

The Miraculous Simone Gray by Opal Reese Chapter 201-210

Chapter 201 Scared

Skyler was busy handling documents at the company when he received an incoming call, which left him feeling a bit puzzled. However, he quickly answered, "Mom!"

Skyler's mother's attitude toward him was much gentler as she asked, "Skyler, are you busy right now?"

Skyler replied, "I'm handling some documents, but I'm not too busy. Mom, do you need something?"

Skyler's mother then complained to him about how Leon had defended Simone, which caused her distress. However, she also knew that the two brothers didn't have a good relationship, so she didn't ask the older brother to teach the younger one a lesson.

Skyler was astonished after he heard everything. It seemed that his younger brother had grown and become clearer-headed after being dumped by Simone. He finally realized how hollow his birth mother's "love" was. He could only go along with his mother's words. "Leon is indeed out of line. When Dad comes back, we'll have a good talk with him."

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As for persuading his birth mother to treat Leon better, it was useless. He had already tried before. His birth mother's desire for control was too strong. She treated the two brothers as if they were her possessions. She wanted to interfere in everything. His mother didn't like Simone mainly because younger brother cared about her, which made her unhappy. She was even more afraid that Simone's position in his younger brother's heart would surpass hers. So, she didn't want Simone to be like this, a daughter-in-law who was difficult to control and manipulate. That's why she kept trying to break them up.

His mother favored and spoiled him a lot on the surface, but when it came to his significant other, she wanted to meddle in it, too. It would only be acceptable if she liked and

approved

of them. He had never had a girlfriend, not only because he couldn't protect her from his mother's interference but also because he was afraid his mother would harm the girl. It was quite ridiculous.

His younger sister, who was very smart, had seen through it a long time ago. She not only didn't expect motherly love but also disliked their birth mother. And because their birth mother didn't care as much about her daughter, she was able to escape. Now, his younger brother had also walked away from this mess. Only he had no choice but to continue to be deeply involved in it. *Sigh!*

When Skyler's mother heard his words, she thought that her eldest son understood her.

"Skyler, I called you because I want you to help me with something.

Skyler couldn't guess what she wanted to do, so he said. "Go ahead."

In any case, she definitely wouldn't ask him to deal with Leon.

His mother said, "Jo got injured and is hospitalized in Slovence. She's all alone and very pitiful. Take a day off today and fly to Slovence to take care of her."

Skyler was speechless. He really didn't expect that one day, his birth mother would voluntarily throw such a problem onto him. He was scared. His mother was the most unpredictable troublemaker.

He declined and said, "Mom, I have a very important meeting tomorrow, and I can't get away." He didn't want to get involved with that trouble; he didn't want to be as unlucky as his younger brother and the Gray Family brothers.

His mother frowned. "Can't you let someone else handle it? Jo is alone overseas. I'm worried."

As Jo's older brother, Skyler should take care of his sister and also strengthen their relationship.

Skyler was speechless. "Mom, Jodie has relatives. Why should I be the one to take care of her? The Gray Family is still around. If I take care of her, what if the Gray Family misunderstands our relationship? She's still a celebrity, so if the paparazzi catch me taking care of her, rumors will definitely spread, a

nd it won't be good for her reputation. After all, not long ago, she was caught up in a scandal with Leon."

He knew how to deal with his mother. Sure enough, as soon as Skyler said that, his mother had to give up on the idea. As siblings, it wouldn't be good if their misunderstood relationship became a scandal.

After she thought for a moment, she said, "Alright, I'll talk to Mrs. Gray and ask her to go take care of her."

Skyler was even more speechless. Does someone's daughter really need you to make a phone call to take care of their daughter? This would only cause trouble and make Mrs. Gray unhappy with Jodie.

But instead of reminding her, he agreed, "Indeed, someone from the Gray Family should. Since Mrs. Gray has a good relationship with you, she will definitely agree if you call her. Jodie will also be grateful to you.

With her son's affirmation, Skyler's mother finally smiled. "Okay, I'll make the call now."

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After she hung up the phone/she actually contacted Salma and told her about Jodie's phone call. She said Jodie was injured and lonely in the hospital with no one to take care of her, and she was pitiful. She also subtly blamed Simone and implied that Simone had caused harm to Jodie.

Salma knew about this incident. But she knew that Jodie had cursed Simone and ended up

getting hurt herself. She even pushed her three sons to take the blame. This shocked and displeased her, which also made her disappointed in Jodie. She began to doubt whether Jodie's previous obedience was just an **act**. Now, when she heard Melinda twist the truth, she didn't know what to say. If it had been in the past, maybe she would have believed it, but now, she had watched the live stream replay, and she had been scolded by her husband and her own parents. She finally knew the truth.

What made her even more disgusted was that she was Jodie's foster mother; she had raised her all these years. She loved her as her own daughter. For the sake of this foster daughter, she even severe

d ties with her biological daughter. Jodie had something to deal with, and the first

person she thought of was Melinda. *Did she even think of me as her mother?* Melinda had to call and remind her that she had to take care of her adopted daughter. It made her feel as if she had mistreated her adopted daughter. It made her feel embarrassed and uncomfortable.

Salma reluctantly agreed, but her face turned sour after she hung up the phone. However, she didn't want her foster daughter to misbehave again or let others gossip about it. So, she called her personal assistant and asked them to fly to Slovance to take care of Jodie. They should bring her back if they could.

In Slovance, Jodie was still waiting for news at the hospital. Suddenly, her body trembled as if something was leaving her body. She realized that her luck was significantly weakened.

She was puzzled and wondered what was happening. Then, she glanced at the back of her hand and couldn't help but exclaim, "Oh, how did this happen?" There were actually spots on the back of her hand.

This was what her brother had mentioned, the backlash of her actions.

She didn't understand what was going on.

Then her phone rang.

When she saw that it was a call from Melinda, she tried to calm her racing heart and answered, "Mrs. Foster!"

Melinda spoke in a gentle tone, "Jo, I reached out to Leon, but he still has to continue hosting variety shows, so he can't come to take care of you."

She continued thoughtfully, "So, I called your mother, and she said she would send someone to take care of you."

Jodie was speechless. Who told her to go find her foster mother? This was causing trouble for her.

Why was this old woman so foolish? And she could also guess why her luck had significantly deteriorated again.

It was highly likely that the problem lay with Leon.

As she suppressed the urge to curse, she expressed her gratitude, "Thank you so much, Mrs. Foster."

She then cautiously asked, "Mrs. Foster, is Leon not happy?"

Melinda became angry when she heard this. "He's acting so arrogant now. As his mother, I can hardly control him. Forget about him; just mentioning him makes me angry."

With that, Jodie understood.

Indeed, the problem was with Leon

Chapter 202 Counting On You

Jodie immediately regretted her decision. She shouldn't have called Mrs. Foster. She couldn't help but unleash her anger on her. That elderly woman was too foolish and always caused more harm than good. And now her luck had diminished because of it. She wasn't in the mood to talk to Mrs. Foster anymore, so she just exchanged a few perfunctory words and hung up.

She didn't dare to call Salma either. She knew her foster mother well enough to understand that if Mrs. Foster called her to discuss taking care of her, she would be very unhappy and have objections about it. But she really didn't want to be left alone in the hospital like this. She had grown up being pampered and cared for, and now it was incredibly difficult to be

alone.

Luca and Aaron treated her poorly, but she knew her other brothers wouldn't be the same. So, she tried calling Reuben, but his phone was turned off. She guessed that Reuben was probably in a meeting or something.

As for Titus, she skipped him altogether. That guy was a jerk now.

Then she called Andrew. This time, the call went through. So, she immediately complained to Andrew as she cried and told him about her injuries. She emphasized over and over again that she didn't harm Simone. But her other two brothers didn't believe her. Not only did they blame her, but they also didn't com

e to see her. They left her alone in the hospital, which made her feel especially pitiful.

After she was comforted by Andrew, Jodie sent him a photo of her pale face wrapped in bandages, with her hands and feet in casts, in order to gain sympathy. Among the five Gray brothers in the Gray Family, Andrew was the

one who had loved and spoiled her the most since childhood. Whatever she wanted, he would always fulfill her wishes. After Simone returned home, Andrew was also the most protective brother towards her, just for her sake. At first, when Simone was just recognized as their sister, the other brothers were actually quite kind to her. That's why Simone treated them even better. Jodie was afraid that her brothers' love for her would be taken away by Simone. So, she instigated and hinted that Simone was bullying her and causing some trouble. That was when they gradually started targeting Simone as they thought that she had caused trouble and told her to stop bullying Jodie.

