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After Simone finished speaking, she shifted her gaze away from Leon.

She playfully **nudged** Zac's arm.

Then she pointed to the open magazine and asked, "Have you been here?" She was flipping through a travel magazine and happened to come across **an** article about a beautiful island.

In addition to cutting ties with the se'mbags and focusing on work to prolong her life, if she **had** a second chance, she also wanted to enjoy life fully and travel to different places whenever she had the opportunity.

Zac's eyes filled with amusement, Simone's action of nudging his arm **just** now was so adorable! He leaned over to look at the magazine page and said, "I've actually been there. Although it's a small island, but... Zac continued, passionately introducing the island to Simone.

Simone's eyes also lit up with a smile. She was very interested and **said**, "When I have the time, I want to go there."

Zac immediately invited in a low voice, "I'm familiar with this place, and I know a great diving spot that few people go to. How about I take you there?"

She considered Zac a friend, so she didn't refuse and replied, "Sure, we can ask Keira if she wants to come too, Or we can invite a few more friends to join **us**."

Going out with a group of people would be lively and fun.

Zac actually wanted to go alone with Simone, but he knew it wasn't possible. Otherwise, if they were photographed and it ended up online, it might turn into a scandal about the two of them being in a relationship.

He wasn't afraid of those things himself, but he was afraid it would have a negative **impact** on her.

He took the opportunity to finalize the **plan** and **said**, “Then, it’s settled.”

He deliberately looked at Leon, who was still standing nearby and listening to their conversation, with a hint of disdain. “Leon, **what** are you still doing here? The show is already over!” In other words, stop acting here.

Just as Leon was about to speak, a flight attendant walked over. She politely asked him to return to h

his seat as the **plane** was **about** to **take** off.

He swallowed the words he was about to say and maintained his composure as he nodded at the flight attendant. “Alright!” He took one last deep look at Zac and Simone before turning back to his **seat**.

Once seated, he closed his eyes and pretended to sleep with a serious expression on his face.

Because they were sitting close by, he could still hear Sinone’s cheerful tone as she discussed with Zac how they would explore the island.

What hurt him the most was that Zac suggested going together, and Simone actually agreed.

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s, they gradually

On the first day they **met** Gwen found Simone very likable and compunitie.

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bond name, making them each other be friends..

She showed a surprised smile, "Gwen!"

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Gwen rushed over, embracing Simone tightly, "Darling, I've missed you so mu
ch!"

Simone reached out and hugged her back. "I've missed you too."

After they let go, Simone linked arms with Gwen and asked as they walked, "
Why did you come back?" Gwen had a conflict with her family before, and coi
ncidentally, the person she liked went abroad, so she followed.

In her previous life. Gwen didn't come back before she passed away, but they
had always kept in touch.

Whenever Simone had a fight or was in a silent treatment bout with Leon. Gw
en would always stand by her side.

So, seeing Gwen suddenly, she was truly surprised

Gwen looked at Simone with a tender gaze and said. "Because I saw what wa
s trending. I knew you were coming back to Cebros
today, so I bought a nicket and flew back. I was planning to go back to the apa

rtment first to surprise you. But as I was walking. I overheard people talking about you, and when I turned around, we unexpectedly met at the airport”

She saw Simone being bullied and having a fight with her brother.

Worried that Simone might get hurt or upset she rushed back to be with her.

Simone felt warm in her heart and leaned her head against Gwen’s shoulder. Tm fine. You’re the best. Gwen.

Gwen indulged her. “Of course. Im your heart warmer

Leon was surprised to see his sister suddenly appear

Now, seeing his sister getting cozy with Simone, it was as if she hadn’t even noticed him, her brother.

He couldn’t help but speak up. “Gwen, did you tell the family about your sudden return?”

Upon hearing Leon’s words. Gwen turned to look at him

She retorted, “Why should I

Leon frowned. “If you don’t tell them, how will they prepare?”

Gwen pouted. “No need for preparation. I’m not going back.”

Leon emphasized, “But that’s your home.”

Gwen rolled her eyes and said. I don’t care, and I don’t want to go **back** and deal with that woman.”

Leon’s brow furrowed even deeper as he replied. “She’s your mother”

His sister had misled him. Whenever he thought of or mentioned their mother, he automatically associated her with that person.

Gwen impatiently waved her hand and said, “Don’t mention her to me. It’s annoying just to hear about

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her.”

Then, she let go of Simone’s arm **and** turned to face her older brother.

She looked him up and down, scanning Leon from head to toe.

Leon was puzzled and asked, “What are you doing?”

Gwen showed a look of disdain and replied, I’m looking at my dear brother, who turns out to be a cheating scumbag.”

Leon’s face darkened as he said, ‘Gwen, you can’t talk to me like that.’”

Gwen sneered and said, “Not only do I talk like that, **but** I also **want** to beat you up.”

And then, to everyone’s surprise, she raised her hand and punched Leon’s left cheek.

While he was still trying to react, she continued to hit him all over.

“Leon, you bastard, **how** dare you team up with those shameless people and bully my Simone. I’m giving you a taste of your own medicine for bullying my Simone. After returning to Cebros, you haven’t learned anything but how to be cold and disgusting like that woman. You are her own flesh and blood.

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Leon experienced being hit for the first time, and it was by his own sister.

Naturally, he was initially shocked.

However, once he regained his composure, he immediately grabbed her wrist and exclaimed, “Gwen, have you lost your mind?”

Gwen couldn't **continue** hitting **him** after being caught, so she pouted with regret and said. I wanted to hit you some more."

Leon furrowed his brows and **said**, "Gwen, that's enough. And don't forget, she's also our mother."

With so many **people** present, if this incident became known, their parents would surely have something to **say** about it.

Gwen rolled her eyes and retorted. That's Skyler's biological mother, so what does it have to do with me? Only **you would** foolishly butter up to her.

The more she **spoke**, the darker Leon's expression became. "Shut up"

He pulled Gwen closer and whispered in her ear. "Be careful about what you say about her in **public**."

Gwen pursed her lips and declared. I don't care. What's there to be afraid of? If you want to continue seeking her love, don't involve me. I won't accompany you."

Leon felt completely helpless with his sister. "Come home with me later.

Gwen vigorously shook her head. "No. I'm going to Simone's house."

Leon asserted, "No, you can't

He then firmly held onto her wrist and refused to let go. "You have to come home with me."

His sister had been abroad for so long and hadn't returned even once.

During the Latewinter **Festival**, the elders in the family had mentioned it, their words filled with reproach.

He had made excuses on her behalf.

But now, if it was revealed that his sister had come back but didn't go home, those people would have something to say **again**.

Gwen struggled to free herself from his grasp and said, "If I say I'm not going back, then **I'm** not going back."

She couldn't shake him off, so she glared at Leon and threatened, "Let go of me, or else I'll scream."

Leon sneered, "Go ahead."

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The next second, his face first showed surprise, then it became even darker.

Because Gwen suddenly shouted, "You perv! Help! The award-winning actor is touching me inappropriately!"

At **that** moment, Leon not only felt embarrassed but also wished he could silence his sister.

Gwen didn't care about her brother's angry expression. She proudly raised her head **and** said, "If you don't let go, I'll keep screaming."

Leon had no choice but to release her, gritting his teeth and saying. "You're ruthless!"

"Dealing with scum like you **who** bullies my **Simone**, I can't use conventional methods." After Gwen finished speaking, she took advantage of her brother's distraction and quickly ran **toward** Simone.

Leon's face took on a darker shade as his feet throbbed in pain.

Watching his sister run away, Leon felt both angry and deeply helpless.

His sister had always been rebellious and uncontrollable by anyone.

