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“That means he still needs to work on his acting skills.

Jojo: Come on, Aaron, have some congee. Aaron: Well, thank you..

I suddenly feel sorry for Aaron. Having a sister like this must be tough.’

As Aaron’s fans watched the livestream, **they** couldn’t **help** but feel sorry for their idol and husband.

Simone

and her group didn’t go to the farmers’ homes to find work that day. Instead, they stayed in **the** yard, with Simone fixing electrical appliances and tutoring the children in the village, while Zac and the other two continued teaching their classes.

During lunchtime, each family of the children who came to learn prepared a dish for them, discussed.

As a result, Simone’s group had a table full of food for lunch without having to go out.

Zac took a picture of the dishes and shared it in the group chat.

Zac: We have a table full of food without going out. I’m afraid we won’t be able to finish it all.

On the other hand, Aaron and the others heard the notification sound on their phones and absentmindedly opened the group chat.

Instantly, the four of them were speechless.

Aaron nearly swore out loud. “I shouldn’t have clicked on it.”

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As Leyla looked at the picture of the abundant dishes on the table and then back at the bowl of noodles in front of her, she suddenly regretted her decision to choose this group.

That day, they found a job helping with rice harvesting. Jodie and Leyla didn't go to the fields to harvest paddy but instead bundled the paddy harvested by others and loaded it onto hand carts.

However, they couldn't last even an hour and began to feel their backs and hands aching. Their work became slower and slower.

Leon and Aaron helped with rice harvesting in the field and only managed to persist for a little over an hour.

Naturally, the host was not satisfied with their work, and the lunch provided was just a bowl of chicken noodle soup.

Just then, Leyla suggested, "Should we go teach the village children singing and dancing too?"

Yet, Jodie vetoed the idea immediately. "I don't think we should. Otherwise, the other group might think we want to steal their students. It was Simone's idea to teach the village children. I don't want to do the same thing as her."

Her reason left Leyla speechless. "But we're really not good at this job today. The host said that if we continue like this in the afternoon, they won't pay us.

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This host didn't mind making them look bad at all.

Jodie also found it quite frustrating. "Haven't we already done enough? The host today is too demanding.

After some thought, she suggested, "**Why** don't we go to town to make some money? Simone and her group have been learning shadow puppetry these past few days. It's much more interesting than just doing manual labor. **If we want** to stand out in the livestream, we need to figure out a way."

Leon asked, “But **how**? Do we look for jobs?” **He** really didn’t want to harvest rice anymore. Since he had never done such labor before, he was experiencing soreness **in** his back and pain in his hands.

To make things worse, the sun was scorching in the afternoon. Being out in the fields under its intense rays left **their faces** several **shades** darker and even caused sunburn.

She suggested, “We can perform. I can play the guitar, Aaron can dance, and both you and Miss Morse can sing.” She had learned to play the guitar with Luca before.

This morning, she discreetly asked one of the production staff behind the live stream camera. The person said that her yoga practice wasn’t generating as much interest as Simone’s martial arts practice, and there was a significant difference.

This upset her; she couldn’t understand why her graceful yoga practice couldn’t compete with Simone’s rough martial arts practice. What were the viewers thinking? So, she came up with an idea to showcase her versatility to her audience.

When she suggested the plan, the other three didn’t object. After all, they were all tired of manual labor and didn’t find rice harvesting or paddy bundling appealing. Performing would likely be more enjoyable.

Thus, they discussed the idea with Jonah. He not only didn’t oppose it but also provided them with a car to take them to town. *Their livestream does need some changes to make it more interesting.*

While they were heading to town, Simone’s group visited the home of the old man who made shadow puppets. The old man had already prepared the puppets needed for their performance and now needed to rehearse with them.

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He began by saying, “I’ll teach you how to manipulate the shadow puppets, and then you can provide the voices for the characters you’re holding. But there’

s still an issue that needs to be resolved; otherwise, the performance will have a flaw.”

Eric asked, “What’s the issue?”

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The old man explained, “The music. When we performed shadow puppetry in the past, my son was responsible for the music. *Sigh*. Unfortunately, he’s no longer with us, and my grandson isn’t skilled at playing those instruments. So, we may need your production team to find someone who can play the instruments.”

Sitting in a corner of the room, Jonah asked, “Sir, what musical instruments are needed for the music?”

To answer the question, the old man took them to a separate room and pointed to a cabinet filled with various instruments. “These.”

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When Jonah and the others looked over, they found a drum, castanets, fiddle, dulcimer, flute, and

trumpet.

The elderly man said, “I can play the castanets and flute, but I’m not skilled with the other instruments.”

Jonah looked a bit troubled. “Then we’ll need someone skilled in playing drums, fiddles, dulcimers, and trumpets. We might have to find someone from outside, but I’m not sure if they’ll make it in time.”

Their performance was scheduled for the day after tomorrow, and it would be challenging to bring in several skilled musicians from out of town in such a short time.

At this moment, Simone raised her hand. “Why don’t I give it a try?”

Everyone in the room looked at her in complete surprise. Does she know how to play the instruments too?

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When Simone noticed everyone's shocked expressions, she awkwardly asked, "Why are you **all** looking at me **like** that?"

Zac approached her and inquired, "Can you play **all these** instruments?"

She nodded. "**Yes, I have** learned to play them all."

Before crossing over to the other **universes**, Simone **used to take** fiddle **classes**. **As** a result, she was quite familiar with the **several** instruments before **her** and knew how to play them.

Zac's **eyes** sparkled as he looked at her. "You're amazing, Simone."

Simone smiled. "Thank you for the compliment!"

Meanwhile, the **elder was** shocked but grinned as he beckoned—Simone over: "Come here, young lady. I'll give you a score. Try playing these instruments."

Simone nodded. "Sure!"

The elder took out several music scores from the cabinet and opened one, pointing to a page. "Use the fiddle to play this piece."

Simone carefully examined the score, then took the fiddle from the elder and began playing. Soon, a lively and cheerful fiddle piece filled the air.

The elder smiled in satisfaction. "You're quite skilled at playing the fiddle."

Next, the elder asked Simone to try the drums, dulcimer, and trumpet.