Of course, it was their own disbelief in Simone, so she couldn't blame her. And Andrew was the coldest one among the brothers towards Simone ever since she came home. So, compared to the other four brothers, Simone and Andrew's relationship was more distant. Andrew always protected Jodie. Like that day when her face was hurting, it was Andrew who snatched the bracelet from Titus and gave them to her. So now, Andrew definitely wouldn't blame her like the others.

Sure enough, Jodie's crying and the sight of her pitiful photo made Andrew feel heartbroken.

He comforted her on the phone for a while.

Jodie pouted and said, "Andrew, I feel so lonely and scared in the hospital. Can you come and keep me company?"

Andrew sighed helplessly. "Jo, I'm currently abroad with Dad. I'll call Luca and Aaron first to ask them to take care of you. If they are still heartless and don't care, I'll find a chance come and see you."

Jodie hesitated when she heard this. "If that's the **case**, will Dad be unhappy?"

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She did not want to anger her father.

Andrew said, "It's okay, I won't tell him. I'll come to see you, and he won't know."

Jodie really wanted someone to take care of her now, so she agreed. "You're the best, Andrew." They chatted for a while before they hung up the phone.

Andrew didn't watch the live stream, but he already believed in his heart that Simone had caused Jodie to be injured like this.

As for Luca and Aaron, they were so cold-hearted.

He contacted the production team and obtained Luca and Aaron's phone numbers. He called Luca first, as they often hung out together and had a closer relationship. Luca recognized Andrew's phone number. When he saw the incoming call, he guessed that it should be related to Jodie, so he didn't answer. He took his phone and knocked on the door of the next

room.

Aaron was wearing a bathrobe with wet hair as he opened the door. "What's up?"

Luca squeezed in. "Has Andrew contacted you?"

Aaron shook his head. "No!"

Just as he finished speaking, the phone on the bed

rang.

The two glanced at each other, and Luca said, "Answer it. Otherwise, he won't give up."

Aaron rolled his eyes. "Why don't you answer?"

Luca said, "Because you're the younger brother."

Aaron was speechless. This was taking advantage of him as the younger brother.

He knew Andrew's personality. If he didn't answer, he wouldn't have peace today. So, he answered and put it on speakerphone. "Andrew, why are you calling me all of a sudden?"

Andrew asked angrily, "Why didn't you and the others go to the hospital to accompany Jo?"

Aaron knew it would turn out this way. "Do you know about Jo, Luca, and Simone?"

Andrew said, "Of course I do. You guys are going too far."

As soon as he heard this, Aaron knew that there was no way to explain or communicate with his older brother. "Yes, yes, we went too far. Luca **has** some issues to settle, **and** I have a stomachache, so I couldn't go to the hospital to be with Jo. Andrew, you're usually the one who loves Jo the most, and since you're free now, why don't you fly over and be with her?"

Titus, Aaron, and himself were all dragged into this mess. Andrew should be involved, too. Since they were brothers, they should be in this mess together. When Luca heard Aaron say this, he gave him a thumbs up. The words and tone of their older brother made him very unhappy. It seemed like he was the one who made a mistake, but he was actually the one being blamed by his step-sister! *So, just let the youngest brother, Andrew, experience it himself.*

Andrew was taken aback by Aaron, and he was speechless. Anxiously, he said, "I was brought abroad by Dad; I can't leave! How can Jo be alone in the hospital? Can't you guys be a little less heartless?"

Aaron sighed. "We have no choice; we really can't leave. Dad can't keep an eye on you all the time. I believe in your cleverness; you can definitely slip away. Luca and I trust you!"

Andrew had no words for them. He had a feeling that something was not right.

He expressed his frustration and said, "I can't rely on you guys; I have to do it myself. I'm really speechless toward the both of you."

Aaron quickly agreed, "Yes, you are always dependable. We have to continue recording the live stream tomorrow, so we won't be able to accompany you. Jo is counting on you. Hurry up and take care of her!"

Andrew couldn't be bothered to waste time. "Fine, I'll go by myself."

After he ended the call, he realized that his father was still in a meeting.

Therefore, he made an excuse to the secretary and slipped away.

He promptly booked a flight ticket to Slovance, then he packed his belongings and took a cab to the airport.

Chapter 203 You All Are Unreliable

It was already past 8 p.m. when Andrew arrived in Slovance.

He went straight to the hospital by cab.

Upon entering the ward, he saw Jodie curling up on the bed, appearing pitiful.

Even though she slept with her eyes closed, her sleep was restless.

Her face was pale, and she murmured, "It wasn't me. Seriously, it wasn't me. Luca, don't leave. I did do it. I didn't... Luca! Aaron! Please don't abandon me ..."

Seeing that she was sobbing in her sleep, Andrew walked over and gently caressed her face, feeling heartbroken.

What exactly has happened to Jo that she even cries out her grievance in her dreams?

As if sensing someone touching her, Jodie suddenly woke up and screamed, "Ah!"

She opened her eyes and saw the tired-looking Andrew, who had rushed here to check on her.

Tears streamed down her cheeks as she asked, "Andrew, is it you?"

Upon hearing that, Andrew quickly took out a handkerchief and wiped away her tears. "It's me. I'm here."

Jodie propped herself up with her uninjured hand before throwing herself into Andrew's arms, crying, "Andrew, you finally came. I'm in so much pain. I feel so uncomfortable and scared!"

While holding her in his arms, Andrew gently patted her back and comforted, “There, there, don’t be scared. I’m here now.”

Then, he cheered Jodie up and made her stop crying.

They chatted for a while, and Andrew asked, “Jo, do you want to eat something?”

“I’m not hungry. My appetite hasn’t been good these past two days,” Jodie replied and then asked, “Andrew, since you rushed over to visit me, you must have yet to have your dinner, right?”

Andrew explained, “I ate something on the plane, and I’m not that hungry now either.”

Just then, a thought came across Jodie’s mind, and she said, “Luca and Aaron’s livestream

should be ending soon. How about you go over and have a late-night snack with them and then come back to keep **me** company?”

The reason **Luca** and Aaron didn’t visit her in the hospital was that they had some grudges from before.

Jodie believed she could make them forgive her by acting cutesy and crying.

However, she couldn’t do anything if she couldn’t see them in

person.

Therefore, she had to ask Andrew to help and bring them over.

Andrew frowned. “Why should I look for them? I purposely came here to accompany you.” /

im in no mood to see those two heartless *brothers right now.*

With her eyes reddened in tears, Jodie leaned against him. “Luca and Aaron have misunderstood me. I want to explain to them, but they won’t give me a chance.”

Holding Andrew’s hand, she pleaded in a cutesy manner, “Andrew, please help me talk to them. Ask them not to be mad at me, okay? I will explain and apologize.”

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Andrew felt even more sorry for her when he saw her face carry a hint of wariness and inferiority. *Luca and Aaron* are Jo's elder brothers, yet *they* are still not as *sensible as her*.

Powerless against Jodie's request, he sighed and gave in. "Alright. I'll talk to them. Explain everything clearly to them when I bring them here to visit you later. I'm sure they won't blame you. Besides, it's not your fault this time. It's just that they and Simone are too heartless."

"I am to be blamed as well. Andrew, since they took their anger out on me because of Simone, don't mention Simone's name anymore when you look for them. I don't want anything unpleasant to happen between us again because of Simone," Jodie added despite agreeing with what Andrew said, for she didn't want him to dig into the past events.

Andrew ruffled her hair. "You really are too kind. Alright. I'll do as you say."

After comforting Jodie, he took a cab to the hotel where Luca and Aaron were staying.

Because their team performed poorly today, the livestream ended as soon as they finished dinner and returned to the hotel.

Meanwhile, the other two teams went to play games at an internet cafe. But since Simone actually called Tina to tag along, Tina promptly left the three of them behind and joined her.

This made Luca, Aaron, and Leon particularly unhappy.

At this moment, Luca was watching TV in Aaron's room.

Suddenly, Aaron's phone rang.

Upon seeing the caller ID, Aaron said, "There's a high chance that Andrew is here."

Luca twitched his mouth. "No doubt. He's pretty fast."

There's indeed no despair if there's no comparison.

I had asked Andrew to *bring* something to *the hospital* for me *when I was injured* and hospitalized previously.

Yet, he took his sweet time and *only* came the next day, not *to mention* we *live* in the same *city!*

Now, we're *two countries apart*. I *can't* believe he would fly to *Slovanca* as soon as he heard *Jodie is injured*.

It seems that in *Andrew's heart*, I'm not *as important* as Jodie.