Sometimes, she even influenced Simone to do unexpected things.

Enduring the pain, Leon shouted after her. "Gwen, you may be able to escape now, but you'll have to come back home eventually"

Gwen held Simone's wrist and didn't turn around but raised her hand and waved, "Goodbye to you!"// This made Leon even more furious.

Simone wasn't surprised by Gwen's actions; her best friend **had** always been fiery and had clear likes and dislikes,

She said, "Don't pay attention to him, let's go,"

Gwen pulled her own suitcase back and said, "Alright, let's go home! The two of **them** walked ahead. chatting and laughing.

It was evident that they **had** a strong **bond**.

Leon stood still for a moment before reluctantly walking forward despite the pain in his feet.

However, the scene just now **was** not only recorded by passersby on video.

It was also captured by a paparazzo.

After leaving the airport, Simone, Zac, and Gwen bid farewell and got into the car arranged by the production team.

The four of them added each other as friends and could contact each other anytime.

When they arrived at the apartment, Simone checked her phone.

'Leon's Sister Accuses Him of Cheating and Beats Him Up' and 'Leon's Loving Act' occupied the top two

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spots on the trending list.

She clicked on the first one to read.

The video showed Gwen scolding Leon and the entire process of her beating him up, including the things she said about their mother.

Countless people in the comments were cheering for the beating, praising the young lady for her coolness.

Then came the accusations against Leon as a scumbag. After all, if **his** own sister treated him like that. how could it be fake? She brought her phone closer to

o Gwen's face. "You're trending. The people from your family might come and take you back after hearing what you said."

Simone was familiar with the situation in Gwen's family, as she was in a relationship with Leon and had a good relationship with Gwen

Currently. Leon's father was the head of the Foster Family, ranking third among the same generation in the Foster Family as the youngest son

Gwen's father also had two older brothers

He **took** over the Fosters by ousting his two older brothers.

So, even though the relationships between the various branches seemed good on the surface, there was resentment among the other two branches.

Unable to defeat Gwen's father and having no way to deal with him, those people would use Gwen as a point of attack to provoke Leon's father's family branch.

Gwen had once taken a group of rich kids to a street race, and it made the trending list.

After the people from the Foster Family found out they intentionally made snide remarks in front of Gwen's father and mother.

Gwen's mother asked Gwen's father to send someone to bring Gwen back and confine her in her room. for several **days** as punishment.

This time, Gwen talked smack about Leon's father's wife in public, and there was no way around it.

Gwen took the phone and glanced at it, lying on the couch. "Let them be."

She pouted, "At most, they'll catch me and make me starve a little while keeping me in a confined space. Every time it's like this, and there's **never** any new ideas"

Simone said. "It's okay; from now on, you'll be with me, and I won't let them take you **away** again."

Gwen smiled **and** said, "Okay, from now on, I'll rely on you."

Then she looked serious and asked Simone, “Simone, did you really break up with Leon? Is what they say online true?”

Simone replied, “Yes, I did break up with him and cut ties. Most of the things online are accurate. Leon

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Her eyes turned red, but she didn't cry. "It seems like we're a bit unlucky and miserable."

Simone knew that Gwen must be feeling sad about letting go of Harold.

Just like in her previous life, she was betrayed by her family and Leon, and it broke her heart.

She held Gwen's hand and squeezed it. "That was in the past. We'll have a better future. It's better to endure a short pain than a long one, and it's better to feel pain early than late. It's just family and men. If we don't want them, we don't need them."

She continued, "Like the two of us. We're not blood sisters, but we're closer than blood sisters. And as for men, out **with** the old, in with the new. Just like that."

Gwen nodded vigorously, "Yes, just like that. From now on, we'll live completely for ourselves. To hell with family and men, we'll leave them all behind."

After saying that, she asked, "I feel like drinking. Do we have any alcohol at home?"

Simone shook her head. "No, we didn't buy any."

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Simone knew that Melinda was most likely talking about her when she heard this.

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status, there's no need to be so bitter and slanderous."

These words made Melinda so angry that she fell backward, her voice even louder and sharper. "Gwen. you wicked child. If you dare, learn from Simone and just leave the family. You and she really belong together, both lacking any manners."

Simone heard this and looked at Gwen, who pointed to her own mouth. I want to speak, can I?

Gwen made **an** okay gesture to her.

Simone sarcastically said. "Mrs. Foster, you really have good manners, talking behind people's backs like that. No wonder you re someone who can marry above your own league."

She had met Gwen's mother a few times, and the other woman never liked her.

Before returning to the Gray Family, **she** was with Leon and had encountered Gwen's mother.

Leon introduced them to each other, and she was about to greet her.

Gwen's mother glanced at her coldly, with an air of looking down on her as if she couldn't measure up.

Simone was someone with dignity, so she naturally didn't approach her.

She also put on a cold demeanor without even saying hello.

Gwen's mother discreetly approached Leon and expressed her disapproval of Simone, urging him to end their relationship. Simone overheard the conversation and relayed the message to her.

Upon returning to the Gray Family, Gwen's mother maintained a cordial relationship with Salma but still harbored dislike toward her.

In contrast, she displayed clear favoritism toward Jodie.

There were two instances when Gwen's mother belittled Simone and made sarcastic remarks.

Perhaps she assumed Simone would endure it.

Little did she know that Simone would stand up for herself, causing Gwen's mother to be embarrassed. This only fueled her hatred toward Simone.

Of course, Simone didn't like Gwen's mother either.

It was evident that they couldn't stand each other.

Therefore, there was no need to ask: Simone could have already anticipated the situation.

The pendant must have been **given** by Gwen's mother to Leon, who then secretly passed it on to Jodie.

Gwen's mother likely intended for Jodie to become her daughter-in-law.

On the other hand, Gwen's mother was taken aback when Simone suddenly spoke up, which quickly turned into fury.

If Gwen wasn't present, she would have been tempted to strangle this trouble maker.

She intentionally p

the call

on speakerphone, allowing Simone to listen in on their conversation. Being mocked by Simone in this manner became unbearable for Gwen's mother.

She sneered, "Did I say something wrong? Your words alone reveal your lack of refinement. I will have a serious conversation with your mother another day."
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Simone deliberately smiled and retorted. "Then you should hurry and have that conversation with your good friend, Salma. After all, I may have a mother, but I'm left to my own devices. I'm an unrefined woman, remember?"

Gwen's mother didn't anticipate Simone saying this and choked on her words. She quickly changed the subject, "Gwen, you have one hour to return, or else, don't ever come back to the family."

Gwen's mother knew that Simone didn't even show her respect when she was dating Leon, and she spoke to her rudely.

Now that she was in conflict with her second son, Simone wouldn't show Melinda any respect.

She then directed all her anger toward Gwen.

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doctor said that if she had a miscarriage, it would cause certain damage to her body. That's why she decided to give birth to us. After we were born, she didn't like us. I was **sent** to her mother's family when I

was young, and **my** brother was sent to our grandfather's place. Not only did those old fogeys take away our clothes and toys to give to the other cousins, but they also often bullied us. I secretly complained to her, hoping to go back home. But she scolded me for being troublesome and accused me of disrespecting my grandparents.

“But those people from her mother’s family just wouldn’t let me go back home. Later, I found out that as long as I stayed there, the Fosters would give more benefits to her mother’s family. If it weren’t for my own cleverness, crying and calling my grandfather, who then took me in, I’d have no idea how bad I’d have it with that family.”

She helplessly and puzzledly said, “Only Leon would yearn for the so-called motherly love and insist on being manipulated by her.”

She had seen through the hypocrisy and favoritism of her mother a long time ago.