Simone remained confident and calm as she played each of the scores given to her by the elder. Once she finished, the elder's smile grew even wider. "Very

good. I'm confident that you can handle playing the soundtracks. There's no need to look for anyone else."

Smiling, Simone murmured, "Sure. I'll take care of the soundtracks."

Jonah smiled slightly. "Miss Gray, you've made things very easy for our crew."

Meanwhile, Keira and Eric couldn't help but admire Simone. Although they didn't know how to play these instruments, they could hear how well she had played the pieces.

Keira asked, "Simone, do you play any other instruments besides these?"

"I know a few others," Simone replied. Keira then asked, "For example? Can you list a few?"

Simone answered, "I can play the harp, banjo, flute, clarinet, ocarina, piano, cello, guitar, saxophone,

and bass."

Everyone on set fell silent as they suddenly had the urge to ask what she couldn't play. It was simply amazing.

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Zac's eyes filled with smiles. "**You** know how **to play** the guitar too? **Why** don't **we** play **a** duet when **we get** back?"

Simone nodded. "**Sure!**"

Then, Keira pointed at the banjo on the cabinet.

"Simone, **I would** like **to** hear **you** play the banjo. **Can** you perform a piece **for us?**"

Simone also liked the banjo and had **spent a** long time practicing it when she was in **a** retro universe. "No problem!"

She asked the elder if **she could use** the banjo. Not only did the elder not refuse her request, but he even personally handed it to **her**. “I would like **to hear you** play the banjo too.”

The young lady **grew** on him the more they interacted.

‘How could Simone know how to play so many instruments? She must be bluffing.

‘I think the show must be scripted. Simone is only acting according to the script, otherwise, how could she know **so** many instruments?’

‘She must have practiced the pieces she played with those instruments in private.

“This show is too fake. This scene is obviously staged for us to watch.

‘Yet the crew dares to claim they’re realistic. I’m going to report on this show.’”

‘Don’t you think the crew is too biased toward Simone? Why does she get all the attention?’

‘I heard Simone previously saved the director’s wife, which is how she got on this show.’”

‘Look at that. How could this relationship not seem suspicious?’

‘I’m speechless. The director is hyping Simone and even planned a scripted scene for her. Does he take us audiences for fools?’

There were suddenly many complaints and skeptical comments on the screen.

The very first few comments that set the mood were from the paid trolls Titus hired. He planned to make Aaron and Jodie seem like close siblings while also portraying Jodie as a lovable person, creating a comparison with Simone. However, none of that was successful. Worse still, all of that failed in comparison to Simone.

In contrast, Jodie didn’t become as popular as they had hoped, and her reputation had even

plummeted. Titus felt suffocated because he couldn't accept the fact that his plan had failed. Therefore, he hired paid trolls, hoping to make Simone look bad by claiming that the crew was trying to hype her popularity with a script.

This plan could tarnish Simone's image and help Jodie regain some of her reputation.

They could say that the crew intended to hype Simone's popularity, thus suppressing Aaron and Jodie.

When Aaron and Leon's fans saw the situation, they immediately followed the trend and began

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criticizing and scrutinizing Simone.

Although Simone's fans tried to counter, **they were** no match for the paid trolls and fans of the other three celebrities, so their comments were soon drowned out.

Upon seeing the sudden influx of comments, Jonah knew **that** someone had hired paid trolls to frame Simone and the crew. He frowned, knowing that the situation would worsen if this continued. He would admit it if this **show was** scripted, but it wasn't, so he couldn't let someone else frame him for it.

Currently, Simone held the banjo and asked, "Which song would you like me to play?"

Those words puzzled the crowd because they rarely had the chance to listen to a banjo piece, so they didn't know what to choose.

Keira suggested, "Why don't you choose something yourself?"

Jonah raised his head and watched as Simone confidently asked everyone to choose what she should play. That meant she knew a lot of banjo pieces.

Then, he scanned the comments on the screen and contemplated for a moment before asking Simone, “Why don’t we let the livestream viewers choose what song they would like to hear?”

Such an interaction could liven the atmosphere and show that Simone was indeed skilled at playing the banjo. More importantly, letting the audience choose a song could diminish their suspicions because it meant the song chosen would be random and, therefore, prove that Simone had not practiced it in advance.

Smiling, Simone stated, “Sure! Let’s have the audience choose. I’ll play the song if I know it.”

‘Wow! How can my wife be so talented?’

‘Heavens, my wife knows how to play so many instruments!’

‘Our darling spoils us so much. Did you hear what she said? She will play whatever song we choose.’

‘Those who said this show is scripted and that she is only pretending to know how to play so many instruments and can only play pieces the crew gave her, why don’t you guys choose a song?’

‘Yes! If our darling can play whatever song they choose, it proves that this show is not scripted.’

‘I believe she knows how to play those instruments. The people commenting are clearly trying to frame and ruin her.’

‘There’s also the possibility that they are trolls hired to ruin her reputation, Jonah suggested.’

Jonah revealed a satisfied grin as he read the comments.

His plan had indeed worked, but of course, it was based on the assumption that Simone was truly talented and capable of playing the song the audience chose. However, he had faith in her abilities.

And so, he announced, “I have read the comments and can guarantee that our show is not scripted. Furthermore, I can assure you that we did not allow Si

none to practice anything in advance. So, for those of you who continue to scrutinize the crew and Simone, please make your selection. Simone will

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play it as long as she knows how to.”

Zac and the others also understood **what was** happening upon hearing that. At this moment, several people in the live stream viewers **were** attempting to tarnish Simone’s **image**. **That** was unacceptable.

Meanwhile, Simone **wasn’t** surprised by **this** and could guess that it **was** probably the doing of **Sc*mbag** No. 2. The man had control **issues** and couldn’t tolerate things going out of his control and arrangements. It **was** evident **that** her performance on this show had displeased him.

If the show was scripted and pre-rehearsed, it would make the audience suspicious. Simone smiled slightly and said, “I **never expected** someone to question whether I’m acting according to a script. But I can assure you that I am not, so please do not falsely accuse the crew because you want to discredit me. I am confident that I can play any song you choose, so for those of you who have questioned and accused me in the comments section, select a song, and I will play it for you.”