Oh, *how heartbreaking!* *Such a f*cking toxic brother he is!*

While Luca was complaining inwardly, Aaron answered the call.

"Hey, Andrew, you're in Slovanca?"

Andrew, currently in the hotel lobby, replied, "I've already arrived at the hotel where you guys are staying. Tell me, which room are you in?" Aaron and Luca were stunned. What's *Andrew* doing here in *the* hotel?

"Aren't you supposed to take care of Jo? Why are you here?" Aaron asked before reporting his room number.

Andrew pressed the elevator button. "I have gone to the hospital. Jo asked me to come and find you guys.

Wait for me upstairs.

Then, he hung up the phone.

Aaron looked at Luca. "Don't tell me he's here to ask us to go to the hospital with him." With that, Luca said, "It's definitely it. But I don't want to go. In fact, I don't want to see Jo before we return to Corynthea."

After giving it a thought, Aaron suggested, "Let's not go then."

Soon, there was a knock on the door.

Aaron got up to open the door.

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Andrew entered, sat down, and scanned disdainfully at the room. "You guys stay in such a sh*tty hotel."

Upon hearing that, Aaron shrugged his shoulders. "We're too broke to afford a nice one."

Andrew sympathetically looked at the two of them. "You guys sure know how to find trouble. for yourselves."

Immediately afterward, he asked with a hint of gloat. "How about I spend money to help you. change hotels?" *By then, I can move them closer to the hospital so that they can take turns staying overnight in the ward with me.*

Aaron and Luca immediately refused when they saw his expression. "No need. We're working. It would be cheating if you spend money to change hotels for us."

Frankly speaking, they had no intention of staying with Andrew.

Moreover, the way he looked down on them and took pleasure in their misfortune upset them greatly.

Andrew curled his lips. "You guys take things too seriously."

Then, he got down to business. "Say, what's wrong with you two? How could you leave Jo alone in the hospital? Did you know she was curled up in a pitiful state when I visited her just now? She even had nightmares and kept crying, 'It wasn't me. Luca! Aaron! Please don't abandon me.' You guys truly have crossed the line."

However, neither Luca nor Aaron believed him.

After all, there was no such a mere coincidence as Jodie started having nightmares and cried those words out the moment Andrew visited her in the hospital.

Even so, they couldn't explain it to Andrew. They knew he undoubtedly wouldn't listen.

Hence, they could only say perfunctorily, “Yes, yes. We have gone too far. So, Jo will be under your care from now on.”

Andrew was speechless. “You all do acknowledge that you went too far, huh! In that case, why are you still not taking care of Jo?”

“We’re working and livestreaming. How do we have the time or opportunity to go to the hospital?” Aaron stated.

Then, he held his stomach and added, “What’s more, my stomach hurts. Even I myself need someone to take care of me. Going to the hospital will only cause more trouble.”

Luca also pointed to his throat and said in a hoarse voice, “Me too. I’m still sick.”

Their reasons left Andrew speechless. *None* of you can be relied upon.

Glaring at Luca, he said, “Previously, you agreed to join this live variety show for the sake of taking care of Jo. But look at how you’ve been taking care of her! Not only did you let her suffer such a serious injury, but you also played a part in bullying her.”

Chapter 204 Setting a Trap

Luca **was** furious as well. *If* Andrew were in *our* shoes, he *wouldn’t* say things like *these!*

He felt deeply wronged by the accusations when an idea suddenly struck him. Not only could he set a trap for Andrew through this idea, but it could also free him from the current torment.

Wearing a smile, he said, “If you think you can do it, go ahead! Compared to you, I’m not **very** sick at taking care of people. There’s only one episode left of this live variety show series. You can take over next time.

I seriously don’t want *to suffer any* longer. *Not only do I have to work hard to earn* money,

but Jodie, whom I have *specifically* offered to look *after*, also plays tricks on me. Moreover, I have once again offended Simone, my *biological sister*.

So, what *benefits* have I gotten by making Titus owe me a favor and agreeing to *participate* in this variety show? What was I thinking back then?!

If Andrew thinks *he's capable*, he should take over next *time*. I quit!

Instantaneously, Aaron's eyes lit up. "Andrew, you **can** swap with me if you want."

Andrew was speechless, wondering how the conversation turned into them asking him to take their place in the variety show.

He shook his head. "I'm not interested in joining variety shows."

But Luca said, "I wasn't interested in participating in variety shows before either, but I came for the sake of taking care of Jo. We can't take care of Jo, but you can. So, I'll let

you replace me for the next episode. As for me, I'll just be a temporary guest for this episode. That's settled, then. I'll go find the director tomorrow and discuss this with him."

"Why are you in such a hurry?" Despite being speechless, he was actually tempted. *Luca does have a point. Indeed, I can look after and protect Jo from being bullied if I participate in the live variety*

show.

Still, something feels off, judging by how eager Luca and Aaron want me to replace them.

"So now you can show us what you can do. But of course, we have to talk to the director first. Otherwise, someone else might take the spot, and how will you protect Jo then?" Luca

persuaded.

Giving him a suspicious look, Andrew asked, "You're up to something, aren't you?"

Upon hearing that, Luca rolled his eyes at him. “What could I possibly be up to? It’s just a

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variety show, not a big deal. Didn’t you just blame me for not taking good care of Jo when that was clearly my purpose for joining the variety show? So now, you can show us how well you can look after her.”

At once, Aaron chimed in, “Yeah, Andrew, show us what you can do. We can I earn from you in the future.”

It’s too bad that Luca has taken *the* initiative and asked Andrew to switch with him. Otherwise, I would’ve quit *continuing to be* a guest on this *live variety show*.

I participated in the *first episode solely for the sake of Jodie*.

In the end, not *only* was I criticized *by* the entire internet, but a group of fans also turned *against me*. To make things worse, *my relationship* with Simone became even more strained.

Yet, *Jodie* still *showed* no signs of appreciation after I *endured* so much hardship and *injustice*.

Life is tough! Someone! Anyone! Please come *and* save me! Maybe *I can* persuade Titus *or Reuben* to take my place on *the next episode of this* live variety show after returning to Corynthea this time.

Seeing his two brothers urge him like this, Andrew figured he would come across as melodramatic if he declined them.

After all, he shared the same opinion as them.

Therefore, he nodded at Luca. “Alright. Go and ask the director tomorrow if I can take place.”

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Luca immediately responded, “Most definitely can. Just leave it to me. I’ll make sure it’s taken

care of.”

Seeing Luca look as if he was eager to pass on a burden, Andrew felt that he had ulterior motives.

Suddenly, he remembered an issue. "But with Jo injured like this, can she continue doing livestream in the next episode?"

Luca hesitated momentarily. That's right! *I was only focused on quickly getting rid of the burden* and had forgotten *about* this.

"She probably won't be able to recover in time if we stick to the usual schedule," he said.

In an instant, Andrew changed his mind. "In that case, I won't replace you. Jo isn't going to be in the live variety show, so why should I participate?"

Still, just to be safe, Luca suggested, "How about I go and talk to the director? If Jo joins the next episode, then you can replace me. If Jo isn't joining, you don't have to replace me, and

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I'll back out as well."

Either way, *I'm not going to subject myself to such thankless suffering in the next episode.*

If Jodie doesn't participate, I will also discuss it with the director and request him to find other guests to take my place.

Aaron couldn't help but say, "I'll also back out then."

Without Luca, I feel awkward when facing Simone alone, mainly because I have realized that Jodie isn't as innocent and pure as I thought. That's why I feel guilty when I see Simone.

As Luca could now understand Aaron's feelings very well, he patted his shoulder and said, "Then let's both back out together. Maybe we'll receive less criticism."

I've got my head chewed off by Simone in this episode alone.

Moreover, even if I don't go online and read the comments, I can guess that the viewers must have criticized me for my appearance and actions throughout the variety show's livestreaming.

Whether it was questioning Harry's singing and getting humiliated *or confronting Simone* without *getting the facts* straight, all these actions *undoubtedly* would make me a target of criticism.

Maybe some of my fans even unfollowed me because of this.

I really suffered a loss from participating in this variety show this time. Not only did I receive no appreciation, but it also affected my reputation.

My life is so *d*mn* hard!

Andrew nodded. "Sure. If Jo participates, then I'll participate. Otherwise, I won't bother. Come. Let's have a late-night snack together. After that, you guys can come with me to the hospital to visit Jo. She's been feeling so wronged and upset that you guys ignore her. She keeps telling me that she wants to explain things to you guys and doesn't want to have a strained relationship with you guys because of Simone."

