

The Miraculous Simone Gray by Opal Reese Chapter 171

Chapter 171 Find a Way To Stir up Some Trouble

As soon as the group notification sound chimed, the other two groups had a thought.

Most likely, it was Zac causing trouble again.

However, curiosity got the best of them, and they couldn't help but take out their phones and look.

Simone's message about participating in an amateur motorcycle race caught them off guard, and Keira and the others were clearly surprised.

Keira: Simone, is there anything you can't do?"

Eric: 'Simone, you're amazing; you can even do this.'

Brandon: 'Miss Gray, you're really talented!'

Simone: 'I used to play when I was in Cebros, and there happened to be an decided to give it a try.'

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Keira: 'Oh, I want to go and watch you race.'

Simone: 'Come on! If I win the prize money, I'll treat you all to dinner.'

Keira: 'Wow, Simone, I love you; we'll be there on time in the afternoon. I've been jealous of Zac and Harry for a long time; today, I'm going to join them.'

Eric: 'So, are we going to win without doing anything today? I'm really looking forward to it.'

Brandon: 'Yes! I'm looking forward to it. This is so exciting!'

The three of them found part-time jobs as waiters, so there was no problem for them to go visit Simone in the afternoon.

The three of them joyfully decided to go watch Simone's competition.

On the other hand, the four people who were still waiting to start work had different expressions.

Luca was extremely surprised and asked Aaron, "Does Simone know how to ride a motorcycle?"

Aaron shook his head. "I don't know either."

At this moment, Leon looked away from Simone's photo in the group.

With a hint of pride, he said, "Not only can she ride a motorcycle, but her skills can rival those of professional motorcycle riders."

Gwen used to enjoy taking Simone to play with motorcycles and even participate in races.

He used to think it was too dangerous and opposed it, but now he felt nostalgic, remembering when Simone forcibly dragged him along to watch their races.

When Leon said this, the Gray brothers and Jodie were once again shocked.

Luca and Aaron felt a bit jealous in their hearts.

Simone had been back home for over a year, and they didn't even know she could do this.

Jodie felt both jealous and resentful; Simone had so many secrets.

The key was that by participating in this kind of motorcycle race, even if she couldn't win any prize money, she would still attract a wave of livestream viewers.

She couldn't stop it. So, she could only hope that Simone wouldn't win any prize money.

It would be best if something happened during the race, like a fall that resulted in facial or leg injuries.

And she kept cursing in her heart.

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suggested, “Let’s go watch Simone’s race in the afternoon, too.”

The three of them didn’t expect him to say that.

Jodie didn’t want to help Simone increase her popularity.

If we go, wouldn’t everyone in our live stream be able to see Simone stealing the show? She looked hesitant and said, “But they didn’t invite us. It wouldn’t be right to just go and watch.”

She also implied that Simone and her group were being stingy.

Leon didn’t care and said, “We don’t need their invitation. We can go watch on our own.”

He knew that Simone wouldn’t invite them, but he still wanted to go.

Jodie said tactfully, “Will they be upset if we do that?”

Leon replied, “We’ll just watch and leave. We won’t disturb them.” He knew that Simone wouldn’t invite them, but he still wanted to go.

Jodie was speechless, and she thought, *Why bother doing this when it’s not necessary?*

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This time, she didn’t even have a chance to voice her opposition.

Aaron said, “I’m curious about what Simone looks like in a motorcycle race. I want to go and take a look”

He missed out on his sister’s growth and now wanted to participate in other aspects of her life –even if it was just as an audience member.

Luca was also curious and said, “Then let’s go and watch.”

Jodie thought, *They are really driving me crazy. Simone’s motorcycle race isn’t elegant or graceful at all. There is nothing interesting about it. They are really crazy.* She suppressed her anger and forced a smile. “But we have piano and violin practice in the afternoon.”

She meant that they couldn't go.

Leon glanced

at Jodie unhappily and said, "The race starts at 2 p.m., and we don't start work until 5 p.m. We should have enough time to come back. If you don't want to go, then we'll go ourselves."

The money they earned at noon also included their share. That should be enough to take a **cab** back and forth.

Aaron added, "If Jo doesn't want to go, then the three of us will go."

There was no need to force herself to go if she didn't want to; otherwise, they would all feel uncomfortable.

Luca didn't say anything, but it was clear that he agreed.

This only made the thorn in Jodie's heart hurt even more. He had thought about it all night and realized that Jo's care and consideration for him were only superficial.

He had originally made an excuse for her, thinking that she was just tired yesterday, and that was why she didn't think too much, but today, when he intentionally said his throat was sore, she didn't even ask how he was or whether he needed any medicine.

She only cared

about earning money and showcasing herself, which made him feel a bit cold-hearted for the first time.

Now that he knew she didn't want to watch Simone's race, he no longer unconditionally supported her.

Jodie felt like she was on the verge of a breakdown and wanted to explode right there. Her smile faded slightly. "Are you all really going?"

Leon and the others nodded in unison. "Yes, we're going."

She took a deep breath. "Alright

then. Let's go together and take a look. I'm also curious about Simone's motorcycle race."

Since she couldn't change the fact that she had to watch the match, she decided to find a way to make things interesting.

The three of them didn't object and unanimously decided to finish lunch and take a cab there.

After sitting for a while, Jodie went to the restroom.

In the restroom, she pretended to be in a hurry. She borrowed a phone from a female waitress who was also going to the restroom and made a call.

She told the person on the other end of the phone about the time and location of Simone's motorcycle race in the afternoon.

After hanging up the phone, Jodie's previous frustration and anger disappeared.

Instead, she started looking forward to watching Simone's race.

Upon seeing Jodie's mood improve inexplicably, Leon and the other two were a bit puzzled.

After a moment of contemplation, Aaron decided to send a message in the group chat. He said, "We happen to be free this afternoon, so we would like to join in the fun."

For some reason, he couldn't help but feel a glimmer of hope.

He wasn't sure if Simone would welcome them in the group chat, considering the live broadcast or reputation.

He didn't even dare to entertain the thought of being invited to have a meal.

As long as she replied to the message, he would be satisfied.

Meanwhile, in the rest area of the racetrack, Simone sensed someone cursing her. Someone with some fate, allowing her to sense it.

However, it was just a simple curse with a hint of fate, not some kind of mystical art.

She didn't need to delve into it; she could guess that it was most likely Jodie.

Then, she heard the notification sound from the group chat. She saw Aaron's message in the group chat, stating that they would also come to watch her race.

Simone didn't have much of a reaction; she simply found it strange that these four people were showing up.

Could it be because of *the* live broadcast? *If that's the case, Jodie shouldn't want to come, and she should have tried to persuade them to stay away. If all four of them are coming now, the other three might just be acting foolishly.*

But Jodie, who had been cursing her, made her think deeply and be on guard.

Chapter 172 How Did He End up Here?

During the noon break, the live broadcast had stopped for an hour.

Simone retrieved three talismans she had previously drawn and folded into triangles from her bag, placing one in her pocket.

In case of an attack using mystical arts during the competition, she intended to **use** the talisman for defense.

Then, she handed one to Zac and another to Harry. "These are the talismans I drew. Keep them close to you."

She was also concerned that someone might target them while she participated in the competition.

Harry, somewhat confused, accepted the talisman. "Thank you, Simone!" Although he refrained from asking further questions, he believed Simone must have her reasons.

Zac, on the other hand, received the talisman with concern, asking, "Will there be any problems?" He knew that Simone wouldn't suddenly produce the talisman, give it to them, and keep one for herself.

Simone reassured him with a look and **said**, "It's fine."

Only then did Zac nod and caution, “Be careful during the competition. If you can’t win the prize money, it doesn’t matter. Just treat it as a fun experience.”

For Zac, Simone’s safety was more important than winning the prize money.

Although Harry didn’t fully comprehend their conversation, he sensed potential dangers during the competition..

