### Triumph 531

### Chapter 531 Twisting Facts

After her outburst, the lady stormed out of the stadium before Skylar and the others could react. Skylar would obviously ignore her threats. They were all excited to watch Yulia receive her medal and after half an hour, every single child had finished their performance. As expected, Lola won the competition and her medal was presented to her by a music producer. Lola was ecstatic when the shiny medal was placed around her next.

The emcee said, "Let's congratulate Lola on being the champion of Cloudtopia. She will be heading to the capital with two other children to take part in the finals. Let us hope that Lola and the other children could continue winning the competition. Thank you everyone and best of luck to you, Lola!"

Lola nodded after hearing that. After everything was presented, Lola along with the other children took a picture with the judges and parents. Skylar felt proud at the moment. He felt even more proud than he was crowned the god of war back then. He was overwhelmed with pure joy then.

It was about time for lunch after the photoshoot was done. Since Lola had won the competition, Skylar decided to treat everyone to a good meal to celebrate her win. So, he brought everyone to a fancy restaurant. However, before any food was served, Valerie's phone rang.

She answered the call in front of everyone. However, her expression grew bitter when she did.

"What's wrong, Valerie?" Yulia asked.

Valerie received a video as soon as she hung up the call. So, she showed Skylar and Yulia the video. They were immediately greeted by a woman crying and complaining with swollen cheeks. That woman was none other than Fabian's mother. Upon closer inspection, Skylar realized that she was complaining about how the competition was rigged and she was beaten when she decided to expose the truth. She even mentioned Skylar's name and accused Skylar of slapping her. She even mentioned how she was accused of twisting facts around when she wanted the organizers to bring Skylar to justice. Everyone knew that she was intentionally twisting facts around at the moment. It almost seemed like she was framed and without fault. She even accused Skylar and Valerie of bribing the judges before the video ended.

She also accused Valerie of having sold her body to secure Lola's victory. So it did not take long for the video to go viral...

#### Chapter 532 Show of Force

Apparently, it was Valerie's manager who called earlier. It seemed that her agency wanted her to make a statement immediately. She was told to deal with that issue as soon as possible regardless of the truth. Her reputation would be the most important thing to her since she was a new celebrity.

"Gosh, I can't believe that lady can be that shameless!" Both Yulia and Valerie were furious after seeing how shameless that lady was to behave like a victim. Lola could only win because of her hardwork and the support she had. That lady was arrogant and in denial about her son's talent. They could not believe that the lady accused the whole competition to be rigged. They could also not accept the fact that the lady had shamelessly framed Valerie of being a horrible person.

However, the commenters were biased as they based their judgment on everything she said. So, they immediately began insulting Skylar and Valerie.

"Gosh, those animals! I can't believe they won't even let a children's singing competition slide!"

"Yeah, claiming the competition to be fair and square is nothing more than a bunch of horses\*t! Who knows, maybe the whole competition is held for rich kids and the other childrens are just there to fluff up the numbers regardless of talent."

"I can't believe Skylar would hit a woman! He is a disgrace to all men!"

"Oh, don't get me started on Valerie. She looked innocent,but d\*mn, I am disgusted by the person she is! I will make it my mission to insult her whenever she's in the news!"

Apparently, there were even worse insults that were left on the lady's post. This only angered Yullia and Valerie further as they did not expect how shameless a person that lady could be by twisting facts around.

Skylar, on the other hand, was incredibly calm. However, upon closer inspection, he was seething with subtle rage. It seemed that the lady's insults had already offended him earlier. If it was not for the competition, those series of slaps were not enough to calm him down. He only allowed her to leave because he did not want to cause a scene earlier. But, he did not expect her to be so obsessed over starting trouble with him. Since that was the case, Skylar decided to toy with her. He thought to himself, Oh, so you wanted to play, right? I'll join you! You wanted to go viral, didn't you? Alright, I'll give you just that!

