreciate it but also criticized her for being stingy and meall

What she couldn't accept even more was that from childhood to adulthood, she transferred her love for Simone to Jodie, treating Jodie better than her sons

But Jodie secretly maintained contact with her biological mother.

She had even deceived her before, saying that she was her only mother and the closest person to her.

But the look in their eyes and the intimacy in the photos couldn't deceive anyone.

So, from beginning to end, in Jodie's heart, her biological mother was the true family, and she was just a pawn being used.

She had given over a decade of emotions, and this was what she got in return.

Jodie was truly an ungrateful person.

With a hateful look in her eyes, she said, "I will definitely not let her go."

"I will seek revenge for Simone

The Gray brothers, including Titus, all felt a certain resonance when they saw their Salma like this.

Indeed, it's only when the needle pricks oneself that one knows the pain.

They had advised her so many times, but she always treated Jodie as a treasure and treated them, her own sons, like nothing

Titus said, "Mom, this is all your own loing.

"You've always favored Jodie since she was little, and you've always prevented us from bullying her, treating her like a real sister and showering her with love and care."

"People who are favored always feel invincible. Jodie, this ungrateful person, is the product of your upbringing."

Aaron couldn't help but say, "Mom, if you can't stand being used, played with, and deceived by Jodie, then go seek revenge for yourself."

"I don't think Simone needs you to help her. Let her handle it herself."

"If Simone really experienced everything in her dreams, then we are all responsible for her, and we shouldn't place all the blame on Jodie."

After enduring constant belittlement and attacks from Simone, he had learned to introspect.

In reality, he was inclined towards the concept of Jodie's rebirth, even though it appeared implausible and mystical. Simone's transformation was too abrupt,

Without personally experiencing it, how could one be wounded so profoundly and agonizingly?

This was why they felt remorseful. They had already caused her demise once, so how could they have the audacity to approach her again and exploit her as a pretext for revenge?

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Chapter 475 This Time It's All Directed at Jodie.

Andrew nodded in agreement and glanced at Salma.

"Mom, you have a habit of flattering people. That needs to change. If you want to confront Jodie, I support

but don't use Simone as an excuse."

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He narrowed his eyes before adding, "I'm not as hypocritical as you. I also plan to seek revenge for myself."

Once, he cared about the sibling relationship that had lasted for over ten years, and he willingly treated Jodie well. He believed it was his own fault.

However, since he learned the truth and the things that were exposed online, he no longer felt that way.

Jodie had deceived his mother and his brothers.

She had set a trap for them since they were young, making them fall into it one by one.

He had become like this, all because of Jodie's deliberate actions.

Andrew then said coldly, "She never considered us as a family from the beginning to the end, so I don't need to be polite anymore."

Luca thought it made sense. That's true. Mom, stop pretending in front of us. Although we also hate Jodie for killing Simone, we shouldn't stoop so low as to seek revenge for her. After all, her death is not entirely our responsibility, but we still have to bear half of the blame. If we had chosen Simone from the beginning, maybe she wouldn't have died. But I still want to settle the score with Jodie."

After all, he was manipulated, and his career was ruined

One by one, they had all made him want to hold Jodie accountable.

And he also wanted to avenge his sister, but he didn't have the courage to do it.

Because he knew that Simone would definitely look down on them for doing so.

Salma's face turned pale again after hearing her sons' words.

She pointed at them with trembling hands. "You... You ungrateful children. You are just like Jodie, a bunch of ungrateful wolves. Get out... Get out of here immediately!"

How had she raised these four ungrateful sons?

Titus shrugged. "Fine, then. We'll leave. If it wasn't for Dad asking us to come, I wouldn't want to be here."

In the past, if he heard his mother getting angry and fainting, he would still be worried.

But after everything that had happened, his mother had completely disappointed him.

So when he heard about this, his first reaction was not to worry but to think that his mother deserved it.

Wasn't this the consequence of her protecting Jodie?

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And Titus also knew that despite his mother occasionally getting sick and fainting, she was actually quite resilient.

Sure enough, she woke up quickly and still had the energy to think about revenge.

Aaron was annoyed. "Mom, you can continue to fight with your adopted daughter."

Andrew said, "Mom, you continue to put on a show. We're not playing along."

Luca said, "Mom, we'll satisfy you. We're leaving now."

After the four brothers finished speaking, they left together, leaving Salma behind, who was almost infuriated.

Salma angrily looked at Steven. They treat their own mother like this, and you don't care?"

Steven helplessly shrugged. "You reap what you sow. Didn't you push them away?" Ex-wives are always like this, always pushing responsibility onto others, never finding fault in themselves.

He had reminded her several times before not to alienate their sons.

After all, adopted daughters were not as important as biological children. Salma, however, didn't listen.

Now that their sons treated her like this, it was her own doing. After all, Steven also owed his sons.

He hadn't really taken care of them since they were young and hadn't taught them well, so he had no right to scold them.

“You’re not a responsible mother, and I’m not a responsible father. So we have to bear what we have to. bear. Just try to accept it

Steven looked at his watch. “I have some business to attend to at the company, so I’ll leave first.”

Salma tightly grasped the bedsheet with both hands. “Can’t you stay with me?” Steven raised an eyebrow. “I’m your ex-husband now. If I stay here with you, it will be hard to explain. Who knows, it might hinder you from finding a new love. So it’s better if we don’t contact each other unless it’s important.”