Then, she added confidently, “Choose any song you want.”

She **was** that self-assured.

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Simone’s words shocked everyone on the scene and the viewers watching the livestream.

“Is Simone claiming that she can play any banjo song we request?”

“How is **that** possible? Is she really that skilled? I find it hard to believe.”

“What gave Simone the confidence to say that?”

“Is Simone overly confident or just arrogant?”

“Let’s choose a song, everyone.”

“You’re right. Since Simone made such a claim, we should fulfill her request.”

The paid trolls quickly discussed and chose a song they believed Simone couldn’t play.

“Play ‘A Soldier’s Armor’ then.”

Unlike well-

known songs like ‘Gallows Pole or The Battle Cry of Freedom. ‘A Soldier’s Armor’ **was** a Civil War song with sixteen segments and varying moods throughout, making it quite challenging to play.

Those who didn’t know the song searched for it online.

In the end, the haters, **as** well as Aaron’s and Leon’s fans, agreed to the choice.

“Great. Play **that** song

“I’ve heard it before, so I’m curious to hear Simone’s rendition.”

“This song is quite difficult. I wonder if Simone can actually play it.”

Since Simone couldn’t see the comments, Jonah relayed their suggestion. “They want you to play the song called ‘A Soldier’s Armor, okay?’”

Simone was familiar with the song, so she replied, “Okay!”

Without wasting any time, she began plucking the banjo’s strings.

The song started with a low and somber beat, then transitioned into a fierce atmosphere full of intensity. Finally, it ended with a sad and heart-wrenching melody, creating a stark **contrast** with the earlier sections. Not only were those present immersed in the atmosphere, but the livestream viewers were also captivated by the performance on the screen.

Once the song ended, everyone gradually returned to their senses.

“Simone played really well.”

“As a banjo player myself, I have to say that Simone not only played it correctly, but she also perfectly captured the somber **and** tragic mood of the song.”

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“I don’t usually listen to the banjo, but I was captivated by it just now.”

“Simone’s skill on the banjo is evident from her performance of that song.”

“To those who claimed she was acting, are you feeling embarrassed now?”

The paid trolls and Aaron’s fans felt embarrassed indeed. They didn’t expect Simone to be genuinely skilled at the banjo. However, since the paid trolls aimed to ruin Simone’s reputation, they wouldn’t give up easily.

“We admit that Simone is quite skilled at the banjo, but it doesn’t mean everything before was not pre-arranged.”

“If you want us to believe her, let her play a song on the violin, dulcimer, and trumpet as well.”

“Don’t they have a guitar? Let her play something on that **too**.”

“Yes. If Simone can do it, we’ll admit that she’s skilled in many instruments and not faking it.”

When Jonah saw the comments, a smile appeared in his eyes as he thought, “Isn’t this free publicity?”

If Simone could play those instruments, it would prove that their show wasn’t scripted and possibly **make** headlines. Therefore, he glanced at Simone and read out the comments.

Simone replied indifferently, “Sure. Let’s go with their request.

“Our darling is so confident. I love it!”

“Wifey is the best. I **love** your confidence.”

“Oh my gosh! Let’s go with their request. She’s awesome

“That’s quite arrogant. I’m not her fan, but if she can do it, I don’t mind becoming one.”

“Isn’t she afraid her bluff will be exposed?”

“Since she’s so confident and arrogant, we won’t go easy on her.”

Following that, the paid trolls hurriedly searched for obscure and difficult songs. But Simone flawlessly played them all while capturing the essence of each piece.

“Awesome. Simone is very talented.”

“How **can** my wifey be that great?”

“Wifey is so awesome! I love her!”

“She did it. She played all those songs. That’s amazing.”

“Most importantly, she played them on different instruments as requested by the haters. I want to be **her** fan.”

Simone used different instruments to play different songs, leaving her fans cheering in excitement and

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several livestream viewers changing from haters to neutral and then becoming her fans.

Her number of followers on Facebook skyrocketed again. The recorded footage from the livestream. was posted on the internet.

The video titled “Simone: Let’s Go with Their Request” became a hit after her martial arts video. It not only attracted more viewers to the livestream, but also caught the attention of several music lovers.

“Where are those who claimed Simone was acting according to the crew’s script?”

“If you’re so good at acting, why don’t you perform for us?”

“I would be impressed if all of that was pre-rehearsed.”

“Where are the haters? Come out!”

“I bet they’re feeling embarrassed and **want** to hide.”

Many of Simone’s fans and ordinary viewers mocked those who tried to frame and criticize her.

Meanwhile, the paid trolls and haters could do nothing but stay silent. What else could they do? Continuing to criticize and frame Simone would only result in them being attacked.

At the Gray Residence, Titus had been watching the broadcast and looked gloomy. He never expected his biological sister to be so talented in music and capable of playing such obscure and difficult songs.

His plan had failed.

Not only did he fail to frame Simone and the production crew, but he unintentionally boosted her popularity, causing her banjo performance to trend and impress her fans. It even helped the show prove its authenticity with no scripted elements.

Luca, who was watching the livestream, turned to Titus. Titus, your **plan** failed miserably. I told you Simone is talented in music, Why did you **pay** those people to **attack** her with music?”

Luca **was a** popular and talented singer; he had a good relationship with Simone. While they weren't as close as Aaron and Simone, they got along well.

Simone would practice singing with him and even cooked meals that were good for his vocal cords. However, he hoped Simone would understand her position in the family and stop competing with Jodie or causing trouble. That's why he supported Reuben, Titus, and Aaron's plan to deal with her.

Now that Luca realized that Titus' plan had actually helped Simone instead of bringing her down, he felt **a** sense of pride in having such an amazing biological younger sister. However, he also had mixed emotions. Since Simone hadn't been brought down but instead delivered such a stunning performance, didn't that mean she had surpassed Jodie?

Titus gave him a stern look. "If you can't speak properly, then just be quiet. You did mention that she **had** musical talent, but how was I supposed to know she was skilled in playing so many instruments?"

He asked, "Were you aware of that?"

Luca shook his **head**. "I had no idea she could play so many instruments."

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Then, he added helplessly, "She can play even more instruments than I can..."

