

The Miraculous Simone Gray by Opal Reese Chapter 181

Chapter 181 It's Useless To Apologize

This livestream account wasn't new; it started a year ago and was called Roasting Livestream. Usually, this host enjoyed roasting others and often criticized people. Almost thirty percent of the celebrities in the entertainment industry had been roasted by him, and even people from real life and news had been verbally attacked by him.

He also enjoyed watching other people's live streams while streaming himself, and with his

he roasted and verbally attacked other hosts. For example, he would mock their appearance, body shape, and voice and embarrass them.

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His fans were no saints, either. They would join him in criticizing and behaving extremely badly toward others. As a result, this livestream account was often reported and suspended for rectification.

Anyway, this host just wanted to gain popularity through negative means, and he was a fan of Jodie, treating her like a little angel. So, today, in the live chat, he was one of the harshest.

critics of Simone.

When he saw Simone using the backlash charm in her live stream to counterattack, he didn't believe it at all, but suddenly, he thought of a way to make money—intentionally starting a livestream to see if he would be counterattacked. Then, his viewership would skyrocket.

Sure enough, after using this gimmick, the number of viewers on his livestream kept increasing. At the moment, he was outside eating noodles, but he couldn't wait to start the live stream for the sake of viewership.

In the beginning, he greeted everyone with a smile, walking and livestreaming at the same time while roasting Simone. He also used another phone to start a stopwatch. Exactly fifteen minutes later, he smiled and said, "It's time. Let's see if this so-called backlash charm works. I don't believe it, anyway. Today, I

will expose Simone, the self-proclaimed geomancy master, together with all of you.”

There were many people in the live stream who had previously criticized Simone, and they also joined in the excitement while the other viewers remained silent and just watched.

Just as he was bragging, the camera suddenly shook violently. Next, everyone saw that the livestreaming host, holding a phone, had tripped and fallen face-down on the road. When he got up with the phone in his hand, everyone saw that his mouth was bleeding and he had lost a few teeth.

Just fifteen minutes have passed, and he has already been counterattacked.

Go on with your arrogant ways!”

‘D*mn, this is incredible!’

“The anchor had just reached fifteen minutes of live streaming when he slipped and fell, losing a few teeth in the process.

“It was good that his mouth, which only spewed nonsense, got injured from the fall.

‘His mouth was bleeding and swollen. Serves him right!’

The anchor’s heart skipped a beat, and he wondered if something supernatural was at play. Trying to maintain his composure, he said, “I was holding my phone and not paying attention to the road, which caused me to trip. It’s not karma. I’ll make a quick trip to the hospital and continue the livestream with you guys.”

He then went to start his car, but as soon as he drove a short distance, the tire suddenly burst, and he had to call the dealership for assistance.

While making the call, several birds flew by and left droppings on his face. Feeling disgusted, he immediately wiped his face clean with tissue. When he opened a bottle of water in the car, he almost choked on it.

After recovering, he couldn’t help but panic. All these unfortunate incidents happening one after another couldn’t be just a coincidence.

Could it be karma? Just as he thought that, his other phone, which wasn't streaming, started ringing. He answered the call and accidentally put it on speaker.

The people in the livestream heard it—it was a call about a lawsuit. This host had been in debt for a long time and was facing a lawsuit.

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After hanging up, it didn't take long for his phone to ring again. This time, it was the management calling to inform him that the water pipe in his house had burst and needed immediate attention.

He had no choice but to take a cab back home. After calling someone to fix the water pipe, he closed the door and returned to the living room, but he slipped on the water on the floor and hit his face on the coffee table.

His face swelled up, and before he could even attend to his swollen face, the police suddenly showed up at his door.

It turned out that he had hit and paralyzed someone while driving under the influence and fled the scene. The accident happened in an area where the surveillance camera was broken that day, so the victim's family paid for witnesses.

Coincidentally, someone watching his livestream recognized the car he was driving, which resembled the hit-and-run vehicle. That witness even saw the side profile of the hit-and-run driver, which looked similar to him.

So, they made a call and informed the victim's family, who immediately reported it to the police.

Seeing the police at his door and knowing it was about the hit-and-run incident, the host broke down on the spot. He kept saying, "I was wrong; I made a mistake."

He regretted going online to insult Simone and intentionally livestreaming for more views.

Apart from this host, the viewers who had been happily insulting Simone during the variety show livestream suddenly started apologizing and admitting their

mistakes. They sent numerous live chat messages, saying they were wrong and would never insult Simone again.

Some people were experiencing a series of unfortunate events just like this host.

Some had no filter when it came to their words. For example, they couldn't help but blurt out what they thought about their boss, colleagues, annoying friends, and relatives who badmouth them behind their backs.

In the past, their posts or comments that insulted others were dug up, and many around them found out, and those who had done unethical things in the past received just their desserts.

For instance, a fugitive murderer was recognized and reported to the police after facing backlash.

These people used to be arrogant and skeptical, but now they were filled with fear and begged for forgiveness.

Everyone was shocked by this outcome because no one expected Simone to be so powerful, and it turned out that most of these people who faced backlash had poor character in real life; some of them had even committed crimes and had no moral compass.

Among them were a few who participated in online bullying that led to someone's suicide or depression. Now that they were facing backlash, they only had themselves to blame.

'It's too late to apologize now! You've done so many unethical things, and facing backlash won't help you beg Simone for forgiveness.

"Karma is a b*tch! I just want to say they deserve it.

You only know how it feels when the needle pricks your own skin. Why didn't you realize it was wrong when you were bullying others online?"

'Consequences may be delayed, but they will eventually get to you.

People kept repeating these phrases in the live chat. At the same time, many were reminded to be more virtuous in the future because of this incident.

Those who acknowledged their mistakes requested the director to inform Simone of their apologies, and some even threatened to report her to the department if she did not rectify the charm.

Jonah was concerned that these individuals would actually report Simone and cause her harm. At the same time, he was curious about Simone's response. Therefore, he dispatched a staff member to inform Simone while she was having dinner.

The livestream focused on her as she addressed the situation. Looking into the camera, she stated, "You are facing backlash not only because you insulted me and my loved ones in the live chat. The reason you are facing this is due to your own defamatory words and the unethical actions you have committed in the past.

"This is the law of cause and effect. You reap what you sow, and once it's done, there's no way to undo it. Even if there's a way, I won't assist you in undoing it."

She boldly continued, "If you want to sue me, go ahead. I haven't engaged in any actions that violate the illegal actions and methods regulated by the special department."

She had studied the illegal regulations of the special department, and her actions fell under self-defense, not illegality.

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These individuals were facing misfortune because their unethical actions were not because she cursed them or caused harm; it was the consequences they brought upon themselves due to their previous unethical behavior, and her backlash charm merely expedited the consequences of their misdeeds.

She smiled. "Prepare yourselves for the misfortune of retribution, for the sins you have committed in the past. Apologies are futile."

Chapter 182 I Won't Be Fooled Again

Simone's words provoked those who had apologized, leading them to believe that she was too arrogant. However, they were powerless to do anything about

t it. One person even went so far as to report Simone to the special department.

In this world, geomancy was widely practiced, and the special department was well-known to the public. They even made their phone number public, encouraging people to report anything strange or supernatural.

The special department had been monitoring Simone due to a previous investigation, which revealed that she had indeed studied geomancy and mystical arts. She had obtained certification as a legitimate geomancy master before graduating from university but had never used geomancy or mystical arts for harmful purposes.

On the contrary, she had become a mentor to a group of geomancy masters, showcasing her strong talent. It was with her help that Sean and Skylar were able to track down the evil cultivator.

Now that Simone had been reported by several individuals, an investigation was inevitable. The special department requested the previous live broadcast recordings from the filming crew and carefully examined the charms Simone had drawn. These charms were simple counterattack charms devoid of any harmful intent. The individuals who insulted Simone in the live chat, including those who cursed her master and best friend, were the ones who provoked her to use the counterattack charm.

This act of self-defense was completely legal. If no one had provoked or acted unethically, the counterattack charm would have been rendered useless. Therefore, those who were counterattacked had brought it upon themselves.

As Simone was a public figure, this incident occurred during a live broadcast and was witnessed by many people. Consequently, the special department released a public announcement regarding the investigation results. In the announcement, they reminded individuals lacking moral integrity to refrain from repeating their mistakes and also emphasized that even without Simone's counterattacks, these individuals would still face difficulties in their lives and work due to their karma.