He had come here today because of the many years they were a couple.

Besides, he found that his ex-wife was actually quite strong and recovered quickly, so he wouldn’t interfere in her life anymore.

Since they divorced, it would be better to keep some distance.

Especially after hearing about that dream she had and the choices they made, Steven felt disgusted- disgusted with his ex-wife, disgusted with his sons, and disgusted with himself.

He was so fed up now that he didn’t want to deal with it anymore.

Meanwhile, Salma choked. It hurt so much.

She was so angry, and it hurt so much. “You b*stard! You just want to find a new love quickly, don’t you?” She had truly loved her husband, and she still had feelings for him.

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It had only been a few days since their divorce, and he was already thinking about a new love. How despicable.

She looked at him with a gloomy face and asked suspiciously. “Do you already have other women? Is that why you’re so eager to divorce me?”

Steven looked sincere and said, “I can’t guarantee that I won’t find someone else in the future, but before and during our divorce, I have had no involvement with any other woman. I divorced you because of Jodie. Don’t make a fuss about it. I’m leaving now. Take care!” He quickly walked away, afraid that his ex- wife would cause trouble again.

In the hospital ward, only Salma and her helper remained, and she collapsed on the bed, crying loudly.

After crying, her gaze was filled with resentment.

This time, it was all directed toward Jodie.

She said to her helper, "Throw out all of Jodie's belongings in the house, change the locks, and don't let her step foot inside again."

The helper was on Salma's side. She had never liked Jodie, who was always causing trouble.

And so, she nodded and said, "Yes, madam."

Then, Salma called her elder brother.

As soon as he answered, her brother said he wouldn't help her.

Although Salma was angry, she didn't hang up the phone.

She explained that it was Jodie who had instigated and arranged the transfer of the curse.

She had now realized her mistake and wanted to get revenge on Jodie.

She requested her brother's assistance in joining forces to suppress Jodie's uncle's family, causing them to not only go bankrupt but also accumulate a substantial debt.

She intended to spread the word that Jodie was solely responsible for this.

By doing so, Jodie's uncle's family would undoubtedly continue to support Jodie.

She aimed to sever all of Jodie's options and force her into a desperate situation.

Salma's brother harbored a strong aversion towards Jodie, and they needed to settle the score for what she had done to his son.

Consequently, he agreed and resolved to ruin Jodie's uncle's family completely.

After all, their acquisition of the factory was not conducted in a fair manner.

They had manipulated prices, employed threats and bribes to forcefully obtain the factory, and subsequently expanded it with the assistance of Ernest and Jodie.

He emphasized to Salma that their actions were solely for the sake of his son, not to seek revenge on her

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However, this only made Salma feel more uneasy

She felt as though the entire world had abandoned her because of Jodie. As a result, her hatred towards Jodie intensified, and she began to devise plans.

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Nicholas made a fatal move.

Not only did he destroy the factory that had just been saved thanks to Jodie's money, but he also implicated Jodie's uncle in debt and lawsuits.

Moreover, he exposed all the despicable things that Jodie's uncle did.

As a result, Jodie once again became a hot topic because of her uncle.

Salma had connections in high society after all these years, and she was not lacking in money either.

She hired private detectives to investigate and uncovered many scandalous photos and past i

ncidents involving Jodie, which were all made public.

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She also used fake accounts to manipulate the situation, spreading false rumors and throwing all sorts of dirt on Jodie..

She even released unflattering photos of Jodie without makeup.

This disgusted Jodie's few remaining fans, causing them to turn against her.

Not only did Salma cut off all of Jodie's resources in the entertainment industry, but she also burdened Jodie with a huge debt for compensation.

All the advertisements and endorsements that Jodie had signed were subject to compensation agreements.

Because of Jodie's image problem, she caused them losses, so it was only natural for her to pay a penalty.

This included the script that Simone was interested in. Jodie not only had her contract as the female lead terminated, but she also had to pay a penalty.

Jodie and her uncle's family finished their meal happily,

When they returned home, they found all their belongings thrown outside the door.

At first, Jodie was angry and wanted to go in and scold the helper, but she discovered that the lock had been changed.

Then, she thought of a possibility, and her heart sank.

She knocked forcefully on the door, and the helper opened it.

Before she could even question why her things were thrown out, she was bombarded with a harsh scolding.

Jodie's face turned pale. She didn't expect Salma to know everything.

Originally, she had planned to coax Salma into going abroad to relax when she returned home today.

Then, she would buy a new phone, and the online rumors would fade away, and Salma would no longer pay attention.

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Jodie requested to see Sam Du

They even called security to escort Jodie out.

As Jodie was forcibly sent out of the apartment, she turned her head to look at the building she used to live in, her eyes filled with coldness.

Her stepmother was truly ruthless.

She had to find a way to get back at her.

The key was to figure out how to get her hands on Salma's wealth.

She looked at the latest trending topic on her phone and was infuriated.

At the same time, she felt anxious. She never expected those things to be exposed.

The Johnston Family was too cruel. They even installed surveillance cameras in the villa.

Why couldn't Elbert have died earlier?

