# The Miraculous Simone Gray by Opal Reese Chapter 261-270

Chapter 261 There's Nothing Left Now, It's Over!

After saying that, Jane took the dirty bidding list and returned to the two areas to examine the raw stones again. It was the same as before, and she couldn't feel anything when she touched them. However, she had to conceal her lack of knowledge, so she reluctantly went up

and touched all of them.

Jane couldn't remember which stone she had seen before had jade in it. She could only rely on her intuition and choose the ones that looked more appealing to add the missing numbers.

She assumed that even if she didn't get them all right, she could somehow still get a few. Hence, she spent over an hour hesitating before writing a new list. Then, she handed it to the staff, who placed it in a folder in front of her.

After everyone had witnessed the spectacle, they dispersed.

Jebediah came back in time and was sweating profusely. When Jane saw no sign of June around him, she couldn't help but ask, "Where is she?"

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Jebediah shook his head. "I couldn't find her. She wasn't caught in the surveillance footage. and we didn't see her go outside either. But we searched for a long time and asked people. None of them said they saw her. We'll continue searching inside. I also sent someone to guard the entrance. If she went out, they would definitely spot her."

Jane's eyes were filled with menace as she grunted, "Hurry up and find her!"

This time, she also joined the search and actively checked all the women's restrooms.

Eventually, they still couldn't find her. Unwilling to believe Jebediah's words, Jane even went to the surveillance room again and had someone show her

the footage. To her dismay, Jebediah was right. The surveillance footage only showed June in the auction hall, and there was no trace of her outside at all.

This was very strange.

Either someone tampered with the surveillance or someone used some mysterious ways to leave June out of the footage.

"What do we do now?" asked jebediah

June frowned. Let's report her missing at the police station Let's tell them we suspect that

someone has kidnapped her

Simone was her greatest suspect

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Jebediah nodded. "Okay."

With that, they went to the nearby police station to report the incident. The police first recorded the situation they described. Then, they asked for June's phone number and tried. calling her. The phone was connected, and someone answered it quickly. After hanging up the phone, the police looked helplessly at Jane and Jebediah.

"Did you guys never think of calling to ask the person you're looking for? She said she just wanted to leave, so she left early. She wasn't kidnapped at all."

His statement left Jane and Jebediah stunned. It was true that they hadn't called June. When they couldn't find her, their first reaction was that she wouldn't answer the phone because she took the opportunity to leave again. Who would have thought that she would actually answer

their call?

After they left the police station, Jane called June. Sure enough, it went through, and the other party answered, "What's up?" Jane didn't expect this at all. "Are you back at the hotel already?"

June answered, "No, I just left. You guys should enjoy yourselves."

Jane's expression fell. "What do you mean?"

"I said it already. I don't want to play with you guys anymore," June replied coldly.

"Goodbye!" Jane was about to speak when she heard the call getting hung up. She was furious. How dare she?!

She immediately called June again, but her number was blocked. June even blocked her social media account when she checked.

Jebediah tried calling as well but was faced with the same situation.

Jane was certain that June had run away again. This time, it was most likely Simone who helped her escape. However, whether it was surveillance evidence or witness testimony, she had none of them to prove that June's escape was related to Simone. Moreover, June was an adult, so even if she had run away, they couldn't intervene legally. They could only suppress their anger and return to the hotel.

The first thing Jane did after entering the room was to text a number that was not saved on her phone. She mentioned what happened today but left out the issue regarding the hidden bid. Thinking that she could still salvage the situation tomorrow, she merely asked the other party to send someone to find June The other party agreed to do that for her and instructed. her not to make any more mistakes with the hidden bid tomorrow

The next day, everyone went to the public auction. They sat down in the auction hall and waited. After a while, one of the staff members went on stage to announce the results of the

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hidden bids for each piece of raw material.

Simone had secretly bid over 200 pieces of raw materials and won 180 pieces. Zac followed suit and bid on over 100 pieces and won 20. However, Felix's luck wasn't as good. He bid on over 100 pieces but only won eight. Reich Group bid on nearly 5,000 pieces and won over 1,000. Eventually, it was discovered that Fordson Jewelry had the biggest harvest. They bid on 3,000 pieces and won over 2,000. Undeniably, they also spent the most on the auction which cost them hundreds of millions.

Next was the process of appraising the stones. For this round, the public auction arranged up to as many as 10 gemstone evaluators to appraise the stones.

Jane's reputation had always been great. Moreover, she had secretly bid 3,000 pieces and won over 2,000 pieces, hence many people came to watch Fordson Jewelry's stone appraisal, especially those who had heard of Jane's name before but had not seen her before. They were curious to find out how talented she really was.

Unfortunately, the result was shocking. As each piece of raw material was appraised, they were all revealed to be bad ones, just like the stones from yesterday's open bid. What was even more shocking was that these broken stones were not even jade, and their value was less than the marked price from the secret bidding. None of them had raw jadeite in them. Jane couldn't believe her eyes as she watched each stone being appraised and revealing nothing.

She murmured, "How could this happen? It's impossible!" She had bid on over 2,000 pieces, and not a single one had jadeite. Were none of the numbers she had chosen happened to be correct? How could her luck go so bad after being backfired? She grew even more furious. when she saw Felix, Simone, and the rest successfully obtaining high-quality and premium. jadeite.

Jane felt utter disappointment because she had touched all of these raw jadeites before, but eventually, they belonged to someone else.

She regretted even more why she hadn't carefully checked the bidding list when she submitted it yesterday.

As long as she submitted the original bid, the jadeites that were appraised would be hers.

Now, she had nothing left! Hundreds of millions had gone down the drain. How would she explain this to her foster parents and the higher-ups at Fordson Jewelry? What about the premium jadeite that the person wanted? She hadn't obtained a single piece! How would she explain it? The more she thought about it, feelings of regret and panic overwhelmed her.

Jebediah and the other members of Fordson Jewelry were equally dumbfounded.

This was something they had never expected. How could Jane not obtam a single piece of jadeite?

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Even if they relied on luck and selected over 2,000 pieces, they should have been able to obtain a few, shouldn't they? What was happening? Did a complete failure just occur? Wasn't Jane supposed to be talented? Wasn't she able to tell which piece of raw material contained. jadeite by just touching it?

Jebediah pulled a long face as he questioned her, "What's going on now? You've ruined everything. It cost us hundreds of millions!" Just mentioning it made him feel a sharp pain in

the chest.

On the other hand, the stone gambling experts of Fordson Jewelry pretended to be furious, but in their hearts, they couldn't help but feel elated.

One of the gambling experts who had been suppressed the most by Jane in the past two years felt particularly delighted.

Looking at Jane sarcastically, he uttered, "Even though we, as useless gamblers, have completely failed, I didn't expect a genius like you to face the same situation!" Hearing that, the rest chimed in, "He's right. Not a single piece of jadeite was selected from so many raw materials. You're truly something, Miss Fordson."

Even the higher-ups of Fordson Jewelry couldn't hold back anymore.

Looking at Jane's furious expression, someone questioned, "Miss Fordson, don't you think you owe us an explanation?" What was Jane up to? Not only did they not gain anything from the public auction, but they also lost hundreds of millions.

This was the first time Fordson Jewelry had encountered such a situation in a public auction. Even the worst gamblers in the past were able to obtain some raw materials that contained. jadeite.

Taking advantage of the situation, Tommy deliberately rubbed salt in her wound. "You are truly impressive, Miss Fordson. This is what you get for

threatening us. We didn't expect to have a good harvest, but you ended up with nothing. How amazing. I admire you!"

Jane couldn't fathom the situation. Filled with anger and frustration, she found herself the center of everyone's amused attention, with questioning gazes intensifying her already agitated emotions.

Combined with the aftermath of the backlash earlier, she spat a mouthful of blood and lost

consciousness.

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When Jane spat blood and fainted, Jebediah looked down at her with disgust. However, she was still taken to the nearby hospital.

Jebediah felt extremely embarrassed when he felt the gaze around him. Some shot him a mocking gaze while some enjoyed the spectacle. Sadly, he couldn't leave just yet.

Because of Jane, the company suffered a great loss of hundreds of millions. She couldn't even obtain the key piece of jadeite. Because of that, it would have a huge impact on the company's plans for the next year.