Sure enough, Luca and Aaron were ready to ask Andrew to treat them if they were purely going to have a late-night snack.

But upon hearing the last few words that escaped Andrew's lips, they instantly changed their

minds.

Aaron clutched his stomach. "My stomach hurts so much that I can't walk. Let's talk about it

tomorrow."

Luca also rubbed his throat. "My throat aches so much that even drinking water is difficult, let alone having a late-night snack. You go to the hospital to take care of Jo first. Tomorrow,

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Aaron and I will meet you there.

As for whether they would go or not, it was up to them.

Judging from their states and hearing Luca's voice indeed sounded hoarse, Andrew believed him.

"Alright. Then you guys must come tomorrow." He stood up and added, "I'll go back to the hospital first. I don't feel comfortable leaving Jo alone in the ward."

Upon hearing that, Aaron silently expressed his protest. *Jodie had been all alone at the hospital since she got injured a few days ago.*

Knowing her personality, *she would never allow herself to suffer.*

Luca had a similar thought.

That day, he was so angry that he couldn't eat. Yet, he saw Jodie, who was injured, enjoying a sandwich when he went to the hospital.

Even so, Luca and Aaron were wise enough not to mention or remind Andrew about it.

On the contrary, they kept emphasizing, "Yes, that's right. Jo is alone in the hospital, so she needs you now."

Just as Andrew opened the door and was about to leave, Aaron suddenly asked, "Does Dad know

you came here?"

Andrew turned around and said, "Of course not. If Dad knew, would I still be able to come? But I did message his secretary, saying I wasn't in a good mood and wanted to relax at the nearby attractions. I told him to contact me before they return to Corynthea, and I'll come back to meet them and return to Corynthea together with Dad."

This way, it would be less likely for Dad to suspect me.

Aaron smiled and praised, "Andrew, you are indeed clever."

Andrew smirked proudly. "Of course."

Once again, he drew **Luca**

and Aaron's attention to his request. "You guys must come to the hospital tomorrow. Or else, I'll personally come and summon you."

Aaron waved his hand. "No problem. See you tomorrow!"

With that, Andrew left with peace of mind.

Once the door closed, Aaron said to Luca, "Call Dad and betray Andrew."

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"This way, Dad will definitely send someone to find Andrew tomorrow. He will most likely bring Jo back to Corynthea."

To avoid dealing with Andrew and Jodie tomorrow, they had no choice but to betray Andrew.

Surprised, Luca looked at him with a gaze that said, "I never expected you to be such a cunning person.

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Aaron **was** speechless. "I'm just asking whether you want to betray Andrew or not."

"We must!" Luca answered decisively. Otherwise, Andrew will pester us *beyond* endurance with *this* matter.

Hence, the two called Steven.

Chapter 205 We Can't Let This Happen

Steven had just finished a meeting when his secretary informed him that Andrew had gone to have fun at the nearby attractions. He didn't suspect a thing as he knew Andrew couldn't sit still. Shortly after, his phone rang. Upon seeing that it was an unfamiliar number but with a domestic area code, he answered out of curiosity. As soon as the call got through, he heard Aaron's voice on the other end.

“Dad, do you have a moment?” Steven was surprised a little before replying, “Yes. What’s the matter?”

Aaron stated helplessly. “Well, there’s indeed something. You see, Andrew just came to me and **Luca, asking** us to accompany him in taking care of Jo. But we’re currently filming a live variety show. Plus, we had some conflicts with Jo before, so it’s inconvenient for us to go. Yet, Andrew kept insisting. So, we have no choice but to come to you.”

Then, he intentionally added, “Didn’t you take Andrew away before? How did he end up in Slovance?”

Steven’s face darkened, for he hadn’t expected Andrew, who claimed to be going to nearby attractions to relax, to actually fly to Slovance.

Andrew obviously had gone to find Jodie!

Furthermore, not *only* did he go to take care of *her himself*, but he *also* dragged his *other two brothers*. into it. It’s simply outrageous!

“He had gone to the hospital to look after Jodie?” he asked.

With that, Aaron replied, “Yeah. He said he came specifically to take care of Jo. He even scolded Luca and me, blaming us for not taking good care of Jo and saying that we were too heartless.”

He wasn’t exaggerating, though. Those were all words spoken by Andrew.

Upon hearing that, Steven frowned and asked, “Does he not know what happened a few days ago?” He had been busy and hadn’t informed Andrew about it.

Luca chimed in, “He knows. Jo told him everything. But he believes she is innocent and blames us for being heartless and going too far.”

If we don’t betray Andrew, who else can we betray? Serves him right for gloating at us and blaming us as soon as he arrived!

Steven's face grew even darker. "This sem! I can't believe he couldn't distinguish right from wrong. Why doesn't he show the same concern for his biological sister? It's clear that Simone

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is the victim, but he goes to comfort and takes care of the perpetrator."

Luca sighed. "Exactly. He even blamed me, too."

Sure enough, Steven couldn't let Andrew continue like this.

It's because I hadn't *properly* cared for my sons before *that each* of them was getting manipulated *by* Jodie now.

"Keep **an** eye on Andrew. If he picks on Simone because of Jodie, I want you two to intervene quickly and drag him away," he instructed.

Then, he emphasized, "I will send someone to Slovence tomorrow to bring him and Jodie back together."

To prevent Jodie from instigating Andrew and causing any trouble, Steven figured it would be safer to bring them both back to Corynthea.

"Okay, Dad."

Upon hearing that, Aaron and Luca breathed a sigh of relief.

As expected, Dad won't *let* us down.

Right *now*, we *can* only pray *and hope for the best for* Andrew.

After hanging up the phone, Steven pondered momentarily before contacting Salma.

He informed her about Andrew deceiving his secretary and secretly going to Slovence to find Jodie.

He asked Salma to personally go to Slovence tomorrow with his assistant and bring the two of them back.

Once Jodie returned, Salma was to keep a close eye on her and prevent her from causing any trouble.

As for Andrew, Steven would deal with him when he returned.

Salma didn't expect that Jodie would ask Andrew to sneak off to Slovence after she contacted Melinda.

Hence, she was particularly unhappy and didn't want to go.

But since her husband insisted, she couldn't refuse and could only agree.

At the same time, she was even more disappointed in Jodie and couldn't help but feel a

dislike for her.

I must teach Jodie a lesson once I have brought her and Andrew back with me.

In the hospital, Jodie was disappointed when she saw Andrew return to the ward alone.

"Andrew, where are Luca and Aaron? They're not coming with you?" she asked with a hint of grievance. "Are they still unwilling to forgive me?"

Andrew walked to her bedside, sat down, and replied, "No. Aaron has a stomachache, while Luca has a sore throat. So, they couldn't come today. They promised me that they will surely come to see you tomorrow."

Only then did Jodie feel relieved and take the initiative to lean into Andrew's embrace.

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held onto his waist tightly and rubbed his shoulder. "Thank you, Andrew!" After a moment of thought, Andrew said, "Luca said he will talk to the director tomorrow about me replacing him as a guest on the next live variety show."

Jodie was taken aback. "Huh? Luca wants to switch?" Her resentment grew stronger.

Why does Luca want Andrew to replace him? Is he implying that he doesn't want to appear on the variety show with me? How can a grown man like him be so petty?

Andrew smiled and said, "It was my idea. Luca and Aaron couldn't take care of you properly, so I'm worried. That's why I asked him to talk to the director. Of course, I won't join either if you don't participate in the next episode."

His words touched Jodie a little. *As expected, Andrew cares about me the most.*

"I want to participate in the next episode. After all, I must finish what I have started. As long as I recover from my injury, I will participate."

As she spoke, she drew circles on Andrew's chest. "Andrew, I shall leave my care in your good hands then."

Lowering his head, Andrew looked at her with affection. "Okay. I will take good care of you."

This was a single room in the hospital with only one bed.

Andrew had originally planned to sleep on the chair for the night.

However, Jodie said she couldn't bear to see him tired and pulled him onto the bed with her.

After lying down, Jodie even snuggled into Andrew's arms, causing his body to stiffen.

Since he grew up, he had never been this intimate with her.

Now that he was holding Jodie, who was soft and had a hint of fragrance, he felt a strange sensation.

However, because he **was** tired from the day, he fell asleep while contemplating it.

Upon noticing Andrew's steady breathing, Jodie, who was in his arms, opened her eyes and revealed a smug smile.

The next day, Simone's group and another group continued to go out and have fun.

Andrew also woke up in the hospital room.

Because the bed was small, he had spent the whole night carefully holding Jodie. As a result, his entire body was sore.