Jodie deeply regretted things. She shouldn't have been careless and couldn't resist gossiping about Salma in the hallway and other places.

Furthermore, she suspected that the numerous online revelations were definitely related to Simone.

Jodie couldn't meet Salma for the time being, so she had to find a nearby hotel to stay.

But when it came time to pay, all of her accounts were frozen.

Then, the police came to her door, saying that Salma had accused her of stealing bank cards and conducting illegal transfers.

They took her away.

Jodie did indeed transfer all the money from Salma's bank card to her own account.

However, she never expected that Salma would be so heartless and cruel as to accuse her.

She denied stealing the bank card, saying that Salma had willingly given it to her.

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Salma insisted that Jodie had taken it herself.

It was a fact that Jodie used Salma's bank card to make transfers, so she was detained.

Jodie never expected that her foster mother, who had spoiled her for over a decade, would be the one to personally send her to prison.

She had no money to hire a lawyer, so she had to figure out a way to get one to defend her.

But before she could even think about hiring a lawyer, several lawyers came to the detention center to see her.

To be precise, they came to discuss breach of contract compensation with her

Looking at the millions in compensation that added up, Jodie felt like was going

Unable to hold it in, she requested to see Salma.

This was already several days later, and Salma's health had improved quite a bit.

And so, the older woman went to the detention center in person.

The mother and daughter sat across from each other, devoid of the warmth they once had.

Jodie started crying and apologized, "Mom, I was wrong. I really was. I truly regarded you as my real mother. I..." She knew that the evidence exposed online was irrefutable.

Hence, she planned to admit her mistake and play the family card.

Unfortunately, Salma hated her the most right now.

Therefore, before Jodie could finish speaking, Salma interrupted her expressionlessly, “Enough! Stop putting on a show in front of me. I see your true colors. What I want is for you to suffer for the rest of your miserable life. Don’t waste your tears, and try to play the emotional card with me. I’m not buying it,”

Jodie’s tearful face stiffened, and she mumbled, “Mom, I…” She was interrupted by Salma once again, “Don’t call me your mother. It makes me sick to my stomach. I have already announced to the world that I have cut off all ties with you.

Then, she proceeded to mock and insult Jodie

Jodie also realized that playing the emotional card this time was useless.

She pursed her lips and looked at Salma. “After all these years of feelings, do you really have to treat me like this?”

Salma seemed to have heard a great joke and sneered. “After all these years, weren’t you just pretending? Jodie, don’t waste your effort. I will definitely make you go to jail. When you come out of jail, I will continue to send you a few big surprises. Just wait and enjoy.”

Jodie hated Salma at this moment. “You are so heartless!”

Salma chuckled. “It takes one to know one.”

She scolded Jodie again before standing up and leaving with her head held high.

Salma came today to inform Jodie that she would no longer be deceived and intended to seek revenge, ensuring that Jodie would never recover in the latter half of her life.

Meanwhile, Jodie watched Salma leave with hatred in her eyes.

Then she took out her phone and dialed a whistleblower hotline.

She exposed Salma’s collaboration with Melinda in using Simone’s hair for witchcraft and causing harm to Simone.

She also revealed Salma's poisoning of her own nephew, which resulted in the White Family cutting ties with her and Steven divorcing her.

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With all these revelations, Salma was thrust into the spotlight and

Salma's hatred for Jodie intensified when she learned what took place.

She planned to wait for Jodie to go to prison and then find someone to teach her adopted daughter a

lesson.

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nce had a close mother-daughter relationship, but they had now become enemies, constantly at each other's throats.

Afterward, Jodie couldn't help but reach out to her brothers for help.

However, they all unanimously refused and even mocked her.

She also learned from Andrew that she would have to pay significant breach of contract fees and deal with online exposure, from which her brothers had distanced themselves.

Even after her release from prison, they would still give her 'gifts.'

Jodie didn't expect them to be so ruthless, completely disregarding their past relationship.

With no one else to turn to, she called Reuben once again.

Reuben, having not experienced the issues with his other brothers, held a dislike for Jodie as the daughter of an enemy. However, he also harbored resentment towards his own mother.

He had endured his mother's constant harsh words in the past.

Thus, he felt that although Jodie's actions were wrong, they were somewhat understandable.

After all, even they couldn't tolerate their own mother back then.

Despite having been loved for so many years, he still had some feelings for Jodie.

However, he did not agree to directly help Jodie, as it would not be beneficial for him if his parents found

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Instead, he offered Jodie a suggestion.

He would assist her in a way that wouldn't implicate him and anger their parents.

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After Jodie and Reuben finished speaking, she called her best friend' Joanne.

This close friend of hers has always had feelings for Reuben.

It was only because Reuben got engaged to Valerie that Joanne was forced to give up.

After Valerie broke off the engagement, Joanne approached Reuben, but he always avoided her.

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Neither the Belle Family nor the Gray Family had ever considered a marriage between the two as Joanne's mother, and Salma had a feud, and both of them were daughters of wealthy families who had never gotten along since childhood.

Even the marriage that was originally supposed to be between Belle Family and Steven was taken away by Salma.

The two families were known to be at odds with each other in their circles.

Just like when Salma was exposed, Sabrina even paid netizens to go online and criticize her.

When something happened to Sabrina's family before, Salma also betrayed them.