Without the jadeite, what could they use to promote high-end jewelry? He could only ask the headquarters to send more money and buy some jadeite that others had extracted on-site.

Unfortunately, there were very few people selling premium jadeite. Those who sold theirs. would mark up the price, sometimes surpassing their expectations, so they had no choice but to give up.

Having already lost hundreds of millions, the company faced tight liquidity.

After he tried acquiring it for a long time, his efforts were in vain.

At this moment, his resentment toward Jane reached its peak. The higher-ups of Fordson Jewelry also look displeased. Not only did the public auction result in failure for them, but it also turned them into clowns within the entire industry. It was way too embarrassing for all of them to bear.

Conversely, Reich Group had a relatively good harvest this time, affording them the chance to revert to their state from three years ago.

Tommy saw most of the raw materials selected by Simone extracted a lot of jadeites.

He smiled and asked, "Master Gray, are you selling these jadeites that you extracted? If so, why not sell them to our company at the market price?"

That would mean he was willing to purchase with a price higher than the public auction because he admired her ability.

Simone smiled and shook her head. "I'm not selling them. I'm going to use these jadeites"

Felix chuckled, "Are you going to use them to make jade talismans for protection?"

Simone replied, "Yes. The cost is lower, and the quality is better than buying jadeite elsewhere."

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Felix smiled. "When you've made them, please save a few for us."

Simone reciprocated with a smile. "We'll see when the time comes."

It was already late at night by now. There were so many jadeites to be appraised that the auction only ended late into the evening.

Tommy suggested that his bodyguards help her safekeep the jadeites before she shipped

them tomorrow.

Simone agreed to his offer. After all, she couldn't afford to carry so many jadeites back to the hotel.

Then, she drew a few talismans and stuck them on the safe where she and Zac stored the jadeites.

She also stuck some for Tommy's company.

This way, it would prevent anyone from switching or stealing the jadeites using any abnormal ways.

On the way back to the hotel, Tommy asked Simone, "Master Gray, I've discovered something. Jane's stone gambling expertise seems to only work when June is present. Am I right?" Simone was not surprised that Tommy had noticed this.

After all, any clever person could sense that something was off about Jane's performance in the past few days.

"Yes, June is the key for her to possess that mysterious gambling ability."

Curious, Tommy asked, "Does this mean that June is actually the stone gambling master? Is she just being used as a pawn by Jane?"

Simone replied, "No. June does not possess such abilities. But her luck has been borrowed by Jane through a special method. That's why Jane cannot leave her."

Upon hearing this, Tommy understood.

Jane's outstanding gambling ability was indeed achieved through unconventional incans.

"As long as June doesn't leave, will Jane continue to possess this ability?" Naturally, he did not want Jane to rise again.

Simone reassured him. "Don't worry. The unconventional methods they used before have been broken. Now, whether or not June is by her side, she will no longer possess that ability Moreover, due to her previous actions of stealing others' luck and cheating in gambling to seize opportunities from others she will suffer a backlash in the future The incident trom

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the past few days was a perfect example. She couldn't obtain any jadeite from raw materials. It was the karma she deserved."

"Does that mean she will continue to suffer in the future?"

Simone nodded. "Yes. Starting from today, she will grow even more unlucky."

Borrowing luck was not so easily done, and when it was time to repay, it could make one miserable.

Nevertheless, she was not worth sympathizing for as she had brought this upon herself.

Tommy felt relieved upon hearing her explanation.

With a meaningful smile, he uttered, "It seems like we can take the opportunity to teach her a

lesson."

Tommy had held a grudge against Jane for the incident where she almost killed his brother. If he didn't personally seek revenge, he wouldn't be able to let go of it.

Simone reminded him, "Not only can we teach her a lesson, but we can also stir things up with Fordson Jewelry."

Considering Jane's character and the mastermind behind her, losing the gambling ability meant there was only one way to acquire more jadeites: seizing power.

When she returned this time, she would definitely compete with the Fordson Family for power and profit.

Tommy could meddle in their family affairs and make both Jane and the Fordson Family

suffer

Fordson Jewelry relied on Jane's unscrupulous means all along to develop their business to its current scale. Now, it was time for them to pay for their past sins.

Fordson Jewelry was the greatest source of jade supply to the mastermind behind Jane.

This time, she must sever ties with that person no matter what

Tommy understood and smiled knowingly. It's time to cause trouble for Fordson Jewelry

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Simone responded, "No, she won't."

Tommy nodded. "That's good."

Meanwhile, at the hospital, Jane woke up.

She felt extremely weak and looked very pale.

Only her assistant stayed in the ward with her.

"Where is Jebediah?" Her assistant replied, "Mr. Fordson has gone to buy jade."

At the mention of jade, Jane felt a surge of nausea, so she instructed her assistant, I'm hungry. Get me something to cat."

She didn't actually have an appetite at the moment, but she just wanted to get rid of the person in the room.

"Sure!" The assistant immediately got up and left.

Now that Jane was left alone in the ward, she reached out and grabbed her phone.

The group chat where the company's top executives were was in chaos.

It was filled with accusations and insults toward her, demanding an explanation.

Jane's eyes were filled with scorn.

She had previously brought so much jade for the company that it was definitely worth more than hundreds of millions.

Why didn't they appreciate her efforts back then? Nevertheless, that wasn't her point of focus.

When she checked her messages, she noticed several unread ones, so she tapped to read

them.

June is missing.

The connection between you and June has been broken. Bringing her back won't help you.

The spell on June has been broken, and most of the fortune you took from her will be returned. You will start experiencing bad luck!

What have you been doing? How could you fail in both the open bid and the hidden bid?"

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You won't be able to continue with the jade gambling like before

Your task now is to regain control of Fordson Jewelry

"Train a few stone gambling experts for us to use in the future

I will have someone send you a talisman to ward off bad luck. Carry it with you at all times!

'Remember, within three months, you must have control over Fordson Jewelry

Each message was delivered after some time.

Jane felt immense regret when she realized that she could no longer enjoy the glory of gambling on stones as she did before.

But now, she had no choice but to accept it.

As a result, she developed a deep hatred toward Simone and June.

If she ever had the chance to get her hands on these two, she would ensure they suffered greatly.

With that, she replied with a message, 'Yes. This time, I will seize power and make Fordson Jewelry ours.'

This was her only opportunity to continue living a glorious life.

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The next day, Simone and the rest left the hotel to collect the jade at the public auction.

The guards on duty reported that something strange had happened the previous night.

They kept hearing strange noises and took turns going out to check but found nothing.

When they returned, they noticed traces of someone walking around the safe where the jade

was stored.

The talismans attached to the box also spontaneously ignited one after another, which startled them.

However, after the talismans burned out, everything returned to normal.

Tommy breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing this.

Looking at Simone with lingering fear, he said, "It's a good thing you had the foresight to attach talismans to the safe. Otherwise, we wouldn't know if our jade would still be there."

He speculated that it might be the work of a geomancy master hired by Jane to play tricks on them.

Simone smiled in response. "Better be safe than sorry. I'll draw a few more talismans and stick them on. Let's send them to the airport for shipment soon."

She had a feeling that the mastermind behind Jane might not be willing to let go of so much jade.

They would likely try to steal it.

Sure enough, she was right.

But the more it happened, the more it indicated the importance of Fordson Jewelry, Jane, and the jade to the mastermind behind them.

By completely severing this connection, it would also greatly damage that person.

Tommy now had great trust in Simone. "Yes. Draw a few more and stick them on."

Reich Group had to rely on this batch of jade to suppress Fordson Jewelry and come a new plan. They couldn't afford any mistakes.

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After Simone drew the talismans and stuck them on, they took the jade and went to the

airport.

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Once they arrived at Cebros Airport and retrieved the checked-in safe, they found that the talismans on the box had traces of burning again.

Tommy was even more grateful that Simone had come along this time. Otherwise, the jade might have fallen into Jane's hands again.

Out of gratitude, he suggested sending Simone back, but Zac took on the task instead.

He had intentionally parked his car at the parking lot when he went to pick Simone up so that he could drive her home.