After freshening up, he called Aaron and Luca, asking them when they would arrive at the hospital.

To his dismay, they informed him that they were currently earning money through livestream and couldn't come and asked him to wait until the evening.

Andrew was left speechless. Therefore, he could only take care of Jodie by himself.

In the afternoon, Simone and her friends went to a renowned restaurant for afternoon tea after finishing sightseeing the famous tourist attractions.

Andrew felt uneasy when he saw how relaxed and comfortable Simone was while Jodie lay in bed crying about the pain from her wound.

So, he decided to talk to Simone and ask her to stop making things difficult for Jodie.

He changed into a fresh set of clothes in the bathroom and came out.

Looking at Jodie, he said, "Jo, I'm going out for a while. I'll bring back your favorite cake later."

Jodie, who caught a glimpse of Andrew watching Simone's livestream, speculated that he might be going to cause trouble for Simone for her sake.

Naturally, this made her happy.

The more strained the relationship between the Gray brothers and Simone became, the less likely they would reconcile in the future and the more favorable it was for her.

Hence, she replied sweetly, "Okay, Andrew, go ahead."

Andrew left the hospital and called Luca. He informed him that he was going to that

restaurant to find Simone and asked if they wanted to join him.

Upon hearing that, Luca and Aaron panicked. *We can't let this happen!*

What if Andrew goes and gets ridiculed by Simone to the point that he refuses to participate in the next livestream? Moreover, Dad had warned us not to let him pick on Simone.

Thus, the two agreed to join him.

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Chapter 206 Arrived Just in Time

After completing their duties for a tourist group, Aaron and his team received their payment for translation services.

Aaron turned to Leon and Tina, suggesting, "Shall we call it a day and go for afternoon tea?" Leon and Tina were somewhat puzzled. "Afternoon tea?" Uninterested, they were prepared to decline when Aaron deliberately piqued their interest by saying, "I heard that Simone and the others went to a specialty restaurant for afternoon tea, so Luca and I also want to try it OUL

Upon hearing that Simone and her friends were there, Leon and Tina instantly changed their minds and agreed. "Sure! Let's go and try it out."

Tina even smiled and proposed, "We have enough money for afternoon tea if we have a simple dinner tonight and continue staying at the hotel we stayed at last night."

"Then, what are we waiting for? Let's go," Leon exclaimed.

Another day, another chance for them to see Simone.

Hence, the four of them hailed a cab and headed to the restaurant.

When they arrived downstairs, Andrew happened to come upstairs. As soon as he entered, he noticed Simone sitting with a group of people, laughing and talking.

As a well-known emerging director, Andrew didn't want to be caught on live camera.

Therefore, he contacted Jonah and asked him to request the staff to bring Simone over.

Even though Jonah agreed to make the request, he wouldn't force Simone if she was unwilling to.

Afterward, a female staff member approached Simone and whispered something in her ear.

Simone looked up, glanced toward the entrance, and saw Andrew standing there, acting affectedly.

He even took the initiative and waved at her after noticing her gaze.

Simone wasn't surprised that Andrew showed up.

Among the Gray Brothers, Andrew is the one who dotes on Jodie the most.

He, too, was the one who picked on me the most because of Jodie when I was still acquainted with the Gray Family in the past.

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Simone pondered momentarily. Then, she exchanged a few words with Zac Turner and the others, got up, and walked over.

Since Sembag No. 4 has come to find me, I will make him regret it.

Simone approached Andrew and asked coldly, "What do you want with me?" Andrew found Simone's cold attitude distasteful.

When we lived together in the past, this biological sister of mine gave me the cold shoulder after I lectured her for bullying Jo.

For others, she would prepare medicinal meals, specifically make throat lozenges, and express her concern for their well-being.

But when it came to me, it was merely having medicinal meals with others.

I even had to consider her mood when I asked for a massage.

At first, in an attempt to improve our relationship, I asked her to apply her geomancy knowledge and help me determine the best date to start my movie filming.

But in the end, we argued due to Jo's situation and parted ways unhappily.

Our relationship had become increasingly strained since then.

"I just want to ask. Why did you treat Jo-" However, Aaron, who rushed over, interrupted before he could finish his sentence.

Aaron swiftly approached Andrew and asked, "Andrew, what are you doing here?"

Meanwhile, Andrew looked at him/with a puzzled expression. Didn't we just talk on the phone? Just as he was about to speak, Aaron put his arm around his shoulder and added, "It's been a while since we last met. Come on. Let's go somewhere and talk."

Then, he smiled at Simone. "Please continue with what you're doing. We won't bother you."

Andrew still wanted to say something, but Aaron forcefully dragged him away by the shoulder.

Since Aaron had entered the building first, the cameraman filming the livestream was still behind.

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felt extremely fortunate that he had entered ahead of time. Otherwise, Andrew might

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for Simone she curled her lips when she saw Aaron dragging Andrew away.

taron sure arrived just in time.

What doesn't matter. I have plenty of opportunities in the future to deal with Sc*mbag No. 4.

For that reason, Simone didn't mind and returned to her original seat.

Andrew, who got dragged to a corner, shook off Aaron.

Looking displeased, he asked, "What are you doing?" Instead of answering him, Aaron pulled Andrew to hide behind a large pot of green plants.

Not only did they avoid Simone and the livestream camera, but they also avoided the cameraman who had just entered.

"I'm here to stop you, of course," he whispered.

Andrew was speechless. "Why would you stop me? Are you out of your mind?" Aaron gave him a disdainful look. "It's you who's out of your mind. Dad asked me to come."

After hearing what he said, Andrew was shocked. "Dad asked you to come? For real?"

"Well, duh! Do you think I would make up rumors about Dad? And it's not just Dad; Mom is here as well. They should be landing soon."

Salma had called Aaron before boarding the plane.

Andrew's expression changed. "How did Mom and Dad know that I'm here?" Then, he looked at Aaron with suspicion. "Did you and Luca betray me?" Aaron confidently replied, "Of course

not."

Ha! There is no way I'm going to admit it.

"You went on a vacation to relax the moment Jo got injured and hospitalized. With such coincidental timing, do you seriously think Dad couldn't figure it

out? He even guessed that you would come to bother Simone. So, he instructed me and Luca to come and stop you, no matter what.”

Andrew’s expression turned somewhat ghastly. “Dad is quite good at guessing.”

Then, he asked, “And Mom? Why is she coming?” Aaron replied, “She’s here to bring Jo back and look after her.”

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She has raised fo for so many years, Aaron said perfunctorily.

He pulled Andrew and continued, “Let’s go. I’ll take you downstairs. You go to the airport to pick up Mom and then take her to the hospital to see Jo”

If it was just his younger brother trying to stop him, Andrew would undoubtedly ignore him and continue to look for Simone.

But because of his parents, he had to dismiss this idea temporarily.

Andrew figured that if he couldn’t talk to her this time, he could always talk to Simone the next time he appeared on the variety show.

Therefore, he followed Aaron downstairs and was pushed into the car by him.

Secing Andrew leave, Aaron breathed a sigh of relief.

Finally, this guy is gone.

It’s too early for him to face Simone’s wrath now. He should experience it in the next episode of the variety show.

Judging by how mischievous Andrew is, he probably will suffer even worse than Luca.

Aaron returned upstairs and saw Tina had gone to Simone’s table.

Sitting beside Simone, she looked like an adoring fan who was favored by Simone.

Meanwhile, Leon and Luca, each holding a cup of coffee, glanced over with a hint of resentment in their eyes.

Aaron walked over and sat down. Then, he nodded at Luca, indicating that he had cared for Andrew.

Just like that, the three of them sat there and sipped their coffee while stealing glances at the other table.

As they listened to their conversation and laughter, they instantly felt a twinge of envy.

On the other side, Andrew went to the airport and was greeted by Steven's assistant.

They waited for a while, and Salma emerged with her personal assistant.

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rice. Andrew approached her with a smile. "Mom!" Salma coldly glanced at him and red his greeting.

Then, the four of them proceeded to the hospital. In the car, Salma remained silent, which made Andrew anxious.

Once they arrived at the hospital, Jodie immediately put on a pitiful expression upon hearing the sound of the door being pushed open.

But when she saw who entered, her expression froze.

What's my adoptive mother doing here in person? And why is my adoptive father's assistant accompanying her? Despite thinking of these, Jodie immediately put on a cute and surprised smile. "Mom, why are you here?" Compared to before, Salma's attitude toward Jodie had become much colder.

She replied, "I heard that you were injured, so I came to bring you back to Corynthea for

recovery.

With a hint of authority, she continued, "It's too late today. I've arranged for the flight tickets tomorrow. We'll go back together."