So, he took out his phone and called Dianne. "I want you to delete every single video that is directly insulting me and Valerie right now. Oh, and get the recording of Lola's performance from the event organizers and upload it online. I also want you to send word to everyone. Anyone who dares help that lady will risk bankrupting their companies within three minutes. I also want you to ban every single social media account that is related to the lady and her family! Didn't she say that the whole competition is rigged? Well, let's show her then!

# Chapter 533 A 999 Year Ban

Meanwhile in a random mansion at the same time, The lady was smug about what she did as she scrolled through her social media on the couch while pressing an ice bag on her face. She was delighted to see the amount of insults being directed at Skylar and Valerie because of the video she posted. There were even posts about how people online wanted to organize a manhunt to find Skylar and blacklist

Valerie online. She was feeling extremely smug about it. "Hmph, all of you are trash! You've forced my hand and I will ruin your reputation!" The lady scoffed as she imagined how Skylar would be hunted while Valerie's career being blacklisted.

After a short washroom break, the lady decided to resume her gloating. However, the moment she picked up her phone, she was stunned by what she saw. It read, "Karen Anderson, female, aged 35. Address, 3rd house in Starville Villa. This woman has spent the last three years scamming all kinds of singing competitions with her son. It seems that every event this mother and son attends, she will cause a scene to force the organizers to boost her son's scores and placement. The link below is a compilation of her outbursts..."

Karen was stunned to see the video as she wondered who exactly could get a compilation of her outbursts in such a short time. However, she had no time to worry about that as she found the original poster and intended to message that person privately to have those videos deleted. But, she soon realized that her account had been slapped with a 999 year ban.

"Good gosh! What is going on? A 999 year ban?!" Karen exclaimed and wondered if it was a bug in the system. When she refreshed her feed, she noticed that the compilation of her outbursts had gone viral and it did not take long for a group of commenters to comment about their feelings.

"So, it was staged by her all along! D\*mn, I can't believe I felt bad for her!"

"How shameless and wow, she's such a sore loser. I can't believe that she'll spoil her son that way!"

"I feel bad for the child to have a mother like that!"

"Her address is posted above. Let's raid her home and teach her how to be a proper mother!" It did not take long for all of the insults to be redirected at her.

"What is going on? How can such news go viral? I can't believe that my account is also banned for 999 years. I need to appeal this ban and defend my rights!" Karen yelled at her phone. She felt unfair as she did not even have a chance to express her thoughts. Suddenly, another news had gone viral and it turned out to be her outburst from earlier in the day. It was the full video of her making fun of the first child to her storming off from the stadium.

The instant that video went viral, the commenters spared no time to let their anger known.

"What a b\*tch!"

"I can't believe that she's shameless enough to let us feel bad for her!"

"I'm a parent myself and I can understand the other parents' anger. If I was there, I would've slapped her harder than Skylar!"

"Yeah, women like her are asking for it! If we'd known that she'd manipulate the situation after she left, Skylar should've crippled her right there and then!"

"Lola is not only beautiful, she's incredibly talented as well, she deserved her perfect score!"

## Chapter 534 Specially Made for You

Soon, the commenters' anger were redirected toward Karen. The commenters had begun praising Lola and Skylar while also insulting Karen. The tables had turned in a few short minutes. Meanwhile, Karen who was just moments ago gloating in her own ego was seething in absolute rage then. She yelled while stomping around her living room, "How dare you ban my rights to speak!"

So, she immediately called customer support. As soon as the call was connected, she yelled, "How dare you ban my account for 999 years! What is wrong with you!"

"Greetings, are you Ms. Karen?" The customer support representative asked patiently.

"I am! How do you know that I was?" Karen asked.

The customer support representative replied in a calm voice, "We're terribly sorry, Ms. Karen, it was a direct order by our superiors to have your account banned for 999 years. This ban is specifically created just for you. Oh and not only are you banned on our platform, you are also banned everywhere else. Do you still have any further questions?"

Karen was livid when she heard how calm the customer support representative sounded. It almost seemed like she had been insulted.