Simone nodded and said, “I used to not understand why your mom favored your older brother and was cold toward you and your Leon. But after I returned to the Gray Family, I understood this favoritism. They favor their adopted daughter and step on me, their biological daughter. It’s just like your biased mom.

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She shrugged, “We’re just unlucky.

They were like sisters from different mothers, connected by a twist of fate.

Their family situations **could** be seen, of course, but it was exceedingly rare.

Yet, they both happened to experience it, and it was really miserable! In normal families, parents loved their **children**, and a mother’s love was the greatest. Children were treasures.

But for them, they were like weeds.

But if it weren’t for this, they wouldn’t have met and had such a good relationship.

It **was** a matter of gaining something while losing something

Simone changed the subject and said, "If they don't love us, then we'll love ourselves."

Since her rebirth, she truly didn't care about these things anymore

Gwen smiled and said. "Yes, we'll love ourselves

With a hint of relief. she said to Simone. It's a good thing you broke up with Leon. Otherwise, dealing with this kind of mother-in-law who likes to control everything would be a nightmare

Simone blinked. Hearing you say that. I suddenly feel that my decision was right

Then, the two burst into laughter at the same time.

Simone raised her glass and said, "Come on, let's not talk about those annoying people and things."

"What are you planning to do after you come back?"

"I registered a studio. I was worried that when I wanted to participate in variety shows or acting, no one would manage it. Are you interested in being a part of my company?"

Gwen studied management and was very capable herself.

"Sure, I came back this time to join you." She clinked glasses with Simone. It just so happens that I want to find something to do, and you're offering it to me."

With a hint of self-mockery, she added, "I originally learned management for that worthless man, but now I'm using it for myself."

Simone smiled, "Isn't that even better? What you learn on your own is truly yours."

"In the future, let's make our studio bigger and stronger."

"You can stand in front of that/worthless man like a queen, looking down on him and telling him to get lost. It'll be so satisfying.

From her perspective, her friend didn't deserve **this**.

Harold must have **had** feelings for Gwen; otherwise, he wouldn't have let her chase after him for so

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many years.

But it's like trying to warm up a heart of stone, and he had a scheming assistant by his side.

He was even worse than Leon, so they should both be sent to the garbage dump

Gwen thought about Simone's words and smiled. "You know what, if that's the case, it would indeed be. satisfying

"By then. I'll just tell him to get lost and let him play with that little b*tch on his own."

She finished her drink and said. "From now on. I won't chase after worthless men anymore. I want to become an independent woman

Simone also finished her drink and said. "Great, let's build our careers together! The two of them happily drank and forgot about all the troubles

The situation online continued to escalate.

Leon and Jodie were heavily criticized, and many of their fans unfollowed them.

The Gray Family.

Aaron and Jodie were sent back by the show's crew.

In the end, Aaron gave in to Jodie's tears.

After suppressing his anger, he comforted her and finally made her feel better.

When Jodie returned home, her eyes were swollen from crying.

Steven was not there, but Salma and the four Gray brothers were sitting in the living room waiting for

her.

As Jodie walked into the living room, she saw Salma and the others.

She greeted them softly, saying, "Mom. Reuben, Titus. Luca, Andrew!"

Andrew noticed Jodie's swollen eyes.

Immediately, he stood up, showing a concerned expression, and asked, "What happened, Jo? Who bullied you?"

Upon hearing Andrew's words, Jodie's sense of grievance resurfaced.

She threw herself into Andrew's arms and started crying. Through her tears, she said, "I've been attacked by many people online."

Naturally, it was Simone who did it

She believed that her brothers would investigate.

Then she complained, "Leon and I are innocent, but Aaron not only didn't comfort me, he also didn't

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believe me and scolded me."

Andrew hugged her tenderly and comforted her, saying, "Don't be sad, Jo. Reuben and Titus **are** already investigating the **person** behind all this."

"When we find out who it is, we will seek revenge for you."

He then glared at Aaron and said, "Aaron, you're just being foolish. Why bother with him?"

"I'll confront him later and help you release your

anger."

Aaron touched his nose and said, “At that **time**, I saw what was happening online and got angry in the heat of the moment.”

Jodie leaned against Andrew’s chest and pouted at Aaron, saying, “Aaron is being mean.”

Aaron clasped his hands together and pleaded with her, “Yes, yes, I’m being mean. Little troublemaker. that’s enough.”

He was truly afraid of her.

Andrew held Jodie’s shoulder and sat down on the couch.

Luca also came over and hugged Jodie’s waist, whispering and teasing her to stop crying.

Although Reuben and Titus didn’t come over, they kept comforting Jodie.

They also assured her that they wouldn’t let the person behind the scenes get away with it.

Salma saw the scene and couldn’t help but furrow her brows, which she probably wouldn’t have done in the **past**.

Now, however, she couldn’t help but feel concerned.

Her adopted daughter was being embraced by her third **and** fourth sons, one on each side.

This didn’t seem like the typical behavior between adult siblings. The five sons, especially, revolve around their adopted sister, constantly comforting and reassuring her.

It was more like comforting a lover than comforting a sister.

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Salma stared at Jodie and the others, her mind filled with questions. When did her sons and adopted daughter become like this? When Jo first arrived, all five sons resisted and clamored for a sister. Especially the youngest, who would wake up crying and searching for his lost sister every night. He became listless and lacked vitality.

They sought help from a master who suggested that Jo should be called by Simone. This would not only help them find their biological daughter in the future but also bring happiness and prosperity to the Gray Family. The master also recommended that Jo sleep with the youngest at night to help suppress his nightmares.

Initially, the youngest resisted, but after a few days, his attitude toward Jo slowly changed. He no longer woke up from nightmares, and his mental state began to improve with Jo's company. They developed a close bond, and Jo integrated herself into the lives of the other sons, improving their relationships with each other. The boys no longer ranted about looking for their sister.

Salma wondered when the dynamics started to reverse. The sons, apart from doting on Jo, would worry and pamper her. She remembered the incident when the eldest son princess carried Jo upstairs, claiming **that** Jo had fallen asleep on the couch. The sons would compete to carry Jo when the family went out, and they happily helped her finish her meals. If anyone else had asked them to do **that**, her fussy sons wouldn't have done it, but they happily helped Jo.

Initially, Salma was pleased with the relationship between the adopted daughter and the sons, thinking of it as sibling-like. However, now she felt a chill down her spine, questioning if her sons were treating Jo as a sister or something more inappropriate. This is preposterous. They can't treat their adopted sister like that. She's a girl, Salma had never taught her about the difference in sexes, so she might **not** know to stay away from the boys. But you boys are older than her. You should know better.

Salma's anger grew as she thought about it.

Jodie noticed a sharp gaze shooting at them **and** saw the complexity **and** anger on Salma's face. Jodie, seeking comfort, sat next to Salma and hugged her, expressing her grievances. Her eyes were red, and she said, "Mom, they're all cursing me. I'm so upset." Jodie had gotten used to being comforted by her brothers and had forgotten to restrain herself in front of Salma.

If this **was** in the past, Salma probably wouldn't think too much about it, but after the Internet's rumors went wild **and** talked about how she was flirting with Aaron and looked more like a couple than siblings, everyone was starting to take it the wrong way. Salma must be keeping an eye on the Internet lately, so she **couldn't** let Salma misunderstand this. Jodie believed that Simone was behind all of this, intending to harm her.

Ever since the livestream began, Simone hinted that Jodie and Aaron shared a close relationship. Now, a lot of people were replaying the show and taking a screenshot of all the intimate actions between Jodie and Aaron. Then she set up a trap for her and Leon and dragged Titus **and** Aaron into this, **making** them look like they were having a sordid relationship. She did it on purpose. To hurt me.

