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Luca had thought that Jack was just a bookworm buried in a sea of texts,

immersed in his computer all day and unable to extricate himself.

Who would have thought that he also possessed such astonishing musical talent? This completely exceeded Luca's expectations.

Luca followed Jack's suggestions for modifications and performed them. He appeared calm, but deep down, he was utterly astonished.

Initially, he thought Jack's advice would only add a finishing touch and enhance the piece's brilliance. However, after playing it, he realized those few words were the masterstrokes that truly brought the music to life.

The entire piece became more refined and exquisite, as clear as flowing water and as melodious as a gentle breeze. Even as a music enthusiast, Luca couldn't help but secretly admire and be awed by Jack's talent.

However, Luca had always held himself in high regard, and it was nearly impossible for him to express his admiration for Jack. Even so, his impression of Jack underwent a complete transformation.

With Jack's modifications, Luca played the piece with much greater passion. The troubles had been bothering him suddenly became clear under Jack's guidance.

However, new challenges soon arose. Jack's adjustments had changed the essence of the piece. While Luca now considered it nearly perfect, the difficulty had also increased significantly.

Especially at one transition, where the shift from low to high notes occurs rapidly, it would take Luca a significant amount of time to master it at his current skill level.

However, Luca firmly believed that once he could master this piece, it would not only qualify him for the competition but also have the potential to become a timeless classic. The impact it could have on his future journey in life would undoubtedly be immense.

"Is it that you can't hit the higher notes?" Jack proactively asked when he noticed that Luca had gone off-key while playing.

This time, Luca didn't dare to act arrogantly. Instead, with a respectful expression, he said, "I always have trouble mastering this transition."

"Give it to me," Jack said, reaching for the guitar in Luca's hands.

Luca was startled. He had originally thought that Jack only had insights into the lyrics, but he didn't expect him to play the guitar.

However, when Jack took the guitar and effortlessly played the challenging transition that Luca had struggled with, Luca was awestruck by his skill.

The performance was so smooth and natural, it was as if the guitar came to life in Jack's hands.

Although Luca had always held himself in high esteem, he felt utterly inferior before Jack at that moment.

For the first time, he felt his talent completely overshadowed and realized there is always a better person than the best.

Luca suppressed the shock in his heart and played according to Jack's guidance.

The improvement was immediate. Luca felt as if he had broken through a bottleneck and his energy channels had been cleared in one go.

At that moment, Luca was filled with gratitude for Jack.

"Did you learn to play the guitar when you were young?" Luca tentatively asked.

"It was just an interest," Jack replied casually.

Luca immediately felt a wave of bitterness in his heart.

Jack had described his musical accomplishments as "just an interest", while Luca viewed music as his lifelong pursuit.

Yet, the gap in their performances left Luca feeling utterly embarrassed.

Luca asked Jack for guidance, "Can you play the whole piece for me? I want to hear your interpretation."

Jack nodded and picked up the guitar before beginning to play. At that moment, Luca's admiration for Jack reached its peak.