Following suit, he said, “Yes, winning or not winning the prize money is not important. Safety comes first.”

Touched by their words, Simone said, “Alright!” The three of them sat down, chatting for a while before relaxing on the couch in the rest area.

At one—
thirty, an announcement from the organizers in the rest area instructed all participants to gather at the competition venue and locate their assigned motorcycles according to the numbers on their race cards.

Simone changed into her racing suit and handed her backpack to Zac.

With a confident smile, she waved goodbye to the two of them and headed toward the

racetrack.

As she left the rest area, Simone was unexpectedly bumped into by a tall and handsome young man.

She realized it was intentional and looked at him.

To her surprise, she recognized him instantly, though she didn’t show it.

The person who bumped into her was Skyler.

Despite being with Leon for years, she had never crossed paths with Skyler. This was due to Mrs. Foster’s disapproval, resulting in an average relationship between Leon and Skyler.

So, she had never met Skyler before.

She recognized him because she had seen his photos.

Skyler, in white shirt and trousers, looked handsome with an elegant and refined demeanor, resembling a charming young nobleman.

At the moment, one of his hands was holding a mobile phone, answering a call.

He apologized when he bumped into Simone, "Sorry, I was on the phone and didn't pay attention. I accidentally bumped into you."

Simone, treating him like a stranger, shook her head without a word and moved to leave.

Skyler ended the call and blocked her way, saying, "Miss, are you okay?"

Simone looked at him with a half-smile and half-smirk, replying, "I'm fine, but if you want to strike up a conversation, please consider the situation."

She gave him a look that conveyed she was not interested in him.

Skyler laughed and said, "You've misunderstood," gesturing an invitation..

Simone nodded and continued walking forward.

As they passed each other, Skyler whispered a reminder, "Be careful later!" Before Simone could react, Skyler had already taken a step forward.

Simone maintained the same expression, neither turning around nor stopping.

However, she was puzzled.

Why does Skyler suddenly appear? What does his reminder mean?

When they passed each other, she had been on guard, but Skyler did nothing besides the warning, leaving her perplexed.

For example, put something on her.

However, her guard became even stronger.

After Simone reached her destination, she meticulously inspected the motorcycle assigned to her, finding no issues.

Before the race commenced, she transferred a strand of auspicious energy from the jade pendant around her neck to a protective talisman—a mystical tool from her master containing a potent aura of auspiciousness.

Activating it was crucial for shielding herself from temporary curses or hexes.

After seeing Skyler, whether his reminder was well-intentioned or had a purpose, it signaled that someone would target her during the race.

To ensure her safety, she added an extra layer of protection.

While Simone prepared, the other two teams arrived one after another.

The production team suggested they sit together to enhance the viewing experience for recording.

Simone had her own live stream room, while the others had theirs.

Leon and his group, originally planning to find a separate place to watch the race, ended up sitting behind Zac's group after coordinating with the organizers, who agreed to let them livestream.

At precisely 2 p.m., the participants mounted their motorcycles.

As the organizers' signal dropped, all the motorcycles zoomed out.

The race took place in a specially designed area for motorcycle training and competitions, featuring flat roads with numerous bends and protective measures on both sides.

Simone quickly caught up with the motorcycles at the front after zooming out.

Drones live-streamed the contestants' situation on the big screen for the audience.

Zac and others were watching the live stream intently on the big screen.

Simone surpassed competitors one by one and found herself neck and neck with another contestant, vying for the lead.

The tension escalated, particularly when two motorcycles appeared on the verge of collision. during two bends.

Simone rode her motorcycle, anticipating the challenging course.

However, at the final bend, wisps of negative energy emerged from the ground, entangling her motorcycle, which caused it to slip and slide forward.

Simone and the motorcycle tilted, nearly touching the ground, and seemed on the verge of crashing out of the track.

On the big screen, it appeared as if a crash was imminent.

Zac and the others wore worried expressions, while Jodie couldn't help but get excited.

Indeed, *that person never makes mistakes*. Simone, you troublemaker. *Before wanting to show off, you should ask if we agree or not. At such a high speed, falling while leaning on a bend, you're inevitably going to get injured. It's best if it plays out just as I curse.*

The live stream audience felt nervous, sweating for Simone.

Just as everyone expected a crash, Simone executed a breathtaking drift just before reaching the ground noodles, skillfully maneuvering through the last bend at an extreme angle.

Astonishingly, with this stylish drift, she overtook the motorcycle in front.

The heavily tilted motorcycle returned to its normal driving mode.

Then, at an even faster pace, she surged past the finish line.

In an instant, shouts and applause erupted at the scene.

Many were amazed by Simone's maneuver, and Zac's group couldn't contain their excitement, standing up to cheer.

Jodie, however, couldn't believe what she was witnessing—how Simone had managed to avoid a crash and secure first place seemed impossible.

Chapter 173 She Deserved the Consequences.

Simone dismounted the motorcycle and removed her helmet.

The big screen suddenly zoomed in, capturing a close-up shot of Simone.

She was clad in a fitted motorcycle suit, leaning casually against the motorcycle with a

graceful and relaxed posture.

Her long hair flowed with the wind, complementing her exquisite and radiant face, exuding a cool and captivating aura.

“Oh, I’m mesmerized by the stunning beauty of Simone.”

“How can Simone be so beautiful, cool, and captivating!”

“Oh my god, Simone has completely captivated me!

“I was scared that Simone would crash, but her drift was so cool.

‘Simone’s motorcycle skills are incredible!’

‘Oh my god, I love her! I’m becoming a fan of Simone.

‘Checking in to join Simone’s fans group.

The live chat overflowed with cheers and compliments for Simone’s cool and beautiful appearance.

After the race, Simone returned the motorcycle and went backstage to await the prize money.

She politely congratulated and chatted with other motorcycle riders who came forward to offer their congratulations and exchange greetings.

After taking a seat, she reached out and retrieved the talisman she had placed on her body

earlier.

The yellow talisman had turned black, but it hadn’t disintegrated into powder.

Strands of negative energy had been consumed by the auspicious energy on the talisman.

Initially, the negative energy had clung to the motorcycle she was riding and then spread to her feet.

However, it was quickly blocked and entangled by the protective talisman, drawing it into the

talisman.

The motorcycle only slipped for a moment, but Simone quickly regained control. Simone looked at the talisman in her hand, her eyes filled with cold determination. The other party wanted to seriously injure her.

Is it because I have hindered Jodie, so they want to prevent me from continuing the live broadcast?

Simone held the talisman with one hand and moved her fingertips to the other hand.

A strand of auspicious energy was activated from the jade pendant on her neck, and she recited a counterattack curse.

Then, she directed the energy into the talisman, along with the previous auspicious energy, completely annihilating the negative energy within the talisman.

Just as she finished, with the organizers' consent, the program's cameraman entered the backstage area for a live broadcast, focusing on Simone.

She smiled at the camera, stunning her fans watching the livestream. Even fans of other participants and random viewers couldn't help but be amazed by her natural beauty.

Not only did the number of viewers in the livestream continue to rise, but Simone's Facebook fan count skyrocketed as well.

The audience, motorcycle enthusiasts, and pure fans impressed by her coolness and charm all became her fans.

On the other side, in the audience seats.

People who had been watching the competition began to leave one after another.

Zac and his team followed the crowd, preparing to meet Simone when she returned with the prize money.

The group led by Leon stayed until the end before leaving. Luca reached out and pulled. Jodie, who was lost in thought. "Jo, let's go."

"Okay!" Jodie snapped back to reality and stood up.

Then, the three of them walked down the stairs.

And at that moment, the bracelet she was wearing on her hand suddenly broke.

The red agate beads fell to the ground one by one.

"Ah!" Jodie stepped on the fallen red agate beads and tumbled down the stairs toward the front row.

As she fell so suddenly, Luca beside her couldn't catch her in time.

The three of them watched helplessly as Jodie fell and rolled down the stairs, her face covered in blood.