Determined **to** settle the score, Jodie continued to hold Salma and express her grievances. "Mom, I."

Salma froze up at first when Jodie held her. Salma, listening to Jodie's complaints, felt her anger dissipate and patted Jodie on the back. She did raise this child, and she patted her, feeling concerned for her.

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"Reuben and Titus are investigating the mastermind behind the scenes. Once they find out, they will seek revenge for you. Don't be upset." Salma reassured Jodie.

Jodie rubbed her shoulder against Salma's and expressed her happiness to have them as her family

Salma smiled. "We raised you. Of course, we have to be nice to you." But she couldn't let the matter go just yet. She coldly looked at her five sons and criticized their behavior as unacceptable. She emphasized the need to maintain a certain distance between men and women, especially with Jo. Salma warned th

em to be more careful and **avoid** hugging and embracing fo and any overly intimate

gestures

Aaron, remembering the online comments, felt furious and awkwardly replied that he understood Andrew and Luca didn't see any problem with their behavior, as they had always treated Jo like a sister. Andrew defended their relationship, stating that it was the outsiders who had twisted thoughts:

Salma scolded them, reminding them that they were adults and that sibling relationships should avoid such gestures to maintain proper manners. She then turned to Jodie and advised her to be careful well.

Jodie disagreed in her heart, knowing that she had subtly fostered a close and protective relationship with her brothers over the years. She considered them all as her own.

What if their relationship became distant in the future? However, she obediently nodded and said, "Mom. I didn't understand these things before, but I will listen to you **and** be more cautious in the future."

In front of Salma and her noodles, Jodie was obedient, considerate, and well-behaved, never throwing

This was one of the reasons why Salma liked to spoil her.

Salma finally said with satisfaction. "You are the most well-behaved

She looked sharply at her sons and asked, "Did you hear that? She didn't notice that Jodie, who was in her arms, winked at her brothers.

They all replied. "Yes, we heard it, and we will be more careful in the future."

They all said that, but they didn't take it **too** seriously.

However, they did need to be more cautious with outsiders in the future; otherwise, it would damage Jo's reputation.

For now, this matter was considered resolved.

Salma suddenly remembered something that had made her feel uneasy before

She asked Jodie, “What’s going on between **you** and Leon?” Jodie had already prepared how to respond. to Salma and the others.

She said with even **more** grievance, Leon and I are innocent. We met privately because Melinda likes me, and he would bring me gifts. **That so-** called couple pendant was also given to me by Melinda, and neither Leon nor I knew **about** it before. Simone misunderstood the situation, but when Leon tried to

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explain, she didn’t want to listen. This misunderstanding has caused everyone to have the wrong impression of us.”

Hearing Jodie’s **words**, Salma felt relieved.

It was just a misunderstanding.

This kind of thing could be clarified by asking Mrs. Foster so Leon and Jo couldn’t be lying.

And Jo had indeed been favored by Mrs. Foster since childhood.

As long as she wasn’t stealing her biological daughter’s boyfriend, Salma could have a sound

conscience.

“Oh, I see. It was just a misunderstanding.”

She then said to Titus, “Go find Simone and offer her the best contract with the company’s finest resources. **This** will serve as compensation for her

She paused and added,
“It’s also a good opportunity to bring her back. She’s a Gray Family heiress. Living in a small apartment like **that** is just not right.”

She wanted her daughter to come back but couldn’t bring herself to ask, so she sent her second son instead.

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In a situation unrelated to Jodie, there was a certain level of generosity shown toward Simone, whether it was from Salma or the five Gray brothers.

Even if Salma didn’t express it, Titus also wanted to go find Simone.

The sudden appearance of photos and the team’s assistance with Simone’s case were all beyond his

control.

He believed that Simone should return to the company where he could control her properly.

Dealing with the constant uncertainty and the mess it caused **was** exhausting.

He could also control Simone’s misbehavior if she is under his supervision.

So, he readily agreed, saying, “Alright. I’ll go find her tomorrow. I’ll offer her the best contract and treat her the same as the company’s top female **artist**. This time, she shouldn’t complain or cause any more trouble.”

Regarding going home, he believed that as long as they provided Simone with an opportunity, she would definitely take it.

He knew **that** Simone, his own sister, longed for family affection.

As blood relatives, there should be no lingering grudges between them.

It was normal for them to argue and make a fuss.

The other four brothers **shared** similar thoughts.

They all believed that if they gave Simone an opportunity, she would happily return.

As a family, there was no need to be so calculating.

And if Simone hadn't constantly tried to compete with Jo, they wouldn't be so angry with her.

As long as Simone and Jo could get along well from now on, they would also love her the same.

Jodie felt a little uneasy when she heard Salma's words.

It was different when it was her own flesh and blood. Even though they'd reached this point and cut off ties, they still wanted to bring her back.

But since this aligned with her plan, **she** didn't try **to** stop it.

She agreed and said, "Yes, it **was all** a misunderstanding on Simone's part. Titus should really coax her back. When the **time** comes, I'll apologize to her and explain the situation with the photos and the couple **pendant**."

She deliberately set up a **trap and** said, "I believe that as long as I explain it clearly to Icon and **prove** my innocence, Simone will definitely understand."

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Titus says, "Apologies are not necessary, but you do need to explain to her about you and Leon."

“There’s no need to let a man affect your relationship with each other.”

The family hoped that Simone and Jo could peacefully get along.

He used to be disgusted by the fact that Jodie was involved with Simone’s boy friend.

Now that he knew it **was a** misunderstanding, he felt relieved.

Leon was also to blame. He couldn’t handle the relationship between the two sides.

All the life experiences he went through, wasted.

His resentment toward Leon was now the greatest, as he had caused his **two** sisters to quarrel like this.

Simone, without distinguishing right from wrong, misunderstood and caused Jo to endure so much criticism.

It made their public relations difficult.

After appeasing Simone, he would ask her to post a clarification on Facebook.

The clarification would state that there was a misunderstanding about the relationship between Leon **and** Jo.

If the parties involved post such a message on Facebook, it would be more effective than any public relations efforts.

Jo would also be able to emerge from this mess without facing further criticism.

As for Leon, if Simone really didn’t want to reconcile with **him**, they would find another wealthy young man for her,

After all, they were siblings, and they could discipline and control her, preventing her from rebelling and causing trouble.

But they wouldn’t let others bully her.

Not even his friend Leon.

After dealing with these matters, Salma felt tired **and** went back to her room.

After she left, the other five people comforted Jodie once again.

Andrew, out of habit, reached out to hug Jodie.

But just **as** his hand was about to reach her, the housekeeper suddenly appeared.

And she reminded them, “Master Andrew, Madam **has** requested that you please be mindful of boundaries.”

Before Salma went upstairs, she specifically instructed the housekeeper and the servants to keep an eye

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on the five brothers and Jodie.

If there was any inappropriate behavior, they were to speak up and stop it.

Seeing the housekeeper’s expressionless face, Andrew awkwardly withdrew his hand. “There’s really a lot going on.”

Honestly. Mother, do we have to be watched like this? It made them seem like they were doing something scandalous. It was so frustrating.

Jodie was also unhappy that her foster mother had someone watching them.

What does this mean? It seemed like she had to be more careful when there were people at home.

If she upset Salma and she told Steven about these things, it wouldn’t be good for her.

Not only did she have to hold on tightly to her five brothers, but she also couldn’t let Salma and Steven develop any negative opinions or favor Simone.

The next day.

Simone accompanied Gwen to get a new hairstyle.

Gwen had a stunning and enchanting appearance.

In the past, she deliberately went against her parents and the family.