Joanne wanted to be with Reuben, and Sabrina was the first to oppose it,

As his wife almost ended up with Steven back then, Benjamin has always held a grudge against him.

The Belle Family and the Gray Family actually had many complementary industries, and cooperation would be more beneficial than harmful.

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But Benjamin resolutely refused to cooperate with the Gray Family, and naturally, Steven would not to do so either. The two of them usually had a very cold relationship

The idea that Reuben gave Jodie was for her to call Sabrina, asking Sabrina to help her hire a lawyer and assist her in the lawsuit.

Sabrina had a nephew who was a great lawyer and was very skilled in handling lawsuits.

As such, Sabrina might be willing to do something that went against Salma.

The relationship between Jodie and Joanne was actually just superficial.

It was because Joanne wanted to get close to Reuben-that was why she became closer to Jodie.

Jodie often boasted in front of Joanne about how much Reuben doted on her.

Joanne was envious of Reuben's love for Jodie, while Jodie envied and was jealous of Joanne's status as a wealthy daughter.

The two of them were typical enemies, and they even secretly disliked each other.

Joanne knew that Jodie had gotten into trouble and was kicked out of the Gray Family, so she took pleasure in her misfortune.

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Now that she received a plea for help from Jodie, she didn't want to bother with it.

But when she heard Jodie say that it was Reuben who asked her to find her, she didn't immediately refuse

After hanging up the phone, Joanne contacted Reuben.

When Reuben saw Joanne's call, a hint of a smile flashed in his eyes.

He answered the call.

Joanne straightforwardly asked, "Reuben, don't you want Jodie to go to jail?"

Reuben sighed. "Although I dislike and don't approve of the things she has done, her biological parents are considered enemies of our family. But she was young at that time and didn't participate in the events. Plus, that card was indeed given to her by my mother. She has been my sister for so many years, so it's hard for me to see her go to jail. If she doesn't have to go to jail this time, it can be considered as fulfilling the last bit of sibling affection between us. After this, there will be no relationship between her and me."

He didn't explicitly say that he wanted Joanne's help, but the implication was clear.

Upon hearing this, Joanne felt delighted.

She had long been disgusted by Reuben's favoritism towards Jodie, as well as Jodie's shameless scheming.

Previously, it was Jodie's disgusting behavior that led to Valerie's broken engagement.

She actually had a strong aversion to the relationship between Reuben and Jodie.

In fact, when Reuben and Valerie were engaged, Joanne confessed her feelings to him while drunk, hoping to fight for a chance.

But he rejected her and emphasized that he would not betray his fiancée, wishing her to find someone better than him.

However, she had liked him since school and didn't think anyone could be better than him.

She contacted him several times afterward, but his attitude was always cold in order to avoid suspicion from Valerie.

Although she was hurt, she also felt more devoted to her love for him and envied Valerie.

Because of these things, she had no reason or excuse to get close to him again.

She could only keep that love in her heart.

After he broke off the engagement, she tried to reach out to him again, but his attitude was still cold.

In a fit of anger, she went abroad and only recently returned.

Originally, she was ready to give up and follow her family's arrangements to get together with another. wealthy young man

But Jodie's plea for help and Reuben's attitude suddenly gave her some hope.

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Now was a good opportunity to get close to him again, and she wanted to fight for it especially when Reuben said that he would sever ties with Jodie after this incident.

She would no longer have to be disgusted by their intimate affection, which was really great.

He was indeed the man she had set her sights on.

Although she disliked Jodie, the fact that he was willing to lend a helping hand at a time like this showed that he had a sense of humanity and strong emotions.

She was just about to say that she could help Jodie, but Reuben changed the topic.

She didn't have a chance to say it until the call ended.

But it didn't matter, as she would help the man she had liked for so many years.

Afterward, she would find a chance to talk to him more about this matter and reconnect with him.

And so, she went to find her biological mother.

Of course, Joanne wouldn't say that she wanted to help Jodie because of Reuben.

Her mother would definitely oppose it without hesitation.

Instead, she would say that helping Jodie avoid jail time meant humiliating Salma.

This would make Salma unable to vent her anger and cause her to lose her reputation.

Sabrina had a very negative impression of Jodie, especially after all those online rumors that suggested Jodie had a bad character.

Under normal circumstances, Sabrina would never offer any help.

However, Salma was truly the person she disliked the most, and she was willing to do something to retaliate against her.

Hence, Sabrina agreed to help.

With the involvement of the renowned lawyer and considering that Salma had previously authorized Jodie to make multiple money transfers from her card, it became evident that Salma had given her

consent.

Furthermore, it can be assumed that Salma received a notification after Jodie completed the transfer.

However, Salma did not report it to the police at that time, implying her tacit approval.

During that period, the two of them shared a close mother-daughter bond.

It was apparent that Salma falsely accused Jodie only after their falling out.

Moreover, Salma failed to provide any evidence of Josie's card theft.

Consequently, she could only helplessly witness Jodie's release.

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Nevertheless, Salma refused to give up. If this plan failed, she would explore alternative methods to ensure Jodie's imprisonment.

She firmly believed that Jodie couldn't escape every time.

Her disdain for Sabrina had reached new heights.

Meanwhile, Simone was aware of Sabrina's intervention in assisting Jodie

On that particular day, she had dinner with Zac.