"Jo!" Luca and Aaron were shocked and immediately hurried down.

After all, she was their beloved sister, cherished for so many years..

Upon seeing her like this, panic gripped them both. By the time the two reached Jodie's side, she had already fainted.

Luca lifted her, concern etched on his face, shouting, "Jo! Jo!"

Aaron hurried off to find the live broadcast program staff; they needed to summon the medical team.

Leon, witnessing Jodie's bloody and miserable state, was initially stunned, then frowned.

Despite deliberately keeping his distance from Jodie, he couldn't remain indifferent seeing her in such a state.

He quickly walked down and took out a handkerchief, covering the bleeding wound on her forehead.

In this live broadcast room, only four loyal fans remained, others having gone to watch Simone.

Upon witnessing Jodie's miserable fall, shock rippled through them..

Jodie's fans felt heartbroken, but others couldn't empathize.

The camera in the live broadcast room focused on the two groups.

When it seemed trouble was looming for Simone, the audience witnessed others becoming tense and worried, but Jodie's face displayed excitement..

Although she quickly composed herself, many viewers still caught a glimpse of it..

Moreover, when Simone skillfully saved the situation with her technical skills and crossed the finish line first, Jodie's face, full of astonishment and disbelief, was also exposed before

the camera.

Mr. Wills' team monitored **this** live broadcast room closely, successfully capturing Jodie's varied reactions.

From the audience's perspective, it seemed Jodie fell because her bracelet suddenly broke.

She had that absent-minded look again as if lost in her thoughts.

This led her to step on the red agate beads scattered on the steps.

This gave many people the impression that she brought it upon herself.

Jonah didn't expect such an accident to happen and hurriedly rushed over with the medical

team.

When the medical team arrived at the scene, Luca carried her toward them, Leon at her side, pressing a cloth to her forehead.

The doctor reported her condition, "Forehead cut. This is quite serious. Her left leg and left hand were fractured from the fall. She needs immediate hospitalization."

Jonah decided swiftly. "Take her to the hospital."

The production team transported Jodie to the hospital, Luca and the others following.

On the other side, Zac and his team, waiting for Simone, learned about the incident.

They were taken aback. They couldn't sympathize with Jodie but couldn't take pleasure in her misfortune either.

Especially Zac. He couldn't help but recall the previous incident where Simone almost fell off her motorcycle.

He sensed that Jodie's sudden fall down the stairs and subsequent injury might not be a mere coincidence but could have a specific connection.

If that were true, then Jodie brought it upon herself, and it's a consequence she deserves.

Soon, Simone received a prize of 150,000 dollars.

After changing back into her original attire, she met Zac and the others.

Keira and the remaining two were set to work for another two hours, planning to have dinner later. After that, they left the racetrack by cab.

Simone and her group gathered in the rest area to discuss their next destination.

After taking a seat, Simone listened to Zac and the others discussing Jodie's incident.

Surprise flickering on her face.

Deep down, she had anticipated Jodie's situation, given the curse Jodie had placed on her.

The curse had now rebounded, bringing back what Jodie had wished upon her.

Simone gleaned a clue from the news—the bracelet that Jodie was wearing suddenly snapped.

This indicated that the person who targeted her was the one who gave Jodie the bracelet.

And the person who gave Jodie the bracelet had suffered significantly from the rebound, along with Jodie's previous malicious curse.

The bracelet talisman couldn't withstand such a double rebound, so it became ineffective.

Otherwise, if the bracelet talisman had provided protection, Jodie wouldn't have been affected so severely by the rebound.

Simone also recalled Skyler's sudden appearance at the racetrack..

She had a feeling she would encounter him again soon.

Chapter 174 If So, It's Quite Interesting!

In the rest area, the discussion didn't center much on Jodie.

Simone suggested, "With a 150,000 dollars prize, we can take a break from work for the next three days."

"Let's live well, eat well, and have fun."

Zac enthusiastically agreed, "Absolutely! We'll count on your guidance to keep us in relaxation mode for these three days."

"For the remaining time, let's aim to win the prize in the upcoming game activity. This way, we can chill until the end of the variety show."

Harry chimed in with a grin, “I definitely made the right choice teaming up with you!” He and Brandon had initially signed a two-day guest contract.

Due to Jodie’s injury, she couldn’t continue participating in the live broadcast for the next few days.

So, the originally arranged guest replaced Jodie’s position.

The director had just avoided the live broadcast and talked to him and Brandon separately.

They had performed well and didn’t have to leave early. They could stay until the end of the variety show.

Afterward, they just needed to sign another contract.

“For these three days, shall we stay in one hotel or switch to different good ones?” Simone asked the duo.

Zac suggested, “Let’s switch it up.”

“Given our theme of having fun, let’s give everyone a taste of different star-rated hotels in Slovence, he continued.

Harry agreed, saying, “Sounds good!”

Simone nodded. “Alright, your call.”

Using a mobile app, Simone picked a few star-rated hotels for Zac and Harry to choose from. They chose three different hotels and booked separate stays for one day each, which were priced between eight to nine thousand dollars per night.

Upon setting the live broadcast theme as “having fun,” they opted for high-end travel to give viewers a luxurious experience.

In contrast, Keira’s group pursued budget travel.

With the money earned from part-time work, the three of them would devise a plan to explore cost-effective dining and accommodation options, providing viewers with an experiential journey.

This contrast in experiences intrigued viewers, leading many to either switch between the two streams or watch both simultaneously.

Both were interesting.

However, many other live streams were budget travel, so there were more viewers interested in high-end travel.

Coupled with their popularity, the number of viewers in Simone's livestream was several

times that of Keira's.

The other group was taking Jodie to the hospital. Apart from Jodie's concerned fans and the loyal fans of the other three, everyone else had dispersed to the other two live streams.

So, the number of viewers had dropped from second place to last place.

Post-hotel bookings, they discussed dinner plans.

After a round of searching, they decided on a Michelin-starred restaurant.

Simone shared the details in the group chat, arranging a meet-up time with Keira.

Later, they grabbed a cab to the hotel where they booked.

The check-in point for the day was a local seaside lighthouse, which was more suitable for visiting at night.

They planned to rest at the hotel for a while and go for a High tea.

Afterward, they would head to the restaurant for dinner and finally join the other group to visit the tourist spot together.

As they entered the hotel lobby, they coincidentally encountered Skyler and another man in the midst of check-in.

Simone couldn't shake off the feeling that Skyler's presence here wasn't by chance—

likely having watched their live broadcast and deliberately chosen the same hotel.

Although Simone couldn't decipher Skyler's thoughts from his expression.

Skyler greeted her with a polite and elegant smile upon seeing her.

He didn't come over to talk to her.

After completing their check-in at the front desk, Skyler and the man left with their room key.

Simone shifted her attention away from them and checked in with Zac and the others.

They agreed to rest in their rooms for half an hour and then meet on the hotel rooftop for High tea.

Simone entered her room and took out some tea bags from her suitcase, brewing three cups.

of tea

Just as she placed the freshly brewed tea on the coffee table, she heard a knock on the door.

She opened the door and saw Skyler and the man standing outside.

Simone gestured for them to come in and then turned to sit on the couch herself.

Skyler and the man walked in and closed the door behind them.

They sat down on the couch opposite Simone.

When they saw the three cups of tea on the coffee table, it was obvious they were just brewed. Both of them were surprised.

Skyler smiled and asked, "Did you know we would come?"

Simone picked up a cup of tea and handed it to him, saying, "I had a feeling."

Skyler had given her such obvious hints before.

During the race, she encountered negative energy attacks again.

Skyler had deliberately come to stay at this hotel, so she guessed he would go directly to find

her.

After they entered the room, the live broadcast was stopped.

So, this time period was more suitable.

Skyler took the tea and said, "Miss Simone, you are indeed very clever."

"Do you know me?" Although he was asking, his tone carried certainty.

This time. Simone didn't pretend not to know.