"Specifically made for me? What right do you have to do that to me? I will be filing a lawsuit against you!" Karen yelled.

However, the customer support representative replied, "Sure. You can do whatever you want, Ms. Karen. But I suggest that you should stop wasting your time doing that because no courts will be willing to accept your case. Do you still have any further questions?"

"Go... Go to hell!" Karen hung up the call after yelling at the customer support representative. After that, she logged into her other social media platform and was also greeted by the same 999 ban.

"Ah! I will be filing a lawsuit against everyone! I have money and there is no reason that no courts would accept my case!" Karen yelled and dialed a number. However, she was greeted by a cold reply as soon as the call was connected. The person said, "My apologies, Ms. Karen, we have received a direct order by our superiors to not accept your case." The person hung up the call before she could react.

She could no longer call that number after that. "This... How is this possible?" She looked confused. Suddenly, her phone rang and it was the same company she bought bots from to get her video viral. As soon as she answered the call, she was greeted by a wave of violent screams. "You b\*tch! Who exactly did you offend? Our company has been bankrupted because we made your post viral! Let me tell you this, I want you to compensate us a billion dollars or else I will want you to keep your son safe! Don't forget, we have all of your details and information!"

That person would obviously want Karen to compensate his company for his losses since he would not be a decent person to be working in a company that sold bots. This stunned Karen completely. However, she was suddenly interrupted by another call.

## Chapter 535 It Must Be Him

Karen received a call from her husband and assumed that she finally had support, so she answered the call immediately. However, before she could complain, her husband began yelling at her. "Who exactly have you offended, Karen? I can't believe that the empire I've worked so hard to build was ruined because of you! You dumb b\*tch! Just you wait, I will strangle you to death as soon as I get home!" Apparently, Karen's husband was not known to be quick to anger, so this just showed how furious the man was as having his company going bankrupt was a major disaster to him. All he wanted to do at the moment was murder Karen. Her husband hung up the call before she could argue. Her husband called other companies in hopes of bailing his company out as soon as the call ended. This made Karen panic and she wanted to call her husband back, but she was greeted by a wave of violent knocking at her door.

It turned out that a group of people could be heard yelling at her before she could open the door. They yelled, "Karen, you b\*tch! Get your \*ss out and apologize to us for manipulating everyone here! We will not leave until you do! Oh, not just us, we want you to apologize to Skylar and Valerie. You've framed them and nearly ruined a good father and a wonderful woman! Don't just hide in there, you coward! We have numbers and we can take turns waiting outside at your door. We refuse to believe that you can hide in there forever!" The violent knocking terrified her completely.

It was only then did she realize that karma had finally caught up to her. She intended to manipulate the commenters to search for Skylar and ruin Valerie's reputation. She never expected that she would be exposed instead. She panicked. What should I do? Oh gosh, what should I do? They've intruded private property and I can call the cops... I can call the cops... I can have them arrested!

Karen immediately called the emergency number, but before she could say anything, she was greeted by the same response she received earlier. The operator said, "We have received word from our superiors that we will not be accepting anything to do with you, Ms. Karen. We will not be deploying our police forces, so we wish you the best of luck."

"What?" Karen was completely stunned by the response. She could not believe that even the police force had refused to accept her pleas. This made her panic even more. She was beginning to wonder if she had gone insane or the world had completely gone insane. If this was not a dream, she wondered if she could even make it out alive. So, she began to think the whole situation through. She was still gloating when the commenters were insulting Skylar and Valerie before she went to the washroom, but everything changed in less than five minutes. She was unable to make any statements, nor was she able to make a police report. Moreover, the company she bought bots from had gone bankrupt and even her husband's company had folded. She wondered if things could get any worse than this. This was the first time she had felt hopeless. So, she began to make crazy assumptions about who exactly was behind all of this.

Who exactly is responsible for this? Who could be powerful enough to ruin my life in a few short minutes? Could it be... Skylar?