Zac brought up the topic and gazed at her, asking. Simone, what if I exacerbate the situation? It doesn't have to be theft. We can change it to fraud or something else."

If he took action, it would guarantee Jodie's long-term incarceration.

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Simone smiled and shook her head.

“There’s no need. If you intervene, the hatred will be transferred to you. It’s not necessary.”

She continued, “Salma failed to send Jodie to prison this time. She won’t give up. With her personality, she will find a way to get Jodie in there. Otherwise, it will be like a thorn in her heart, making her feel uncomfortable. Besides, it won’t be for long. Let them fight each other. The show will be even better.”

Zac could tell that she didn’t want to get involved. “Alright, then. I won’t interfere. But why did the Belle Family suddenly get involved in Jodie’s affairs?”

Simone mentioned the grudge between the Belle Family and Salma.

“But the mastermind behind this is Reuben. He gave Jodie a plan, making her go to Joanne for help, and then Joanne went to her mother for assistance.”

She knew that Joanne only contacted her after Jodie had contacted Reuben.

With Jodie’s mindset, she wouldn’t have thought of Joanne, so it must have been instigated by Reuben.

Zac frowned and sarcastically said, ‘Reuben is a great big brother, huh? Even in this situation, he still wants to protect and help Jodie. He didn’t directly intervene because he’s afraid of his parents blaming him, right?’

Simone nodded. “He definitely won’t look like he got involved. Otherwise, Salma would be the first to come after him, and Steven would also be disappointed in him. However, he has other motives for this.”

After all, Simone understood Sc*mbag No. 1 quite well

Although he doted on Jodie, he wasn’t blindly doting like the other sc*mbags.

He was a selfish person.

And so, she didn’t believe that Sc mbag No. 1 was simply helping Jodie.

Zac was puzzled. “What other motives does he have?” He thought for a moment and asked, “For himself?”

Simone gave him an affirmative look. “Yes, more for himself. By giving Jodie this idea, his main goal should be Joanne. Joanne is the only daughter of the

chairman of the Belle Family. Although the Belle Family is not as powerful as the Gray Family, they still control many of the resources that the Gray Family needs. Because of previous incidents, the higher-ups and shareholders have questioned Reuben's abilities in the Gray Group. He wants to enter the Gray Group and establish a firm foothold. The best shortcut is through marriage. Benjamin only has this one precious daughter. If Joanne insists on being with Reuben, Benjamin can only reluctantly accept it. To ensure a good life for his precious daughter, the only way is to use cooperation to restrain Reuben. And the shareholders of the Gray Group will definitely be willing to cooperate with the two groups. After this deal is done, Reuben will be the hero. The Belle Family only has Joanne, who is the heir to the shares and property. In the future, Reuben might even have a chance to take over the Belle Family. And in Joanne's heart, she might still think highly of Reuben. After all, the Gray Family is all against Jodie, but he still cares about their sibling relationship and helps her. And to get Joanne's help, Reuben might have promised her something, like not having any relationship with Jodie in

the future.”

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Simone continued, “When Reuben was engaged to Miss Knowler, Joanne confessed her feelings to him. But at that time, Reuben rejected her and deliberately avoided her to show off in front of Miss Knowler. At that time, Miss Knowler was more valuable, and Reuben's abilities were not questioned, so he didn't pay attention to Joanne. But now, if he wants Joanne to fall in love with him again, he needs a bridge. The Jodie incident is the opportunity for Joanne to jump into the pit and willingly get involved with him. In the future, whether it's with Steven or Benjamin, he will be in a role that he has no choice but to accept.”

Zac understood immediately. “Reuben is really cunning!” He pretends to help Jodie, but he's actually doing it for himself

He smirked. “And this Joanne is not that great either. To confess her feelings when someone else is engaged is just trying to interfere and steal someone's fiancé

Simone nodded. “Indeed, she's not that great. She is known for being arrogant and domineering in her social circle. She often bullied her

classmates when she was in school. She has even stolen other people's boyfriends several times. And those men, more or less, have some similarities to Reuben. Not only did they often pick on Miss Knowler, but they also caused trouble for me, whom Judie disliked."

But at that time, Simone didn't care and fought back.

"Anyway, she has a dominant personality and is not suitable to be a virtuous wife. That's why Reuben used to keep his distance from her. But now, Reuben's best marriage partner is Joanne, and he doesn't care about these issues anymore."

Zac had no interest in any other women besides Simone and didn't bother to inquire further.

Hearing her words, he couldn't help but say, 'Reuben is really ruthless towards himself now, wanting to marry someone like her for the sake of his career

In his words, he would rather not have a career than marry someone he did not like.

This was not only unfair to himself but also irresponsible to others.

He added, "But it would be great if those two were locked in."

If those two were locked in, they wouldn't be able to harm others.

He winked mischievously and said, "Reuben advising Jodie is actually troublesome for him too. Now, for Jodie, Reuben is her lifeline. She has to hold on to him. And if Joanne really gets together with Reuben, with her domineering personality, she won't be able to tolerate Jodie. The two of them will have a fight. and Reuben will have a headache. But he brought it upon himself."