The moment this announcement was made, Simone's fans rushed to the live broadcast room to inform everyone. This left Jodie's fans and keyboard warriors

rs feeling frustrated and angry. If the special department did not take any action, what could they do? If the backlash continued, they would be defeated.

However, no one sympathized with them or came to their aid. As a result, some individuals refrained from cursing Simone and directed their anger towards Jodie instead, accusing her of causing trouble for no reason and labeling her as a disaster. After criticizing her, they unfollowed her on Facebook and stopped being her fans. Many other fans of Jodie followed

suit and unfollowed her as well. It was not an exaggeration to say that Jodie was a troublemaker.

Consequently, both Aaron and Luca, who were popular influencers, faced backlash and lost many fans. Leon broke up with Simone because of Jodie. These individuals were truly toxic, and it was best to stay away from them. Otherwise, who knew that maybe one day they might also face misfortune? As a result, another group of fans unfollowed them, and many turned against them.

Simone and a few others gathered in a restaurant. Luca, who had been sitting silently in the hospital garden, stood up and went to Jodie's hospital room. Since there was no live streaming in the room at that moment, Aaron and Leon returned to the restaurant to continue making money.

In the afternoon, Luca instructed the cameraman not to follow him, as he wanted to be alone to calm down, and the director agreed. Luca pushed open the door and saw Jodie sitting up and eating a sandwich with her uninjured hand.

"You have strong mental resilience. At a time like this, you're still able to eat," he remarked sarcastically, as he had no mood or appetite at all.

Jodie paused her eating and looked up at him. At first, she was stunned, and then her eyes instinctively turned red. Looking at him pitifully with a face full of grievances, she said, "Luca, I'm sorry." She explained, "I realized that my injuries were not natural, which made me suspect that someone had set me up, and when you mentioned Simone, I thought it was her."

Luca frowned. "Even now, you still want to lie to me. Then tell me, did you curse her?"

Jodie shook her head, denying, "No, I really didn't curse her." With tears in her eyes, she looked hurt. "Luca, don't you believe me?"

Luca looked at her expressionlessly and said, "Then, swear." He emphasized, "Swear in front of me now that you haven't cursed Simone. Otherwise, you will be punished by the heavens.

Jodie's body stiffened as she stared at him in disbelief. "Are you forcing me, to o? Such a vow should not be taken lightly. If I do, Simone might take advantage of it to retaliate against me." She helplessly added, "Anyway, I didn't curse her. If you don't believe me, there's nothing I

can do."

Luca walked over and suddenly grabbed her chin. "Jo, are you really playing me for a fool? If you have nothing to hide, why would you be afraid to make such a vow? Simone is a geomancer, and she dared to make the vow first, which shows that she has a clear conscience."

Tears streamed down her face as she shook her head. "I didn't." Panic-stricken, she could feel that his attitude toward her and the way he looked at her had changed, just like before when Titus was the first who didn't pay attention to her. How could this be? If they all didn't care about her, how could she continue to stay in the Gray Family as the beloved young lady?

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How could she continue to do those things?

She showed the most vulnerable and pitiful look she could muster. "Luca, I didn't play you. I'm just so upset. I won't do it again. Please don't be mad at me, okay?"

If it were before, Luca would feel sorry and soft-hearted when he saw her like this. But now, he felt cold because she was still pretending with him, and he let go of her chin. "No." He looked at her with disappointment and distress in his eyes. "Because of you, we forced our younger sister to sever ties with the family. From the beginning, I have always stood by your side, but is this how you repay me?" He sarcastically remarked, "When it's time to abandon me, you hesitate at nothing. Do you have any compassion, Jodie Gray?"

He felt devastated and hurt after being deceived and used as a pawn by the sister he had loved since childhood. His regret and guilt intensified when he confronted Simone's betrayer.

Jodie set aside her sandwich and reached out to grasp his arm. "Luca, I didn't give you up." With the utmost sincerity in her eyes, she said, "You are the most important person in my heart."

Luca suddenly burst into laughter. "Even now, you still want to deceive me without a guilty conscience. You are truly suited for the entertainment industry; your acting skills are remarkable, but I won't be fooled again."

He no longer wanted to see her or listen to her lies, so he turned around and walked away.

Growing anxious, she cried and shouted after him, "Luca, please don't go! Luca, I beg you, don't leave me."

But this time, Luca's footsteps quickened instead of stopping. Opening the door, he left without looking back.

Chapter 183 Their job Is So Challenging

Instead of meeting Leon and Aaron at the restaurant, Luca checked his phone app. Upon seeing that the bar was hiring temporary singers, he took a cab there.

His current desire **was** to drink, so he needed to earn money first and then exchange it for alcohol. Once he got drunk, he wouldn't have to think about anything anymore. That way, he wouldn't feel as heartbroken.

Luca went to the bar while Simone and Keira went to the seaside lighthouse to take photos. They spent a significant amount of money and tried out all the entertainment activities around the lighthouse.

After Aaron and Leon finished work and had dinner at the restaurant, they also went to take some pictures. Observing how happy Simone and the others w

ere, the two of them stood nearby and watched. Both of them disliked Zac, who—always stayed close to Simone.

Does this guy have to be so attentive? He has no shame.

Leon was annoyed and wanted to smoke, so he made an excuse to go to the restroom, and Aaron followed him. In the designated smoking room, they each lit a cigarette.

With a gloomy face, Leon said, “Jodie is really something. She played us all like puppets.” If it weren’t for today’s events, he wouldn’t have known that she could be so ruthless.

Aaron sighed. “Yeah.” Today’s events completely exceeded his expectations. The image of his innocent and obedient younger sister in his mind was completely shattered. Then, he suddenly remembered something, “Hey, where’s my brother? I didn’t see him.”

Leon also realized that Luca hadn’t looked for them at all, and Aaron called him. Luca happened to have finished singing a few songs and was taking a break. When he saw his younger brother’s call, he answered it and informed him which bar he was at.

After hanging up the phone, Aaron asked Leon, “Do you want to have a drink? I want to drink now; I’m annoyed!” Not only was he annoyed that his younger sister had such a deceitful personality, but he was also annoyed that his real sister hated them even more.

Leon was extremely irritated as well. “Alright!”

So, both of them, who had finished taking photos, took a cab to the bar. This time, the cameraman followed them to livestream. When they arrived at the bar, Luca was already drinking.

When he saw them, he waved his hand and said, “You guys go sing a few songs first, earn some money, and then drink. I can’t afford to treat you guys.”

Aaron and Leon were speechless; they were truly pitiful, to the point of being destitute, **and** their resentment towards Zac grew even stronger because that guy was just lounging around with Simone, making them envy him so much.

Hence, they reluctantly went to sing a few songs and used the money they earned to buy alcohol. During the day, they didn't dare to use the money they earned from working in the restaurant as they were saving it for the hotel stay at night.

They didn't care about the livestream, sitting and drinking in silence.

Aaron looked at Luca and said, "Luca, your voice hasn't recovered yet, and you're starting again?"

Luca replied, his voice already hoarse, "I don't care anymore. I just want to drink."

Aaron sighed. "Then, go ahead." Although his brother was hurt, at least he could see through their foster sister. It was better to feel the pain now than later, and he felt the same way now.

The three of them drinking were being broadcast live.

The three top streamers are in a miserable state.

"They deserve it; their judgment is poor, and they can't see people clearly.

They're getting drunk together; the three of them are seriously hurt!"

"Today, I finally see through Jojo's true intentions. It's so uncomfortable that I want to drink,

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"Two Sc*mbag brothers and one Sc*mbag. They sure belong in the same group."

Apart from their loyal fans feeling sorry for them, others not only lacked sympathy but couldn't resist mocking them. Their popularity significantly decreased, especially Luca, who experienced a large number of unfollows.

The public relations team at Gray Entertainment was going crazy. The previous public relations efforts had not been very effective, and now Luca was causing trouble again.

Why were things so challenging for them?

They called Titus, who told them not to worry; Luca would return to normal after he had enough. At the moment, he was out drinking with Harold, and they were mocking Luca's foolishness.

Meanwhile, friends and relatives called and greeted Salma, who was at home, and Steven, who was **abroad**.

Salma almost fainted when she watched the videos trending online. For the first time, she felt great resentment towards her foster daughter. *Why is Jodie so troublesome? And who gave her the audacity to collude with a geomancer to harm my daughter?*

Simone might have caused trouble with them, but she was still her biological daughter, and she was very angry that Jodie was harmed and cursed by her foster daughter.