She nodded and said. "I know, you are Gwen's and Leon's brother."

Since they had come to her door, there was no point in hiding anymore.

Skyler chuckled lightly. "You really do know me."

He then asked with a hint of playfulness, "My sister must have scolded me a lot, right?"

Simone raised an eyebrow. "Not really."

Gwen has complained about Skyler, but she hasn't really scolded him.

She didn't want to beat around the bush and said, "What's the matter? Just tell me straight."

When

Skyler heard this, he knew that Simone was indeed very straightforward.

He introduced the man next to him to Simone, "This is Sean Stanley, captain of the Special Department's First Team. He is the one who wants to meet you today."

Sean reached out his hand. "Miss Simone, nice to meet you!"

Simone shook hands with him. She noticed that his hand was very cold as if it had no temperature.

But it was not surprising, as this person had a special constitution.

She looked at Sean and asked, "Do you have something to tell me?"

Sean went straight to the point and said, "I came today to ask Miss Simone for a favor. We have been chasing an evil cultivator who came to Slovence yesterday, so we followed him here."

Simone raised an eyebrow. "Are you suggesting that the individual who tampered with my car today at the racetrack is the evil cultivator?"

Sean smiled faintly, his pale face showing a hint of amusement. "It appears that Miss Simone has already figured it **out**. You managed to fend him **off** and even counterattacked. With your abilities, I believe you should be able to locate his hiding place, right? We came to you today seeking your assistance in finding that person."

After speaking, he covered his mouth and began coughing.

Simone handed him another cup of tea. "Don't you all know that he came to the Slovence?"

Why do you still need my help in finding him?"

Sean took a sip of **tea** and explained, "He is extremely powerful. He vanished immediately after disembarking from the plane. We only discovered that his purpose for coming to the Slovence was to target you. However, we haven't been able to locate him. That's why we followed you to the racetrack, but we found no trace of him. That's why Skyler specifically reminded you."

He changed the subject. "But based on your performance at the racetrack earlier, even if we hadn't reminded you, you would have been fine."

This surprised them all. They hadn't expected her to possess such power.

Not only did she evade the negative energy attack set up by that person, but she also counterattacked.

Now, that person must be seriously injured from the counterattack, making it the perfect opportunity to capture him..

That was why they took the initiative to approach Simone and ask for her help.

Simone smiled. "I see. That's why you came to me."

Then she looked at Skyler and asked, "Are you also part of the Special Department?" *If so, it would be quite intriguing!*

Chapter 175 It's Becoming More and More Intriguing

Skyler locked eyes with Simone, smiling. "Yes, I am also part of the Special Department."

Sean chimed in. "He's the captain of the second team."

Simone's expression showed surprise. "I'm genuinely amazed."

Someone who is *used* as a medium *turned out to be the captain* of a small team in *the special* department. Things are getting *more and more* interesting.

What intrigued her even more was that both of them were now using special methods to conceal their identities.

If it weren't for the comparison with the family photo she had seen before, she wouldn't have been able to tell from Skyler's appearance that he was Jodie's half-brother..

Skyler smiled. "No one in my family knows about my true identity."

He continued, "I hope Miss Simone can help me keep it a secret."

Simone nodded, "Okay!" Skyler's identity was not suitable for Gwen to know. She was just an ordinary person, and it would be dangerous for her to know too much.

Simone then asked, "Have you found out why that evil cultivator wanted to target me?"

Skyler replied, "Jodie asked him to come after you."

Simone asked with curiosity, "Can I ask what the relationship is between that person and Jodie?"

She had previously suspected that the person targeting her might be the man who had exchanged messages with Jodie before.

Skyler said, “We found out that they are siblings. Jodie is the adopted daughter of the Gray Family. In her original family, she had a biological brother and sister. And the evil cultivator is her biological brother. He was taken away by the people from the mysterious sect when he was young and later joined the evil cultivator organization.”

Simone listened to Skyler’s explanation calmly. When it came to Jodie, he seemed relatively indifferent.

Does he know that he and Jodie are half-siblings? And does he know that he himself is a medium?

Simone pretended to show surprise. “So, her biological brother is an evil cultivator. No wonder she was also affected when I fought back.”

Is Jodie’s biological brother truly an abandoned child who is cast aside? Or does he reveal himself in order to help Jodie deal with her situation? Simone felt that it wasn’t that simple.

Skyler nodded. “The bracelet artifact she wears was given to her by that evil cultivator. That’s why they were affected together.”

This puzzled them a bit.

Theoretically, if that person were to be seriously injured from the backlash, at most, it would only render the artifact unusable. But why was Jodie affected so severely by the backlash? Simone’s strength was beyond their comprehension.

Jodie’s backlash was definitely her own doing.

Simone said meaningfully, “Therefore, one must not harbor malicious intentions towards others. Otherwise, they will face backlash and karmic retribution at any time.”

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She added, “I still have to participate in a live broadcast for a variety show, so I can’t you to catch the

person. But I can calculate and track the approximate location of that evil culti vator, and you can go find him.”

Skyler and Sean didn't insist. “Being able to track the approximate location is good enough. Thank you for your help, Miss Simone!”

Simone said to the two, “That person harmed me behind my back, so naturally , I hope he will be brought to justice.”

After she finished speaking, she took out the talisman that had turned black.

She also took three ancient coins and transferred the previously left negative energy onto the

coins.

She held the ancient coins and tossed them, divining a hexagram.

From the hexagram, she deduced the person's location.

She got up and took a piece of paper and a pen to draw a map with directions.

“You can go find him according to this map.”

She thought for a moment and reminded them, “If he manages to escape agai n, you can stake out at the hospital. Perhaps he will go find Jodie.”

That

person traveled a long distance to Slovance to help Jodie deal with her situati on.

It indicated that the two either had a very close relationship or there was a sig nificant interest involved.

In any case, they would find a way to contact each other.

Skyler took the map and looked at the location Simone drew with a shocked e xpression. “Alright, thank you!”

Sean also looked surprised when he saw the location on the map.

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Is this just an approximate location? This is clearly an exact location. She is really modest.

He looked at Simone and asked, "Are you interested in joining the Special Department? If you are, I can recommend you."

With her strength, he developed a fondness for her.

Simone's background and resume were not a problem. If they wanted to recruit her into the Special Department, their supervisor should approve.

He also wanted to recruit a strong teammate or a strong foreign aid for their team.

Simone smiled and politely shook her head. "Sorry, I'm not interested."

She was not suitable to join the special department at the moment.

Sean smiled. "If you become interested later, you can contact me anytime."

Skyler added, "You can also contact me."

Simone nodded, "Okay!"

Then, the three of them exchanged contact information.

Since Simone's phone was taken by the program group, she wrote their contact numbers on

paper.

They added her communication software number. Before they left, they reminded her to approve their friend request once she got her phone back.

Simone did not refuse.

She wanted to have more contact with Skyler and learn more about him.

She also wanted to learn more about the Special Department.

The two of them left quickly. Simone memorized their phone numbers and then tore up the paper and threw it in the trash can.

After taking a quick shower, she changed her clothes and went to the rooftop to have High

tea.

On the other side, at the hospital.

At the same time, Jodie woke up.

She found herself lying in bed with her brothers and Leon sitting beside her.

There were also several staff members from the production team.

Jodie was initially confused, wondering where she was. Then she remembered what had happened before.

She blinked her eyes and quickly reached out to touch her face.

She discovered that one of her hands was in a cast. Upon using her other intact hand to feel, she found a bandage wrapped around her forehead.

Unable to hold back, she exclaimed, "Ah! What happened to my head?"

Everyone heard her cry and turned to look, realizing that she had woken up.

Luca said, "Jo, you accidentally fell down the stairs earlier. Your forehead hit something, causing a big wound, so the doctor bandaged it for you."

Jodie's eyes widened. "A big wound Did I become disfigured? And what happened to my hand and leg? Why are they both in casts?"