She trembled when she recalled how terrifying Skylar's gaze was when he slapped her earlier, so she thought to herself, Yes, it's him! It has to be him!

#### Chapter 536 Surprising Talent

Meanwhile in the fancy restaurant at the same time.

Both Yulia and Valerie were holding their phones and were glued to the viral news. They did not even have any appetite to eat whatever that was being served. "Whoa Valerie, look at this commenter! Look at the way they worded their insults! They were polite, but very insulting at the same time!"

"Look at this Yulia, look at how they praised Lola's talent. They praised her better than we did."

"There are plenty of people that praised you too. I'm pretty sure that you'd gain a lot of new followers after things have been cleared." Yulia and Valerie were delighted to see how the commenters had sided with them. If it was not for Skylar's pressure, the lady would have gotten away with it too. That was because the trolls Karen hired were enough to ruin Valerie's career. Lola would also be hurt by this too. So, Karen had truly gotten what she deserved. Both Yulia and Valerie would never feel bad for people like her.

Before they left the restaurant, Valerie told Yulia and Skylar that she had been hired for a role in the capital. So, to thank Valerie for her coaching, Skylar decided to bring them to the beach. Valerie was delighted when she heard that. So, they made their way to the beach after their meal.

After sending Valerie off the next day, Yulia headed straight to work while Skylar went home with Lola. It seemed that Lola had not been working out recently since she had been busy practicing her singing. Since they were free that day, Skylar decided to have revision courses with her. However, their doorbell rang not long after they began. When Skylar answered the door, he was greeted by a middle-aged man dressed in a black suit. Skylar asked, "Who are you looking for?" Apparently, Skylar did not know the man.

The man took out his business card and introduced himself. "You must be Mr. Stone, right? I am James Jackson and I scout talents for Southville Entertainment Agency. I am here for your daughter. Can I please come in so we can discuss further details?"

"Sure, please come in." Skylar allowed the man to enter since he was there for Lola. He knew that no one would be able to harm Lola since he was there.

James immediately noticed Lola as soon as he entered. His eyes glimmered and said, "Hey kid, you must

be Lola, the girl that won the competition, right? Oh, you look more beautiful than you were in the video!"

Lola stared at James curiously as he said that. She was not afraid of the stranger since her father was there with her.

"Please sit down." Skylar was polite to him since he was the host.

James thanked him after that. James was not the kind of person that liked to waste time, so he immediately jumped straight to the main points. He said, "I've seen your daughter's video, Mr. Stone and her voice is extremely endearing. She is more talented than a lot of children her age. She is truly a rare talent to find since she could create such a beautiful melody with a single leaf!"

## Chapter 537 Millions of Followers

"You know, after everything has gone viral in the last two days, your daughter's competition has gained the highest views and comments in history. In other words, Lola has gone viral. This means that all of this engagement can be converted into actual money. Our agency is responsible for signing a bunch of celebrities and they will be assigned a manager and will be supported by the professional team. If you are willing to allow your daughter to be a star, we are confident in making her the most popular online celebrity in the country. I'm sure that everyone will love your little girl." James' eyes were glimmering in excitement when he said that.

However, Skylar was indifferent to his offer. He had money, so he was uninterested in James' offer. All he wanted was for Lola to have a happy and healthy childhood.

When James noticed his indifference, he continued, "Don't you worry, Mr. Stone, we have proper contracts when we work with celebrities. My boss has even mentioned that if Lola agrees to work with us, we can have a fifty-fifty split in profits to her streams. The entire contract will be worth twenty million dollars. I mean if you're willing to accept our offer of course. If you do, you can sign a five year contract with us and you can receive a hundred-million dollars as a sign-in bonus. Since Lola is only four years old, all we need her to do is to stream for two hours every night for us. She can sing, dance, play the flute, or just talk with the other viewers for two hours."