Simone chuckled lightly. "What you said is exactly what I was thinking, so we don't need to intervene. Let them tear each other apart. When the time is right, please inform Salma that it was her eldest son who came up with the idea to assist Jodie. That will be quite a spectacle."

Salma was the type of person who could not tolerate any nonsense, especially when it came to her beloved. eldest son betraying her.

Zac smiled knowingly. "Til eagerly await the spectacle

He then inquired, "When will you be heading to the mountain area for filming? Simone accepted the role offered by the young filmmaker, and he had initially wanted a role as well.

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However, upon reflection, he decided against it.

There was no suitable role for him in that production, and his presence would disrupt the overall harmony.

Furthermore, if Simone cast him in every play and film, the audience would likely grow weary of him.

He would never do anything that could negatively impact Simone.

Simone responded, "I will depart in a couple of days and then join the cast of the fantasy drama upon my return. After completing this film and the fantasy drama, I will take a break from accepting any more roles for a while and focus on settling down."

Zac nodded. "Taking a break sounds like a good idea. May I visit the set? I only have a few commercials to film recently, so I have plenty of free time."

Simone smiled. "Of course, and please bring some food when you come."

A bright smile illuminated Zac's face. "Absolutely."

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Chapter 479 Are You Not Afraid of Playing With Fire?

Jodie was released and suddenly found herself without a place to go.

She couldn't turn to the Gray Family, as Salma despised her and would not take her in.

Her biological father had chosen Tina over her and cut ties with her.

Her biological mother was already in prison

Even though she had hired a good lawyer to help her, her mother was sentenced to six years.

During this long period, she didn't know if her mother would survive until her release.

Later, she learned that it wasn't just the Gray Family and the Foster Family who had intervened in her mother's case.

The Turner Family had also taken action, resulting in this outcome.

She had mixed feelings towards Zac.

If it weren't for Zac's prestigious background, popularity, successful career, and outstanding looks and temperament, everything would have been in her favor.

She had always dreamed of marrying a man like Zac.

But unfortunately, that scoundrel was drugged by Simone and targeted her.

She had no choice but to give

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She also didn't dare to go to her uncle's house.

When she was in detention, her uncle and aunt had come to see her.

But instead of showing any concern, they only scolded her.

They blamed her for being a jinx, completely ruining their family.

They even wanted to force her to give them money to repay their debts.

Jodie didn't even have enough money to hire a lawyer, so how could she possibly come up with the money?

After telling the truth, she was scolded harshly again.

If it wasn't for being in detention, she suspected that her aunt would have hit her.

It was best not to get involved with them now, let alone go live with them.

After thinking it over, the only person she could think of was Reuben.

Now, he was the only one who still cared about her.

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And so, Jodie called Reuben

At the moment, Reuben was in his office talking to Titus, trying to convince him to work at another branch of the Gray Group.

When he saw Jodie's call, he wasn't surprised.

He answered, "What's up?" Jodie sweetly said, "Reuben, I'm out."

Then, she pitifully added. "But I have nowhere to go now, and all the money I had was lost because of Mom. I don't know what to do. Can I stay with you for a few days? Once I find a job, I'll leave."

The truth was that finding a job was never in the cards.

Although Jodie used to be an adopted daughter, she was also a wealthy heiress and had some fame in the entertainment industry.

Working in a random shop would be embarrassing if she was recognized.

Reuben hesitated and said. "It's not that I don't want to take you in, but if Mom finds out, neither of us will escape her wrath. How about I give you some money, and you can stay in a hotel? You have a good relationship with Joanne, don't you? Maybe you can go to her and stay for a few days. It's thanks to her that you were able to come out this time."

These words made Titus, who was looking at his phone, look up at Reuben.

The latter met his gaze, his eyes showing little emotion.

Jodie felt uncomfortable on the other side, but she knew she couldn't refuse.

And so, she obediently said, "Okay, then I'll stay at a hotel. Reuben, the money you're giving me... Consider it as a loan. I'll pay you back when I have money."

It was impossible to repay the money, but the words sounded good, making it seem like she didn't want to rely on him.

Reuben smiled. "It's just a small amount of money. Don't worry about it. I'm about to have a meeting. Contact me if you need anything in the future."

Jodie said, "Okay, I won't bother you then."

Just after hanging up the phone, she received a text notification that 15 thousand had been added to her account.

Jodie pursed her lips, thinking that Reuben was really stingy.

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But for now, it solved her urgent need, and it also meant that he did care about her.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have helped her behind Salpur's back.

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Although Reuben wasn't as handsome as Zac, he was still elegant, and he was the Hell

If she could marry him, she would become a wealthy lady in the future, continuing to live a carefree life without worrying about money,

He could also help her pay off the hefty penalty she still owed.

Also, it would infuriate that old witch, Salma.

She could even confront Salma from time to time.

Just thinking about it made her feel great.

Jodie didn't immediately go to the hotel but called Joanne.

She told her about Reuben giving her money and asking her to find a good hotel for her to stay in.

She guessed that Joanne would willingly find a place for her to stay.

After all, this woman had been longing for Reuben for a long time.

Of course, Jodie wouldn't help Joanne pursue Reuben. He was her target and her possession now. Fifteen thousand was not a small sum, and she was afraid of being bothered by her uncle's family. Staying in a hotel was not secure, but if Joanne helped her block them, it wouldn't be a problem.