She changed her hairstyle and hair color every week and intentionally dressed in an alt style.

But later, because of Harold, she changed her hair color to black and straightened it.

She also dressed more professionally and maturely.

Simone suggested that she try a new style that suited her better.

After some thought, Gwen agreed.

Now, she wanted to go back to being herself, so she would do what suited her and what she liked.

She **got** a perm and dyed her hair a smoky blue color.

She also took Simone to the mall and bought a bunch of new clothes.

The style was all bold, sexy, and enchanting.

Trying on a sexy wine-red suspender long dress, Gwen exclaimed, "I look so good!"

Simone stood by and agreed, "Indeed, beautiful."

She continued, "**You** used to be held back by **that** stupid guy."

Gwen endured wearing clothes she didn't like for a long time, such **as** professional attire, for the sake of Harold.

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She then complained, "No kidding."

“That stupid guy, even if I wore a dress that didn’t cover my knees, it would make him unhappy.”

“There was one time I wore a dress with a low back, **and** he turned on the air conditioning all day.”

“Now **that** I think about it, it was just low. That jerk just hindered my beauty.”

She changed into another backless long dress. “I like this kind, with long hair falling down, making my back appear hidden and visible.”

So sexy and beautiful. That stupid guy doesn’t appreciate it.”

She says to Simone, “You’re better. You like what you like and haven’t changed these things for my brother.”

Simone was deeply concerned about her brother and her family, and she **took** care of them in every aspect of their emotions and lives.

However, she refused to change herself for these people.

Leon used to disapprove of Simone participating in races or riding motorcycles with Gwen.

If he tried to stop Gwen, she wouldn’t listen.

Her brother would try to persuade Simone and prevent her from engaging in these activities that he disliked.

But Simone continued to pursue her hobbies and didn’t give them up for Leon.

In the end, Leon reluctantly accepted it.

When they argued or had conflicts, if Simone wasn’t at **fault**, she wouldn’t apologize or try to appease her brother.

Upon returning to the Gray Family, they wanted Simone to quit the entertainment industry.

They suggested that she study economics or management abroad again, but Simone refused.

If the Gray Family said something offensive to pressure her for the sake of Jodie, Simone wouldn't just accept it; she would fight back.

Simone could be very kind and warm-hearted toward the people she cared about, but she wouldn't allow them to change her.

Gwen felt that she had been foolish in the **past**.

To oppose her parents and seek their attention, she deliberately rebelled.

She even changed many of her preferences for the **sake** of that foolish man, and when they argued, she was always the one **to** apologize first.

Simone patted her and **said**, "It's not too late for you to realize it now."

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She had previously advised Gwen not to change herself or her preferences for the sake of Harold. But at that time, Gwen **was too** infatuated with Harold and continued to pursue him.

Simone suspected that Gwen may have been psychologically influenced by Harold behind the scenes. Gwen nodded and said, "Yes, my life is just beginning now."

Then, with **smiles** on their faces, they looked at themselves in the mirror and said, "Oh my, the more we look at ourselves, the more beautiful we become. We are so beautiful that others should appreciate us."

At that moment, Simone was also trying on a different style of dress in the **same** color.

She looked at herself in the mirror and chuckled, "Indeed, the two women in the mirror are so attractive. How is that possible?"

While they were joking around, Simone's phone rang.

It was **an** unfamiliar number, so she answered, "Hello!" Since she didn't have an assistant yet, she handled all the matters in the entertainment industry herself.

The unfamiliar number could be a new job opportunity or a new resource, and she was open to it.

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Soon, a male voice came through her ear. "It's me!"

Simone **was** somewhat surprised that Se mbag No. 2 would take the initiative to call her. She pretended not to recognize him and asked. "Who are you?"

Titus was rendered speechless. He said meaningfully, "Simone, can't you tell who I **am**?"

She replied solemnly. "How can I recognize a stranger's voice? If you don't introduce yourself, I'll hang up.

His face turned dark. "I'm Titus."

Simone sneered. "Titus? I don't remember a Titus in my life. You've dialed the wrong number!" Then, she hung up directly.

He listened to the busy tone, looking incredulous. In the past, whenever he mistreated Simone, she would give him the **cold** shoulder but **would** never hang up on him like this. His face turned even darker, and he gritted his teeth, saying, "Fine, this is getting out of hand!"

But to coax Simone back to the company and home, he dialed again, only to find that he had been blocked.

Unable to control **his** anger, Titus smashed the phone.

Standing behind him, his assistant was stunned. That's mine.....

After shattering the device. Titus took a deep breath. He opened the office door, went out, and grabbed a passerby, borrowing **another** phone. Then, he phoned Simone again.

“Hello!”

Her voice came through, and this time, he did not hold back and spoke straightforwardly, “It’s me, Titus Gray

Simone sat on the couch, waiting for Gwen to continue trying on dresses.

“So, you’re the Gray Group Top Talent Manager. What can I do for you?”

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Se mbag No. 2 was just as despicable as Sc*mbag No. 5. They insisted on could have just talked nicely. Now that they had been dealt with, they should be speaking nicely. She had given them too much respect in the past.

Titus did not like Simone calling him that. However, he also knew that if he said something that upset her, she would hang up again. Why is her temper worsening? He got straight to the point and said, “I have something to discuss with you.

She asked, “What is there to discuss with you? You must be joking.”

Titus held back his anger and said, “I discussed it with Reuben. We want to offer you **a** new contract. We’ll make **you** our top prioritized artist. What do you think?” He added. “I dare say that no

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entertainment company would offer **you** such treatment.”

She rolled her eyes and said. “I appreciate **your** charity. I, however, have a strong backbone and dislike settling for less. So, you can save it for someone else.”

At that point, Titus suspected he **had** misheard **and** raised his voice. “You don’t want it?”

She moved the phone away slightly. “I was clear. Is your comprehension as a top agent this poor? No wonder you haven’t produced any popular actresses or actors in these years. So. I suggest you either go to the hospital for a check up or consider whether you’re suitable for the entertainment industry. Don’t harm others or yourself.”

Speechless, he had only said four words, and she mocked him so much. He had always known that his sister **had** a sharp tongue, but he did not expect her to be so sarcastic. With a hint of gritted teeth, he said. “Thank you for your concern. You don’t need to worry about it.

Simone **disdainfully said**. “There’s another problem. Can you lower your voice, **too**? It’s hurting my ears. She sneered. “And you call yourself a scion of a wealthy family. With such a **loud** voice, you can scare away a bunch of heiresses. **No** wonder you’re single.

She had long wanted to mock Sembag No. 2 to death. Since he took the initiative to provide her a chance today, she would satisfy him.

Titus **had** no **words**. Suddenly, he **wanted** to strangle his sister and could not help but say. “Simone, you’re going too far.”

She chuckled, hung up the phone **again, and blocked** his number.

Gwen turned her head and asked. “Was it a call from one of the sc*mbags?”

Simone nodded. “It was Sc*mbag No. 2, saying he **wanted** to offer a contract and sign me as their top artist. He thought that by throwing out this so-called bait, I would take it.”

Gwen rolled her eyes. “Is he crazy?” She curiously asked, “Do you **think** he’ll call again?” She felt **so** satisfied listening to Simone mocking Tirus, whose arrogance was baffling.

In the family, Simone always won when it came to arguing, never losing. Gwen learned from Simone how to handle the people in her household, including the elders.

Simone knew Sc*mbag No. 2 quite well. “He will.”

He was the most controlling among the brothers and would not give up until he achieved his goal. Especially when she acted like this, he would want to regain control over her.

Sure enough, as soon as she finished speaking, the phone rang again from a third unknown number.

Gwen blinked and asked, "Are you going to answer? I want to hear you mock him."