Andrew was also taken aback by Simone's performance and furrowed his brow. "Now, the question is, what about Jodie?"

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At that moment, the Gray brothers were watching both live-stream channels. While Simone was playing various instruments, Jodie and the others performed on the town's streets.

Jodie confidently played a **song** on the guitar while Aaron danced in front of her. There was also crowd around them, attracted by the lively atmosphere. However, not many of them recognized the

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As for Leon, he was more popular than the others, and some of the townsfolk had watched the dramas. and movies he acted in.

By now, Jodie had finished playing the guitar in her live broadcast.

As someone who understood music, Luca compared the guitar pieces Simone and Jodie played from both live **streams** and then gave Titus a cold stare. He couldn't help but quip, "Titus, I don't think you're trying to ruin Simone. You've clearly sabotaged Jodie, What were you thinking when you told the paid trolls to get Simone to play the same song as Jodie on the guitar?"

Titus fell silent for a moment, **not** knowing what **to** say. "I only know Simone can play the violin. I had no idea she knew how to play the guitar. I thought it would make Jo look better if Simone couldn't **play** that song."

He didn't know much about music. "I thought Jo played quite well. Aaron even danced to her tune, and the atmosphere **was great.**"

Luca couldn't help but roll his eyes. "Jo did play well, but it was far **from** Simone's. Jo only managed to play the entire song, while Simone managed to convey the song's emotions. Anyone who understands music can hear that."

After a moment's silence, Titus realized he **had** done something wrong. Frustrated, he rebuked, "Who knew Simone was so talented? I intended to help Jo."

In his many years of being a manager, this was the first time he failed so terribly.

Andrew asked, "How are we going to save this situation?"

Titus shook his head before muttering, "I don't know either."

This situation had him stumped as well.

At that, Andrew commented somewhat unpleasantly. "Simone kept that from **us** so well."

It had been more than a year **since** Simone returned to the Gray Family, but she never told them she knew how to play so many instruments. **Andrew** sighed again. “How sad would Jo be if she knew about this.”

Jodie had always had a delicate mind and was quite sensitive. If she **found** out Simone had outshone her, she would be devastated. Hence, Andrew suggested, “Why don’t we get **those** paid netizens to sabotage Simone from another angle?”

Simone seemed indifferent about everything, so she wouldn’t mind getting hated.

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But Titus gave it a thought and rejected the idea. “That’s not doable for now. If we get the trolls to sabotage her from another angle, it would make it very obvious. The audiences aren’t fools. Also, Jonah has quite a status in the entertainment industry, and angering him will do us no good.”

There wasn’t a show Jonah directed that wasn’t popular. Moreover, Titus had several artists under his wing. **If** he were to offend Jonah, it might cause his other artists to get rejected from joining popular variety shows, which would be a huge loss for him.

With a thunderous expression. Andrew asked, “So, should we just watch as Simone outshines Jo? Simone has already taken away Jo’s identity and wants to steal her popularity. Titus, you’ve ruined everything!” After all, Simone wouldn’t have gotten such a good opportunity to show off her talent if Titus hadn’t intervened.

Titus glanced at him. “Are you blaming me? I tried to sabotage Simone for Jo, but now it’s my fault that something happened.”

If this hadn’t been for Jodie, he would be crazy to get trolls to sabotage his biological sister.

Andrew choked before muttering. “I didn’t say it was your fault. What I mean is **that** we need to find a chance **to** make things right.

Titus rebuked coldly. “Of course, I know we must make things right. I don’t need you to remind me, but this episode is about to end, so it won’t be easy to make a turnaround. Let’s **wait** for the next episode. Get Jo ready to make a comeback. I believe she will definitely outshine Simone,”

Left with no choice. Andrew nodded. “Fine. Once this show ends, I’ll get Jo to act in the upcoming series I’ll be directing. I think that’s a good chance to hype her popularity.”

He touched his chin and suggested, “It’ll be better if we can persuade Simone to play the supporting role. She can be a villainous character, cunning and malicious. It will greatly contrast the innocent **and** kind-hearted female lead. If Simone plays that role and Jo plays the female protagonist, the audience will surely change their view of Jo and may even turn against Simone.”

After all, the audiences would always develop feelings for characters on television and bring their emotions to reality.

Titus understood Andrew’s intention and nodded in agreement. “Once this episode ends, go and look for Simone. Try your best to persuade her to take on the supporting role in your series.

If they succeeded in their plan, they could change the audiences’ opinions about Simone and Jodie.

“But the most important thing now is to get Jo to stand out in the next episode so that she can starkly contrast Simone. That way, the fans Simone gained now can change into Jo’s **fans**.”

The fans gained on variety shows aren’t as solid, so there is a possibility they would switch sides at any moment. That is the point the Gray brothers tend to use.

Andrew agreed to that. “Okay. Once they return home after this episode, I’ll go look for Simone.”

After **all**, Simone still somewhat respected and cared for him. Before, he needed a cameo for one of his series and asked her for help, which she agreed to.

His profession is quite challenging. During the summer of last year, he had to shoot a series in the

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suffered quite a bit. When Simone found out about it, she would make refreshments almost every **day** and send them to his film set for him. Whenever he didn't have the appetite to eat, she would make medicinal meals **and** something appetizing to bring to him. Besides that, she also made a cooling sachet for him to wear, which was quite effective. Therefore, he was confident he **could** persuade her to take on the role.

Once Jo becomes popular, he would find a way to make it up to Simone. For example, he could even give Simone a leading role in his new series.

“As for how to make Jo stand out in the next episode, I'll leave that to you guys.” He isn't particularly **good** at that.

Titus pondered for a moment and turned to Luca. “Luca, you can write a song for Jo. I heard they will head to a larger city for the next two episodes and might even head abroad. Write **a** song for Jo and tell her to say that she wrote it herself. Make her look like a talented artist.”

Since the plan to make Aaron and Jodie appear close and for Jodie to have a likable personality failed **in** this episode, it would be best to change to a different image for the next episode.

Andrew agreed with the idea. “Simon **was** able to showcase her knowledge and skills in this episode, and it seems like the audience enjoys that. I think portraying Jo as a talented artist is a good idea.