Moreover, her son was also foolish. With just a little instigation from her foster daughter, he went on the livestream to confront his biological sister. Where was his brain? The Gray Family's reputation was once again tarnished, and she felt embarrassed to be asked about this. by people.

In the meantime, Steven was equally mad. This only confirmed his suspicions that Jodie had a geomancer behind her, and her adoption into the Gray Family was not as simple as it

seemed.

He had originally planned to send Jodie away from the Gray Family, but now he couldn't. Only by keeping a close eye on her could he feel more at ease. Also, he had to send someone to investigate thoroughly.

As for Luca, he almost cried at his son's foolishness. Fortunately, he didn't inherit the family business; otherwise, the Gray Family would have been in trouble soon.

After being completely manipulated by his foster daughter this time, he wondered if he would become smarter. Steven had a headache whenever he thought about his sons and foster daughter and regretted it more and more.

Previously, he had misunderstood Simone due to the complaints from his wife and son and mistakenly made her decide to leave.

Simone was like his real daughter, while his adopted daughter was just a facade.

After the variety show ended, when Simone returned to the country, he would have to try harder with his wife and convince Simone to come back home.

Overseas.

After Simone and her friends finished sightseeing, they went to an internet cafe to practice playing games while the other group of three were drinking.

Two livestream rooms were opened, but no one was managing Jodie's side. In the hospital, she cried in frustration.

After shedding tears for a while, she glanced up and was taken aback by the unexpected presence of an individual in the room.

Upon realizing the identity of the person, she refrained from expressing any grievances,

Instead, she displayed a look of astonishment and asked, "What brings you here? Have you **come** to lend me a hand?"

Chapter 184 How Did She Know?

In the hospital room, a man wearing a black hoodie, a black duckbill cap, and a mask stood in front of Jodie's bed. His eyes showed signs of bruising, and his voice was hoarse. "Yes, I'm here to help you. Put this on."

He took off the black agate bracelet from his wrist and handed it to Jodie.

Without hesitation, she took it and said "Are you okay?"

it on. "Thank you, my brother!" She asked cautiously,

The man sneered, "What do you think? This black obsidian bracelet is a special magical tool **with** a luck-stealing formation inside. You need to find a way to regain the lost luck."

Jodie asked in confusion, "How do I do that?" She didn't know anything about geomancy or mystical arts.

The man answered, "Find a way to make more people like you; anyone will do. Your recent actions have caused you criticism, and you lost a large number of followers on the Internet. Your luck has declined. Did your intelligence start to decline, too?"

Despite the dissatisfaction in her heart, she didn't dare to say it out loud. "I originally just wanted to use Luca to deal with Simone and ruin her reputation. As long as her reputation is bad, my luck will return." But something baffled her. "Who would have thought that she would find out about my curse on her?"

The man looked at her with a cold and stern gaze. "Who told you to do such unnecessary things? I came to this country specifically to help you deal with her. I'm here to help you. Why did you still curse her and let her sense that something was wrong? You're a fool who causes more harm than good."

If it weren't for the fact that this fool still had some use, they would never both er with her **again**.

Jodie asked, "If I curse her in my heart, can she also know? That's not normal!"

The man was speechless. "She was never ordinary, and it's likely that she has a keen intuition, which is why she found out. If you didn't do unnecessary things, I wouldn't have suffered such a backlash."

Simone not only countered his negative energy curse but also intercepted his aura from the red agate magical tool and used some special method to amplify the backlash. This time, the backlash was severe, and he didn't know how long **it** would take to recover.

Jodie shrank her neck. "I—I won't do it again."

The man said, "Now, remember two things. It's best to find a way to become popular, and if that's not possible, take the route of being controversial. Gain some popularity and convert it into luck. You still have the final variety show live broadcast. At that time, you have to find a way to get close to Simone, silently recite the word 'absorb' in your heart, and absorb her luck through this string of black agate.

"If you want to continue living comfortably, remember, it's a zero-sum game between you. I can see that two of your brothers have already dist

anced themselves from you and started to change their attitudes. You also need to coax them back and continue to shower them with love

“Look for more opportunities to have physical contact with them. It will be beneficial for you, and don’t make foolish mistakes like today again. Don’t let them see through you.”

Jodie understood. “Okay, I got it.” Suddenly, a question came into her mind. “The next live broadcast will be two weeks after this one ends, but I won’t recover from my injuries by then. How can I participate?”

The man had thought of this. “Someone will arrange it. They will find a way to delay the final variety show live broadcast for a month and also find a way to arrange the location in the ancient city. So, you must go. After you return home, someone will mail you some medicine, and your broken bones will fully recover within a month after application.”

Jodie felt her forehead. “What about my face? Is there any scar removal medicine?”

He coldly swept his gaze over her. ‘Don’t worry about the injury on your forehead for now. On the contrary, you can use it to seek justice from your brothers.’ He emphasized again, with a stronger tone, “It is *very* important to regain their hearts and love for you.”

It was the first time Jodie had seen him emphasize the same thing repeatedly, and she obediently nodded. “My brother, don’t worry. I’ll listen to you.”

He was about to say something when his expression suddenly changed. “Not good, they’re coming after me.”

He sensed the aura of the special department personnel wearing badges, and before Jodie could react, he quickly opened the door of the ward and left. Instead of taking the elevator, he took the stairs, but just as he descended two floors, he saw Sean waiting there.

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Sean’s face was even paler than during the day. “Still trying to escape?”

The man was startled. How did he end up here? Without hesitation, he turned around and ran upstairs. Just as he reached the next floor, he saw Skylar coming down.

He understood now—these two were intentionally blocking him here. Puzzled, he asked, “How did you know I was in the hospital?” After his location was exposed during the day, luckily, he escaped quickly.

He even risked further injury and deliberately used secret techniques to block the leakage of his aura, which meant that all his presence in this world would disappear for several hours so **that** neither these two nor Simone could find his location.

Skylar raised an eyebrow. “Mainly because someone is smart enough to guess that **you** will come to the hospital at night. You escaped from us during the day, so naturally, we had come here and wait for you at night. I didn’t expect that you would come.” He added, “It seems that you care quite a bit about Jodie Gray, your biological sister.”

The man froze for a moment. “Did Simone guess it?” Otherwise, he couldn’t think of anyone else.

Sean, who was slowly approaching, said, “You have a quick mind.”

The man’s face twisted, gritting his teeth. “It’s Simone again.”

She had inflicted such serious injuries on him and brought people from a special department to capture him. This grudge had been formed.

Sean took out a special pair of handcuffs. “Are you willing to put them on yourself, or should we have a fight first?”

The man’s mood was gloomy, and he voluntarily extended his hands, saying, “Bring it on.”

He had made all the arrangements, but he didn’t expect to fall into this trap. Under normal circumstances, he would not be afraid of them at all and have a great chance of fighting them and escaping.

However, he was currently seriously injured and had utilized secret techniques to exacerbate his injuries. Dealing with one of them, let alone two, was already impossible.

He was extremely frustrated, to the point where he wished he had not employed those secret techniques. He inquired, "Did you intentionally allow someone to wear identification from the elevator while you did not bring any yourself?"

He had detected a distinct aura emanating from the elevator, so he avoided it. Who could have anticipated that these two were concealing their presence here to ambush him? Truly cunning.

Yet, in the afternoon, he had managed to elude them by sensing their presence. So, how did they become aware of his whereabouts?

Chapter 185 Don't Drop the Ball Again

Sean was startled when he heard those words. He narrowed his eyes as he spoke. "So, you can actually sense the aura on our identification documents. No wonder you always manage to escape ahead of time." Whenever they went out for business, they would carry their identification documents with them. After all, there were times when they needed to show their identification documents to enter certain places or venues. Who would have thought that this evil cultivator would find a loophole?

He didn't know if other evil cultivators had similar attempts. Fortunately, their mission in the afternoon had failed, and they happened to call Simone with her current phone number. After thinking for a moment, she suggested that they might have something on them that emits a familiar aura. That was how the evil cultivators could discover them in advance. She advised them not to bring anything along, especially identification documents. She also suggested that they try to stake out the hospital. They followed her advice, and it worked.

Sean's words made the man realize something.

"Was Simone the one who told you about this?" the man asked.

Sean raised an eyebrow. "You're pretty smart to have figured that out."