Tommy knew Zac's intentions but didn't expose him. Instead, he smiled in support.

Before parting ways, Felix looked at Simone and asked, "Master Gray, you didn't ask us for money as a reward when we were at the public auction. Would you like to get paid, or would you like to have entertainment resources in exchange?"

Simone replied, "Let's exchange it for entertainment resources."

The money she brought was enough to buy her raw stones, so she didn't ask Tommy and Felix for money as a reward.

Felix nodded with a smile. "No problem. I will have someone compile a resources list specifically for the artists in your studio when I get back."

Tommy also thought of something. "The contract for our company's jewelry ambassador will actually expire next month. We're planning to launch a new series, but the previous ambassador's appearance and vibe don't quite match our upcoming concept, so we will hire a new ambassador. We don't plan on collaborating with the previous ambassador either."

The effectiveness of the previous artist's endorsement was just average, and there have been some scandalous rumors recently that were not very reputable.

Despite all that, they still asked for a rise in pay along with conditions to gain some leverage.

Hence, it conveniently gave their company a reason to terminate the contract and find a replacement.

The company had already informed the other party as well.

He looked at Simone and extended an invitation. I think you would be a perfect fit, so I would like to invite you to be our ambassador. I hope you will consider it

Aside from wanting to extend an olive branch and continue to be on good terms with Simone Tommy realized that her image and vibe would suit the high end jadeite jewelry collection that they were about to launch

Moreover, she gained fame overnight on a live variety show, causing her popularity to soar

ever since.

He believed that the other high-level executives in the company would not object to his decision.

Naturally, Simone didn't reject his offer.

Reich Group's jadeite collection had always catered to the high-end luxury market. The celebrities who endorsed their products were either A-listers or extremely popular stars.

Being an ambassador would put her on the A-list.

Even actors and actresses were vying for this opportunity, so it was considered a highly competitive position within the industry.

Debuting as an A-list jewelry ambassador now would significantly enhance her standing in the entertainment industry.

After they agreed to discuss the details later, Zac sent Simone home.

Shortly after arriving home, she received a call from Mr. Wills.

"Miss Gray, you and Mr. Turner were photographed together at the airport, and it was posted online. Netizens have started rumors about you dating him and going on a trip with him. I predict that your rumored relationship will soon trend on social media. Do you want me to explain or control the situation?"

When they left the airport, Simone and Zac were wearing masks and hats, but many people still recognized them and took their photos.

She didn't expect that her rumored relationship with Zac would spread because of this.

The person who leaked the news obviously removed Felix and his group, who were next to them, out of the picture.

It was something that paparazzi usually did for the sake of publicity.

She didn't really mind it, but she was worried that it would affect Zac.

After pondering for a moment, she replied, "I'll ask Zac and have his team handle it."

"That works, too. Such news would be more of a concern for Mr. Turner."

Simone then called Zac

By now, Zac had already heard about the online rumors from his manager.

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Not only did he not mind, but he was quite pleased.

"I don't mind at all. After all, they're just baseless rumors. Do you mind? If you do, I can have someone handle it and clarify the situation."

Simone nonchalantly responded, "I don't mind either. My main concern is how it might affect you."

Zac chuckled and responded, "It doesn't affect me at all. It actually helps us gain more attention and increase our popularity. If we rush to clarify, they might even claim that we're guilty."

Then, he cautiously asked, "Shall we just ignore it, then?"

Simone replied, "Sure. Let's just ignore it."

Zac took the opportunity to ask, "Simone, you did a great favor for my brother previously, so he wants to treat you to a meal in a few days. Would that be alright with you?"

Simone smiled and replied, "Sure."

The two of them continued their conversation before ending the call.

Meanwhile, in the bar, Harold, Titus, and Leon were sitting at a table and enjoying their drinks.

Harold noticed a trending topic and exclaimed, "Leon, someone took the lead before you."

Leon looked at him with confusion and asked, "What do you mean?"

Harold handed him his phone and said, "Take a look. Rumors are circulating about Simone and the youngest son of the Turner Family being in a relationship."

Leon took the phone and read the news, his expression turning serious. "What are they saying? It's definitely just gossip created by paparazzi for attention."

Titus also leaned over to read the article.

"It might not necessarily be fabricated. Look. They're both wearing matching masks, and their hats seem like different-colored couple hats. After they disembarked from the plane. Simone even got into Zac's car. He dropped her off at her house before leaving. They do seem like a couple to me."

Leon felt a twinge of jealousy and gave him a cold stare. "You're just a single playboy. What do you know about what dating looks like?"

Titus was speechless at that. "Are you just jealous? How could you accuse me of that?"

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Then, he patted Leon sympathetically and commented, "I advise you to prepare yourself mentally, Leon."

Leon swatted his hand away and hissed, "Get lost and stop talking nonsense."

He then turned to Titus and asked, "Anyway, can you do me a favor?"

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Titus immediately distanced himself from Leon and looked at him warily. "Leon, you don't want me to break up those two, do you? Harold is good at this. Ask him instead."

Although it concerned the happiness of his best friend, he didn't want to provoke Simone because of this.

Harold, who was beside them, spit his drink out.

He glared at Titus and huffed, "What nonsense are you talking about? Do I look like such at scheming person?" Then, he turned to Leon and said, "I won't do such despicable things."

Leon was at a loss for words. Harold spoke as if he enjoyed doing wicked things.

In an impatient tone, he questioned, "What is all this-about? I just want Titus to find out where Simone and Zac went before they got off the plane and if there were other people with them. If there were, then hire some people to post a few pictures to clarify."

He couldn't accept Simone's relationship with another man, and he didn't believe it.

Since neither Simone nor Zac's team clarified the situation, he would do it instead.

Titus was speechless. "Are you insane? Why should we bother with this when neither Simone nor Zac's team are clarifying it? You must be bored, but I'm not."

Leon stared at him and questioned, "Are we even friends?"

"We can temporarily break off our friendship," replied Titus.

Leon was even more speechless this time. His friends were getting on his nerves.

"Just tell me whether you're willing to help. I'll get someone else to do it if you're not."

Titus had more connections in this aspect, so it would be easier for him to do it, but anyhow, his manager could do the same as long as he asked. He would merely get nagged for the whole day, which would be annoying.

Titus waved his hand. "Ask someone else, then. I don't want to get involved in Simone's affairs right now. Judging from her personality, she would have already had someone clarify it if she cared about this matter. The current situation indicates that either they are really dating, or she doesn't care about the rumors at all

He looked at Leon again and said, "Be a good friend, and don't hurt me I'm going to see her tomorrow and buy another talisman What if she won't sell it to me it I help you with this Today

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"When did you become so afraid of Simone?" asked Leon.

Titus snorted. "If you were beaten up a few times and had to endure the pain that lasted several days, you would be afraid of her too. Moreover, she had previously tarnished my reputation and put a halt to my career. I can't deny that I'm afraid of her."

After having his life messed up, he knew that he wouldn't end up with a pleasant outcome if he were to provoke her again.

Leon sighed in exasperation, "What a coward."

Titus retorted, "I'm just being wise."

Seeing how determined he was, Leon had no choice but to back down.

"Then introduce me to someone who can help me."

After all, he didn't want the public to misunderstand that Simone and Zac were in a relationship.

Titus sighed, "Oh, Leon. If only you had known better."

Despite saying that, he recommended two people to Leon.

Having his childhood sweetheart taken by another man sounded like a miserable encounter.

Without hesitation, Leon contacted those two people.

Harold asked Titus, "Why are you buying a talisman from Simone again?"

At the mention of that, Titus pulled a long face. "It's all because of Andrew, that idiot, causing me trouble. After Jodie borrowed one-third of his luck, he started experiencing misfortunes every day. He's on the verge of a breakdown now. And after he heard from Luca that I could. buy a talisman, he started annoying me. I've already made it clear to him that Simone won't sell to him, but who knew that fool would take advantage of my inattention and steal my talisman during lunch today? He even ran off to somewhere I couldn't find."

Titus sighed again. "When I called him, he told me that his luck had improved after stealing my talisman and that he won't give it back. What choice do I have? I have to get another one from Simone."

Harold couldn't help but find his situation amusing. "You attract trouble all the time."