He then suggested, “Or we can present her as a prodigy. After all, she graduated from a well-known school overseas. It would be even better to find an opportunity for her to play **the** piano. **That's** her major, and it would certainly impress the audience.”

Luca added, "Jo is excellent at playing the piano, so I think this might work. Moreover, that is her specialty, so Simone won't be able to compete with Jo in that aspect."

Titus agreed. "Okay. I know what to do now,"

He put on a confident look, **waiting** for Jodie to return so that he could guide her on how to defeat Simone. He was certain **that** he would not fail again.

Reuben, who had been silent all this time, suddenly spoke up. "If they are going overseas for the next episode, that would be advantageous for Jo."

Jodie had completed her college studies abroad, so she had an advantage in terms of understanding the language and customs.

"I'll have my secretary discuss this with Jonah once this episode ends. He narrowed his eyes. "If they are planning to go overseas, I'll sponsor them.

Upon hearing this, the other Gray brothers immediately became interested. "That's a great idea."

After all, who would reject sponsorships? Given Jonah's character, it was very likely that he would agree

to it.

Following that, Luca was asked to write a customized song for Jodie.

Meanwhile, Titus instructed the trolls to change their approach. Instead of sabotaging Simone, they were to promote Jodie.

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On the other hand, Simone had no idea that her despicable brothers were planning to scheme against her. After finishing playing the instruments, she gained

d more approval from her fellow teammates and the elder, who then began teaching her how to play the accompaniment for shadow puppetry.

Simone was bright **and** quick-witted, not to mention able to grasp things easily, so she learned everything the elder taught her and executed it flawlessly.

The elder looked at her, feeling disappointed. "You have such great talent."

It was a pity that she was a celebrity and couldn't enter the shadow puppetry industry. Otherwise, he would really like to introduce her to his friends in Cebros.

But upon further consideration, he realized there was nothing wrong with introducing her to his friends even if she didn't pursue a career in this industry. Therefore, he decided to invite his friends over tonight and have a chat with them.

Meanwhile, Simone quickly learned the accompaniment for shadow puppetry, so the elder then instructed Zac and the others on how to perform shadow puppetry and do voice-overs.

Since Zac had previous acting experience, his skills weren't bad. Additionally, Eric **was a** talented actor, so they quickly grasped the techniques.

On the other hand, Keira, being a singer, was slower in this aspect, but **she** wasn't unintelligent and soon caught on after a few practices.

By the **end** of the **afternoon**, the four of them were able to put on a shadow puppetry performance, although it still needed some polishing.

The elder had a favorable impression of them because he noticed their earnestness in learning and their lack of disdain or displeasure. He said, "Come practice **again** tomorrow, and you'll be ready to

The four nodded in agreement. "Sure!"

The audience felt that the four of them did well, especially Simone, who left a strong impression on everyone. They couldn't help but look forward to the performance in two days.

Meanwhile, in town, Jodie and the others were not having much luck with their plan to earn money by performing on the streets.

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The four of them, including Jodie, performed in a crowded town square

There were quite a few onlookers. but the tips they received after the performance were meager. They only managed to earn a little over fifty, mostly thanks to Leon's popularity.

As Jodie looked at the money in the box, she felt a deep sense of disappointment. She had expected to make more money with their street performance, but it turned out to be just over fifty. In her everyday life, she wouldn't even bother to pick up that amount if it fell on the ground.

She smiled wryly and said to the others, "With the little money we've earned, we'll have to tighten our belts for dinner tonight."

Leon sensed Jodie was trying to sound optimistic despite feeling down, so he comforted her, "We've done quite well to earn this much. Your guitar playing is excellent, Jodie. I could see that the audience enjoyed it. It's just that this is a remote town, and many people here aren't used to tipping street performers."

He smiled, adding, "Let's work harder to earn more money in the next episode."

Jodie felt better upon hearing those encouraging words. She realized that their goal for today was not just about making money but showcasing their talents. And so, she put on a determined and positive expression and even **made a cheer**—

up gesture, saying, "Mr. Foster is right. We'll work harder next time and surely get better."

If it weren't for Simone's group appearing earlier, the audience might have thought that they performed well. But now they thought this group seemed ordinary and weren't shocked that they only received fifty in tips. What's more, that amount might have been from Leon's popularity.

Later, Jodie suggested going to the market to buy groceries. While they were shopping, she handed the money to Leon, asking him to be in charge of the main shopping, and then made an excuse to the restroom.

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Upon returning from the restroom, she didn't immediately return to the screen. Instead, she exchanged a meaningful look with a crew member she knew. The crew member slowed down so that the two could walk together and create some distance from the others.

Jodie whispered, "How was the live stream audience's reaction to our afternoon performance?"

She thought the live audience would praise her for her talent and dedication.

But the **crew** member discreetly replied, "It was mediocre."

In reality, **there** was not much reaction.

Jodie was surprised to hear that, "Just mediocre?"

The crew member nodded. "Yes."

After that, the crew member comforted her, "The problem is that another **live** stream stole the show. The audience was captivated by their performance. Otherwise, your performance might have been quite good."

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Jodie felt her heart skip a beat. "The other live stream outshone us?" Then, she pretended to be curious and asked, "How did they do it?"

The crew member didn't hide the truth and mentioned Simone knew how to play several instruments. "Simone was accused of following a script provided by the production team, so to prove them wrong, she boldly challenged the audience to request songs, which she played on different instruments. Her performances were top-notch, full of skill and emotion. The impressive display not only silenced those scrutinizing her but also helped her make it into the headlines. Also, she even played the same guitar piece **you** did. Still, the audience claimed she played it better because of her other talented instrumental performances."

The fact that Simone had performed the same song before Jodie made the latter's act appear less impressive. However, the crew member was sensible and chose not to speak the truth.

In the meantime, Jodie felt her vision darken and she almost fainted in frustration. The smile on her face froze as she thought, "Simone, Simone, Simone... Why is it always Simone? She's like a ghost haunting me. Also, when did she learn so many instruments?"

Jodie's thoughts were the same as her elder brothers. They all thought Simone had been concealing her abilities. If Jodie had known about Simone's talents, she wouldn't have thought about coming all the way out here to play the guitar. Not only did she fail to show her talent, her skills became a contrast against Simone's.