The man felt frustrated. Why was Simone involved again? That woman just wouldn't go away! "How did she know that I can sense the aura on your identification documents?" he asked.

"She probably guessed," Skyler uttered.

"She suggested that we shouldn't wear identification documents and not carry any magical tools on us. She told us that it was best to hand them over to someone else on the elevator and to block the stairway. She really is your nemesis," Sean replied. He hadn't expected that the reason this person had always managed to evade capture was because of the identification documents he carried.

If it weren't for Simone's reminder, even if he came to the hospital that night, this would have escaped. His gaze darkened.

Simone really knew how to deal with these people.

The man took a deep breath. "I want to see Simone right now."

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Something didn't feel right. According to logic, Jodie should be Simone's nemesis. How did Simone become their nemesis instead? After thinking for a while, he realized that the change started when Simone left the Gray Family. He couldn't help but curse Jodie for being so foolish.

They had deliberately provided clues to lead the Gray Family to find Simone. This was the most advantageous move for both Jodie and their plan. But Jodie, to their surprise, severed ties with Simone in the blink of an eye. They ended up shooting themselves in the foot.

As a result, their plan kept encountering problems because of Simone's involvement.

During the day, he noticed that people from the special department went to the racetrack, so he didn't dare to go there personally. He didn't get to see Simone in person. But on the live stream on his phone, it seemed like her face was covered by a layer of something. He could only tell her background and past from Simone's face—

just like the rest of the geomancy fanatics who followed her. However, he couldn't see her present or her future. He couldn't tell if there was anything strang

e about her as he could only see her through a screen. That was why he wanted to meet Simone in person.

This request left Skyler and Sean rather stunned. “Simone is busy with her variety show on the livestream, so she doesn’t have time to meet you. Besides, she doesn’t know you.”

“Tell her that I want to meet her. Maybe she wants to meet me too. And who says she doesn’t know me? We do know each other. You can tell her that once she sees me, she will know who I am,” the man said. He had many questions that could only be answered by meeting Simone and seeing her in person.

Skyler and Sean exchanged glances. “Should we ask?”

Sean thought for a moment. “I’ll call her and ask.”

If Simone wanted to meet the man, she would agree to it. If she didn’t want to meet him, she wouldn’t have to. Since she was so talented, the man really wanted to recruit her into his

team.

Skyler nodded. “Go ahead and call her.”

Sean opened the live stream first and saw that Simone was still playing games at the internet cafe. So, he sent her a text message asking for her availability. ‘Can we contact you by phone?’

Simone had just finished a game when she heard the notification sound. She slipped to a secluded corner and avoided the live stream camera as she checked her phone.

Then, she stood up and said she needed to go to the restroom. She found a corner with no one around before she dialed Sean’s phone.

“Did you catch the person, Mr. Stanley?” Sean smiled. “Thanks to you, we caught him. I thought you would ask if we failed again.”

“Tonight, if you still failed to catch him with the right timing and favorable conditions, then...” She didn’t finish her sentence.

Sean guessed that she might have wanted to say, *If we can't catch him even with the right timing and favorable conditions, then we're a bit useless.* He chuckled. "If it weren't for your suggestion to not wear identification, he might have escaped again."

She smiled. "I was just guessing. You didn't call me just to inform me that you caught the man, right?"

Sean realized that Simone was no ordinary person—she was way smarter. "This person said he wants to meet you and see your face," he uttered.

Simone was not surprised by this statement. "Why does he want to meet me?" She figured that the person probably saw her as an unpredictable variable and wanted to meet her to find clarity.

"It's probably because you're the reason that he got caught," Sean explained. "He said that you two know each other and that once you see him, you will know who he is."

This surprised Simone. "Do I know him?" Even if this wasn't the case, she was prepared to meet him anyway. She wanted to see what Jodie's older brother was like and if she could find any clues from him.

Now that they actually knew of each other's existence, it was even more important that they met. She smiled. "Okay, after the livestream ends today, I'll come find you. Should we meet at the hotel or somewhere else?" she asked.

"Let's meet at the hotel. We'll take him back to where we're staying," Sean replied.

"Alright, I'll contact you later," Simone uttered.

After hanging up the phone, Sean turned to the man. "Simone will come to see you later."

The man smirked. "I knew she would." He knew Simone would be curious about who he was. He followed the two

He couldn't escape anymore, nor did he bother to resist th

of them out of the hospital.

Before getting in the car, he looked back at the building where Jodie lived. He hoped that this time, Jodie would be as determined as before. He really hoped she wouldn't let him down again.

About two hours later, Simone realized that it was time, so she instructed the two groups of people to leave the Internet cafe and return to their respective hotels. Meanwhile, on the other side, Leon had consumed quite a bit of alcohol.

However, instead of the alcohol alleviating his worries, he found himself consumed by thoughts of Simone. He eventually told the others that he felt unwell before expressing his desire to return to the hotel first.

When they decided to go to the bar, he had made a reservation at a mid-range hotel. Coincidentally, it happened to be in close proximity to Simone's hotel Luca and Aaron still wanted to continue drinking as they allowed Leon to see

That at the hotel Simone took a shower, changed her clothes, and sat down to create a Eadming talismans to wear. Afterward, she wound up and made her way to the room where Scan and the man were staying, seemed deliberate that they had chosen a room on the

When she arrived in the door of their room, the knocked. Skyler opened the door and saw Nu. A gentle smile graced his handsome face. "You're here! Please come in."

Simone nodded, returning the smile. "Okay."

She was about to follow Skyler into the room when Leon suddenly rushed over.

Chapter 186 This is My Answer

Leon missed Simone too much—he couldn't stop himself from going over to her. He simply wanted to have a brief conversation with her. He wanted to ask if they could still be friends even if they didn't reconcile. He was determined to win her back. As he reached the floor that Simone was on, he coincidentally spotted Simone exiting a room.

He approached her joyfully, but to his surprise, he saw her knocking on another person's door. He speculated that it might be Zac or Harry's room. However, he hadn't expected Skyler to be the one who opened the door. After witnessing that sight, Leon's mind was filled with questions. Simone and Skyler had never met before, so how did they know each other? And how did Skyler end up here? He couldn't help but rush over before Simone entered the room..

"Hold on!" This shout made Skyler and Simone both turn their attention to Leon. They were both surprised. "What are you doing here?" Leon stared at Skyler with an unfriendly look on his face. "Shouldn't I be asking you that? What are you doing here?" "What is your relationship with Simone?" Skyler witnessed his brother losing his composure for the first

time.

Skyler smiled playfully. "Does it concern you?" It seemed that his brother's feelings for Simone were deeper than anyone had thought. Leon's eyes turned red. "Skyler, if you want to target me, go ahead. But don't you dare involve Simone, or else I won't let you off the hook." Although he and Skyler weren't close, they still maintained a seemingly good relationship on the surface. This was the first time they had such a significant conflict.

Skyler couldn't help but laugh and sigh at Leon. "How will you stop me?" His brother was still so naive. He couldn't help but envy how sheltered and protected Leon seemed. Leon frowned. "I'll quit the entertainment industry and join the company with you to compete for the position as the heir. Is that enough to scare you?" Leon was afraid that Skyler would target Simone because of him. He was worried that this would be detrimental to Simone.

Skyler still had a gentle smile on his face. "You're too innocent, Leon." Setting aside everything else, quitting the entertainment industry, and joining the company... Did Leon think that he could defeat Skyler just by doing that? "Well, if you want to do this... It's not impossible." Skyler seemed to change his stance in the blink of an eye.

After all, the Foster Family would most likely belong to Leon in the future. There wasn't much of a difference whether he joined the company or if he joined them later. Skyler smiled again. "As long as Dad agrees to it, I urge you to compete anytime." But considering the old man's cautious and protective behavior

with Leon, Skyler was certain that their father would not agree to let Leon join the company now.

Leon laughed at himself. "Yeah? How could Dad agree to this?"

"You're Mom and Dad's precious son," Skyler commented.

"But I will still fight for it," Skyler added. He had no interest in business, but if it was for Simone, he was willing to give it a try. Skyler smiled. "Then you should work hard!" Skyler and Gwen had always felt that Leon was overly favored by his parents. But Leon genuinely didn't appreciate this kind of favoritism! After Leon finished speaking, he looked at Simone. "Simone, if he gets close to you, he definitely has ulterior motives. Don't fall for it."