Having a foolish younger brother made him unlucky.

Upon hearing their conversation, Leon immediately gave Titus some advice.

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"Why don't you contact Simone now and buy another one?"

Titus raised an eyebrow. "What kind of lousy idea do you have this time? Simone just came back from her trip. She must be tired. As her older brother, I shouldn't be disturbing her."

Harold sneered, "Don't act like she has acknowledged you as her brother. I bet you're just afraid that she might be annoyed and choose to ignore you if you approach her now."

Titus was rendered speechless. This b\*stard is getting more annoying!

In response, he grunted irritably, "Don't you know that some things are not meant to be said? Just keep your mouth shut, will you?"

Harold shrugged. "I'm just awfully honest."

He then asked Leon, "You're not thinking of tagging along to Simone's house, are you? She just came back today. I'm certain that she won't welcome you."

"No. I just wanted to ask Titus if he could find out Simone and Zac's situation."

Titus didn't know how to respond to him. "You think too highly of me. Do you really think Simone would tell me these things? I, for one, know she wouldn't."

But Leon insisted, "I'm just trying to create some opportunities for you to get closer to Simone. It shows that you still care about her."

Harold was interested in their act, so he encouraged, "What he said makes sense. You should give it a try."

Leon quickly agreed, "Exactly. You should give it a try. It's not like Simone will eat you up."

After pondering for a moment, Titus finally agreed.

The main issue was that his talisman had been stolen, which made him feel like part of him was missing.

In the group chat, he tagged Simone.

Simone, my talisman was stolen by Andrew.

Simone had just dried her hair and was lying in bed playing with her phone.

She responded immediately upon reading the message.

Simone: Has he really stooped so low as to steal your talisman?

Titus: Yes, he chokes or gags on water or food almost every day now, and he bumps into

things just by walking. It's not just ordinary bad luck. He's on the brink of a breakdown these days.

Simone: He deserves it.

Titus: He does. He even targeted me and snatched my talisman away. He also mentioned that after taking my talisman, he didn't feel as unlucky anymore. Does it really work?

Simone: Of course it does. That talisman carries your aura, and since you are brothers, it can help him ward off misfortune.

Titus didn't expect his talisman to have such an effect.

Titus: No wonder he refuses to return it to me.

He secretly thought that if it worked for Andrew, he wouldn't mind. After all, they were brothers, and he would help as much as he could.

Tentatively, he asked Simone.

Titus: Can I get a new one?

Simone: Are you sure you want to buy a new one instead of getting the old one back?

Reading her message, Titus felt an ominous chill.

Titus: Are you suggesting that something will happen to me when he takes my talisman?

Simone: Duh. He used your talisman to ward off his misfortune, making you

the unlucky one. If luck is bestowed, and it only takes one talisman to ward it off, why would the mastermind go through so much trouble? So, are you prepared?

Titus mused, Prepared for what? Bad luck?

He wanted to curse. Andrew had caused him a huge trouble!

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# Chapter 265 Stop Struggling

Harold and Leon glanced at the messages in the group. Upon reading Simone's message, they couldn't help but raise their heads. With sympathetic looks, they turned their gaze

towards Titus.

Harold couldn't help but comment, "Titus, Andrew is really out to get you! Your first talisman was ruined because of Jodie Gray. You bought a second one, but before you could use it to ward off disasters, it helped him instead."

Titus' face darkened. "This isn't the first time that scoundrel deceived me. Last time, he tried to snatch the bracelet from his hand, and now he took his talisman. He angrily recounted, "I was driving today, and the person in front suddenly braked, causing me to crash into them. That person was particularly difficult to deal with. Not only did I have to pay for the damages, but it also delayed me for a long time. After that, wherever I went, there was traffic. When I got out of the car, I bumped and fell. I even said that today is not going well; it turns out I was helping my fourth brother to ward off bad luck."

Although Harold knew it was inappropriate to laugh, he couldn't help but say, "Titus, it's not Jodie who brought you bad luck, but your brother. It sounds so funny."

Leon also chuckled. "Titus, you are truly fortunate to have such a brother."

Titus gave them a disdainful look. "I'll give you this kind of fortune." Then, he quickly asked in the group chat, 'So what should I do? Do I have to get back my previous talisman?'

He didn't want to help Andrew ward off bad luck. After all, Andrew was the one who caused. all this trouble, and he was innocent.

"There are two options, came Simone's reply. 'One is to retrieve your previous charm, and the second is for me to erase the aura on that charm and draw a new one for you.

Titus suggested, "Then, let's go with the second option. That scumbag definitely won't return. it to me. Draw a new one for me, and I'll buy it again.

D\*mn it, buying talismans alone had cost him 2.25 million.

Simone: 'I bought some jade to carve charms, and there's no time limit for this. As long as don't get hit, causing the charm to shatter, you can use it indefinitely, and the effect is much better than the previous charms. Would you like to buy one?"

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She cut off the path for the mastermind behind buying top-grade jade, fearing that they would have ulterior motives against the Gray Family, Selling talismans and charms to Sembag No. 2 and others could provide some security. It was not that she had any feelings for them, but it was to ensure her own safety. After all, if the mastermind tampered with her bloodline, it could be detrimental to her. At the same time, she could also take advantage of

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Titus immediately said, 'I want this kind of protective charm!

Simone asked, 'Don't you want to ask about the price?"

He then asked. 'How much is it?'

She replied. "Three million. Non-negotiable

It didn't have to be a high-quality jade for those se mbags; a medium-grade one would do. Carving a few pieces of jade worth a few hundred into protective charms and selling them for three million was simply a scam.

When Titus saw the price, his mouth twitched. My sister is really ruthless! He knew that she was intentionally trying to scam him, but he couldn't refuse. Compared to money and luck, the latter was more important.

Alright, three million it is. I want one. Titus answered. 'Do I need to come to your place and use my aura to carve it out?

Yes, come tomorrow,' she replied. 'I will finish carving it tonight and seal it with your aura tomorrow. And this time, don't let anyone snatch the protective charm away from you. Otherwise, if you need to buy another one, it will still cost another three million.

The reason for using Titus' aura to seal the protective charm was to prevent the mastermind from tampering with it. This way, if they tried to harm Titus and the others, she would be able to detect it immediately. Otherwise, a regular protective charm wouldn't require the use

of an aura.

I definitely won't let anyone snatch it again. Titus assured. It was worth three million, after all. If Andrew dared to lay a finger on it again, he would beat him to death. 'T'll visit you tomorrow, Titus said.

Okay, Simone replied.

Leon noticed that their conversation was about to end and immediately gave Titus a meaningful look. Titus was speechless, but after thinking about it, he still asked, 'Simone, I saw on the viral news just now that there are rumors about you and Zac. Are you two together?

Simone didn't expect him to ask this. It's none of your business whether we are together or not. Simone replied. Instead of meddling in other people's affairs, you should think abou what to do if you have bad luck tonight

Given Titus personality he wouldn't care about who she was with. It was very likely that Leon instigated hum to ask and she couldn't be bothered to deal with them

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Titus looked at her words and said nothing. Does that mean that I'll have bad luck tonight? Will I have bad luck tonight?' he asked.

'I don't know. I'm going to rest. That's it, Simone replied.

Titus was dumbfounded. It was clear that Simone was not happy, and he glared at Leon, grumbling. "See, you made me offend her."

Then, he immediately sent a message to the group, saying, 'Don't worry, just consider what I said earlier as nonsense. And you should know that I will never meddle in other people's affairs again.

Simone's reaction just now was to annoy Leon because she didn't want him to stare at Titus always and then encourage him to ask this and that. Seeing that Titus admitted his mistake so quickly, she retorted, 'You will be as unlucky as Andrew would be tonight. Just come and get the charm tomorrow."

Titus felt like crying because he didn't want to be unlucky. 'Can I come and pick up charm tonight?"

She answered, 'No, you cannot.

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He replied, fearful of angering Simone and not receiving it tomorrow, 'Well, then rest well. I will contact you tomorrow."

Simone read the message but did not respond.

At the bar, Leon lifted his glass and took a few large sips. He knew Simone and understood. her previous statement, which left him feeling awful. Not only did she no longer want him, but she also did not desire his concern.