"Simone must have done it on purpose. That b*tch is so evil!" Jodie was filled with so much hatred and frustration that she felt suffocated. At the same time, she also felt somewhat regretful. She would have stayed in the village if she had known things would come to this. Besides, she shouldn't have come to ask the crew member because she felt even worse after finding out the truth.

The crew member noticed Jodie's expression and felt some sympathy for her. After all, Jodie was unlucky to encounter Simone. "It's also the fault of those trolls. Mr. Chapman said it was probably trolls posting negative comments about Simone. Who would have thought **that** not only did it not work, but it actually ended up helping Simone?"

She continued to comfort Jodie, "So your performance was indeed very good. It's just that you were unlucky to have encountered such an incident."

Upon hearing that, Jodie could guess who had hired the trolls. It was probably Titus..

But this time, she didn't feel grateful toward Titus. Instead, she couldn't help but feel resentful because Titus didn't investigate properly before hiring trolls to target Simone. Now, not only did the plan backfire and end up helping Simone, but it also put Jodie in a tough spot.

If it weren't for Titus consistent favoritism toward her, she would have started to suspect that Titus had done it intentionally.

In no mood to deal with the crew member, Jodie nodded absentmindedly. T'm fine."

In reality, she wished she could return to the village and slap Simone. At that moment, Aaron noticed Jodie approaching them with a downcast expression and waved at her. Jo, come over here."

Jodie forcefully composed herself and mustered a weak smile as she approached.

Usually, in situations like grocery shopping, Jodie would give many suggestions to highlight her

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presence. But now, she seemed deflated, showing little enthusiasm.

The viewers watching the livestream thought Jodie **was** upset because they only earned a little over fifty. Except for her and Aaron's fans, others thought she was **too** petty. They thought it was just a show, so she should take it **as** having fun. There was no **need** to take things **so** seriously and let such a trivial matter bother her.

Therefore, the audience's impression of Jodie took another hit.

With the town's low cost of living and relatively affordable prices, they managed to buy some vegetables and a piece of meat for fifty.

After the shopping, they all took the car provided by the crew back to the village.

Inside the car, Jodie felt **upset**, so she closed her eyes, pretending to be asleep. Seeing that she was quiet, Leon **and** Aaron also refrained from speaking and chose to rest.

Leyla was at a loss for words in **this** situation. They had been live-streaming the entire journey. Are they planning on letting the audience watch us sleep? This is a complete disaster!

She was starting to regret choosing this team. Although she didn't hold Simone's status in high regard, she couldn't deny that Simone had a natural sense of variety **shows** and genuine talent.

If she had chosen the other team from the beginning, she wouldn't have to worry about food every day and would have **more** screen time.

At this point, Leyla began to **suspect that** she would **have the least** performance and screen time for this episode. Just thinking about it made her furious.

But since the other three had their eyes closed and remained quiet, Leyla couldn't do anything either, so she **could** only **close** her eyes as well.

The viewers watching the livestream were confused. What is this group doing? Are we here to watch them **sleep**? Aaron and Leon's fans initially enjoyed seeing their idols' sleeping faces, but it became boring after a while. As a result, many viewers left this livestream and went to watch the other one.

By this time, Simone's group **had** already returned to the courtyard and gathered the children who came to learn the performance, so they could continue rehearsing for the program in two days. They had planned the program in the previous two days and had the children rehearse it.

During the rehearsals, many funny moments and jokes kept the audience entertained.

At dinner time, the village head and Jacob came to invite Simone's group for a meal. They mainly wanted to discuss details about selling their products via livestream, and Simone's group didn't decline their invitation.

So, when the other group returned to the village and had just sat down to rest, they heard the notification sounds of their phones.

Opening the group chat, they saw that Zac had sent several pictures of a sumptuous dinner again.

The four tired **and famished** people fell silent.

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Aaron couldn't hold back his complaint. "That **guy** is so mean!"

This time, Leon couldn't hold back his curse. "That jerk! He must have done it on purpose *Zachar* always been such a jerk.

Meanwhile, Jodie looked at the pictures and suddenly felt a surge of resentment. Why did Simone, after stealing all the limelight, not only get out of cooking but also get to have dinner at the villager's

home?

At that thought, Jodie realized that she would have to cook and serve the other three shortly. She felt her vision darken and wished she could just pass out. At the same time, she regretted choosing a diligent and hardworking persona. If she hadn't insisted on doing all the cooking, she wouldn't have ended up being the only one responsible for it every mealtime.

She would have probably cried and refused to cook if it weren't for the fact that this was a live broadcast.

Right then, Leyla ruthlessly added, "Jo, I'm so hungry. When can we eat?"

The groceries they bought today were all common ingredients, and Jodie's cooking was only average. But after a tiring day, she was really hungry, so she had to make do.

Jodie really wanted to slap Leyla, telling her to cook herself if she wanted to eat. But **in** order to

maintain her image, she could only put on a caring smile and say, "Til start cooking now?"

Since this was the path she chose, she had to see it through to the end.

Jodie got up and went to the kitchen to start cooking. Since she had taken on all the responsibilities for cooking before, the other three were already used to just sitting around without going into the kitchen to help. That caused Jodie to cook **and** wipe her tears while facing away from the camera.

Since becoming a foster daughter in the Gray Family, she hadn't experienced such hardship and injustice.

Simone caused all of this.

Jodie thought Simone should have listened to her mother and brothers and given up this spot. Also, without Simone's interference, she had a premonition that her image as a lovable **and** hardworking person would have been quite successful.

The other team would **have** also gathered around her, waiting for her to feed them.

The more Jodie thought about it, the more she hated and resented Simone. Jodie decided that once this variety show **ended**, she would discreetly complain to her family and make them understand how Simone had mistreated her and used her **as a** stepping stone.

By then, Jodie would only have to wait for her family to confront Simone.

Since Simone had made her feel so miserable, Jodie was determined to hit her where it hurt. With these thoughts in mind, Jodie didn't feel as helpless and sad anymore. She knew **that** sometimes it only took a gentle touch to make a point. She couldn't help but look forward to seeing Simone in pain, hurt by the people she cared about the most.