Simone didn't appreciate the way Leon was looking at her then. It was as if he would do anything for her as if he would sacrifice everything for her. It felt particularly amusing and ironic at that moment. She raised an eyebrow. "What does this have to do with you? Besides, do you think I've lost the ability to distinguish right from wrong?"

Leon immediately clarified his intentions when he saw that she was unhappy. "That's not what I think. I just wanted to remind you." Simone couldn't be bothered to argue with him. "I understand, You can leave."

But Leon didn't move. "I have something to say to you." Simone sensed a strong smell of alcohol emanating from Leon, and his eyes were red as if he were drunk. She knew that he definitely wouldn't leave if she didn't let him finish speaking that day. She still had important matters to attend to. "Go ahead, she eventually uttered.

Leon glanced at Skyler cautiously. "Can we go somewhere else?" Simone displayed an impatient expression on her face. "No, if you have something to say, just hurry up and

and say it here. If not, then leave." Observing this, Leon felt hurt and bitter. She used to be patient with him, but she couldn't even tolerate just a few sentences then. Knowing her temperament, he had no choice but to continue speaking in front of Skyler. "I made a mistake before. I shouldn't have secretly interacted with Jodie because of my relationship with my mother. I shouldn't have chosen to support her over you. I won't have any further contact with her in the future. I know you won't forgive me, but can you give me another chance?"

He looked at Simone with hope and pleading in his eyes. "Even if we can't be lovers, can we return to being friends?"

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Simone regarded him as if he were insane. "Can we return to being friends after being deceived and abandoned by you? Do you genuinely believe that's possible? After being deceived and abandoned by you, there's no way I can continue to have any connection with you," she stated decisively. "We can't even be friends. That's my answer."

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Leon appeared hurt by her words. "We were childhood sweethearts! When we were young, I held your hand every day, I took you to school, and I took you to

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" Before he could finish, Simone interrupted him. "Enough. What's the point of reminiscing about those things now? Leon, why don't you understand?" She sighed.

"It's because those past moments were too beautiful and too significant to me ... That's why forgiving you becomes so hard when you've hurt me, she explained. The more she cared, the less she could tolerate betrayal and abandonment. That's why, in her previous life, when she was abandoned by Leon, she felt so much pain. "The past is the past, and I won't bring it back. You understand me now, right?" We can never go back to the past, and there is no

future," she uttered coldly.

Leon took a step back. He was visibly stunned. Simone ignored him and turned to Skyler. "Let's go inside, she said. Skyler gave Leon a sympathetic look before responding to her. "Okay!" he uttered before looking away from Leon. *Who am I to sympathize with others?* He thought.

He entered the room with Simone and closed the door behind him, cutting off Leon's glare right as Leon looked up to stare at them. After entering the room, Skyler pondered for a moment before he asked Simone for Jonah's phone number. Then, using his brother's identity, he contacted Jonah.

He requested that the other party send someone to escort Leon back to the hotel. Having consumed too much alcohol and being emotionally shaken by Si

more, Skyler was concerned that something might occur to his brother after leaving this place. He ended the phone call, and Simone glanced at Skyler with a hint of astonishment. She was genuinely surprised that he had called Jonah to arrange for someone to come over.

It truly seemed like he was a 'good brother' who cared for his younger sibling. She was unsure if it was an act or a genuine concern. She could understand why Gwen disliked

Skyler, even though Skyler was mostly just a pretentious man. Skyler wasn't the actual target of hatred- the one that Gwen despised was her mother. Leon also appeared to hold no animosity towards Skyler. He hadn't even shown a hint of hostility before.

When Skyler saw Simone's surprised and inquisitive gaze, he simply smiled at her without providing any explanation or words. Simone did not inquire either. They were on a floor with a number of suites, and Skyler guided Simone into the innermost room. Once they got to the room, Sean and a man were seated facing each other. The man was dressed in black and had a pale complexion and a bruised eye.

Upon hearing the door open, both of them turned their heads to look. Simone spotted the man in black, and a look of surprise formed in her expression. "It's you!"

Chapter 187 Is She Deceiving Me?

The man noticed how Simone recognized him, and he smirked at her. "I knew it. You still remember me." Simone walked over and took a seat, looking at the man as she responded to him. "Of course, I remember. Among all the men who pursued me, you were the least attractive, and you had the most cliché way of expressing yourself." Little did she expect that this person would be Jodie's brother.

During her college days, he had pursued her relentlessly. He even bothered her by standing downstairs outside her dormitory every day with a bouquet of roses each time. What was even more absurd was when he lit candles downstairs in the shape of a heart. He even brought a guitar and sang love songs. She was disgusted by his actions, and she called the security department back then.

He was forced to clean up the mess on the ground before he was taken away by the security guards. Every Friday, she would leave the campus. He would wait at the school gate, and he would insist on taking her out for a meal. His actions annoyed her, and she found it very unpleasant. Leon found out about this, and he often came to pick her up from school during that time just to assert his dominance over this person. Gradually, this person stopped coming.

Right then, the man was stunned as he apparently found it hard to believe that she described him in such a manner. He questioned her with a serious look on his face. "How am I ugly? My way of expressing love is unique. How am I cliché?" Simone rolled her eyes at him. "You are simply unattractive, and your attempts at romance are exactly what netizens would call cheesy. Could you please have some self-awareness?"

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It seemed to her then that he pursued her not out of love but with a hidden agenda. *No wonder I found this guy so annoying at that time*, Simone thought. She rarely hated someone so much, but her intuition told her to stay away from this man. In her previous life, her abilities in geomancy and mystical arts were not very advanced, so she didn't manage to identify what was wrong with this man. But right then, as she looked at him, she felt an indescribable disgust.

She could tell that he didn't just have issues but that they were also quite significant. The man was taken aback by her response, and his face turned even more sour than before. "You-!"

Simone waved her hand to brush him off. "Alright, enough with the nonsense. Why did you want to see me?" She had a strong impression of this person because, in her previous life, she happened to see him on the day that she was kidnapped. She could even recall how he had intentionally bumped into her on purpose on that day. Then, he apologized first before trying to initiate a conversation with her. She ignored him and headed off to the parking lot, where she fell into the trap and was kidnapped.

Looking back, it seemed like that was not a coincidence at all. From this new perspective, it also confirmed her previous suspicion. The ones who kidnapped her and Jodie weren't really

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enemies who wanted to extort the Gray Family, but rather, people who worked with Jodie. It was proven that Jodie was indeed not innocent.

The man could sense that Simone didn't want to talk about the past. Yet, he couldn't help but ask her a few questions. "Do you remember what my name is?" he asked. Simone had a good memory, so she naturally remembered his name. But there was no need to tell this guy the truth. "I don't remember what your name is. I only remember how unattractive and sleazy you were."

The man was infuriated again. He considered himself a very charming person, and he had played with countless women in the past. Many of them fell deeply in love with him. Yet, with Simone, he became unattractive and sleazy. *What kind of taste does this woman have? Is she blind?*

Although he pursued her with a hidden agenda, she was so beautiful that he naturally wanted to have her completely. He hadn't expected that she would ignore him and avoid him. It was the first time he had failed so miserably in pursuing a woman, and this made him very unhappy.

He looked at Simone before speaking in a clear tone. "My name is Ernest Wilson. Remember it from now on." Simone was speechless. "Why should I remember your name? Can't you stop being so sleazy? If you have something to say, then just hurry up and get to it. Otherwise, I'll leave."

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past, this person didn't tell her that his surname was Wilson. Perhaps he had been afraid that she would associate his last name with Jodie. After all, Jodie Gray was originally surnamed Wilson before being adopted by the Gray Family.

When Ernest saw that she really wanted to leave, he spoke hastily. "I just want to ask, what method did you use to counterattack against me?" He had been stalling all along just to observe Simone's aura. But he found that he couldn't see through her aura at all.

Her aura was still very normal, just like when he pursued her in the past. But he couldn't determine how powerful of a geomancy master she was. He wasn't just unable to resolve his confusion—his doubts grew even bigger than before.

Ernest didn't know that Simone had figured out a lot during their conversation. In addition to intentionally teasing him, she was also observing his aura and s

ensing his energy. Therefore, from the moment Simone entered the room, she had already noticed many things. She sneered. "Do you think I'm foolish enough to answer that?"

Ernest shrugged. "If you don't want to say it, then forget it. What level is your current strength at? Are you still in the acquired realm, or have you already entered the innate realm?" he asked curiously.

Simone looked at him and smiled. "Take a guess!"