Observing Leon's state, Titus remarked, "Leon, I believe you are destined to be with us. So, stop struggling."

Leon glanced up at him and inquired, "What do you mean by being destined to be with you guys?"

Titus replied, "Being despised and abandoned by Simone, but it's our fault. We're the ones who chose Jodie over Simone. It he had known that Jodie was this kind of person, he must have been crazy to have suppressed his sister for her.

Leon pursed his lips and stated, "I did not cling to Jodie Gray." From the beginning, Simone was always more important to him.

Harold sneered. Leon, you are just a scumbag who is oblivious. No matter the reason, you aided Jodie against Simone. That really happened, didn't it?"

Leon frowned. "I did not aid Jodie against Simone. It was my mom who asked me to protect. Jodie, so I helped her, but I did not suppress Simone."

Titus raised an eyebrow. "You kept it a secret from Simone and privately assisted Jodie, and you expected Simone to give up her spot in the variety show for Jodie. Isn't that suppressing her? When Simone was under attack, I did not see you assisting her with public relations.

I assisted Jodie in attacking Simone and admitted that I was not a good brother. I know I have a problem, which is why Simone abandoned me. Leon, perhaps you have spent too much time with Jodie and turned into a hypocrite?"

He only realized it after learning a hard lesson. When you are wrong, you are wrong. Why bother making so many excuses?

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Titus' words caused Leon's expression to change, and he fell silent as he poured himself a few more drinks.

Harold spoke up, "Leon used to recklessly indulge in his emotions by relying on Simone's love. He believed that no matter what he did, Simone would always be his sweetheart and wouldn't abandon him. So, he acted without restraint. But little did he know that she also had a temper. When she said she didn't love him, she meant it. And when she turned away, she meant it, too. Leon was dumbfounded, but by the time he realized his mistake, it was too late."

With each word, Leon's face grew paler. After listening, Titus agreed, "That's exactly right. I used to think that Simone was my biological sister and that our bond as a family couldn't be broken. Furthermore, Simone used to treat us so well, caring so much about us, so I thought she wouldn't mind. There shouldn't be any insurmountable obstacles among family members, but in the end, there were. We drove Simone away, and she never came back. So, we, as her brothers, also acted recklessly."

Weren't they just like Leon, betting on Simone's kindness and tolerance? But when they realized their mistake, it was already too late.

Leon took a deep breath. "You're right; I used to be too self-righteous. He had always thought that he could hold onto the little girl who grew up relying on him.

Whenever he turned around, she would be waiting for him in the same spot, just like when they were children. But this time, he messed up and lost his beloved little girl; she would never wait for him in the same spot again.

He looked at Harold and said, "You analyzed me so well, but what about my sister? Don't tell me that you think my sister will turn back. Didn't you also bet on my sister's past love for you

and hurt her?"

These words wiped the smile off Harold's face in an instant, and he said in a self-deprecating tone, "Yes, so I'm not a good person, either. We were self-righteous, acted recklessly, and now we've become estranged brothers.

Indeed, he had a similar mindset as Leon before, thinking that Gwen cared so much about him and wouldn't reject him. Alas, it was too late for regrets now.

However, he couldn't give up, so he felt bitter in his heart. Is it because I spend too much time with you two that I've been influenced by you? Otherwise, why did he treat Gwen so badly in the past? He wanted to do good for her but ended up hurting her instead.

Titus and Leon both said to him, 'Get lost!

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Titus was speechless. "Among us, you have always been the most malicious, yet you have the nerve to say that we are the ones who influenced you. I even thought that I was the one influenced by you."

Leon added, "Exactly, you are the most scheming among us, dripping with malice. To turn the tables like this, you are the most shameless." He poured a

glass of wine for the other two. "But speaking of it, we really are brothers in misfortune, abandoned together. It's our fault for not knowing how to cherish things. Come, let's drink. We're not going home until we're drunk."

He raised his glass and drank it all in one gulp, then continued to drink without stopping. Since his falling out with Simone, he had developed a liking for using alcohol to numb. himself.

Harold and Titus were also in a bad mood after being criticized, following suit, and drinking. glass after glass. The three of them drank until midnight, and then they were drunkenly escorted away by their respective assistants.

Titus did have a stroke of bad luck. When he was going down the stairs, he slipped and fell down the stairs. His assistant was terrified when he saw him covered in blood and immediately drove him to the hospital.

Halfway there, the car broke down, and they couldn't find a cab. To make matters worse, there were no cars to flag down on the road. In the end, they had to call 911 to have Titus. taken away.

After falling down the stairs, Titus had sobered up for the most part. In the hospital, his wounds were treated, and he was given a sobering IV drip. When he was fully awake, he realized that his head was cut open and stitched up. One of his hands was also fractured from

the fall

Titus wanted to curse again and couldn't stop himself from calling Andrew. No one answered, so he tried video calling, but still no response. He guessed that this jerk was probably feeling guilty and afraid to answer.

Afterward, he asked his assistant to take a few pictures of his miserable state, planning to settle the score with his fourth brother later. Frustrated, he opened the group chat with Luca and Aaron and intentionally initiated a group video call.

The other two, who were sleeping, were awakened by the noise. They checked the time-5 am-and wondered what their second brother was up to. Still, they answered the call one after another and saw Titus' sorry state. Instantly, they woke up from their drowsiness.

Luca couldn't help but ask, "Titus, what happened to you?"

Titus answered, "It's all thanks to you. You were doing perfectly fine. Why did you have to talk to Andrew and tell him that I could ask Simone to draw the talismans? So, he came to me,

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but Simone refused to help him, and he snatched my charm.

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Luca was shocked. "He snatched your talisman, and then you ended up like this?"

Titus replied, "Of course, isn't it obvious? Simone said that because my aura was on that. talisman, I protected him from disaster when Andrew took it and put it on himself." Then, he explained how he fell from the stairs and ended up in this state.

Luca and Aaron were both horrified to hear this, especially Luca because Andrew was staying at his place. He asked, "If our talismans are snatched by Andrew, are we also protecting him

from disaster?"

Titus raised an eyebrow. "What do you think? We are brothers, after all. Otherwise, I won't bother reminding you." Somehow, he had a feeling that these two couldn't escape, either.

Andrew had always been a troublemaker since childhood, and once he tasted the sweetness of his talisman, how would he let his other brothers escape? So, even though he reminded them, he was looking forward to the aftermath of these two.

After all, it was Luca who instigated Andrew to come find him. By reminding them, they would pay more attention to their talismans, making it easier to catch Andrew's attention and allowing him to snatch them.

Luca was at a loss for words. "I didn't expect it to turn out like this."

Aaron felt like crying. "I don't want to participate in the next variety show." D'mn it, not only did he have to deal with Jodie, but now he also had to watch out for Andrew.

Titus chuckled. "You were so determined to help Jodie secure a spot on the variety show, and now, you want to run away? Dream on."

Luca added, "That's right, little brother. You can't escape, just accept your fate." If Aaron ran away, Jodie and Andrew would likely come after him. After all, as the youngest, he should bear the responsibility.

Aaron sighed without a word. With brothers like these, he was truly unlucky. The three of them continued their conversation for a while before ending the video call. However, neither of them could sleep.

The next morning, after Aaron finished breakfast, he received a call from Jonah informing hum that the originally scheduled time and location had changed due to some issues. The show had been postponed for half a month, and the location had also been changed to

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Upon hearing this change, Aaron felt uneasy. The fact that they postponed the time and changed the location indicated that the person behind Jodic was not ordinary Tentatively he asked if he could withdraw from the next variety show, even at the cost of paying a penalty

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Nevertheless, Jonah disagreed and said that unless he was truly unable to participate, he had to fulfill his commitment no matter what. After all, Aaron had agreed to participate in all the variety shows to make Jodie famous; he couldn't simply break his promise.

Reluctantly, Aaron agreed to continue participating in the next variety show. On the other side, Simone and the others also received a phone call from Jonah, and at noon, Titus was discharged from the hospital and immediately taken by his assistant to the apartment where Simone lived.

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Simone was unsurprised by Titus' pitiful state and allowed him to enter. Glancing at her, he asked, "Isn't it even unluckier to block a disaster? I don't think Andrew was as unlucky as me before this!"