Luca noticed how agitated she was. He stood up to reassure her, "Your hand and leg were injured and fractured from the fall. Don't worry; they will heal in due time. As for the scar on your forehead, if it remains, you can consider scar removal treatment. Don't worry."

Jodie couldn't believe it. "No, it shouldn't be like this."

It is supposed to be Simone who becomes disfigured and breaks her hands and legs. How does it end up being me?

Chapter 176 Are You Sure It Was Simone?

Leon couldn't help but glance at Jodie upon hearing her words. "It shouldn't be like this; then how should it be?"

Jodie seemed a bit off.

She looked at him and said, "Obviously, it shouldn't have been me who ended up like this."

Leon frowned. Then who should have ended up like this?"

Jodie still had some sanity left and resisted the urge to curse Simone.

With teary eyes, she said, "As I was going down the stairs, I suddenly felt dizzy for no reason. The bracelet I was wearing suddenly broke, and I lost control and stepped on the red agate beads. So, I shouldn't have fallen down the stairs; someone must have tampered with it."

It is definitely Simone who does this.

She felt her luck being weakened again, and she was disfigured and broke her leg.

She was not going to let Simone get away with it.

Everyone in the live broadcast room knew that Simone practiced geomancy and mystical

arts.

She wanted everyone to know that Simone had harmed her behind her back. No one would dare to have any contact with Simone in the future, or else they could be manipulated at any

time.

Luca was stunned and asked, "Who tampered with it? When you fell down the stairs, I was right beside you. There was no one else!"

He thought Jodie was talking about someone pushing her.

This was exactly what Jodie wanted. “It wasn’t someone pushing me, but someone using unnatural means against me. Now I have a broken head and a broken leg, I can’t continue with the live broadcast, and I can’t stop her anymore. Why won’t she leave me alone? I really didn’t take anything from her!”

As she spoke, tears streamed down her face as if she had collapsed.

Although Jodie didn’t explicitly mention who it was, everyone present understood.

Luca asked in astonishment, “Are you saying that Simone did this to you?”

Only Simone among them would use unnatural means. And she had the biggest conflict with Jo.

Jodie silently praised Luca in her heart. *He had become smart now.*

She naturally wouldn’t say it in front of everyone. After all, it was Luca who said it was Simone.

She bit her lip and said, “Luca, I feel so uncomfortable. The bracelet broke, and my face started hurting again.”

This was not a lie. Her face started hurting again after the bracelet broke.

Now, her whole body was in pain, making her feel the urge to tear Simone apart.

She pretended to be scared again. “What should I do if she continues to do this to **me**?”

Luca couldn’t help but believe her when he saw her like this.

After all, Simone had used such means on Titus and Jo before, causing their faces and bodies to hurt.

He frowned even deeper. “Do you mean that she used unnatural means to distract you and make you fall down the stairs?”

Jodie didn’t directly answer. She looked at Luca, pretending to be pitiful. “Luca, I’m so scared. I’m scared that I’ll be disfigured, that my broken bones won’t heal. When do you think she will stop tormenting me?”

Luca was furious. “How could she do this?”

Jo did have some faults. But what Simone did was too much. A girl’s face was so important, and Jo’s previous injuries from the fall would definitely leave scars and disfigure her.

Jodie looked at Luca. Her eyes filled with dependence as she cried, “Luca, please make her stop, okay? I’m in so much pain. My face, my forehead, and my whole body hurt. I can’t take it anymore.”

This was the first time Luca had seen Jodie cry so pitifully and helplessly. He gritted his teeth and said, “I’ll go find her.”

After saying that angrily, he turned around and quickly walked out of the hospital room.

Even Aaron, who was still in a daze, couldn’t stop him in time.

He looked at Jodie with half-belief. “Are you sure it was Simone?” He always felt that Simone wasn’t **that malicious**.

Although she **could** be tricky, she would retaliate fiercely if someone provoked her. But she had never actively harmed anyone.

Moreover, Simone had the upper hand in both the previous and current episodes.

She **had** no reason to harm Jo like **this**.

Aaron’s skeptical gaze infuriated Jodie.

He actually didn’t believe her now.

Jodie thought, *How can I respond to such a direct question? I’ve consistently avoided addressing it in front of Luca.*

Leon looked at Jodie with suspicion. “Are you sure it was Simone?”

He also didn’t believe it was Simone. And even if it was Simone, she wouldn’t do it without a

reason.

If it was just to get back at Jodie, she wouldn't have done something like this on a live broadcast.

He knew Simone's personality well.

After being asked again, Jodic couldn't deliberately be vague anymore.

She bit her lip and said, "Then who else could it be? She had already tampered with me and Titus before, making *my* face hurt. The bracelet I wear on my hand is used to suppress this pain."

She hinted again, "Who knows it would suddenly break, and then I..."

Leon thought for a moment and said, "We'll know the truth after Luca asks her."

Aaron also said, "Yes, let's wait for Luca to ask."

In his mind, he felt that Luca was too impulsive. They hadn't fully grasped the facts yet. Despite that, Luca stormed off in anger to find Simone. This would only further exacerbate the already tense relationship between the siblings.

He asked a staff member, "Can I use your phone to see what's happening in another live stream room?"

He didn't want to follow along and join the excitement. Otherwise, Simone might misunderstand and question what he was doing.

But he was very curious about the progress that would follow.

Leon felt the same way. "Yes. Please let us take a look."

The staff member sought permission from Jonah.

"Jonah said it's okay."

There **was** a television in the ward, and the staff member turned it on.

By using the phone, they projected the live stream onto the television.

At that moment, Luca was just asking the production team about Simone's whereabouts and was about to go there in the car provided by the team.

Jonah didn't believe that Simone would harm someone for no reason.

He thought that it was Jodie who fell and couldn't continue participating in the show. So, she intentionally blamed Simone.

Moreover, when Jodie had the accident, Simone was still waiting for the award ceremony. It was impossible for Simone to know that Jodie was walking down the stairs and tampering with her at that moment, considering the distance between them.

The audience watching the livestream was also perplexed.

of hers, began to express their a

Jodie's fans, who were fervent supporters in the comments and live chat. They firmly believed that Simone was to blame.

On the other hand, upon witnessing Jodie's pitiful state and hearing her tearful words, some people started to question the truth.

Consequently, an increasing number of viewers in the live stream room began to believe Jodie's claims.

It was true that Simone possessed the ability to practice geomancy and mystical arts.

If Jodie's predicament was indeed intentional, it seemed that Simone was the only one with the means and motive to carry it out.

After all, Simone and Jodie had always been at odds with each other due to family circumstances.

Jodie's fans even infiltrated Simone's livestream room, spreading malicious rumors and hurling insults.

The actions of these individuals left the audience in the live stream room bewildered.

Coincidentally, someone had uploaded a video of Jodie's previous statements on the internet.

Everyone rushed to watch it, indulging in the tantalizing **gossip**.

Chapter 177 Playing Along Till the End

Simone's fans naturally did not believe that she did it and assumed it was Jodie who poured the dirty water. They even quoted what Jonah thought.

Simone **was** not even present at that time, so how could she harm Jodie?

Jodie's fans immediately refuted it. To harm someone using geomancy or mystical arts did not require proximity to their target. Regardless, it was Simone who hurt Jodie.

Even Zac's fans did not believe Simone would do such a thing. If she dared to do such a harmful thing, would the special department not take action? That department was specifically responsible for dealing with these matters.

Their purpose was to prevent and punish geomancy or mystical arts masters who used unnatural means to harm others. No matter how they explained, Jodie's fans insisted that it was Simone who did it, and they cursed her in various ways.

They even brought up her master and cursed him as well. They said he did not teach her well, and only taught her how to harm others. Then, they started to criticize Gwen as well. They said she was blind and that she was just as malicious for fighting his brother for someone like

Simone.

Simone's fans angrily fought back.

These people were going too far, not even sparing her best friend and deceased master. They were simply insane!