Hence, she didn't mind using Joanne.

Sure enough, Joanne took the initiative to offer to help Jodie arrange a place to stay.

Joanne also wanted to use Jodie to get closer to her man.

Both of them had different intentions, but their goal was the same-Reuben.

At Gray Entertainment's president's office, Titus knew as soon as he heard that his brother was on the phone with Jodie.

Today was indeed the day Jodie was released.

He looked at Reuben and asked, "You helped Jodie avoid prison, didn't you? Aren't you afraid Mom will find out and cause a scene?"

Reuben shrugged. 'I didn't do anything

Titus sneered upon hearing that. "Stop pretending. Everyone knows what's going on. Don't forget that Jodie is a thorn in our family's side, especially in Mom's heart."

At that, Reuben commented, "After this money transfer, I won't help her anymore. Consider it the end of our sibling bond."

Titus knew his older brother well.

Raising an eyebrow, he asked, "Reuben, aren't you afraid of stirring up trouble?"

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Reuben also raised an eyebrow and replied, "What kind of trouble could I stir up?"

Titus cautioned, "You are now Jodie's main support. Do you truly believe you can escape if you stop assisting her?"

"As long as I give her a little attention, she will continue to seek my help, no?" Reuben chuckled.

"Joanne is also known for being difficult and demanding. Dealing with both of them will be challenging for you, Titus retorted.

Reuben laughed. "You're overthinking things. I will assist Jodie this one time, but I won't indulge her if she continues to bother me.

He emphasized, "I don't want Mom and Dad to find out about these matters."

Titus rolled his eyes before muttering. "I am not a gossip. I won't go running to Mom and Dad."

With his arms crossed, he smirked and said, "If you don't heed your little brother's advice, I will simply sit back and watch the situation unfold."

Knowing Jodie well, Titus suspected that she would target the eldest brother and entangle him in another type of relationship.

And Joanne was not someone to be underestimated either.

Reuben underestimated women.

Those two women were not easily manipulated, and most likely, they would cause trouble.

But he wouldn't remind them any further.

All four brothers and their birth mother had experienced Jodie's 'care, and now it was Reuben's turn.

Regardless, Titus had given his advice, but Reuben didn't listen.

After all, it was Reuben who provoked them. If something went wrong in the future, it would be his own fault.

Meanwhile, Reuben didn't take his younger brother's words seriously.

With a confident smile, he said, "You might be disappointed. There won't be any drama."

Titus smirked before commenting, "We'll see about that."

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Chapter 480 Does He Have a Problem?

Before Simone went to the mountains to film, she first visited Cloudmist Observatory with Bailey. Cloudmist Observatory was crowded with people burning incense and seeking divination.

As Simone entered the temple, she immediately sensed a strong atmosphere of faith.

The visitors who came to burn incense and seek divination at Cloudmist Observatory seemed to have great faith in its power,

There were also many wealthy people waiting in line, hoping for the disciples of Cloudmist Observatory to help them with physiognomy.

Some even wanted to see Master Sage, but they were all turned away.

Simone and Bailey arrived, and the eldest disciple of Master Sage immediately recognized them.

Approaching with a smile, he greeted them, 'Greetings, Bailey and Simone!'

Bailey glanced at him lightly and remained silent.

Simone smiled slightly and replied, "Hello"

"We would like to see Master Sage. Is it convenient now?"

The eldest disciple smiled and said, "If it were someone else, it would definitely not be convenient, but with you two, it is definitely convenient"

He then gestured and announced, "Please follow me!"

Simone and Bailey followed him all the way, even climbing a hill.

They reached the highest level of the spiritual space on the mountaintop.

There was only one room on this level.

Simone noticed that the air quality here was excellent, and the aura of faith from the temple below lingered in the surroundings.

The eldest disciple knocked on the door. "Master, Bailey and Simone have arrived."

As soon as Simone and Bailey entered the observatory, Sage knew about it.

Soon, the door opened, and Sage took the initiative to stand at the door.

He greeted Bailey, "Greetings, Old Master."

Bailey said. Let's talk inside."

Sage nodded respectfully. "Yes!" His eldest disciple did not follow them inside.

After they sat down, Sage smiled at Simone and asked, "Can you make tea?"

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Simone replied, "Yes."

She took the tools from him and started making tea.

Sage engaged in casual conversation with Bailey for a while..

Bailey asked, "What do you think about the situation with Magnus?" Sage was momentarily stunned, then sighed. "I have been trying to persuade the father and son. But for the sake of longevity, they have gone down a dead-end path and refuse to listen to reason. Now they are facing the consequences; it's just retribution."

Bailey played with his teacup before responding. "The Cloudmist Observatory is indeed a remarkable place. You still have several decades of longevity, right?" Sage smiled and said, "Nothing can escape your eyes. In terms of longevity, I may not care as much as Magnus and his son, but I am still an ordinary person and would like to live longer. That's why I established the Cloudmist Observatory and accumulated faith. I have been committed to doing good deeds for many years. This is what has allowed me to live several decades longer than Magnus. I disdain and have no interest in using the same methods as them."

Simone looked up and asked, "Have you tried to stop them?" Sage sighed and said, "I have tried, but it was futile Magnus is the head of our sect, and his commands restrict all of us. It was because your master tried to prevent extreme actions that he was ambushed and seriously injured by them."