Simone chuckled lightly. "Of course. Why wouldn't I **answer**? We're bored. Talking to a mad dog **is also** fun."

Gwen raised her thumb. "You're amazing."

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If Sc*mbag No. 2 had known that Simone spoke of him like this, he would probably have gone crazy with anger.

This time, she put the call on speakerphone. Where Titus' suppressed voice came through. "Simone, **can't** we have a decent conversation?" He held back from shouting, afraid that she would hang up again.

She yawned. "Stop. we're not that close. Please don't call me Simone. I'm getting goosebumps; it's disgusting.

Titus was baffled once again. Can't we just have a normal conversation? He gritted his teeth. Fine. I won't call you Simone, whatever. But I'll send **you** the contract. Just think about it. You're a smart person. Why would you refuse the biggest benefit at hand?"

Simone cut in. "It's precisely because I'm a smart person that I can't associate with idiots like you!"

He was furious. "Are you sure you don't want it?"

Her voice was firm. "Yes, I'm not interested."

When his gentle approach failed, he attempted a more forceful one. “So, you’re not interested in continuing in the entertainment industry?”

She sneered. “You guys threatened to cancel me in the industry before, but not only was I not canceled. I even became popular. Your threats are as useless as your farts, **and** yet you dare to try it again. If I were you. I would find a hole to hide in. cover my face, and never come out to embarrass myself.”

Titus was so enraged that he stumbled back. You’re truly something

No one had ever dared to mock and ridicule him in such a manner before. Not only was his younger sister becoming more temperamental, but her courage was also growing.

Simone responded with a cheerful smile. Thank **you** for the compliment. I’ve always been **great**.” Then, she added disdainfully. “But you sure **are** talkative. If you have something to say, say it Otherwise, I’m hanging up.”

He hastily interjected, “Wait! Consider the contract. If you’re willing to sign, you can contact me anytime.” He feared that Simone would immediately hang up. Hence, he quickly played the family card. “Mom misses you; she wants you to come home and visit.”

Simone retorted, “Who’s Mom? I don’t know her!”

He did not anticipate that mentioning their mother would fail either. He took a deep breath once more. “Okay, let me rephrase it. Mrs. Gray wants to see you. She hopes you’ll come home.”

However, she laughed. “I’ve said it before. You guys have something wrong with your brains. Maybe you should go to the hospital. You see, you’re so forgetful. It hasn’t been that long since I cut ties with your family, yet you’ve already forgotten? She’s not my family; please remember that. She made another suggestion. “The brain is **a** good thing. Be sure to use it sometime.”

This round. Titus could not contain his **anger** and frustratingly said, “Simone, you- Unfortunately. before he could finish, the busy tone interrupted the conversation once again.

He was stuck, unable to utter the words he wanted to curse, feeling an urge to explode. He made

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another call, only to be rejected once more. He held his breath, refusing to let go until he released his

anger.

This time, he did not bother with polite words and wanted to retaliate with curses. So, he borrowed another phone and dialed again.

Simone did not answer this time and declined the call. She knew the nature of Sc'mbag No. 2, and **she** was **certain** he was calling to curse at her. That was why she did not pick up, deliberately making him suffer, hoping to infuriate **him**.

Still, Titus refused to give up, borrowing more **than** ten phones in a row and making the same futile attempts. At that moment, he finally understood. He had been manipulated by his sis

Ultimately, he returned to his office **and** vented his anger by smashing things around. But instead of calming down, his fury continued to escalate. He regretted it! He should not have called that woman! How infuriating!

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After ending the call, Gwen

ego." He indeed was the worst.

t next to Simone with a smile. "Well done! Sc'mbag No. 2 has an inflated

She smirked. "Insulting him alone won't satisfy my anger. Not only do I want to make them angry, but I also want to poach their men."

Gwen was surprised and asked excitedly, "Who exactly?"

Simone replied. The operations director of Gray Group, along with the team he leads. After Sembag No. 1 took over Gray Entertainment, Sembag No. 2 also joined the company as a manager. They didn't like the original operations **director**, so they promoted their person," she continued. "They even made a mistake and demoted the former director, Mr. Wills, to a supervisor, along with his team. Since they look down on them, we'll take advantage of it

Gwen's eyes lit **up**. "I like the sound of that. They underestimate them, but the demoted team will shine in our studio. By then, Sembag No. 1 and No. 2 will be furious."

Simone blinked. "That's right."

Of course, she wanted to poach their employees mainly because she **had** studied that operations team, who were indeed excellent.

Gwen decided to stop shopping for clothes. "Let's end our shopping trip here today and start working."

Simone stood up, and the two changed into their original clothes, purchasing everything they liked before. They left their address, and the mall would deliver the clothes to their home. **Hand** in hand, they walked to the car.

"Simone, where should we ambush them?"

She replied, "I found out that Mr. Wills has been picking up his kid from school every day recently, Let's go to the school gate and **meet** him there."

If they wanted to poach their men, they had to do it discreetly and could not only go to their company. It would be detrimental if Sembag No. 1 and No. 2 found out and intentionally hindered them.

Then, **she** mentioned **an** address.

Gwen turned on the navigation and drove out of the parking lot. "Simone, after we poach the operations team, should we get you an assistant?" she asked. "Then, we can recruit and discover more artists." She was now filled with enthusiasm **and** wanted to achieve something with Simone.

Simone nodded. “Yes, I do need an assistant. I’ve been searching for one recently, but I haven’t found a suitable candidate. I’m not only an artist but also a part-time manager for artists, so I have high expectations for assistants. I just want to find a suitable candidate without wasting time and energy on constant changes.”

At that, Gwen pondered for a moment and said, “How about I recommend someone to you?”

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Simone was interested and said. “Sure! Tell me about them. Gwen **was** someone she trusted.

Gwen replied, “I have a college classmate who used to be my roommate. We have a good relationship. Her mother was hospitalized due to illness before, and she took a leave of absence to take care of her for some time. Her boss was dissatisfied and wanted her to return to work, even assigning her many **tasks** to complete during her leave. As a result, she had no time to take care of her mother. And taking leave meant no salary. So, she was forced to resign.

“A few days ago, I saw in our group chat that she’s looking for a job. She’s trying to find a job that can advance her a few months salary because she needs the money for her mother’s surgery. But such jobs

hard to find. She’s capable, hardworking, meticulous, and not someone who talks too much. So, I think she’d be suitable to be **your** assistant.

She paused and continued. “She comes from a single-parent family. Her father passed away when she was young. Her mother never remarried for the sake of her and her younger sister. She works two jobs, one to repay the debt her father borrowed when he was ill and the other to support her and her sister’s education. She started working part-time in college to earn a **living** and reduce her mother’s burden. I’d stayed at her place for a few days. Although they aren’t wealthy, it is warm and full of love.”

Simone admired that warmth and motherly love. It was precious, and she hoped to preserve it. She thought for a moment **and** asked, “If she becomes my a

assistant, there may be times when she'll get super busy or even have to leave Cebros. Can she handle that?"

Gwen replied. "Yes, she can. Her sister will graduate from college this year and has decided not to look for a job temporarily but to take care of their mother in the hospital. So, she'll work **and** earn money for the surgery and medical expenses. She has work experience, so her salary will be much higher than that of a recent college graduate. The bond between the three of them is very strong"

She added, "She **had** a boyfriend before, and they almost got married. But then her mother suddenly fell ill, needing surgery **and** ongoing medical expenses. Her boyfriend and her family allowed her to send money to her mother every month, but she couldn't **quit** her job and go back home to take care of her family. They wanted her sister to take care of her. Otherwise, they would postpone the wedding. They had been dating for several years, and she liked that guy. But after he made such a request, she broke up with him. So, besides her capability. I also highly value her character."