Although he was not a local, James could tell that the mansion Skylar lived in was worth more than a hundred-million dollars. However, giving that same amount of money for a five year contract would sway anyone's heart, including A-list celebrities. However, Skylar shook his head and before he could refuse James' offer, Lola leapt into his arms and asked curiously, "Daddy, what did he mean by streaming? Can I really sing, dance and play the flute there?"

As Skylar was racking his head to come up with an explanation, James took out his phone and showed Lola his agency's streaming platform. He said, "Look Lola, look at this lady here. She is one of our agency's streamers and she's able to sing while she streamed to a lot of people every night. A lot of people will like her stream and send her gifts too. Do you want to be like her and have everyone in the country hear you sing and dance and witness your happy growth?" Lola watched the streamer on James' phone for a good long while before saying, "This lady knows how to sing a lot of wonderful songs, mister. Can I really be like her?"

James' eyes glimmered and said, "You will be better than her! According to our data, you already gained millions of fans yesterday. All of them were touched by your singing voice and they hoped that you would sing for them again. Can you give them what they want?"

"Sure! I love singing for everyone," Lola replied excitedly.

## Chapter 538 Trouble

"Then, you should be a streamer like that lady and sign with our agency!" James replied with a smile. Apparently, even James found Lola adorable when he was used to meeting so many attractive people.

"A contract?" Lola stared at Skylar confused and continued, "I don't know what that means, but my daddy knows everything. Do you want me to sign it, daddy?"

Skylar patted her head and said, "Oh honey, if you want more people to hear you sing, you will have my full support." Skylar only changed his mind because that was what Lola enjoyed doing. That would help build her confidence. He knew that he would be able to afford the termination fee when Lola decided to quit. Besides, even if she had signed the contract, that agency would not be able to do anything to Lola with him around.

James was delighted to hear that, so he handed the contract over to Skylar and said, "Mr. Stone, I've brought the contract with me. Please read it carefully and if there is no problem with it, you can sign it. Allow me to arrange the schedule and all the live streaming equipment. You won't have to worry about that at all.

Skylar accepted the contract and after reading through it, he said, "I don't care about money, as long as my daughter is having fun. This is why I'm only going to make a single request and that is my daughter can sing and say whatever she wants. You have no right to restrict her in any way."

"Don't you worry about that! We admire your daughter's talent and besides, she looks adorable and even if she didn't want to sing, all she needs to do is to appear on camera to charm everyone in the country. We will never restrict her growth in any way at all." James agreed to Skylar's terms immediately. Since his concerns were taken care of, Skylar signed his name without any hesitation.

James was delighted that his goals had been accomplished. He promised that people would arrive with the live streaming equipment in a few days along with more clothes for Lola as a gift in a few days. Lola was so delighted to hear that she would be getting new clothes that she began to cheer gleefully.

It was almost time for lunch after James left, so Skylar decided to order some take out. However, he received Yulia's call as soon as he unlocked his phone. He answered, "Aw honey, I didn't know you miss me this much?"

However, Yulia was in no mood to jest with Skylar. She sounded panicked as she said, "Something has happened in the office.Please hurry, I'll explain when you get here."

Skylar changed his clothes and rushed over to Kareem Fashions with Lola as soon as he heard that. He noticed Yulia's worried look the moment he arrived. So, he asked, "What happened, honey?"

### Chapter 539 Deathwish

Yulia was slightly relieved to see Skylar as she rubbed her brows and said, "Amanda called me earlier and she told me that all of our products have been blacklisted. The anti-blemish cream has already been ordered to be recalled. I'm pretty sure that this recall order would've reached Troiz and Maersk County by now. I'm afraid that we will not be able to keep our footing here in Cloudtopia too. Amanda also told me that an exact copy of our anti-blemish cream has been produced by Harry's family. They intend to fully take over our position in the market. You heard him the other day, he mentioned that his grandfather is the manager of the merchant's guild. That guild pretty much controls the flow of the entire state's market. If this is what they'll do to us, our days are numbered then." Yulia was frustrated when she said that.