Simone nodded and replied, "Yes, because you helped him block the disaster so severely, he can go three days without bad luck."

Titus was speechless. "So, I can only help him for three days? If it happens a few more times, won't I be doomed?" He had this suspicion.

Simone said, "You won't be doomed, but experiencing this kind of bad luck often is unavoidable."

Titus didn't want to go through this bad luck again and was even more grateful and scared. that he hadn't lent Jodie his luck before. Otherwise, if it happened a couple more times, he would collapse.

"Are you going to get me that protective charm now?" He couldn't wait any longer and could only feel at ease by holding onto that thing.

Simone took out a finely carved mini jade charm the size of a thumbnail. Using a talisman pen, she guided his aura into the jade amulet and sealed it with charm drawings. Ten minutes later, she strung the jade charm together with red thread and handed it to Titus. "It's done. I've guided your aura into this protective charm, so the previous talisman will become. ineffective.

Titus took the protective charm and held it tightly in his hand, thinking to himself that Simone really knew how to make money. She spent only ten minutes on this mini jade amulet and earned three million, which is much more comfortable and profitable than working hard as a broker. Of course, he didn't dare to say such things out loud.

After wearing the charm around his neck, he breathed a sigh of relief and finally felt a sense of security again. Then, he remembered something. "Harold and Leon would also like to buy one of these protective amulets. May I ask if you will sell to them?"

Simone replied, "I can sell one to Harold but not Leon." This morning, she discovered that someone had released photos of the airport incident that clarified the rumors from yesterday. It wasn't Zac who did it, so the only one left was Leon.

To her. Leon was quite ridiculous. Now that they had broken up and were not in a relationship anymore, he still wanted to interfere in her affairs. He thought really highly of

himself

Upon hearing this. Titus knew that I con had offended Simone. As for why he offended her, it

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must be because of the scandal. In his heart, he silently lit a row of candles for his good

brother.

Nevertheless, he didn't mention Leon again, afraid of upsetting Simone. Now, it was more important to appease her, so he had to set his good brother aside. "Okay, I'll ask Harold to contact you and get the charm from you when he has time." He asked, "If I have this charm, will I no longer have bad luck today?"

Simone replied, "It can only be said that Andrew will have bad luck, and he won't be able to block you anymore. If you're originally supposed to have bad luck, you will still have it."

She gave Sembag No. 2 a carved charm, which mainly served to prevent someone from attacking from behind and to ensure one's safety. She didn't care about anything else and intentionally didn't draw the full talisman.

Titus could only accept it. "Okay. So, starting the day after tomorrow, will Andrew continue to have bad luck?"

Simone nodded. "Yes"

Titus felt relieved when he heard this as Andrew that scoundrel deserved to continue having bad luck. He wanted to say something to get closer to Simone, but she completely ignored him and directly ordered him to leave.

Out of wits, he left dejectedly. After going downstairs, he posted what Simone said in the group chat.

Harold replied, Fortunately, Simone's forgiving enough not to take it out on me. I'll look for her tomorrow to buy the charm.

Leon felt a twinge in his heart. Did she say why she didn't sell it to me?

Titus: Isn't it obvious?

Harold Leon, you are not as self-aware as Titus and should learn from him. Simone is obviously annoyed by your meddling and wants to deal with you. Why pretend to be ignorant when you clearly understand?

Leon Can you not be so mean?

It was too cruel to not even allow him some self-deception

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Harold: You're beyond saving... But I'm not qualified to criticize you. After all, I'm following in your footsteps, but your leadership skills are really poor.

Leon was speechless. "That's your own doing: what does it have to do with me? Let's go out

for a drink.

Harold: I'm not coming. I'm not as free as you.

Titus: I'm not joining either. I'm injured and can't drink.

Harold: What happened to you? Did you have bad luck last night?

Titus then explained what happened last night in a voice message.

Harold: Titus, you're unlucky. This time, you must protect your charm well.

At the same time, he felt a sense of caution and needed to protect himself.

Leon: Yes, if it gets stolen again, you might be in even worse shape.

Titus: I won't meet Sc\*mbag No. 4 anytime soon and will just watch him have bad luck. It will be best if Simone will take care of him properly during the variety show.

When it came to Andrew, he was filled with anger.

Harold: Now that you mention it, I'm also looking forward to seeing Simone dealing with your fourth brother.

Leon: I can watch it live. I'm also looking forward to it.

It was clear that all three of them were waiting for Andrew to be dealt with.

On the other side, Andrew was lying on the couch in Luca's apartment, playing mobile and sneezing a few times in a row. Still, he was in a good mood. Since taking away Titus' talisman yesterday, he hadn't had any more bad luck, and it felt comfortable like this.

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However, his good mood only lasted for three days. On the fourth day, he started having bad luck again. Furthermore, he discovered that the talisman he had kept in his clothes had turned to ashes, which made him sure that the talisman drawn by Simone could help him ward off bad luck. So, he called Titus again, and the latter answered the call. "Titus, where are you\*\*

Titus decided not to settle the score with Andrew for now, he still had to dig a pit for the other two brothers Tm outside What's up?"

Andrew said, I would like to invite you to dinner. Let's have a meal together?"

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Titus thought, D\*mn it, Andrew is taking me like a big scapegoat, planning to catch and fleece me to death. Did I ever provoke him? He said, "I'm busy. Andrew, don't play tricks with me. I don't have a talisman on me, but Luca and Aaron do. If you want to fleece someone, can you fleece someone else in the future?"

Dumbfounded, Andrew thought, So, Titus has seen through it. He didn't bother to hide it anymore. "You're really smart, Titus. Thanks for the reminder; then I'll fleece someone else."

After saying that, he hung up the phone. Then, he recalled, No wonder Luca has been touching his left arm these past few days. Seems like he took off the charm from his neck and hid it on his arm. Is he afraid that I'm going to snatch it? These plastic brothers are cautious of me. Since that's the case, I'm going to make Luca my next target.

Hence, after Luca returned in the evening. Andrew pretended to stumble and spilled all the water he was holding on his clothes. Luca had to change his clothes, but before he could put on clean clothes, Andrew quickly rushed in through the door. While Luca wasn't paying attention, he grabbed the charm tied to his arm and tore the red string, snatching it away and running off.

"Luca, I'll borrow your charm for a bit."

When Luca realized what was happening, Andrew had already run out of his bedroom, and he also heard the sound of the front door opening and closing, which meant that Andrew had just run away.

Stunned, Luca wanted to curse so badly and regretted even more that he had hesitated these past two days about staying at a hotel. Although this place belonged to him, he could have avoided trouble! He had made a mistake.

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Luca had his talisman stolen by Andrew. Even though he tried to chase after him, he couldn't catch him. In desperation, he called Titus for advice. Titus thought that he couldn't let Luca suffer alone, so he suggested to him to test his luck first, and if it turned bad, then contact Simone.

When Luca participated in the variety show abroad, his relationship with Simone became even more strained. As he didn't dare to reach out to Simone, he had no choice but to wait.

And then, the bad luck started.

While he was at the supermarket, he got hit by an electric scooter and injured his foot. He had to stay in the hospital for two days, but the bad luck didn't stop there. During his hospital stay, the IV needle moved outside of his blood vessel and caused his hand to swell.

When he went out to eat, he slipped on an oil stain on the ground, aggravating his already injured foot. He became too afraid to go out and had his friend deliver food to him. To his surprise, he found a cockroach in the middle of his meal. The restaurant had always been clean, so this was an unusual occurrence.

However, Luca didn't blame the restaurant, knowing that he was taking on Andrew's bad luck. After being discharged from the hospital, he returned to his apartment, but then the elevator suddenly broke down and started falling. Although he didn't suffer serious injuries, it was a terrifying experience for him. For over an hour, he had to wait in the enclosed elevator before being rescued.

When he bent down to change his shoes at home, he twisted his waist. Limping, he then sat down on the couch, only to find a fruit knife where he had just been sitting. Apparently, Andrew had carelessly left it there after peeling fruit while playing games.

At that moment, Luca wanted to catch Andrew and give him a beating. He didn't dare to go out again and called the Gray Family's family doctor, asking the doctor to come to his place to dress his wounds.