He also admitted, I value my life more than him, so if I can't control it, I won't interfere. After his death. I became even more indifferent. I basically stay in Cloudmist Observatory and rarely go out."

He looked at Simone with an open expression and said. The last time I went with Magnus to find you was a rare occasion. I knew your master didn't make a mistake in choosing you. You are very talented."

Simone stood up and poured a cup of tea for Sage, her gaze casually sweeping over his ears and face.

She saw that he still had a youthful appearance despite his white hair, and he exuded a transcendent temperament.

She smiled and said, "Master Sage, you flatter me

She sat down and said, "I came to Cloudmist Observatory today to ask for your help.

Sage smiled and said, "Go ahead, then. Tell me."

Simone didn't beat around the bush and said, "Previously, Magnus was able to control a demonie rift. We found out that he used the sect leader's token to control it. However, he doesn't know the exact location of the demonic rift. After he used the sect leader's token back then, it suddenly shattered. Hence, I wanted to ask you if you know the location of that demonic rift."

Upon hearing that, Sage shook his head and said, "I know that such a thing exists, but I'm not sure where it is. Magnus mentioned before that it was discovered by a previous sect leader and has been nurtured by each generation. It is only passed down to the sect leader, and only the sect leader knows."

He continued, "It was with the help of that demonic rift that Magnus successfully ambushed your master."

Simone was not surprised and said, "It's okay if you don't know, but I would like to ask you to help me find the location of the demonic rift. Once we find it, the three of us can join forces with the masters from the geomancy association to seal it completely. Otherwise, if it continues to roam freely, it will be a great hidden danger and may cause many people to meet untimely deaths."

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Sage pondered for a moment and said, "Very well. I had already decided long ago not 18

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It was evident that Sage didn't show much emotional fluctuation towards the idea of many people dying tragically.

It as if he was accustomed to life and death and was completely indifferent to such matters.

Simone smiled and thanked him on behalf of the special department.

The three of them sat down, discussed mystical arts, and had dinner together.

After it got dark, Simone and Bailey politely declined Sage's invitation to stay and left Cloudmist Observatory.

As they drove into the city of Cebros, Bailey took out a talisman and stuck it on the car.

Then, he commented, "Do you feel that there's something off about him?"

Simone didn't respond but instead inquired, "What are your thoughts?"

Bailey honestly replied, "Whether it's his aura or his expression when he speaks, I don't sense anything wrong. I also observed Cloudmist Observatory and confirmed that he was indeed absorbing the power of faith. It falls within the normal range and doesn't involve any dark arts. It doesn't have any impact on those who believe in Cloudinist Observatory. He communicates with us in a very open and honest

manner."

Simone said, "I feel the same way as you. Not only do I not perceive any issues, but I also feel a sense of connection with him."

Then, she changed the subject. "But we can't completely dismiss any suspicion regarding him."

She added meaningfully, "When it appears that there's no problem, it can sometimes be the biggest problem. Is the sect leader's token so easily broken?" Skyler investigated and confirmed that Magnus had used the sect leader's token for the demonic rift.

However, what was discovered on Magnus was already shattered.

Bailey went to verify and, indeed, sensed the presence of the sect leader's token.

Presently, Bailey shrugged. "I don't know. After all, I'm not the sect leader. I was trapped and was sleeping in Cubilis after ten years of joining."

The traffic light turned red, and Simone stepped on the brake, gesturing for Bailey to lean closer.

Bailey leaned over, and Simone whispered something in his ear.

Bailey's eyes were filled with surprise and disbelief. "Is it true?"

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Simone flashed a smile at him.

"I trust my instincts," she said confidently.

"Well see when the time comes," she added.

"I'm heading to the mountains tomorrow to film. Are you planning to stay in Cebros or go elsewhere?"

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Bailey replied, "I've been feeling tired for too long, so I want to go out and explore. I've already planned the route. After you leave Cebros, I'll go on a trip."

Having grown accustomed to being alone, Bailey had no intention of following Simone to the mountains. However, staying in Cebros didn't seem very meaningful either.

"Okay, let's keep in touch often!" Simone nodded.

"While you're traveling, make sure to pay attention to the movements of the demonic rift," she reminded him with a meaningful tone. "That thing appeared in Cubilis and then made its way to the outskirts of Cebros. It feels like it's watching you. Be careful."

At that, Bailey murmured. "Understand"

Now, only that demonic rift could make him wary and feel danger. He would definitely keep an eye on it

Bailey stayed in Simone's courtyard.

After returning, they each went back to their rooms to rest

Simone reached out and gently poked the little snake on her wrist. "Have you found anything?" The little snake had extraordinary talent and had been staying in the courtyard's circle recently.

After consuming venom and being fed with spiritual stones all the time, it was now on the verge of achieving the Divine State.

As a result, it could communicate with her through consciousness.

The little snake rubbed against Simone's hand and conveyed its thoughts to her through

consciousness.

Simone looked up at the bright moon outside the window.

She narrowed her eyes, determined not to let anything change today.

The next morning, she took a leave from the special department.

She went to Joseph's office again and had a conversation with Joseph and Skyler, asking them to arrange a few things.

At noon, Simone flew to the city where the film was being shot with the crew.

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