"Harry? He did this?" A menacing glint flashed across Skylar's eyes as he said, "I've actually forgotten about him if you didn't bring him up. Oh, didn't he agree to compensate us with a hundred billion dollars? I don't think he paid us yet. I was busy recently and I didn't expect him to not only enjoy life, he even bit us back. He truly has a death wish!"

Skylar only decided to spare his life because Harry agreed to compensate them for the anti-blemish cream's formula for a hundred-billion dollars. It seemed to Skylar that Harry still had not learned his lesson.

The Xander family, was it? Excellent!

Skylar initially planned to head over to the capital during Lola's finals. It seemed to him that Harry could not wait to die, so Skylar decided to expedite his plans a little earlier. However, he knew that comforting Yulia would be more important than vengeance at the moment, so he said, "Don't worry, honey. I am confident that the merchant's guild would not be able to touch us that easily."

There was no one in Cloudtopia who did not know Skylar's reputation, so no one would dare disrespect him. Although he was not sure that people in Troiz County or Maersk County knew who he was, at least eighty percent of the wealthiest families in those counties revered him. A merchant's guild's influence would not be enough to sway his influence in those three counties. As powerful as the guild was, the worst that could happen to people who defy them would be a loss in profits. However, they would be at risk of losing their lives for offending Skylar.

Yulia finally calmed down after listening to Skylar. She understood how everyone revered Skylar when she visited both counties. So, she believed everything Skylar said.

"Let's do this, honey." Skylar paused for a brief moment and continued, "I don't think we need to wear ourselves out on the anti-blemish cream's production. If he wanted it, so be it. I'll give you another formula. I refuse to believe that a merchant's guild will be able to influence the hearts of every single consumer in the entire state."

Skylar picked up a pen and began writing. It did not take long for him to give Yulia another formula.

"What formula is this?" Yulia asked.

Although she understood the raw ingredients listed in Skylar's formula, she was clueless about the whole production process. So, Skylar sat down and said, "This is a formula for a skin glistening cream."

## Chapter 540 Empty

"Skin glistening cream. Well, you can tell from its name that it has the ability to rejuvenate a person's skin. This formula is ancient and this formula was used by some medicine practitioners as a miracle potion. But, the formula that I wrote for you has been modified, because the herbs needed to replicate the original formula have been extinct. The modified formula wouldn't have the same effects obviously, but it definitely can make a person's skin glisten. It can also prevent aging for ten whole years. "

Yulia was ecstatic to hear that. She asked, "Skin glistening cream? It can prevent aging? I can't believe something like this even exists."

Skylar nodded with a smile as he waited to be praised. However, Yulia rolled her eyes at him and said, "Gosh, why didn't you mention something this awesome sooner! I've wasted so many nights applying so many skincare products on my face for nothing."

As capable of a woman as Yulia was, she would revert to a little girl in front of Skylar. This only made Skylar laugh as he pinched her cheeks and said, "Oh honey, your face is so tender already. Do you even need that? Besides, I will always love you regardless of your appearance."

Yulia felt sweet after hearing what Skylar said. However, she replied, "Hmph! You only know how to butter people up with that sweet tongue of yours. You wouldn't wander into my office if I looked like a monster!"

Hearing this made Skylar laugh. However, Yulia curiously asked, "Say, how did you come across such a rare formula anyway?"

Skylar gave her a smug look and teased, "Oh please, this is nothing to me. I have more rare knowledge. If you can empty my knowledge pool, you will conquer the world with your skincare products."

Yulia blushed as soon as she heard that.

"What happened to your face, honey?" Skylar asked.

"No... Nothing." Yulia shook her head bashfully.

"Huh? What happened? Why are you so flustered so suddenly..." Skylar squeezed her cheeks as he said that. It seemed like he was about to kiss her. This made Yulia panic as she pushed him away and said, "The door is still open and people will walk by us. They will see us!"

"I'll let go if you can tell me what they would think." Skylar said.

So, Yulia had no choice but to come clean. She whispered, "You... You mentioned... emptying... earlier"