Then, he made a video call to Titus. As soon as the call connected, he burst into tears and cried, "Titus, I can't take it anymore. I'm on the verge of a breakdown."

Seeing his third brother's pale face and the dark circles under his eyes, Titus could tell that he hadn't been sleeping well recently and asked, "Are you experiencing bad luck?" Sharing bad luck with his brothers had brought him some relief.

Luca nodded. "It's not just bad luck; it's extremely bad luck." Then, he recounted the incidents he had encountered in the past two days

Titus gave him a sympathetic look and said, "You brought this upon yourself. I've warned you

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before, but you still allowed Andrew to steal the charm."

Luca had a mournful expression on his face as he said, "How could I have known that Andrew is so cunning?" If he ever took in Andrew again, he would change his family name. "Titus, please ask Simone if she can help me create another talisman," he pleaded. "I can't take it anymore."

After experiencing such bad luck firsthand, he became even more convinced of the power of fate. He also felt fortunate that he hadn't agreed to give Jodie his luck before. Otherwise, he would have been miserable all the time.

This time. Titus didn't make any excuses. After ending the video call, he contacted Simone, who already suspected that Scumbag No. 2 would deceive Scumbag No. 3 and Scumbag No. 5. She approved of his actions, believing that these two scumbags needed to experience Jodie's power for themselves. So, she agreed to sell a protective charm to Scumbag No. 3.

When Luca found out, he was so moved that he wanted to cry. D\*mn it, I'm going to finally be free from this mess. Three million was not a small amount to him, but he could still afford it, and he didn't want to continue suffering from this bad luck.

So, he followed Titus to Simone's place and bought a protective charm for himself. After purchasing it, Luca hung the charm around his neck. Looking at Simone, he said, "I misunderstood you when I was abroad. I'm sorry."

Whenever he thought about what happened abroad, he felt foolish. He was deceived by Jodie and caused trouble for Simone. Now, he deeply regretted it.

Simone's expression turned cold. "No need for apologies." Seeing that Scumbag No. 3 wanted. to say something, she waved her hand to dismiss them. "You can leave now." She could tell. that Scumbag No. 3 wanted to mend their relationship, but she didn't need that.

Panicking from her cold attitude, Luca could only swallow the words he wanted to say.

After the two brothers left. Titus said, "Aaron will probably be Andrew's next target."

Luca nodded. "Andrew is becoming more and more reckless, and Aaron won't be able to

escape.

Both of them understood without saying anything that they wouldn't remind Aaron; as true brothers, they naturally had to experience this kind of bad luck together. Otherwise, how could they be considered true brothers?

So, a few days later. Andrew discovered that the talisman he had stolen had turned to ashes. again, and he started experiencing bad luck once more. Thus, he shifted his focus to Aaron.

One day, he invited Aaron out for a meal, saying that he wanted to discuss their participation in a live variety show Since Titus and Luca didn't specifically warn hum, Aaron didn't know

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that their talismans had been stolen.

As he and Andrew were going to participate in the next variety show, Aaron reckoned that it would be good to discuss the situation in advance. So, he went.

After finishing the meal, Andrew pulled the same trick again. Accidentally, he spilled juice and stained Aaron's shirt before handing him the new shirt he had coincidentally bought while shopping and asking him to change it first.

Without much thought. Aaron took off his dirty clothes. Just as he was about to put on the clean clothes, Andrew suddenly reached out and snatched the charm hanging around his

neck.

By the time Aaron reacted, Andrew had already left with a parting remark, "Little bro, let me borrow this talisman for a few days."

Aaron was speechless. D\*mn it, I've fallen for it.Andrew is truly a jerk! After hastily getting dressed, he hurriedly went after him, but there was no sign of Andrew anywhere.

Aaron could only helplessly return. Meanwhile, in the group chat, he informed Titus and Luca about what had happened. While the two of them took pleasure in his misfortune, they consoled Aaron on the surface and advised him to observe for a few days.

In the following days, Aaron continued to experience a string of bad luck. Although it wasn't as severe as what happened to Titus, who ended up in the hospital, it was still quite miserable.

For instance, he was splashed with paint by haters when he went out, and his car had a tire blowout and skidded into a railing. He choked while eating, got water up his nose while drinking, and was scolded while playing games. The endorsement deal he had secured also fell through.

There were also various other unfortunate incidents that, when combined, could drive a person crazy. A few days later, Aaron couldn't take it anymore and called Titus for help.

Titus took him to meet Simone, where Aaron spent three million buying a protective charm. A few more days passed, and Andrew started experiencing bad luck again, but all three brothers had already exhausted their resources, so there was nothing they could do. After two more days of misfortune, he got into a car accident.

Jodie took the initiative to visit him and said she had arranged for a inystical tool that could ward off disasters She had no other choice, if Andrew had an accident and couldn't participate in the variety show, what would they do? They had to give him something in advaner

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effect was even more powerful than her bracelet

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## Chapter 269 Going Viral Directly

Simone had been extremely busy in the past ten days. Harry's song had been successfully recorded. First, she had Gary's team use the previous variety show to generate buzz. As Harry's song was frequently shared on short videos, the buzz started to rise again.

Due to the poor sound quality from the bar recording, many people requested Harry to release this song. When the buzz had reached its peak, Simone arranged for the release of Harry's song and also took the lead in sharing his new song on Facebook.

Zac immediately followed suit and shared it as well, and so did Keira, Eric, Dylan, and Tina.

Fiona and Ethan from the same studio also shared it. To everyone's surprise, Leon even shared this song on Facebook. With Simone and others sharing it on Facebook, the buzz continued to skyrocket.

Coupled with the high quality and pleasant sound of this song, it exploded in popularity and quickly soared to the top of the new songs and hot songs charts on major music platforms, and Harry became popular as well. Especially since he was already handsome, he gained even more fans, and the number of fans skyrocketed rapidly, which made many singers envious and jealous.

Behind the scenes, they all said that Harry was fortunate to have joined Simone's studio. With Simone paving the way, he was able to become popular with just one song. Many B-list artists wanted to join Simone's studio because she was truly amazing; not only did she revive. Fiona, but she also made Harry popular overnight.

Because of the two of them, Simone's studio went viral directly. As long as they weren't artists. who were deliberately slacking off, who wouldn't want to become popular? So, some artists whose contracts were about to expire or who were being suppressed by their companies. contacted Simone's studio to express their intention to join.

Simone was about to participate in a variety show and had two dramas to film, so she didn't have the time or energy to manage artists for the time being. However, Lisa was interested, so Simone allowed her to do the screening

herself. If there were any talented and decent. individuals, they could be signed to the studio.

June didn't want to go abroad and wasn't interested in buying stones and jewelry. Perhaps it was because she had always been dragged into this field by Jane, so she had developed a psychological shadow. After living with Lisa, June became interested in being a manager and wanted to try this path in the future.

Simone had Lisa bring June and also contacted a coach to teach her. Now that there were artists interested in signing with the studio, it was a good opportunity for Lisa and June to

gain experience.

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On this day, Simone called Harry and Ethan to her office. Looking at Harry, she said, "Jonah contacted me and said that if you want to continue being a guest, you can join the final. episode. Mr. Reich from Star Entertainment gave me some resources a few days ago, including a singing variety show. I just wanted to ask, which one do you want to participate

in?"

Harry didn't hesitate and said, "I want to participate in the singing variety show." His greatest passion was music, so he preferred to participate in this type of variety show,

Simone's eyes filled with a smile. "I knew you would choose this one, and I also think this is the one you should choose. Your recent song has become popular, and now is the perfect time to solidify your popularity. Although this variety show may not have the same level of popularity as the other one I was on, it is more suitable for you."

In their show, Harry was a later addition as a guest. Although he could take advantage of the current popularity and increase his fame, the show provided a limited fan base. If he participated in a music-oriented variety show, she believed that he would perform even better and gain more fans.

Harry agreed. That's what I think, too, and I do prefer music-oriented shows." He was grateful to have met Simone, a manager who looked at the future from an artist's perspective. If it were his previous company, they wouldn't care about what suited him better.