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Ernest was speechless. *This woman is so irritating.* **He** changed the subject. "I have nothing else.

Do you have any questions for me?" He couldn't get anything out of Simone, and she wouldn't tell him anything. So, the only option was to trick some information out of her. He reached out and caressed the ring on his thumb, attempting to capture Simone's aura. He figured that he could find an opportunity to pass the ring to someone after that. Therefore, he made excuses to delay his time with her.

Simone had been observing Ernest all along, and she naturally noticed his subtle actions. She glanced at the ring he was wearing and sensed that something was amiss. She could discern that it was capturing her aura. However, she could tell that it would take some time. Despite using a talisman and employing a secret technique to conceal her aura, she had to be cautious. She couldn't allow the other party to detect her aura.

She began counting the seconds in her mind. Then, she gazed at him inquisitively. "Are you and Jodie full biological siblings?" Ernest was momentarily taken aback before he grinned and responded to her. "Certainly. But this time around, Jodie isn't involved at all. I simply couldn't bear to see you mistreat my sister, so— I wanted to teach you a lesson. Who would have anticipated that it would backfire?!" This was the last outcome he expected, and it left him frustrated.

However, even if given the chance to choose again, he would still come to the country and do the same thing. While Ernest was feeling dejected, Simone m

made a sudden remark. "But... I can discern from your facial features that you and Jodie do not share the same mother!" His lie about *being full* siblings *is merely* a facade, *huh? He and Jodie have the same father but different mothers, just like Skyler and Freya. Kids like these sure have womanizing fathers. These men aren't just extremely fertile; they also manage to find different women to bear their children.*

Of course, Simone didn't believe this was merely the man being promiscuous, but rather that he had a purpose in fathering these children. Ernest's eyes narrowed as he stared at Simone. Then, he put on a perplexed look. "What are you talking about? How could we not have the same mother? And how can you decide that just by looking at my facial features? I don't believe it. He was a cultivator of the innate realm and had utilized secret techniques to conceal others from using physiognomy on him. *How can Simone possibly see through it? Is she deceiving me intentionally?*

Chapter 188 Thank You, Then?

Simone noticed Ernest's suspicion, but she didn't offer an explanation. With an indifferent smile, she said, "It's up to you to believe it or not."

She simply wanted to give it a try.

At the same time, she wanted to confirm her own judgment.

This guy **knew** that he and Jodie didn't share the same mother, but he didn't know who their real mother was.

Their father was skilled in dealing with women, allowing one woman to raise another woman's child.

Simone had seen Melinda before and hadn't found any signs of her being cursed or bewitched.

This indicated that these women were willing participants.

However, just because the women didn't have anything strange on them didn't mean the man didn't have anything strange.

Ernest couldn't determine whether Simone had genuinely noticed it or was merely pretending with her indifferent demeanor.

"You're quite capable, knowing that I can sense the aura on their identification cards and. make them block me in the stairwell."

He looked at Simone again and asked, "Was it a guess or a calculation?" He continued to observe her eyes and face for any revealing expressions.

Simone was momentarily stunned, then glanced at Skyler and Sean, raising an eyebrow. "You guys told him in such detail?"

Sean looked at Skyler, confirming that Skyler had indeed said those things to Ernest.

Skyler

remained calm and smiled slightly, saying to Simone, "I just wanted him to know that you're very capable. If he wants to make a move on you or plot against you, he's asking for trouble.

He emphasized, "And let him know that you're the nemesis of his siblings."

Simone looked deeply at Skyler and said, "Thank you, then?" She didn't believe that this did it unintentionally.

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She could somewhat guess his intentions.

He leaked her information to Ernest, allowing the latter to pass

it on.

Skyler might be trying to save himself and use her to deal with the people behind him.

Of course, there was also the possibility that he and Ernest were working together.

Skyler still smiled calmly. "There's no need to be so polite!"

Simone noticed that this guy did not feel an ounce of embarrassment. Knowing that it was about time, she yawned and murmured, "I'm tired. I'm going back."

Ernest realized that he had successfully intercepted most of the aura.

If Simone left now, all his efforts would be in vain.

So, he looked at Simone and said, "Don't you want to know why I want to deal with you?"

Simone looked at him meaningfully, "No."

The man was at a loss for words. He felt that this woman was doing it on purpose. What a *cunning woman*! He wanted to speak and delay the time, but Simone ignored him.

She got up and greeted Skyler and Sean. "I'm leaving, then. Goodbye!"

Skyler also stood up and said, "I'll walk you out."

With a dry smile, Simone didn't refuse the offer. "Okay!"

The two of them walked out of the room, and Skyler closed the door.

As they walked through the living room towards the front door, Skyler leaned close to Simone's ear and whispered, "I have no ill intentions toward you."

Simone looked at him with a smile that wasn't really there. "Do you think I would believe that?"

Skyler shrugged helplessly. "If you don't believe me, there's nothing I can do."

He lowered his voice again and said, "We should collaborate if there's an opportunity."

Simone smiled. "Let's talk about it another time."

She told the two of them how to catch Ernest without worrying about Ernest or the people behind him finding out. /

They were already on the chessboard, and it was impossible to hide forever.

Occasionally showing their might, making the other party wary, and taking the initiative. again wouldn't be bad.

Skyler opened the door and saw her off. "Goodnight!"

Simone waved her hand. "Goodnight!"

After she left, she saw Leon leaning against the wall, waiting for her.

Simone glanced at him and then looked away, walking toward her own room.

Leon watched her back, his eyes filled with pain.

Skyler also noticed Leon and felt a headache coming on.

The crew members were probably still on their way

He spoke first, "Wait here. Someone will come to pick you up soon."

Leon's eyes lit up. "Did Simone contact you?"

Seeing his expression, Skyler sighed. "I got the director's phone number from her."

The light in Leon's eyes instantly dimmed.

Skyler continued, "Leon, your fate with Simone is over. Stop bothering her."

From the aura between Leon and Simone, it was clear that they repelled each other. It meant that she would never forgive him and reconcile with him.

Leon looked at Skyler coldly. "Why did you get close to Simone? I've given up. I won't compete with you for the Foster Family anymore. Won't you let me go?"

Leon had wanted to get close to this big brother when they were younger, but the other deliberately kept their distance from him and maintained a gap between them.

Coupled with their mother's biased favoritism, it made Leon both envious and resentful of this big brother of his, but there was no jealousy or hatred..

After all, they were biological brothers, and he had never thought of going against Skyler... except that he couldn't accept Skyler reaching out to Simone.

Skyler looked helpless. "I have never done anything to harm you, so why would I need to let you go? Simone and I only have a working relationship. It's not as complicated as you think. I can't possibly make a move on my younger brother's ex-girlfriend, whom he still has feelings

for. I still have some sense of shame, you know?"

Skyler didn't even know if he could survive now. Love and romance were the last things on his mind.

"I have something to do, so I won't invite you in."

Since Ernest was still inside, he naturally couldn't ask Leon in, fearing that there might be some issues.

Leon knew Skyler's temperament. Since he was so certain that he wouldn't make a move on Simone, then he probably wouldn't.

He asked somewhat dejectedly, "Do you think I deserve this?"

Skyler walked over and patted his shoulder. "Since you already know, why bother entangling yourself further? Doing this will only make her dislike you more. Just go your separate ways from now on."

Simone was an important target for those people.,

Since Leon had already cut ties with her, it would be best not to get involved.

Leon clenched his fists, "I want to, but I can't." After all, that was the girl he had grown up with and protected since they were young.

In the end, Skyler didn't know what else to say.

He could only offer some words of comfort. "Just let things unfold naturally. Sometimes, loving someone doesn't mean you have to possess them."

It was really difficult for him, a single person who had never experienced love, to console his heartbroken younger brother.

Upon hearing this, Leon seemed lost in thought.

He softly repeated those words.

After a moment, he looked at Skyler and said, "I understand."

Skyler was a bit confused. What *do you* understand?

Leon then said, "I'm leaving."

After saying that, he actually left, but he appeared lonely and isolated from his retreating figure.

Skyler shook his head. *If* he had known this would *happen* today, why did he do it in *the first* place?

In the end, he also went back to his room.

When Sean saw Skyler enter, she said, "You stay here. I'm going to take a shower."

Skyler nodded, "Okay!"

After Sean left, Ernest looked at Skyler with a questioning gaze. "Do you know Simone's true strength?"

The elegant smile on Skyler's face had vanished. "If even a formidable evil cultivator like you can't figure it out, how would I know?"