Even though Jodie didn't really want to go back, she didn't dare to refuse.

Hence, she could only pretend to be happy and grateful. "Mom, you're so kind to me. You even specially made this trip to pick me up. I'm so lucky."

In the past, Salma would have felt sweet and happy upon hearing such words.

But now, she couldn't feel happy, no matter what.

Still, she forced a smile and said, "I have raised you. Of course, I care about you."

After spending some time in the ward, Salma claimed to be tired from the journey and returned to the hotel to rest.

She also insisted on taking Andrew with her, leaving only her personal assistant to take care of Jodie.

Simone and the others moved to a different luxury hotel today.

After asking someone to inquire about this information, Salma asked Steven's assistant to book the same hotel for her.

She specifically even watched the livestream and waited on the lobby couch several minutes before Simone and the others returned to the hotel.

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When she saw Simone and the others enter, Salma adjusted her facial expression to appear friendly and approachable.

Then, she stood up and walked toward Simone.

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ed Simone happily conversing with her companions and realized her daughter. ed so brightly since she returned home over a year ago.

efom, she couldn't help but wonder if Simone had been unhappy during her time at

Simone was her biological daughter. She was a part of her, and Salma wanted to love her just as much as her other children.

However, due to Jodie's previous instigation and insinuations, she had mistakenly believed that Simone was wild and unruly.

That was why she wanted to teach her a lesson and make her realize her mistakes.

In fact, when Simone left the Gray Residence, Salma still believed she was simply throwing a tantrum and would return.

But now, she wasn't so sure solely because Simone's actions since leaving home not only showed no intention of returning, but she also intentionally caused a rift with her brothers.

Salma had kept up with many clips of this livestream episode. She discovered that her biological daughter wasn't wild or uncultured even though she grew up outside.

On the contrary, she was exceptional. Not only was she skilled in geomancy, but she also possessed many other talents and was fluent in foreign languages.

She was even more outstanding than the adoptive daughter that the Gray Family had carefully nurtured.

This made Salma proud but also left her feeling a bit uneasy, especially after learning that her adoptive daughter had conspired against her biological daughter and even personally cursed her. She felt even more uncomfortable.

She really wanted to see Simone and comfort her.

This trip to Slovence provided an opportunity for her.

When Simone saw Salma approaching, she was a bit surprised.

Salma actually came to Slovence for Jodie?! Such an endearing mother and daughter! Judging from how she's walking toward me now, I can bet my boots that she's here to find me.

Only, I wonder what her purpose is.

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Chapter 207 Why Are You So Shameless?

Could it be that she, like Andrew, came to question and blame me?

Since the camera crew turned off the live stream at the hotel to allow guests to relax and the viewers to take a break, they weren't following Simone at this moment.

Salma walked up to Simone and looked at her with gentle eyes. "Simone, I want to talk to

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Simone also wanted to know why Salma had come.

If it was about Jodie, she would have no qualms about confronting her.

She said to Zac and the others, "You guys go back to your rooms and rest. I'll come up later?"

"Okay!" Zac and the others nodded and left first.

In the elevator, Keira curiously speculated. "Is that woman Simone's biological mother?" Otherwise, she couldn't think of anyone who would come to find Simone at this period.

Since he had seen Salma at a dinner party before. Zac nodded. "Yeah. She's her biological mother."

This surprised the others.

"Do not tell me she's here to blame Simone for bullying Jodie. Keira expressed her concern Zac laughed and said. "Do you think Simone would allow herself to get bullied?" Upon hearing that. Keira suddenly smiled. "You're right. Simone isn't someone who would allow

idea.” herself to get bullied. It is I who had gotten the wrong

She now somewhat understood Simone’s character.

Simone will respond with even greater kindness if someone is kind to her.

But if someone wants to cause trouble, she won’t show them respect and will settle the grudge on the spot.

Harry also felt relieved after hearing what Zac said.

In the hotel’s lobby. Simone looked at Salma, who only showed this gentle and kind smile when she had just returned home.

Because of these moments, she later wanted to treat them well, thinking of them as her own family.

Yet, she never thought they would all believe Jodie and assume she was causing trouble under Jodie’s instigation, insinuation, and petty little tricks.

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sked coldly, Mrs. Gray, what do you want from me, Salina felt slightly forttable With Simone’s attitude. Even so, she didn’t reprimand her this time

to mend their relationship.

to tak in you. Let’s have dinner together,” she said,

Simone shook her head and turned her down. “There’s nothing for us to talk about. If there’s something, just say it here. Otherwise, I will go back to my room and rest.

She had no interest in having a heart-to-heart talk with Salma.

If truth be told, she did hope for it when she first returned home in her previous life. But as time went on, her heart grew colder, and she no longer had any expectations.

Salma was taken aback, clearly not expecting Simone to refuse.

She furrowed her brows slightly and elaborated, "I just wanted you to accompany me for dinner. Is that not possible?" Simone looked at her with a half-smile. "Mrs. Gray, we're not close enough to have dinner together."

At once, Salma looked at her in disbelief. "I'm your Mom! How are we not close?" Simone raised an eyebrow and said, "Didn't we cut ties long ago? Have you aged so much that you become so forgetful?" Salma felt a pang in her heart upon hearing these harsh words.

Then, she took a deep breath. "There's no grudge between a mother and daughter that lasts overnight. We were misled by Jodie's instigation and insinuation before, which resulted in misunderstandings between us. But now that we know it was a misunderstanding, we want to clear the air with you."

Simone smiled indifferently and said, "There's nothing to clear up. Since we've already cut our ties, it's better not to have any further entanglements."

After that, she bluntly added, "It's totally unnecessary if you're here to reconcile with me. I won't take back my words and the decisions I've made. To me, you are merely a stranger now. As long as you don't actively provoke and bother me, I will pay no attention to you either. But I will make you regret it if you do cause trouble. Just like your sons-I have dealt with each one of them, haven't I?"

"By saying this, Mrs. Gray, you should be able to understand my attitude, right?" she asked, which caused Salma to feel embarrassed. "Are you really not going to acknowledge us?" Simone chuckled and said, "It's not that I'm not going to. Instead, we are no longer related."

Feeling aggrieved, Salma explained, "I admit we had misunderstood you because of Jodie. But I did treat you well, too!" Indeed, she truly wanted to make up for lost time when Simone finally recognized them again.

After all, she and Steven had five sons and only one daughter. Hence, they both treasured

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they adopted Jodie because she was the same age as their missing daughter.

urthermore, à geomancy master told them that Jodie could assist them in locating their biological daughter.

However, their daughter was never found. As a result, Salma transferred all her maternal affection to Jodie.

Having been raised by the Gray Family for over a decade, Jodie had become obedient, sensible, and reliant on them.

When Simone returned to the Gray Residence, Jodie felt insecure and subtly hinted at a

mistreatment.

This led to their increased favoritism toward Jodie.

While Salma loved the adoptive daughter she had raised, she also held love for her biological daughter.

Simone sneered, "Yes, you did treat me well, but haven't I already repaid you? Moreover, haven't I paid an even greater price? Do you honestly believe that a small act of kindness can make me indebted to you for life?" She bluntly added, "Why are you so shameless?" She caught a fever not long after she returned to the Gray Residence.

After sending her to the hospital, Salma stayed by her side all night, showing genuine

concern.

At that time, Simone was touched, which prompted her to treat Salma with increasing kindness.

She prepared medicinal meals, provided massages, and reminded her to take her medicine daily.

However, she never expected such caring behavior to be short-lived and easily punctured when compared to Jodie.

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Chapter 208 Neither Can I Afford It, nor Do I Care

beginning Simone didn't feel jealous or resentful when she observed the Gray Family Jodie After all, strong affection would develop when one raised something for over

be it a dog or a person.

Upon returning to the Gray Family, Simone received a warm welcome. Steven immediately gave her a bank card and told her to spend it as she pleased. If she ran out of money, she could ask Salma or him for more.

Salma held her hand and tearfully expressed her relief about Simone finally returning home after suffering outside all these years.

Although the Gray brothers weren't particularly warm, they didn't have any ill intentions toward her at first. Even the coldest one, Andrew, would greet her and exchange a few words.

However, it didn't take long for Jodie to start coming up with petty little tricks. She insinuated to the Gray Family that Simone wanted to take everything away from her, including her status as the Gray Family's adoptive daughter.