Although he wanted to continue appearing on the show with higher popularity, he realized that he wasn't very good at expressing himself and had an introverted personality. Because he lacked a sense of humor, game-oriented variety shows were not his strong suit. If it weren't for Simone's guidance in the previous episode, he would have been marginalized as a background character, but he felt that he could perform better in the singing variety show.

Simone said. Then, I will arrange it for you. This variety show will take place in half a month, so prepare yourself well. I will have Lisa accompany you, and she will handle any issues that may arise."

Lasa had strong work abilities and could handle these things without any problems.

Harry nodded with a smile. "Okay, thank you, Miss Gray."

After Simone finished talking to Harry, she turned to Ethan and said, "Your role as the second. male lead has already been filmed. So, for this episode of the variety show, I plan to take you along because we need more people to know you and can't miss out on the opportunity to ride the wave of popularity"

Jonah had given her studio a spot for a guest, and they couldn't waste it. Fiona was still filming and Harry was going to participate in another show. Therefore, she decided to give Ethan the opportunity, which would also serve as a promotion for the Republican-era drama they filmed together

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Ethan smiled and said, "Okay, I'll listen to your arrangements." He knew that Simone was not the kind of manager who liked to exploit artists; whatever arrangements she made, they were always the best for them, and he believed in her.

Returning his smile, she said, "Let's go with this arrangement." Then, she handed him a script and said, "This is a detective mystery drama. I've secured

an audition opportunity for the male lead role for you. Go back and study the script. I'll accompany you to the audition in three days. I've read this script, and the detective mystery plot is intricately woven, with constant suspense and hooks, which are very exciting. There's not much romantic storyline. or melodramatic love affairs. I think this drama has the potential to become a hit, so I hope you can secure the male lead role. The character's personality and temperament are quite different from yours, but I believe that it can be a great improvement for your acting skills. If you aspire to pursue a career in acting, it is essential to be versatile and not let your image become fixed in the minds of the audience."

This was also one of the resources and rewards provided by Felix. In her previous life, when she passed away, she had not heard of this drama and was unsure if it was being filmed or if it ultimately did not materialize.

However, she was genuinely fond of this script and believed that its mystery plot was excellent. If executed well, it had the potential to make someone famous, and her only wish. was for Ethan to secure the male lead role.

Ethan received the script and felt a surge of excitement because he had always enjoyed watching detective mystery dramas and had even hoped for an opportunity to participate in one in the future. Little did he know that Simone would present it to him on a silver platter, and it was even the male lead role.

She was truly remarkable.

He responded, "You have chosen the right script. I will study it diligently and give my best performance during the audition."

Simone nodded and said, "Great. If you have any uncertainties or need to rehearse, feel free

to come to me."

In the Republican-era drama, he had acted alongside Simone and was aware of her exceptional acting skills; she could effortlessly immerse herself in the scene, which was truly impressive.

He smiled and said, "Alright, if I have any questions, I will seek your guidance, Miss Gray"

Over the next three days, whenever Ethan encountered difficulties or struggled to grasp certain aspects, he sought help from Simone. Patiently, Simone explained the scenes, taught him techniques, and rehearsed with him. As a result, he successfully secured the male lead role in the audition, where Simone accompanied hum.

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After confirming Ethan as the male lead, she approached the director in her capacity as a manager. That was when she overheard the director lamenting that a previous investor had suddenly withdrawn their funding. Due to the company's financial issues, they were unable to provide the necessary funds.

Simone finally understood why, in her previous life, she had not seen any news about the filming of this fantastic script-it turned out that they lacked financial resources.

Therefore, she expressed her willingness to invest 4.5 million and urged the director to prioritize quality and use props and costumes that could withstand scrutiny. All thanks to the money brought by those three despicable men. After donating three million to charity, she still had six million that she could freely utilize.

Naturally, the director was overjoyed, and as he and Simone conversed further, they found themselves more compatible and confirmed their collaboration. In this manner, a few more days passed, and it was time for the final live variety show.

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Andrew frowned. "His temper is getting worse. We're siblings. Of course, we can't be separated."

Hearing that, Jodie felt relieved. "I think the same way."

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As they were talking, the other six people arrived. Seeing Simone, Zac, and the others getting out of the car and walking over while chatting and laughing, a hint of jealousy flashed in Jodie's eyes. She tried so hard to get close to Zac, but he ignored her and actively stayed close. to Simone, constantly sticking to her.

She thought Zac was blind and had a bad taste in women. The same went for Keira and the others, who were just opportunistic followers. If she were the one who became popular in the previous two episodes, these people would gather around her like a swarm of bees.

As they approached, the live broadcast began.

They saw the live camera turn on.

Jodie deliberately took the initiative to step forward and greeted Simone and the others with

a smile.

Simone ignored Jodie and walked straight ahead. There was no need to pretend in the last episode when they had already torn their faces apart.

Zac also had a strong dislike for Jodie and ignored her as well. The other few people did not have such a confrontation with her. However, they all nodded lightly to Jodie as a form of greeting.

Andrew had been feeling restless lately. Seeing this scene made him angry, especially when he had approached Simone earlier, saying he wanted to buy a talisman from her.

Though Titus had mentioned Simone's clear statement that she would not sell a talisman to

him.

What did that mean? She sold talismans to the other brothers but not to him! Why did she treat him differently? He did not want to admit it, but he was jealous and bitter.

Seeing how Jodie took the initiative to greet them, and Simone and Zac gave her the cold shoulder, Keira and the others also looked down on her.

Anger suddenly surged within him. So, he walked over, furrowing his brow and looking at Simone. "Jo greeted you guys earlier."

Hearing his words, Aaron thought his brother was foolish, causing trouble as soon as the live broadcast started. He was even more reckless than Luca. As for stopping him, he naturally would not do it. He still remembered how Andrew had snatched his talisman, so it was only right for him to suffer

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We can't be the only ones who suffer.

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Leon saw Andrew acting foolishly and took the initiative to stand up for Jodie, thinking that this idiot was done for. Titus and Luca, watching the live broadcast, had a look of anticipation

in their eyes.

Immediately, Luca felt an awkward urge to dig a hole in the ground because he was precisely that silly in the previous episode... in real-time.

Simone raised an eyebrow and looked at Andrew. "So, what are you trying to say?"

He emphasized. "Jo greeted you guys, and you didn't respond." He asked again, "Where are

your manners?"

Seeing Simone's cold and arrogant attitude, he felt uncomfortable and spoke aggressively.

She sneered. "Jodie and I have already torn our faces apart. She's pretending to be innocent. and greeting us. "Who said we have to respond?"

He refuted, "But we're all participating in the same variety show. Isn't it inappropriate for you guys to act this way?"

She looked at him and asked, "Didn't you watch the previous two episodes?"

Zac added, "Simone has always been like this toward Jodie, so please understand that before you act all high and mighty."

This idiot is targeting Simone for Jodie again.

Jodie deliberately pretended to be innocent and greeted them hypocritically. Even normal folks could see through it. Right?

Hearing their conversation, Jodie reached out and tugged on Andrew's sleeve. "Let it go." She knew that the more she did this, the less he would let it go.

Sure enough, he looked displeased at Simone. "You're going too far. You always try to snatch everything from Jo at home and deliberately target her here. It was Mom and Dad's decision to adopt Jo in the first place. Why do

you have to take it out on her? This show was supposed to be Jo's. But ultimately, she had to depend on Aaron to secure a spot. In the last two episodes, you intentionally targeted her for online criticism, which resulted in her sustaining serious injuries and being hospitalized. Even after all that, you still won't let her off." He was finally releasing all of his pent-up anger.

It was not just Jodie's grievances but also his unfair treatment by Simone.

Meanwhile, Aaron's expression changed upon hearing these words. Is he nuts? Why is he talking

nonsense?

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Tutus and Laica also did not anticipate Andrew going to such extremes. By saying these things live on air, was he attempting to further divide the family?

However, not only was Simone not angry, but a smile formed at the corner of her mouth. She was simply waiting for Se\*mbag No. 4 to provoke a confrontation. After all, she had something important that she had yet to reveal. Now that it was the final episode of the show, she naturally wanted to expose it during the live broadcast. And here comes Sc\*mbag No. 4, knocking on my door...

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