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Simone cradled the struggling child in her arms.

The **child was** crying so intensely that it seemed as if he would run out of breath. Then, she took out three bronze coins from her bag and waved them over the child's forehead before placing one coin in

his hand.

An extraordinary scene unfolded before their eyes.

Once the child grasped the coin, he surprisingly stopped thrashing around and gradually ceased crying.

With tears still on his face, he looked up **at** Simone with his big, watery eyes. He even murmured, "Pretty girl!"

This scene left the child's parents astonished.

Ross' wife said, "The child likes beautiful ladies. Whenever he sees one, he always says 'pretty.'"

Zac smiled and chimed in. "The kid has good taste."

Meanwhile, Simone lowered her head and gently pinched the child's cheek. "You're very cute too, little darling."

The **child** immediately held onto Simone's **hand**, his frown turning into a smile. "Pretty."

Ross felt truly amazed. When Deuce mentioned that this young celebrity was skilled in physiognomy and geomancy, he was only half-convinced. Now, he **had** no choice but to believe him.

He couldn't help but ask, "Miss Gray, is my son being affected by something supernatural?"

Ross' wife also looked at Simone with concern. "Yes. He **has** been acting this way for two months, crying incessantly. He has never been this obedient."

At this moment, she found it quite miraculous. Whenever their son was frightened and woke up crying, he would cry for over an hour, and no one could soothe him within that period. However, this young master only had to take the child into her arms and give **him** a coin to make him stop crying immediately.

Simone **gave** them an assuring look. "It's not what you described. He's **just** wearing something he shouldn't have."

She took the child's other **hand** and removed a red string bracelet. Hanging from the bracelet was a nephrite fish pendant.

She asked, "Where did you get this?"

Ross answered, "I saw it at **a** stall when I went to an antique market. It seemed cute and matched my son's horoscope, so I bought it. Is this what caused my son's condition?"

Simone nodded. The nephrite on this bracelet contains negative energy, which causes your son to

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have nightmares and wake up crying whenever he wears it. What you referred to as 'supernatural' is actually a kind of negative energy caused by a magnetic field. It's not good for their health if someone comes into contact with it.

Puzzled, Ross asked, "What? How did this fish become contaminated with negative energy?"

Simone replied, "This little bracelet was probably placed together with items from a graveyard, which is why it absorbed the negative energy. Fortunately, it didn't absorb too much, or your son wouldn't just wake up crying. It could lead to even worse things, perhaps even a calamity. Of course, if he wore this bracelet for a long time, he would start getting sick, and his condition would become increasingly

severe."

In this world, geomancy and related practices were prevalent, so many people were familiar with negative energy. There were even quite a few geomancers conducting live broadcasts for physiognomy and geomancy-related matters.

Ross was startled and a little frightened. "So, it's because of this bracelet."

Following that, he took out his phone and checked the payment records. "You don't say! My son did start waking up crying a few days after I brought back this bracelet."

Ross' wife thought about it and confirmed his statement. "That's right. It did start after he wore the bracelet.

Unable to hold back her anger, she pinched Ross' arm several times. "Why did you buy things from that place when you know it's for your child? Why didn't you just buy it from a store?"

She hadn't even thought about it, but her husband's purchase nearly caused harm to their child. Fortunately, they had invited a master over to take a look today. Otherwise, the consequences would have been unimaginable.

Ross was

filled with regret and he muttered, "I bought it because I thought it was cute. Who would have **thought** things would turn out like **this?**"

He was filled with remorse. If something had happened to his son because of the bracelet he bought, he would have gone mad. He looked at Simone and asked, "Miss Gray, will my son stop waking up crying if he stops wearing the bracelet?"

Simone replied,

"Since the child has come into contact with negative energy, removing the bracelet will only prevent his condition from worsening, but he will still wake up crying."

Ross urgently asked, "Is there any way to solve this?"

"Don't worry." Simone replied. "I can make a talisman for your child. It can suppress the negative energy and expel it from your child's body in three days."

Upon hearing her words, Ross felt relieved. That's great. What's important is that you can remove the negative energy. **Can** this coin of yours be used as well? Should I buy one?"

He thought the coin **was** very effective, maybe even more so than the talisman.

Simone chuckled wryly. "I'm sorry, but this was something passed down by my mentor. I can't sell it. Your son's condition can be solved with just one talisman, so don't worry."

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Though **Ross was** disappointed that he couldn't **buy** the coin, he trusted Simone's words. After all, she could identify the bracelet as the source of the problem with just one look, and his son stopped crying very **quickly**, so she indeed

had remarkable abilities. Therefore, he smiled and nodded. “Sure. I believe your talisman will be effective, too.”

Simone remarked, “I didn’t bring anything to make a talisman, so I can’t make one now.”

Since the variety show **was** broadcast live, everything in her suitcases would be shown on camera when she opened them. As such, she didn’t bring any of those items with her.

She turned to glance at Jonah. “Can you help me buy them?”

Jonah replied with a smile. “Of course. Just write down what you need, and I’ll have someone buy them.”

This was definitely another highlight of the show. The child was only three years old, so he couldn’t cooperate with their act so realistically. As a result, the trolls and haters had no way of stirring up

Trouble.

Ross hurriedly went looking for a pen and paper to write down whatever Simone needed. Then, the crew had someone drive **out** to buy them.

In the meantime, the young boy with a fair and chubby appearance was well-behaved in Simone’s arms and clung to her. He was utterly adorable.

‘For those who were just saying that my wife was going to fail, how are you feeling now?’

“They were proven wrong so quickly!”

Wife dazzled them silly right after they said she would fail.’

“Wifey is incredibly skilled in geomancy and related practices. She immediately recognized that the issue was with the bracelet.”

‘It was truly remarkable. The child was on the brink of suffocating from crying just moments ago, but once he was in her arms, he calmed down.

A child's eyes truly sparkle. He **has** taken a liking to wifey and is clinging to her. This means she is not only beautiful but also kind.

This child has a bright future. At such a young age, he already knows to stick close to beautiful women.

“I also **want** to cling to wifey

Zachy was right. This kid has good taste. Isn't my wifey pretty?”