Simone felt the same. "From what you've said. I think she's great. Contact her and see if she's willing to work for me. If we decide to hire her as an assistant, we'll give her an advance salary."

Gwen nodded. "Okay, I'll contact her tonight." She asked again. "For artist recruitment, should we poach from other entertainment companies or nurture unknown talents?"

Simone **said** meaningfully. "You tell me. Should we abandon and suppress the artists from Gray Entertainment or intentionally bring them over and cultivate their popularity?" She decided to sever ties with the Gray Family, and no matter what happened, she would never reconcile with them again.

Originally, for the sake of her favorite job and life, she wanted to work hard to make more people like her and cut ties with that family. However, to force her to submit. Sc*mbag No. 1 and No. 2 wanted to blacklist her in the industry.

Subsequently, they hired fake accounts to praise Jodie and criticize Simone on the variety show. This time, they went even further by constantly painting Jodie as the angel and launching attacks against

her.

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Had she not planned ahead and **saved** those photos, she would have been in a difficult situation. Additionally, Zac's team was influential. Now, **she** was the one facing criticism and attacks all over the internet.

After being blacklisted, who would want to hire her? How would she **be** able to continue her career in the industry? This was cutting off her future path, which was simply too much. She did not want to have any further entanglements with them, but that did not mean she would allow them to bully and exploit her.

If everyone minded their own business, they could coexist peacefully. However, Sc'mbag No. 1 and No. 2 **had** caused her so much harm and wanted to destroy her future, so she had to retaliate.

Poaching artists, utilizing Gray Entertainment's resources, and expanding her studio were some ways of seeking revenge. Those who could not make her popular and even intentionally suppressed and marginalized her would now flourish under her guidance.

Not only would it embarrass the Grays, but it would also **make** Sc'mbag No. 1 and No. 2 experience the bitter taste of regret after their failure.

Gray Entertainment was powerful, always attempting to blacklist **and** attack her, not allowing her to survive in the industry. If that **was** the case, she would take their **place and** bring Gray Entertainment down.

The one who had the last word **was** the winner.

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Gwen had always **been** an adventurer, seeking thrills and excitement. She agreed. This idea is excellent. Our studio needs to grow and become stronger. I

In the beginning, we couldn't directly compete with other entertainment companies, so it was not appropriate to poach their employees. Otherwise, if they join forces, we'll be suppressed, and that wouldn't be beneficial.

“Instead, we should focus on poaching the artists that Gray Entertainment has given up on, suppressed, or ghosted. People might think that you're acting on impulse. You did this intentionally to go against the two brothers. And I'm sure no

one will have high expectations. Scumbag No. 1 and No. 2 might even see it as a joke. They won't be too cautious.

“Based on their arrogant personalities, they won't play tricks in the beginning to suppress the people we poach. That's because they want to see you fail and make a fool of yourself so they can mock you. Or, they might pretend to be generous and offer **you** a contract to return to Gray Entertainment. But once we elevate our people, it will be too late for them to regret.”

Simone's smile deepened in her eyes. “You understand me.”

Her thoughts were exactly what Gwen had said.

“After we poach Gray Entertainment's former operations team, we can start poaching their artists. We can consider the artists who have been given up on as long as they have potential and good character. But we shouldn't poach too many in the beginning. Let's start with two to four talents to promote. We should poach secretly so that when they switch jobs, they won't mention our studio. Although Scumbag No. 1 and No. 2 might want to see me fail, it doesn't mean they won't make things difficult for us when we poach.”

Especially after she had angered Scumbag No. 2, who was still holding a grudge, it would be best to announce it publicly after successfully poaching the people.

Gwen nodded. “We truly have a telepathic connection. I was thinking the same thing.”

Whether

it was in life, philosophy, or work, she and Simone always harmonized so well.

That was why they wanted to be lifelong best friends who could trust each other with their backs.

“When you participate in the next live variety show, I’ll go to the film academy to see if there are any talented newcomers. We can even invest in producing our own films. Gwen said, “I have quite a bit of money, so I can invest it in the studio.” She added with a bold attitude, “I’ll sponsor all of **you**.”

Although her mother did not favor her and her brother, they were raised by their grandfather.

Before he passed away, he intentionally favored them and left them with six percent of the shares, evenly distributed among the siblings. That was because after Leon went to study at Cebros, he was **influenced** by Mrs. Foster, He foolishly wanted to bring their grandfather back to Cebros to create a harmonious family. This angered their grandfather, who only gave him a share.

In the end, their grandfather gave Gwen all the antiques he collected and the assets that did not belong to the Foster Family so that she would have something to rely on if she ever wanted to leave the family. Her older brother and other cousins received nothing from their grandfather.

It served them right, as they had distanced themselves from their grandfather all these years because of

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Mrs. Foster. Only the siblings had stayed by their grandfather’s side for many years.

After he passed away and she returned to the Foster Family, it was because of the things their grandfather left behind that she had the confidence and strength to oppose her mother and others.

The rest of the Foster Family was extremely jealous and covered the shares she held. Even Mrs. Foster openly and secretly hinted at her, not only wanting her to give the shares to Skyler but also wanting the antiques their grandfather left behind. Gwen pretended not to understand and ignored her. If she got annoyed, she would retort a few words.

She would not be like her foolish older brother who would go up to their mother and be used by her as soon as she showed a little motherly love. Because of this Mrs. Foster disliked her daughter even more.

It was because she could not bear to part with the things in her hands that she would scold her while at the same time, begging her to come home: Every year, Gwen received dividends of tens of millions from the Foster Family shares. After going abroad, she worked at Harold's company She was busy every day and did not have much time or energy to go out and spend So she had accumulated several billion in her hands.

Simone knew her friend was a wealthy woman and joked. "Okay, we'll wait for you to sponsor us." She would also work hard to earn money and invest in the studio Plus, she had invested some of the money in the stock market before

Later, she planned to do some geomancy work. She would also take some time to the jade market at the border and bring back some jade to sell as protective talismans, making money and connections.

Thinking of this, she reminded Gwen. Your grandfather left behind several antiques that have auspicious energy. They can be used as good protective talismans or mystical tools Don't sell them

Gwen nodded. 'Dont worry I've stored them all in a bank safe specifically for these items. I have plenty of money, I won't sell them. If I leave them at home. I'm afraid they'll be gone by the time I come back. Mom and the others are all coveting them, especially her. Her desire for the antiques left to me by my grandfather exceeds my share in my hands I wonder what she wants to use them for She shook her hand speechlessly Look she even covets this string of bracelets in my hand. She has hinted several times before, saying that she likes it and wants me to give it to her. I pretended not to hear, and then she went to my brother to hint that she liked it

That fool. Leon, came to me and said. It's just a string of bracelets. Since Mom wants it, just give it to

I was so angry at the time: I wanted to hit him. This was especially sought by my grandfather, and he asked me to wear it all the time before he passed away. How can I give it to that woman?"

Simone's gaze fell on the bracelets on Gwen's wrist. In her previous life, she could not directly see the true value of these beads, but she had recently attended a mini timeline focused on mystical arts, and her proficiency in this area had greatly improved.

Now, she could easily discern its true nature. She remarked. This is an incredibly potent mystical tool for self-protection. It can ward off disasters and save lives in critical moments. No wonder she desires

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She also wore a jade pendant around her neck, a gift from her master, which held a similar significance to these crystals.

Gwen smiled self-deprecatingly upon hearing her words. "I knew it wasn't that simple. She typically

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adorns herself with high-quality jewelry and limited-edition luxury bracelets. How could she possibly appreciate a string of bracelets?"