Fans and viewers of other people also became disgusted with Jodie's fans. There was no verdict yet, but they had already concluded that Simone did it and was randomly attacking others.

Did they not know that the dead should be respected? Moreover, her best friend had previously sided with Simone against her sc*mbag brother, so she was not in the wrong! It was Leon and Jodie who were fooling around, so they deserved to be criticized.

Jodie's fans were truly unreasonable.

People expressed their opinions online, all waiting for Luca to find Simone and ask for the truth.

On the hotel rooftop, Simone felt discomfort in her heart. It was as if someone was cursing her, someone she cared about.

Since reaching the innate realm, she had become more sensitive to malice. That feeling was so intense that it had to be true. In this situation, there was only one possibility.

Jodie woke up and exposed **the** matter of her falling during the live broadcast, then poured the dirty water on herself. Not only did her fans curse Simone, but they also cursed the people she cared about. Someone must have deliberately set the tone, and it formed a malicious verbal attack, trying to provoke and disturb her mind. Then, it would trigger her inner anger and make her less rational.

Simone picked up her coffee and took a sip, wondering why the person behind her had to resort to such tactics. Was Jodie going to confront her? Knowing her personality, she definitely would not come herself, though.

At that point, there was no way she could climb back up. In that case, someone would step up and defend her. Could it be Sc*mbag No. 3 or Sc*mbag No. 5?

Fine. If Jodie and her backers want to *play*, I'll play along till the *end*.

The hospital was not far from the hotel, and there was no traffic on the way. After about ten

ninutes. Luca arrived at the hotel. Jonah also came along with the assistant director.

Luca asked the production team and found out that Simone was having afternoon tea on the top floor, so he angrily took the elevator up.

While Jodie was suffering on the hospital bed, she was leisurely enjoying her afternoon tea! How heartless could she get? It was difficult for him to accept that his sister could be this ruthless.

Soon, he arrived at the restaurant on the top floor. At a glance, he saw Simone and her companions sitting at a table by the floor-to-ceiling window. He walked over quickly.

She and her companions also noticed Luca. Zac and Harry were a bit puzzled. Why is *he here*? And why does he look so angry?

Simone, on the other hand, was not surprised. She was torn between Sc*mbag No. 3 and Sc*mbag No. 5. Sc*mbag No. 3, who was arrogant and impulsive, was more easily manipulated and instigated.

Luca approached her table, then looked at her intently and said, "Simone, I have a question."

She looked up at him and said, "Go ahead."

He questioned, "Do you know about Jo's accident?"

She nodded and replied. "Yes, I heard from the production team."

He continued. "Is it just hearsay? Or was it you who caused it?"

Simone did not change her expression but smiled and asked, "Did she tell you that?"

Luca said, "She mentioned that before she fell down the stairs, she had a sudden moment of confusion, and her bracelet suddenly broke. That's why she stepped on the beads and fell. She believes that it was caused by unnatural means. There was a hint of complexity in his eyes. "And among the guests and the production team, you're the only geomancy master capable of such unnatural means."

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had yet to speak when Zac exploded first. “Just because Simone is a geomancy master, you suspect her of foul play? Are you out of your mind? You believe that scheming stepsister with more tricks up her sleeve than a sieve, and you accuse your sister just to make her uncomfortable?”

Luca frowned. “But besides her, who else would resort to such unnatural means? They’re always against each other.” He looked at Simone and said, “It’s one thing to have a little argument, like when you slapped her last time and made her face hurt. Titus was also hit by you last time. But because it didn’t cause substantial physical harm, they didn’t bother with you. This time, however, was too far. Jo’s forehead was cut deeply, and it’ll leave a scar after it heals, disfiguring her. Her hand and leg were also fractured; it was painful. She’s also afraid that you’ll continue to hurt her, keeping her in pain and not getting better.”

Simone sneered. “So, you’re saying that just because I know geomancy mystical arts, I’m the culprit? Just because I had conflicts with her, I’d intentionally harmed her in the live broadcast? I’m not taking that blame.” She looked at Luca with a disgusted look. “You didn’t even bother to ask or investigate, and you concluded that it was me who harmed her. You rushed in front of everyone and the live audience, accusing me without evidence. I know you have an unusual relationship with her, but you don’t have to be so malicious and determined to destroy me for her sake.”

Sc’mbag No. 3 always believed that whatever he thought was true. He did not realize he was being manipulated by Jodie.

He noticed Simone’s gaze and could not help but feel anxious. He quickly clarified, “That’s not what I meant, and I didn’t accuse you without any evidence. I also find it hard to believe that you’d do something so ruthless, which is why I came here to ask you.”

She responded coldly, “Your previous questioning didn’t imply that.”

“You may not want to believe it, but your actions suggest otherwise. Jodie claimed it was me. and you’re determined that I’m the only one capable of it. So, where’s your evidence?”

Zac added, “Simone wasn’t even present when she fell down the stairs.”

“So, you’re suggesting she could be competing in a motorcycle race and still manage to conspire against Jodie?”

Luca’s thought process was incomprehensible; he blindly believed everything.

Chapter 178 Unexpected Twist.

Luca was taken aback by the consecutive accusations thrown at him by two people. He took a deep breath and said, “That’s why I’m here. For answers.

They were implying that he deliberately spread accusations during the live broadcast to harm his sister. Though that was not his intention, he simply wanted some answers, which backfired.

If it was Simone who did it, he could not do anything to her. He could only hope that she would not be so ruthless and stop. He looked at her seriously and asked, “Tell me, did you do

She retorted, “If I say I didn’t, would you believe me?”

Luca hesitated for a moment. Would I? I don’t know.

He had not figured out how to respond yet.

Simone suddenly laughed sarcastically. “You see? I say I didn’t do it, but you don’t believe me. You only believe what Jodie says, so you rushed here to defame and slander me. By doing this, you’re just trying to ruin my reputation in front of everyone. You’re implying that whenever something happens, it’s my doing, that I’m a malicious and ruthless person. These accusations you’re throwing? They’re utterly dirty.”

Listening to these words, Luca denied, “No, that’s not true.”

Zac sneered. “Your words and actions tell everyone otherwise.”

Harry looked at him with an unpleasant expression. “If you want to protect your stepsister, don’t use Simone as a scapegoat! Jodie fell down the stairs herself and claimed it was Simone’s doing.” He sarcastically added, “So, if I accidentally fall down the stairs later, I’ll say it was your doing. You can’t say it’s not

you just because you don't know geomancy. I can say you paid a geomancy master to do it. After all, when you were at Gray Entertainment, you didn't hesitate to use your background to suppress newcomers and act high and mighty, did **you**?

Zac added, "And haven't you and Jodie forgotten about the existence of the special department? If a geomancy master dares to use these methods to harm people, the special department would've knocked on their door, including Simone's."

Luca was overwhelmed by their words. "I didn't say it was Simone. I just came to ask." He looked at her and said, "If you say it wasn't you, then I believe you now, okay?" He also realized at this moment that he had acted impulsively before.

He rushed here to question her during the live broadcast without evidence or certainty.

Instead, he made himself look like a fool.

Zac's words made him doubt that he had indeed misunderstood. The existence of the special department was known to all. Anyone who committed crimes or used geomancy to harm others would be wanted and arrested. He had heard before that the special department existed not only domestically but also internationally.

Today's incident was being livestreamed, and if Simone had used unnatural powers to harm Jodie... The people from the special department might have already arrived at her doorstep.

However, Simone said, "Actually, what happened to Jodie is indeed related to me."

As soon as these words came out, Luca and the other two were stunned. Even the viewers watching the live stream were dumbfounded.

The live chat suddenly became quiet.

Jonah looked surprised. *What's Simone trying to do? She admitted it. By publicly admitting her involvement on the livestream, she's giving them evidence to use against her. It won't be surprising if the people from the special department come knocking on her door soon.*

In the hospital, the few people watching the television were also stunned. Jodie's eyes lit up with joy. Simone is audacious, actually admitting it.