Ernest suddenly asked, "What do you think of Jodie?"

Chapter 189 Play the Long Game

Skyler realized that Ernest was testing him.

He replied, "Not very likable."

That **was** indeed his impression of Jodie.

Even though he knew that she was his half-sister from the same father, his feelings remained the same.

On the other hand, Skyler found the twins from the Foster Family much more appealing.

Seeing Skyler's expression, Ernest seemed to still be unaware of the relationship between Skyler and Jodie.

He let go of his worries and said, "It seems like you two are not meant to be."

Skyler laughed. "I don't want to have any connection with your sister, let alone be involved with her. Otherwise, I might be unlucky. You're an example of that."

Ernest choked, unable to say anything. The conversation for the day ended there.

So, he stopped talking to Skyler and closed his eyes, pretending to rest.

In reality, he used a special secret technique to imprint today's events into the ring.

Skyler glanced at the gemstone ring that emitted a cold light, closed his eyes, and didn't stop him.

At the hospital.

Jodie was puzzled when she saw her own brother suddenly run away.

Isn't this guy usually very fierce? He actually has moments of fear.

She wasn't worried about his safety.

She just remembered what her brother said and what she had to do.

Jodie touched the obsidian bracelet on her wrist, and her face was no longer in pain.

The pain in her forehead and her broken hands and feet also decreased significantly.

These things were indeed useful.

She couldn't help but complain to herself, *Why didn't my brother teach me even though he is good at geomancy?* Otherwise, *I won't have to worry about dealing with Simone.*

Thinking of Simone, Jodie felt a lot of anger.

Today, she clearly felt that her luck had been significantly weakened.

It meant that she might have lost a lot of fans.

This couldn't go on.

Thinking of her brother's advice, she took out her phone and sent messages to Luca and

Aaron.

She said that she was scared and alone at the hospital and wanted them to come and accompany her.

She also sent a pitiful apology message to Luca.

At the bar.

It was already quite late, so even though the two of them were still drinking, the live broadcast had ended.

Luca and Aaron's phones started to ring one after another.

After reading the messages, they looked at each other.

Luca asked, "Did Jo send you a message?"

Aaron nodded. "Yeah!".

He asked again, "Are you going to the hospital?"

Luca was still angry, so he muttered. "I'm not going. What about you?"

Aaron shook his head. "I'm not going either."

After what happened today, he didn't know how to deal with Jodie.

He knew he couldn't love and cherish her without any resentment like he used to,

Luca sighed. "A woman's heart is truly elusive. I never expected Jo to be so cunning and calculating. It's even more disheartening that she didn't hesitate to push me out and take the blame.

He wasn't afraid of being criticized by people online, but he couldn't accept being deceived and thrown out by his beloved sister, whom he had cherished for years.

Aaron also sighed. "Yes. Who could have imagined, huh? We should keep our distance from her in the future."

Luca agreed upon hearing that. "That's the only way."

On the other end, Jodie waited for several minutes but didn't receive a reply.

Unable to resist, she called Luca.

Luca saw the incoming call, but neither answered nor hung up.

He didn't want to face Jodie's anger at the hospital.

She called several times, but he didn't answer.

Jodie then called Aaron.

Aaron also didn't answer, pretending not to see it.

This infuriated Jodie and also made her feel an unprecedented sense of panic

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The reason she dared to do all this was because of the love and indulgence of her brothers.

If they no longer cherished her like they used to, she would have nothing.

No, this *can't happen*.

And so,

she continued to call both of them incessantly.

The two men at the bar found it annoying and put their phones on silent mode.

This caused Jodie to have a restless night without sleep.

She kept thinking about how to regain the love and indulgence of Titus, Luca, and Aaron.

Early the next morning, in the suite where Skyler and the others were staying, Ernest complained of stomach discomfort and went to the bathroom as they were about to leave.

After he came out, Skyler glanced at the trash can in the bathroom.

Seeing that Sean was about to go in, he pretended to check the time and reminded him that they were running out of time.

Sean looked at the time and realized that if there was traffic, he wouldn't make it to the airport, so he didn't go in.

She followed Skyler and took Ernest to the airport to return home.

Not long after they left, a person wearing a hotel cleaning staff uniform entered the room.

They rummaged through the trash can in the bathroom, found a ring, and quickly left after taking it.

Almost an hour later, a hotel cleaner pushed a cart to clean the room.

Simone had just returned from breakfast, and when she saw the cleaner, she took the initiative to greet them.

Learning that they were about to clean the room, she said she wanted to go in and see what the suite looked like, as she might want to book it for tonight.

Since the guests had already checked out, the cleaner didn't stop her.

Simone walked in and took a look around, finally pausing in the bathroom.

She noticed a lingering scent of incense in the trash can.

This made her realize that the cleaner who had entered earlier while she was having breakfast was suspicious.

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Chapter 189 Play the Long Game

Skyler realized that Ernest was testing him.

He replied, “Not very likable.”

That **was** indeed his impression of Jodie.

Even though he knew that she was his half-sister from the same father, his feelings remained the same.

On the other hand, Skyler found the twins from the Foster Family much more appealing.

Seeing Skyler’s expression, Ernest seemed to still be unaware of the relationship between Skyler and Jodie.

He let go of his worries and said, “It seems like you two are not meant to be.”

Skyler laughed. “I don’t want to have any connection with your sister, let alone be involved with her. Otherwise, I might be unlucky. You’re an example of that.”

Ernest choked, unable to say anything. The conversation for the day ended there.

So, he stopped talking to Skyler and closed his eyes, pretending to rest.

In reality, he used a special secret technique to imprint today's events into the ring.

Skyler glanced at the gemstone ring that emitted a cold light, closed his eyes, and didn't stop him.

At the hospital.

Jodie was puzzled when she saw her own brother suddenly run away.

Isn't this guy usually very fierce? He actually has moments of fear.

She wasn't worried about his safety.

She just remembered what her brother said and what she had to do.

Jodie touched the obsidian bracelet on her wrist, and her face was no longer in pain.

The pain in her forehead and her broken hands and feet also decreased significantly.

These things were indeed useful.

She couldn't help but complain to herself, *Why didn't my brother teach me even though he is good at geomancy? Otherwise, I won't have to worry about dealing with Simone.*

Thinking of Simone, Jodie felt a lot of anger.

Today, she clearly felt that her luck had been significantly weakened.

It meant that she might have lost a lot of fans.

This couldn't go on.

Thinking of her brother's advice, she took out her phone and sent messages to Luca and

Aaron.

She said that she was scared and alone at the hospital and wanted them to come and accompany her.

She also sent a pitiful apology message to Luca.

At the bar.

It was already quite late, so even though the two of them were still drinking, the live broadcast had ended.

Luca and Aaron's phones started to ring one after another.

After reading the messages, they looked at each other.

Luca asked, "Did Jo send you a message?"

Aaron nodded. "Yeah!".

He asked again, "Are you going to the hospital?"

Luca was still angry, so he muttered. "I'm not going. What about you?"

Aaron shook his head. "I'm not going either."

After what happened today, he didn't know how to deal with Jodie.

He knew he couldn't love and cherish her without any resentment like he used to,

Luca sighed. "A woman's heart is truly elusive. I never expected Jo to be so cunning and calculating. It's even more disheartening that she didn't hesitate to push me out and take the blame.

He wasn't afraid of being criticized by people online, but he couldn't accept being deceived and thrown out by his beloved sister, whom he had cherished for years.

Aaron also sighed. "Yes. Who could have imagined, huh? We should keep our distance from her in the future."

Luca agreed upon hearing that. "That's the only way."

On the other end, Jodie waited for several minutes but didn't receive a reply. Unable to resist, she called Luca.

Luca saw the incoming call, but neither answered nor hung up.

He didn't want to face Jodie's anger at the hospital.

She called several times, but he didn't answer.

Jodie then called Aaron.

Aaron also didn't answer, pretending not to see it.

This infuriated Jodie and also made her feel an unprecedented sense of panic .

The reason she dared to do all this was because of the love and indulgence of her brothers.

If they no longer cherished her like they used to, she would have nothing.

No, this *can't happen*.

And so,

she continued to call both of them incessantly.

The two men at the bar found it annoying and put their phones on silent mode.

This caused Jodie to have a restless night without sleep.

She kept thinking about how to regain the love and indulgence of Titus, Luca, and Aaron.