Initially, they reprimanded Simone due to Jodie's accusations. Simone explained herself, but they didn't believe her. As the accusations continued, she grew tired of explaining because she realized it was pointless at all. Either way, because she constantly defended herself against their accusations of the things she didn't do out of their trust for Jodie, the Gray Family began to think that Simone liked to cause trouble. They were biased, only believing in their adoptive daughter, whom they had raised for over ten years, instead of their biological daughter, who had been wandering outside for over ten years.

Simone felt saddened and disappointed by their unconditional favoritism toward Jodie and the differential treatment. Actually, if they had taken the time to investigate Jodie's instigations and insinuations, they would see who was lying. But they didn't.

For that reason, their so-called concern and care were just a joke for Simone. That was why she wanted to leave the Gray Family before she was kidnapped in her previous life. She completely lost hope in them when they chose to save Jodie first.

Salma didn't expect Simone to not only refute her but also say such hurtful words. Indeed, Simone had treated us well and cared about us. But we're family, aren't we? Shouldn't we be supposed to care about each other? Besides, we were blinded before, which led to misunderstandings.

Why must Simone keep holding onto this and not let go?

Even though Salma was angered by how Simone mocked her for being shameless, she managed to hold back her anger and said, "The past is in the past. We know we have misunderstood you." Looking sincere, she continued, "That's why we want to bring you back home. From now on, we will make it up to you and genuinely treat you well."

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long? Her eyes were full of indifference and detachment. Save your

ress and compensation for Jodie to enjoy. Neither can I afford it, nor do I care.

aced at her watch. I didn't expect that these are the things that you want to say. Otherwise, I wouldn't have wasted nearly ten minutes here. I'm going back to my room to rest. Mrs. Gray, feel free to stay in this lobby as long as you want!" Indeed, she didn't expect Salina to come and make amends with her.

As they start discovering Jodie's true colors, realizing they had misunderstood me in the past, and remember my good qualities, huh? Who do they think they are for controlling me as they please?

Simone finished speaking and left without waiting for Salma to say anything.

Salma was dumbfounded. When she turned around to look at Simone's figure, she disappeared from her sight.

It was as if something precious had truly been lost.

An indescribable anger and disappointment lingered in her heart.

She couldn't believe that Simone would be so indifferent toward her. After all, they were blood-related! She had now realized that her adoptive daughter wasn't as innocent as she seemed and that her implications of claiming Simone bullied her were greatly exaggerated.

Furthermore, she even came to make amends with Simone in person, attempting to clear up the misunderstanding and bring her back home.

She had already humbled herself and taken the initiative, but Simone turned her down.

This was a bit of a blow to Salma.

As for Steven's assistant, he had been following Salma and overheard their conversation.

He was surprised by Simone's resolute attitude.

At the same time, he also realized that Simone really didn't want to return to the Gray Family or acknowledge anyone from the family.

He glanced at the somewhat lost and disappointed Salma and thought, They shouldn't have been heartless toward Simone in the first place. Since blood ties are so important to me, why did they force their biological daughter out due to their favoritism toward their adoptive daughter?

Now that they have discovered issues with their adoptive daughter, they came seeking out their biological daughter. Isn't this just asking for trouble?

Besides, it's not like Simone is forever indebted to them.

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her biological daughter's indifferent demeanor pissed her off

me treated me more like an enemy rather than her biological daughter.

I was also born into a prestigious family. Whether it's my maiden family or the Gray Family I married into, none has ever treated me like this before.

This is the first time someone has mocked me so openly, not to mention that someone is my biological daughter

A wave of frustration and anger built up inside her, but she couldn't let it out.

She had no appetite for dinner.

Suppressing her anger, she said to her husband's assistant, "I'm going back to my room to rest. You can go about your own business. I'll contact you if I need anything."

The assistant nodded. "Alright!" After Salma returned to her room, the more she thought about the incident in the lobby, the more upset and furious she became.

So, she called Steven.

After hearing her recount the conversation with Simone. Steven couldn't help but be speechless.

"Why did you go to find her now?" he asked. Isn't that just messing things up?

Salma explained with a grievance, "I know I misunderstood her before. I wanted to mend our relationship and meet her, so I figured this was a perfect opportunity for me to do so. Little did I know that she didn't show me any sign of respect. What do you suggest we should do? By the looks of things, I think she's not just playing around this time. She really doesn't want to acknowledge us."

"You've just realized that?" Steven became even more speechless.

Simone wouldn't have taught her brothers a lesson if she genuinely wanted to acknowledge us.

She even declined with an indifferent demeanor when I called her and asked her to help a friend with

geomancy.

Today, Salma took the initiative to go to her. Sure enough, her attitude, once again, made it clear that she was serious about cutting off ties.

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first, I thought we could look for Simone together and explain everything

ladie situation. Then, we'll find another opportunity to mend our relationship her back home. This way, it would demonstrate more sincerity

now the Nalma has taken such an action, it is completely counterproductive,

reannot let Jodie remain a major issue if we want to bring Simone back home. After all, I have no intention of creating another conflict between them.

Moreover, Simone won't get over her grudge with asf we don't personally address the problem with Jodie.

Salma was taken aback and slightly discouraged. "I-I had no knowledge of all these twists and turns. You never informed me before."

At once, Steven facepalmed himself. "I never expected you to go find Simone. Forget it. What's done is done. We can also let her know that we never intended to choose Jodie over her. We are a family."

He emphasized, "For now, refrain from seeking her out again. Let's resolve our issues with Jodie first. Then, we can find her together."

Upon hearing that, Salma nodded. "Okay. I will follow your lead. How should I treat Jodie, then? I really can't pretend to love her as I did before."

Her distaste toward Jodie intensified even more, especially after being rejected and ridiculed by Simone. Deep down, she felt that it was all because of Jodie.

"You don't have to pretend anymore. Just do whatever you want," Steven said.

Salma asked, "After I bring her back, can I hire someone to teach her some manners? Is that acceptable?" With that, Steven replied, "No problem. In fact, that's a good idea. Try to keep her confined at home and prevent her from going out."

I still haven't found what I need to investigate, so I fear sending Jodie away will alert the enemy and cause a major problem.

So, it will be safer to keep a close watch on her for now.

Salma understood. "Okay, I got it!" Things will be easier if we confine Jodie at home, for I have plenty of ways to deal with her.

Jodie, who was still in the hospital, sneezed repeatedly.

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Chapter 209 Andrew and Jodie Caught in the Act

Andrew went to Salma's room to find her. He approached cautiously and

Mom may I accompany you for dinner?

elf guilty towards his parents for secretly coming to Slovance

Sahna sneered. "If you're not going to have dinner with Jodie, why did you come to me?"

Andrew was speechless and replied, "Mom, that's a bit harsh, isn't it? As your son, shouldn't I accompany you for dinner? And even if I go to have dinner with Jo, what's the big deal?"

Why did everyone, whether it was Luca and Aaron or his mom, change their attitudes towards him after he went abroad with his father for a while?

Salma became angry when she saw his expression and said, "Then, why don't dinner with Simone?"

Andrew replied, "If I find her, will she even acknowledge me?"

He was aware of this fact.

"Mom, if you're not going to eat, I'll look for Jo."

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He originally wanted to go to the hospital to accompany Jo, and now he was just informing his mom beforehand.

Salma could see Andrew's intentions. She was furious and said, "What kind of aphrodisiac did Jodie give you?"

Andrew helplessly replied, "Mom, if you're in a good mood, just calm down. Why take it out on me and Jo?"

"She's injured and living alone in the hospital. If you don't care about her, can't I care about her either?" His words choked Salma, who pointed to the door in anger and said, "Get out. If you want to go, then go."

Little did she know that Andrew acted as if he had received a decree. He smiled and said, "Mom, then I'll go." After speaking, he quickly slipped away.

Salma was so angry that she almost had a heart attack.

Andrew went to the hospital to accompany Jodie. He also gave his room card to Salma's assistant and asked her to stay in a hotel. He would stay with Jodie at night.

He never stayed in the room before. The assistant initially refused, but she couldn't argue

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so she took the room card and left the ward

leaving, she called Salma and informed her about it. Salma asked her to come back first

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nie. Salma went to bed early but couldn't fall asleep because she was upset.

She got up and checked the time, and it was already midnight.

She thought for a moment and contacted Aaron and Luca.

Because there weren't many apps on their phone and they couldn't download them, the two of them had already fallen asleep out of boredom, but they were forced to get up by a call from Salma.

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Since they were forced to go to the hotel to pick up Salma, Luca rubbed his sleepy eyes asked. "Mom, why are we going to the hospital at this hour?" And she also brought the two of

them.