Aaron and Leon felt that something was off. They did not think Simone would be **so** foolish **as** to willingly give them evidence against her. What did *she* mean *by* saying this?

Soon, Jodie's fans in the livestream chat started to curse and criticize.

Zac had a suspicion. "Did she do something to cause this?"

everyone

Simone realized that he was clever and perceptive, always trusting her unconditionally. She nodded at him and smiled. "Yes, she wanted to curse me, but it backfired. I believe who watched the race saw my motorcycle suddenly skid and almost crash off the track. At that time, it was because someone used unnatural means to attack me. Fortunately, the people from the special department reminded me before I went on stage, so I wore the talisman I drew myself."

Gwen took the initiative to remind her and appeared with Sean from the special department.. It was known that he represented the special department, something Jodie's backer was aware of. Sean was unafraid of exposure, which was why he was so brazen.

That was also why Simone announced it so publicly.

She sighed. "That's why I escaped disaster. Otherwise, if I had fallen like that, it wouldn't have been as simple as disfigurement and broken bones." She continued, "After the race ended, I wasn't affected and used the trapped energy in the talisman to counterattack. So, the people

who targeted me and cursed me would all experience the backfire. The bracelet that Jodie is wearing is the mystical tool given to her by the person who targeted me. So, after it rebounded on me, the magical artifact became useless. That's why it suddenly broke, and the red agate beads fell. Jodie must've cursed me before, wanting me disfigured. She ended up harming herself."

She looked into the live camera with sincerity in her eyes and swore, "I can guarantee that everything I'm saying is true. I didn't intentionally cause Jodie to f

all like that. Or else, I would face divine retribution.” She looked into the camera and asked, “Jodie, you claimed that I harmed you, which led to your injury. So, can you guarantee that what you’re saying is true? Can you swear that you didn’t curse me before? Otherwise, you will face divine retribution.”

Then, she asked Jonah to show them Jodie’s livestream so they could confront each other on the spot. He immediately had someone bring a tablet and opened another livestream, presenting it in front of Simone and the group.

Her words quickly stunned everyone. No one expected such a twist, which came out of nowhere. Soon, all the viewers tuned into two live streams, one of which was Jodie’s stream. They were eager to witness her reaction.

Initially, Jodie felt a sense of happiness when Simone admitted to something, but she did not anticipate the tables being turned on her. The suddenness of it all left her with an incredulous expression.

How could Simone possibly know about her curse?

Jodie had only relied on her luck and silently cursed Simone in her mind. She had not employed any geomancy or mystical arts. In theory, someone who was cursed in this manner should not be able to detect it.

The crucial point was that Simone even revealed the content of Jodie’s curses. Is this *woman* truly that *powerful*? No, she could not bring herself to believe it.

Noticing that all eyes were on her, she quickly regained her composure. She tightly clutched the blanket with her unbroken hand, feeling a twinge of anxiety. What should I do? *I can’t admit to it, or my reputation will be ruined. I might even attract attention from special departments.*

Leon, with his deep gaze, fixed his eyes on her and inquired, “How do you explain what Simone just revealed?”

Aaron and several other show staff, along with the viewers, all turned their attention to Jodie, eager to hear her explanation.

Chapter 179 Serving Themselves on Her Plate

Leon felt extremely nervous when he witnessed Simone slip during the race and almost get injured. He sensed that something was amiss. After all, he was aware of Simone and Gwen's motorcycle skills, which would not lead them to such a basic mistake as slipping.

However, Simone unexpectedly used the slip to drift and secured first place. He had believed she did it intentionally. Little did he expect that it was Jodie and others who targeted Simone. If it were not for Simone's geomancy ability, she would have been the one in the hospital. According to her, if she had not evaded the attack, her injuries would have been severe.

Jodie was truly trying to harm Simone. This kind of behavior had completely crossed his moral boundaries, leaving him furious.

She pretended to be clueless and shook her head, saying, "I didn't do it. I didn't say that I got injured *because* of Simone. I merely suspected that someone used unnatural means, so my Luca misunderstood." She vehemently denied, "I didn't curse Simone; she's misunderstood."

Luca was watching the tablet at that moment. When he heard her words, an expression of disbelief appeared. Then, he addressed the camera. "Jo, you were implying that Simone did it. That's why I came to confront her!"

What did Jo mean? *She shifted all the blame onto me!*

Jodie, between damage control and Luca, unhesitatingly chose the former. She looked at him in astonishment. "Luca, I never mentioned Simone's name from beginning to end. You misunderstood and rushed to confront her. I was lying in bed injured and couldn't stop you in time. You said it was Simone who did it to me, so I couldn't help but suspect. I wanted to know if it was her. She looked pitiful, with a hint of helplessness in her eyes. "Luca, you misunderstood me."

When Luca comes back, I'll just coax him. For now, he can only bear with it.

He laughed in anger. "So, in the end, it's all my fault?" He acknowledged his mistake. His error was that he should not have been incited by her and impulsively confronted Simone.

Jodie's refusal to admit it meant she was guilty. He also remembered her words when she woke up, saying it should not have been her lying there. *Did she*

mean Simone should be the one lying in the hospital, disfigured and with broken limbs, instead?

At that moment, his heart felt as cold as if it had fallen into an ice cave. It was ridiculous that this was his angel stepsister whom he trusted and protected.

Jodie hurriedly said, "I know it's because Luca cares about me that he misunderstood." She looked at Simone and apologized, "Simone, we misunderstood you." She did this just to move past the incident quickly as damage control.

Simone looked at her with a smile. "Is it *just* a misunderstanding? I've sworn that I did not harm you on purpose. Now, it's your turn. Can you swear that you didn't curse me?"

Jodie tried to divert the attention, but Simone would not allow it. She wanted Jodie to know that anyone with malicious intentions would suffer the consequences. She instigated Luca to trouble her, so she should be prepared to face the consequences.

Seeing Simone's unwavering gaze, Jodie secretly resented her. She believed Simone was intentionally doing this. *Damn it, we're tricked by this woman again.* She cried and shook her head to explain, "I didn't curse you. You misunderstood me."

Simone raised an eyebrow. "Whether it's a misunderstanding or not, you can prove it by swearing. Don't just deny; I won't listen. I believe everyone present and those watching the live stream have the same thoughts. They want to see you swear to prove your innocence." She deliberately pushed Jodie to the forefront.

Sure enough, the live chat was filled with requests for Jodie to swear. She had already suffered the consequences of her actions, so she could not dare to swear. If she did nothing now, it would also be detrimental to her. She thought for a moment, looked at Aaron with tear-filled eyes, and made a pleading and dependent expression. Right then, she could only hope that he would help her.

Meanwhile, Aaron felt a bit uneasy being stared at by her. Previously, she had relied on him like this, and he impulsively went to confront Simone. Now, she wanted him to follow in his younger brother's footsteps! Did he look that foolish?

He now realized that it was Jodie who had attacked Simone first. Not only did she fail, she also suffered the consequences. When she woke up, she was angry and came up with the idea of using Luca to accuse Simone. She wanted to tarnish Simone's reputation.

He had recently learned that Jodie had many ulterior motives, but he did not expect her to be so malicious behind his back. It was clear that she had hinted at Luca. He and Leon could hear that she was referring to Simone. Although she did not mention a name, her words and expressions were unmistakable when Luca brought it up. Now, she was pretending to be innocent and pushing all the blame onto Luca.

He could not help but feel a chill and a sense of fear. Luca had been tricked so he naturally would not fall for the same ploy. Moreover, he did not trust Jodie's words that much in the first place. So, he looked away, pretending not to see her plea.

She was rendered speechless. These *men are getting more unreliable by the day.*

anger

eyes and

She was furious and then looked toward Leon. Seeing the coldness and in his the chill emanating from him, she was taken aback, knowing he would not help her either.

He said sternly, "Swear. Why are you looking at me and Aaron?"