Early the next morning, in the suite where Skyler and the others were staying. Ernest complained of stomach discomfort and went to the bathroom as they were about to leave.

After he came out, Skyler glanced at the trash can in the bathroom.

Seeing that Sean was about to go in, he pretended to check the time and reminded him that they were running out of time.

Sean looked at the time and realized that if there was traffic, he wouldn't make it to the airport, so he didn't go in.

She followed Skyler and took Ernest to the airport to return home.

Not long after they left, a person wearing a hotel cleaning staff uniform entered the room.

They rummaged through the trash can in the bathroom, found a ring, and quickly left after taking it.

Almost an hour later, a hotel cleaner pushed a cart to clean the room.

Simone had just returned from breakfast, and when she saw the cleaner, she took the initiative to greet them.

Learning that they were about to clean the room, she said she wanted to go in and see what the suite looked like, as she might want to book it for tonight.

Since the guests had already checked out, the cleaner didn't stop her.

Simone walked in and took a look around, finally pausing in the bathroom.

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Chapter 190 It's Definitely Not a Coincidence

Tina was a rising star who debuted this year through a talent show.

Not only did she win the championship of that talent show program, but she also had higher popularity than others.

She was signed with a different major entertainment company, which was not Gray Entertainment.

Simone looked at Tina, who was standing next to Jonah, and smiled warmly.

Person:

Just by hearing Tina's last name, she couldn't help but associate this Ernest and Jodie.

She then looked at Tina's face, noting that she didn't resemble Jodie.

Simone from the side and found that the two of them also did not resemble each other.

Simone looked carefully and examined Tina's facial features.

She discovered that they were intentionally concealed, and the woman's public appearance

was an illusion.

Now that her strength had improved, she could see through the deception on the other person's face.

She also confirmed from Tina's appearance that the woman was indeed Jodie's sister.

This confirmed what Skyler said before, that Jodie's original family had a brother and a sister.

However, she made an unexpected discovery.

From Tina's appearance, Simone deduced that Jodie and Tina were twins.

They didn't look alike, which meant that they were fraternal twins.

Tina also carried a similar aura and magnetic field as Jodie.

But the feeling was somewhat different from what Jodie exuded.

In all honesty, Simone didn't know what this person's purpose was for being a guest.

It was definitely not a coincidence.

After Jonah introduced Tina, he looked at the guests and said, "Jodie is unable to participate

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in the upcoming live broadcast due to an injury, so Tina will join one of your groups."

As soon as he finished speaking, Zac said, "Working with a female is not tiring

. Both of our groups already have female guests. Now, the group led by Leon still lacks a female guest."

He was satisfied with the current three-person group and didn't want to add another person.

The same went for Keira's group. The three of them had become more and more in sync, and adding another person would require readjustment.

So, she agreed to what he said. "Yes, working with a female is not tiring!"

Meanwhile, Leon and the Gray brothers were not very welcoming to the addition of a female.

guest.

They wanted to slack off, and they didn't have the mood to deal with a new person.

They were about to politely decline and pass the person to Zac.

Before they could speak, Jonah smiled and said, "That's right. Both groups already have female guests. Mr. Foster, your group also needs one."

He looked at Leon and asked, "So, Tina can join your group, eh?"

The three of them remained silent. *How can we refuse? And are you sure you're asking for opinion? From Jonah's expression, it seems like he has already made up his mind.*

Leon glanced at the Gray brothers and saw them nod.

And so, he said to Jonah, "Alright."

With his usual aloof demeanor, he said to Tina, "Welcome!"

The Gray brothers also smiled and said, "Welcome!"

Tina politely smiled and said, "I look forward to learning from you three."

She then smiled and greeted the members of Simone's group.

Simone also politely returned the greeting.

Although Tina had some issues, she had never interacted with Simone before.

Simone wouldn't be foolish enough to publicly target a newcomer, nor did she lack manners.

Why make things difficult for other women?

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As long as Tina didn't actively provoke her, she wouldn't do anything, either.

After all, they didn't have any grudges at the moment, and she still didn't know what kind of person Tina was.

Then, the three groups went about their activities.

Keira and her group continued working.

Simone's group decided to continue entertaining their live audience.

Before leaving, Simone took the opportunity to avoid the live camera and chatted with Jonah.

She smiled and asked, "Jonah, was Tina already planned as a guest before?"

Jonah replied, "No, it was supposed to be another female guest, but due to an unexpected injury yesterday, she couldn't make it. Hence, someone introduced Tina instead."

Simone thought to herself, Just as I *suspected*.

It must be that Ernest was caught, and Jodie couldn't participate in the upcoming livestream due to her injury.

So, the person behind the scenes decided to bring in Tina as a last-minute replacement.

She asked, "Is the person from before alright?"

Jonah said, "It's nothing serious, just a minor car accident that dislocated her hand."

Simone nodded and said, "As long as it's not serious."

After a brief chat, Simone and Zac left.

Only Leon's

group

remained.

Luca suggested, "Shall we continue playing the piano?"

Leon and Aaron, who had already decided to slack off until the last day, nodded and said, "Alright!" They weren't enthusiastic about Tina and had no intention of taking care of her.

They weren't the considerate type to begin with, so they decided on today's routine without her consent.

Tina didn't mind and played along with them.

She didn't offer any unsolicited advice.

Also, compared to Jodie, the fans in the live stream had a favorable impression of Tina.

However, when the four of them went to the restaurant, they were informed that the pianist who had taken a leave of absence had returned.

In other words, their temporary job was gone.

Luca suppressed his annoyance and asked, "If we can't do this job, what should we do?" Aaron shrugged, "I don't know"

Leon couldn't muster any enthusiasm either. "I don't know."

It was only then that Tina suggested, "How about we become tour guides and translators? When I visited Slovan back then, I noticed that many tourist attractions lacked proper translations. We can visit popular attractions, have fun, and make money at the same time."

Luca said, "That's actually a good way to make money. But our knowledge of Slovan is not very good."

Among the brothers, only the eldest was skilled in a few foreign languages.

They could communicate in basic Slovan, but it was obvious that they couldn't work as tour guides and translators.

Tina smiled and said, "We don't need to be highly proficient in Slovan. We can focus on domestic tourists. Let's visit the attractions and gather information about the unique and interesting places. Then, we can bring domestic tourists here and introduce it to them. Of course, we will need someone who is fluent in the language to assist us. Mr. Foster can do that."

All three of them accepted this suggestion.

So, following Tina's suggestion, they went to a large tourist attraction.

Gradually, Tina took charge and became the leader of the group.

Of course, it was also because the other three were not putting in much effort.

Under Tina's guidance and leadership, this several thousand.

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The viewers in the live stream noticed that Tina was fluent in the language, had good speaking skills, and was very friendly.

She was also very meticulous, taking detailed notes and understanding each place they visited.

This made their future tour guide work go smoothly.

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The other three respected Tina but did not try to get too close, maintaining a distance.

This elevated everyone's impression of Tina.

In the hospital.

Jodie couldn't participate in the subsequent livestream, so she asked the production team to return her phone.

She couldn't reach her two brothers and was anxious, so she opened the live stream to watch.

When she saw Tina appear, Jodie was filled with surprise.

How can this little *brat* become a guest on *the show*?

Although they were twin sisters, their relationship was not good and was even somewhat hostile.

Because Tina was born weak and had been in poor health, their parents and brothers had always shown more concern for her.

This made Jodie resentful, and she disliked her sister.

Moreover, when the Gray Family was about to adopt a foster daughter, their mother was planning to send Tina to the Gray Family.

This made Jodie very unhappy.

Their original family was not wealthy, so why should Tina get to enjoy the privileges of the Gray Family while Jodie had to suffer at home?

So, the day before Tina was supposed to go to the Gray Family, Jodie secretly opened the window and made Tina catch a cold.

Tina became seriously ill and went directly to the hospital.

As a result, Jodie became the one who went to the Gray Family.

In the following decade, her life was very different from Tina's.

She was raised by her foster mother and brothers, growing up as a wealthy heiress.

Tina, on the other hand, was just an ordinary girl from a poor family.

Every time Jodie thought about it, she felt extremely fortunate for the decision she made

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back then.

Now, seeing Tina taking her place, she felt a lump in her throat...

Especially when she saw that Simone didn't target Tina, she felt even more frustrated.

Isn't that woman usually very capable? Why isn't she confronting her?

Jodie tried to contact her brother but couldn't reach him.

Unable to resist, she called her biological mother.

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