Aaron yawned. "Yeah. Can't we go tomorrow morning?" Salma's face looked at them with a stern face. "Andrew insisted on staying overnight at the hospital, sending my assistant back to the hotel. I wanted to go and see him and Jo."

This statement made Luca and Aaron less drowsy.

What did Salma mean by that? That said, they became curious about how Andrew night.

At the door of the hospital room, the three of them didn't knock.

Salma gave Luca a look. He understood and reached out to twist the doorknob.

The room was indeed not locked.

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Although it was nighttime, moonlight illuminated the hospital room, and the lighting was not too dim. After entering, they could vaguely see the situation inside the room.

Originally, they imagined that Andrew would be sitting on a chair or sleeping on a makeshift bed, but they did not see the man.

Aaron swept his eyes toward the hospital bed. His eyes widened, and he quickly pulled Luca and pointed over there.

Luca looked over and was startled.

D*mn it. Could it be what he was thinking?

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1 out and turned on the lights in the room

no took out her phone, opened the camera, and started recording towards the bed.

oor brightened. Salma saw Andrew intimately embracing Jodie.

and Luca, seeing this scene, didn't know what to say

Alina recorded with her phone, and they followed suit.

No wonder Andrew was so angry with Salma and insisted on coming to the hospital to send away her assistant and stay overnight himself.

This was how they took care of each other. They couldn't help but feel a bit strange watching the two of them like this.

The person on the hospital bed, awakened by the sudden light, opened their eyes. Jodie was the first to open her eyes and was about to raise her head in anger.

She thought it was a nurse who came to turn on the lights, but when she saw the three people standing in the room, she was startled, and her face turned paler.

She immediately wriggled out of Andrew's embrace and even pushed him away.

Her actions naturally fell into the eyes of Salma, whose face was as dark as ink.

Andrew had already been awakened by the light and was pushed by Jodie. He slowly opened his eyes and asked, "What's going on?"

When he saw the three people standing in front of him, he went from being extremely drowsy to instantly awake.

He sat up abruptly and spoke incoherently, "How did you guys come here?"

Salma was already furious, her mind almost bursting with anger, as she put away her phone.

After scanning the ward, she spotted a broomstick in the corner. She walked briskly towards it, picked it up, and swung it towards Andrew.

“How did I come here? If I hadn’t come, you would have kept me in the dark.” Her voice raised significantly. “Is this your idea of taking care of someone? You drove away my assistant, and this is how you keep watch?”

It was a sudden whim for her to come and see the two of them. It was indeed Andrew who drove away her assistant, insisting on taking care of Jodie.

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This made her curious about how he would take care of someone overnight, but she never expected to see this situation.

Even Salma, who considered herself well-mannered and cultured, couldn’t resist resorting to violence.

Chapter 210 Is This How You Repay Me?

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Andrew quickly dodged the broom

Then, he noticed the broom heading towards Jodie.

He immediately positioned himself as a shield, blocking the broom from reaching her.

“Mom, please stop,” Jodie pleaded

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Luca and Aaron noticed her reaction.

Their hearts sunk.

Andrew's face was scratched by the broom from the beating he received.

But Jodie hid behind Andrew and remained silent.

She was simply afraid of being beaten by Salma as well.

They had spent too much time with Jodie to know that she was most likely the one who called Andrew to sleep on the bed.

However, the fact that they had just been lying together like that was indeed hard for them to accept.

It was just too inappropriate.

Salma continued to hit, enraged. "I have eyes; can't I see? Do I look like someone who would misunderstand?"

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To prevent the conflict from involving Jodie, he jumped off the bed and ran to the door.

Mom, please calm down

As he dodged, he pleaded with a sense of injustice, “Don’t think of us in such a derogatory

We really don’t have anything going on!” What kind of situation was this? He and Jo did be a normal relationship, but when it came out of Salma’s mouth, it sounded different.

He felt wronged. But Salma didn’t listen. “If you two weren’t involved inappropriately, would others see you that way? Which siblings would hug and lie on the same bed together? You are

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She was truly going crazy.

There were still posts online showing Jodie hugging Luca and Aaron.

Fortunately, this was happening abroad and in a hospital room.

If it had been in Corynthea, being caught by paparazzi and posted online, the reputation of the Gray Family would have been completely ruined.

Tired of the beating Salma threw the broom away.

She turned to Jodie and asked. Jo, don’t you have anything to say?” Jodie clutched her

blanket

With teary eyes, she pitifully looked at Salma and said. ‘Mom. you’ve really misunderstood.’”

“Andrew came to stay with me. but there is no place to lie down here.”

“He came up and slept with me, thinking it would be fine for one night.”

“We didn’t do anything. We are innocent.”

Upon hearing the word ‘innocent, Salma’s anger surged again.

“Innocent people wouldn’t behave like you.”

“Lying together, sleeping in a more intimate embrace than husband and wife?” Neither she nor Steven did that.

Unable to control herself, Salma took a few steps forward and slapped Jodie twice.

Jodie. I have raised you for over ten years, treating you like my own daughter.”

“Is this how you repay me? Seducing my sons and developing an abnormal relationship with them that goes beyond siblings.

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ng discord and driving away my biological daughter, severing our relationship have a grudge against me? I raised you with great effort, and this is how you treat

creamed in pain, “Ah!” She also started to hate Salma but cried, “Mom, we didn’t do ything. You misunderstood me.”

Salma didn’t listen and remained unsatisfied.

She grabbed Jodie’s ear and pulled hard, delivering two more slaps.

Jodie, you have no shame.”

“What sister would intentionally seduce her brother like this? I almost went blind seeing you two just now.”

“All these years, I must have been blind to think you were a simple and kind girl.”

“A good girl wouldn’t shamelessly lie down with her brother like that.”

Andrew saw his mother hitting Jodie and immediately stepped forward to hold her hand.

“Mom, calm down.”

“This has nothing to do with Jo. It was my decision to sleep next to her.”

“It was also me who voluntarily embraced her while she was asleep.”

“Don’t be angry. We’re really not what you think.”

Salma was so angry that she nearly fainted.

At this point, Andrew was still lying just to protect Jodie.

Andrew pulled her back and forced her to let go of Jodie.

But he received a few slaps from Salma in return. “You b*stard.”

“According to you, you had impure thoughts about Jodie? How could the Gray Family have someone as shameless as you?”

Luca and Aaron saw Salma was furious and resorting to violence for the first time.

They couldn’t help but feel a bit scared.

Looking at Andrew, they felt their faces ache.

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Mom can you stop causing a scene

ad it so many times. Why can’t you listen? Let me say it again. Jodie and relationship. It’s not what you thinks

don’t believe it, then there’s nothing we can do.”

the first one he had been hit like this in his entire life.

Et were someone else, he would have fought back long ago.

But being hit by his own mother, what else could he do? However, he felt both frustrated and wronged in his heart. After all, they really didn’t have an improper relationship.

Salma was so angry that she didn’t know what to say anymore.

Two shameless b*stards.”

“I will tell your father about what happened today.”

“I can’t control you anymore. Let him handle it.”

After saying this, Salma stormed out of the hospital room.

Both Luca and Aaron looked at Andrew. “Andrew, what you did today was really out of line.”

“You’ve made Mom so angry. It’s unacceptable.”

After speaking, the two quickly went to chase after Salma, leaving Andrew and Jodie unsure of what to do.

Salma angrily went downstairs and only calmed down a little when a cool breeze blew.

Regardless of the time, she sent the recorded video to Steven.

She was at a loss on how to handle Andrew and Jodie.

She witnessed her adopted daughter shamelessly seducing her son.

All her previous tenderness had vanished, and she wanted to get rid of Jodie as soon as possible.

Otherwise, she didn’t know how much harm her sons would suffer.

She couldn’t let Jodie be like the rumors outside that she was the child bride she raised for her sons.

But Steven insisted on investigating something before they could get rid of Jodie.

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She didn’t know what to do

In addition to feeling angry. Salma was also hurt and heartbroken

Ever since Jatie was brought back, she had sincerely raised and loved her.

But Jodie repaid her in this manner

If Jodie was being mistreated or poorly treated by them, she could accept her actions.

But she had truly loved and cared for her for over a decade, and it even led to her biological daughter not recognizing her now.

In the end, she received such a result, which Salma found difficult and impossible to accept

This was not a daughter but an enemy she had raised. Is this the result of raising someone who wasn't her own? Her sons were no better, not only lacking in manners and decency but also protecting her even in such a situation.

What was the difference between this and a married man protecting his mistresses? The more Salma pondered over it, the more her heart ached and she even started to feel short of breath, clutching her chest and leaning against the wall.

Then, her face turned pale, and she fainted.