Jodie could not swear nor admit it. In the end, she could only come up with one solution. She became agitated. "I didn't do any Those things. How could I have cursed?

Why are you all forcing me?" She cried out. "I didn't. I didn't do it." Then, she got too excited and fainted.

Of course, that was an act, but she had no choice but to do so during the lives tream. She knew that after pretending to faint, she would be criticized online. Still, it was much preferable than confessing or swearing.

Witnessing Jodie's antics, the individuals present and those watching the livestream were speechless. She conveniently fainted!

Everyone

was not foolish; they could see through her obvious tricks and abrupt fainting. It was evident **that** she was attempting to divert attention. Therefore, the live chat, not only Simone's fans but also fans and viewers of others, could not help but ridicule her.

Some of her fans fell silent, and some even unfollowed her. However, there were still some loyal fans who attempted to defend their idol. They cursed Simone and her team for going too far and pushing someone to this extent. They did not believe in any backlash, not one bit, fully convinced that Simone was behind all this and falsely accused Jodie.

These individuals, just like those professional trolls and haters online, had the same mindset. They would attack as long as they were unhappy and unwilling to see the truth. They even intentionally criticized Simone in Jodie's livestream because they knew Simone would see these comments.

Indeed, she read them. She was already prepared to deal with these individuals who treated the internet as a lawless place and lacked moral integrity. Now that they had served themselves on a plate, she would not look away.

Chapter 180 Karma Will Always Track You Down

Simone glanced at the live chat on the tablet's screen. Jodie's fans and the internet trolls watching the live stream probably believed she could not do anything about them. As a result, the clamor grew louder and wilder.

She addressed the camera. "Do you think the backlash is fake, all you Jodie fans and trolls in the live chat?" The live chat quickly filled up with disbelief, after which she chuckled. "Alright, then. I'll let you experience firsthand what it means to face a backlash." She took out a piece of yellow paper from her bag along with a talisman pen and cinnabar.

On the table, she swiftly drew a talisman. This was something she habitually carried with her

now.

The people watching the live stream were puzzled when they saw her drawing up a talisman. They could not comprehend what she was trying to do. At that point, Jodie's fans and the trolls could not help but mock her, thinking she was deliberately trying to create more drama.

'Are you trying to draw a talisman to make us suffer a backlash?'

'Those people online say you're a geomancy master, but you don't seriously think you're that capable, do you? Just drawing a piece of paper can't make us suffer a backlash.'

'Is Simone here to be funny?'

I've been cursing all along. I don't believe in any backlash. Attack me if you can!"

'Exactly. Your words carry no weight to us.

'Let me tell you, I've seen worse. Your tricks mean nothing to me.

These people did not believe in the backlash. Not only were they unafraid, but they also thought Simone was provoking them, so they continued to insult her. Her supporters and other fanbases came out to stop them, but the trolls insulted them, too.

After she finished drawing the talisman, she chanted a few spells and rubbed the corner of the talisman with her fingertips. Everyone saw that the talisman in her hand suddenly ignited inexplicably. Then, wisps of green smoke emerged and floated in all directions, disappearing only after drifting far away. After a moment, the green smoke dissipated, and the talisman turned into ashes, disappearing from the camera as well.

Seeing

this scene, everyone was stunned. Simone looked at the camera and said, "The talisman I drew is a backlash talisman. Since you're used to malice, experience what it feels like to face a backlash. She paused and added, "You guys are miserable in real life, so you seek validation and vent your frustrations online. With time, it naturally leads to verbal

disputes and damages your karma. Even if you don't suffer from talisman backlash today, you won't have any blessings and live a happy and smooth life. The more you're filled with resentment, the worse your luck will be and the more challenging your life will become.

"Furthermore, you'll experience bad luck. That's on karma. You can observe the people around you. People who like to stir up trouble, like internet trolls, and those who frequently resort to malice. Don't they have a difficult life? Why is there such a saying as "accumulating good karma," which is related to cause and effect? A knife wound heals, but harsh words are hard to forget. If you cyberbully others and even find pleasure in it, remember one thing." Her eyes were sharp. "Karma will always track you down."

Waifu is right. Those brainless fans and internet trolls should accumulate some good karma.

"It's not that there won't be retribution; it's just not the right time. And I'm talking about all of

you.

These trolls are indeed despicable. I have a relative who committed suicide due to online

ing

'It's difficult to persuade them with kind words. If they were willing to listen, they wouldn't. cyberbully others every day.

Many people shared the same sentiment, feeling repulsed by those haters and internet trolls. who enjoyed cyberbullying others. They had seen or heard about many suffering from online violence, leading to depression or suicide.

These people treated the internet as a lawless place, acting particularly arrogant. Someone was bound to clean up and make them face the consequences, which they deserved.

Simone's actions and the bickering from the viewers had angered those trolls.

"Huh, I'll just cyberbully. I don't believe in karma. I'll wait and see if there's any so-called.

backlash.'

'I don't believe it either. I'm waiting, right now.'

I enjoy cyberbullying when I'm not happy. So what?"

'Simone, you better live up to your words. If I don't suffer any backlash, I'll trash talk you till

the end of time.

I'll even stream later. Let's see if I'll be affected. Remember to watch.

These people are exceptionally arrogant.

Simone smiled indifferently. "It will take effect in fifteen minutes, so just wait and see."

It was illegal to publicly disclose their personal information using hacking methods. The impact of exposing their identities would be minimal, considering how large the country was. Even if they were doxxed, some could not care less about their so-

called reputation. Some extremists would not learn their lesson until they faced the consequences. Hence, it was time they tasted their own medicine.

Simone's words rendered them in disdain, further diminishing her credibility.

Fifteen minutes later, they encountered a backlash, faster than flying back from Slovance.

She could not be bothered to argue with these people and exited the live broadcast. Then, she looked at Luca, who was standing awkwardly before her. "So, have you seen it all? A foolish and blind pawn; that's you. Now, the person you trusted has stabbed you in the back. How does that feel?"

Jodie pretended to faint, proving her guilt.

Luca naturally knew that he had been deceived by his foster sister. Hearing Simone's words, he felt embarrassed. His mouth twitched, and after a while, he said, "I didn't expect

her to deceive and instigate me to question you." He thought for a moment and squeezed out two words from his mouth. "I'm sorry!"

Simone glanced at him coldly and said, “No, thanks.” She deliberately added, “Through today’s events, I am once again grateful that I’d cut ties with all of you.”

His expression shifted; he wanted to explain but did not know how. It seemed that any explanation now would be feeble and ineffective. He felt anger and sadness for being deceived and manipulated by Jodie while also embarrassed and resentful for his sister publicly expressing relief at cutting them off.

Zac saw the dejected Luca standing before them and could not help but say, “Can you please excuse us? You’ve ruined our afternoon tea. Your gloomy presence is not only embarrassing for you but also for us!”

Simone agreed and added, “Exactly. It’s off-putting.”

Sc*mbag No. 3 stood aside, causing her to lose her appetite. Harry then gave them a thumbs up as he wanted to say the same thing.

Teased by the two of them, Luca found his countenance red yet ashen. “Fine, you guys continue. I’m leaving!” He dared not blame Simone anymore, nor did he have the face to stay. He came in angrily and left angrily.

Except for his fans, who felt sorry for him, no one else sympathized with Luca. Instead, they could not help but sarcastically say that it was a good thing Simone left the Gray Family.

From these aspects, it could be seen how unhappy she was after being recognized as part of

the Gray Family again. In the previous case, it was Aaron; now, it was Luca, both causing trouble for her because of Jodie.

Aaron did not cause any trouble this time, but he had not been a good person before, either. In any case, they all agreed that Simone cutting off ties was the right decision. Apart from this, everyone was also curious about whether her backlash talisman was effective.

Then, one of Jodie’s attention-seeking fans arrogantly started a live broadcast to see if he would be affected by the backlash. Many then rushed to his stream to witness the outcome.