Simone examined the beads and pondered for a moment before inquiring. "Does Mrs. Foster possess knowledge of mystical tools?"

Gwen shook her head. "Probably not."

"But she does have a fondness for collecting antiques. My father has auctioned off many for her. However, once she acquires them, she doesn't seem to hold them in high regard. If she doesn't like them, she simply accumulates them in a room. I overheard her two assistants privately discussing how she has given away a significant number of them. I'm unaware of who the recipients are, though."

Simone cautioned, "If you return in the future, pay attention to this aspect of her behavior. **Many** antiques can serve as mystical tools. It seems there is more to her acquisitions than meets the eye"

Initially, Gwen had **not** paid much attention to these matters. However, upon hearing Simone's words, she **also** sensed that something was amiss. "Alright, I'll be more observant next time and have the butler keep an eye **on** her."

The butler **was** her grandfather's trusted aide, who had secretly protected and assisted her,

Simone nodded. "Hmm, but be cautious."

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Simone and Gwen drove to the school gate, but it was not yet time for school to be over. However, Simone came prepared and quickly located Mr. Wills' car.

At that moment, Gary Wills was smoking with the car window open, lost in thought. He seemed to exude a sense of defeat.

The ladies approached, and Simone raised her hand to knock on the car door. Gary snapped out of his daze, turned his head, and saw her, then paused for a moment. "Miss **Simone!** Although he was not familiar with her, he knew who she was.

Previously, Simone **was** an artist under Gray Entertainment, but she had never worked with the **public** relations department. According to rumors, it was because she had offended her manager, Titus, that she was treated the same way as them, being left out in the cold.

They had believed it before. After all, she had excellent looks, temperament, and acting skills. They all thought she had unlimited potential and a high chance of becoming popular. However, the resources were limited, and it seemed like she was intentionally suppressed by her manager.

There had been a lot of hot topics and online controversies lately. Only then did he find out that Simone was Titus' biological sister. **That** meant she **was** also Reuben's sister.

Hence, they could not understand why these two brothers would suppress their sister. They heard that they wanted to promote the adopted sister, which was why they targeted their biological sister.

They just could not understand it.

Especially since Jodie, regardless of qualifications from all aspects, was not as good as Simone. It was like throwing away a piece of gold for pyrite.

Still, the Gray brothers were cocky and biased toward their own. As such, deeds like this seemed normal to them.

Simone smiled and said, "Mr. Wills, we'd like to talk to you. Can you spare us a few minutes?"

Gary had been paying attention to the events of the **past** few days. It had to be said that she **had** executed a beautiful turnaround. From being on the verge of being blacklisted by the entire internet, she suddenly became the object of everyone's sympathy.

Now **that** Leon and Jodie were being criticized, there was no way to salvage their public image.

He admired someone as capable as Simone. As such, he extinguished his cigarette and smiled. "If you ladies don't mind, we can **talk** in the car."

They would have to wait for the children to finish school, so he could not find a cafe to sit down and

talk with them.

Simone nodded. "Okay!" She opened the back door and entered with Gwen.

Gary glanced at his watch. There was still more than ten minutes until school was over. So, he straightforwardly asked, "Miss Simone, did you come to me for something specific?"

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Simone did not beat around the bush, either. "We've opened a studio and need an operations team. We want you to take charge."

He looked surprised and turned to her "You have your own talent studio now?"

She nodded. "Yes, the Gray brothers wanted to blacklist me, so I decided to open my own."

Gary's eyes showed a hint of admiration. "You're impressive"

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The Gray brothers had released news within the industry to basically Weert was because they were afraid of offending them or they did not want to cause trouble for themselves other entertainment companies naturally would not sign Simone

Then, he changed the subject. But I'm sorry. I don't have any plans to leave Gray Entertainment for

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own him a favor certainly

There had been people trying to poach him before, but the former president had. Moreover, his salary was indeed good and he was working at one of the top three companies in the industry. So even though the newly promoted Gray brothers had seemed up to sideline him, he had never considered switching jobs.

With Simone opening a new studio she had nothing at the moment, and the future

Even if he were to switch jobs, he would bring his colleagues to a stable entertainment company

Simone was not surprised that Gary decisively refused. After all from any perspective, there studio did not have any advantage to attract talent. She was prepared for this.

She took a folder from her bag and handed it over "Mr. Wills this is the operational plan I made for the studio. Take a look and see if you're interested."

Although Gary did not plan to switch jobs, he was not repulsed by such a proposal. So, he took it and flipped through it, becoming gradually surprised. He did not expect Simone to understand operations so well.

If her plan was executed, the studio would indeed have a promising future.

“Miss Simone, your operational plan is excellent. Impressive. But... I still have to lead **my** team, so I’m

sorry.

Simone handed over another folder. This is the salary package. You can take a look at it again.”

He was curious about the salary package a small studio could offer **them**. Hence, he took and read it. Surprised once again. The salary was higher than what they were currently receiving and the autonomy was also relatively high.

He used to be a director, fully managing and operating the studio. All of this felt like full trust from Simone, but of course, he was not skeptical of her. It was just that he was already at this age, and his family was in chaos now. He no longer had that drive.

Regardless, she did not expect these two folders to convince Gary to switch to her side. She glanced at Gary’s face and said. “Mr. Wills, have you been having some family troubles recently

He furrowed his brows. How did she know? Did she investigate me behind my back? Then, he suddenly

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remembered that she also knew physiognomy.

“There have indeed been some issues at home, so I haven’t been able to focus on work lately. I’m afraid I’ve disappointed you, Miss Simone.”

She remained silent and raised her hand to calculate. “Mr. Wills, I have a suggestion for you. After sending the kid home for dinner, return to the company, and you will find the answers to your questions. She added meaningfully, “If it were me, I would make them pay the price.”

*I’m starting a studio, and the first thing I need to do is snatch the people and resources of the Grays. I also want to retaliate against Titus for hiring fake accounts to smear my reputation and Reuben for trying to block my path in the **entertainment** industry. Mr. Wills, after you resolve your doubts, I hope you will seriously consider our studio. Before we achieve anything, I won’t make empty promises about **what** we can do. **But** I can guarantee that your **salary** will be based on what I **have** offered you.”

Gwen added, “I am the daughter of the Foster Family, and in the future, I will also be a major shareholder of the studio. So, rest assured, we won’t lack money. With me and Simone, we won’t be **lacking** in terms of connections and resources.”

Gary did not fully grasp Simone’s meaning. However, he **had** recently been plagued by doubts and confusion. According to her, he would find the answers by visiting the company tonight. Once he resolved his doubts, what decision would he make? He **had** always believed in metaphysics and intuition.

Since she **had** suggested it, he would see if he could obtain what he desired. He nodded at her. “Alright, I will take your request into consideration. At that moment, he did not have much thought about the studio, and it was merely a polite response.

Simone nodded. “My phone number hasn’t changed. Contact me once you have an answer.”

He smiled. “No problem. I’ll give you an answer regardless.”

She said, “I won’t disturb you from picking up your child, then. See you soon!”

He raised an eyebrow. Did she assume that I’d choose her studio? See me soon? He smiled again. “Okay!”

Then, Simone and Gwen left **and** got into the car. The latter asked, “Will it work?”

Simone shrugged. "If nothing unexpected happens, it should work. We'll find out tomorrow."

Although Gwen was curious, she did not inquire further as it involved Gary's family matters. She said, "Shall I prepare the contract?"

Simone nodded. "Sure!"

On the other side, Gary picked up his kid and finished dinner. After hesitating for a moment, he decided to leave the kid with his grandmother and drove to the company.

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