I fall more deeply in love with wifey every day.”

The people who were just clamoring that Simone would fail and face difficulties had all fallen silent.

At this moment, their minds were filled with thoughts like, “I can't believe this. Is she really this amazing?” However, seeing was believing, and they were indeed proven wrong.

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That evening, Simone and **the** others returned from their meal.

The live broadcast followed them into their room and scanned the place.

Although Simone and Keira had only been living here for less than a week, they had taken the time to decorate the place. The **room** was impeccably tidy, with various styles of storage baskets neatly arranged inside. They even crafted baskets and filled them with soil to plant wildflowers. Additionally, they made flower

vases, filling them with dried wildflowers and giving the room a fresh and cozy atmosphere.

“Wifey and Keira's room looks so fresh and cozy!”

“Wifey is so talented. She actually made so many covered storage boxes.

Those storage boxes can not only store things but can also be used as tables. That's a great idea.

"Wow! They even have wildflowers **planted** in woven baskets inside their room.

The vases they wove, filled with dried wildflowers, give off a unique **charm**.

"Comparing their room to the other group's, I can see a huge difference:

This shows how they live their life. Wifey and Keira are both optimistic and cheerful people.

"The room **has** such a good atmosphere, Simone is starting to grow on me.

'Wifey is so talented in handicraft. I often saw her weaving things in her free time, but I never thought she had made so many of them.

'I think Wifey can make a living by weaving things if she chooses not to continue working in the entertainment industry!

"Yeah. She **can** start a live stream to teach others how to craft things or sell her handmade crafts. Just watching her do it is already pleasing to the eyes. I'd definitely buy them.

"Apart from crafting, my darling has many skills. She can surely thrive **in** any field she chooses.

'She could easily rely on her looks, but my wifey chooses to rely on her talent.

'With someone like Simone, it feels like she could thrive anywhere.

I want to join her fan club! Just looking at this room makes me want to be her fan.

Unexpectedly, someone took a screenshot of the room's arrangement and created a post titled 'Simone and Keira's Room, which became the top entertainment news. This attracted another wave of people to come and watch the live stream.

Jonah noticed the sudden surge in viewership and couldn't help but smile. He turned to the a

assistant director and said, "I've noticed that Simone has a talent for creating trending topics. Even something like this can **make** the headlines."

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Initially, he invited Simone purely as a favor. He had predicted that Leon or the Gray siblings might bring high popularity and interest, but he didn't expect Simone to have so many skills besides geomancy. She had a good personality and strong abilities, so it wasn't surprising that an increasing number of people liked her.

At this moment, Jonah was extremely grateful that he had invited her.

Simone and her group contributed most of the highlights in this episode..

The assistant director nodded in agreement. "Indeed. Simone's beauty and temperament are quite unique. Coupled with her versatility, she's bound to become popular. By the way, have you decided where we're going for the next episode? I've received several calls from others saying they'd like to make guest appearances."

Jonah replied. "We can discuss guest appearances later. If there's anything, we can add two more to this show. My initial plan was to head to the town of Kri tsa, but I received a call from the assistant of Gray Entertainment's president. He said Mr. Gray wants to sponsor our next episode but requests that we shoot it overseas.

The assistant director was puzzled. "Why would they make such a request?"

In a voice only the assistant director could hear, Jonah explained, "I got a little insider tip. The president of Gray Entertainment is the Gray siblings' eldest brother. Their request might have something to do with Jodie."

Jodie had studied abroad, so shooting the next episode abroad would give her a significant advantage.

The assistant director also seemed to **have** realized this. "Will you agree?"

Jonah smirked. "Why wouldn't I agree? If someone is willing to invest and send us abroad for filming, we can save a lot of money. Since Jodie wants to challenge

enge Simone. let her do it. I was originally worried about our next episode's highlights, but now it looks like I don't have to worry anymore.

Between Simone and Jodie, he was on Simone's side, though he didn't say it out loud.

The assistant director gave him a knowing smile. "You truly are something."

The following day, Simone and her group went to help a local farmer deliver goods in the morning and had lunch in the town. After returning to the village, they practiced shadow puppetry at the elder's house and returned to the courtyard that afternoon to rehearse with the children.

Since Simone wasn't required to perform solo, she helped the others by offering her advice. Just as she was watching them, Deuce approached her with a young man by his side.

Deuce arrived before Simone. "Miss Gray, my cousin would like to ask for your help."

Smiling at the two, Simone invited them to sit. "Have a seat. What can I help you with?"

The two sat down on the empty chairs beside Simone.

Deuce began. "His son wakes up startled whenever he sleeps. Lately, every time he takes a nap or goes to bed at night, he wakes up crying as if he's been frightened by something."

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"Have you taken him to the hospital?" Simone asked.

The young man, Ross, said, "Yes, we did. We took him for a checkup at the county hospital but found nothing wrong. We even took him to a hospital in the province, and they also said there were no problems with him. The elderly folks say it might be because the child has been in contact with the supernatural. My cousin mentioned that you're a master of geomancy, so we'd like to ask for your help."

Simone didn't decline when she heard that. "Alright, then. I'll come and take a look at your house."

The two immediately stood up and thanked her. "Thank you for your time."

Meanwhile, Zac and the others were curious about it, so they told the children to keep rehearsing while they went along. Even Jonah and the assistant director were tagging along.

Ross' family was one of the wealthier households in the village. They had built a three-story house with an enclosed courtyard.

As soon as they entered the courtyard, they heard the cries of a child.

Ross quickly led Simone and the others into the living room, where they saw a young mother holding a crying boy of about three years old.

Seeing them come in, Ross' wife looked at him with concern and said. "He woke up crying again."

Ross nodded to her, then turned to Simone. "Miss Gray, please take a look."

Simone replied. "Sure."

She went up and reached her hand out toward Ross' wife. "Let me hold the child."

Ross' wife **was** aware that her husband and cousin had gone to invite a renowned expert to examine their child. However, she was momentarily surprised when she saw the young and beautiful Simone. *Is she the expert they were looking for? She doesn't seem like one!*

While she was lost in thought, Ross urged, "Quickly, hand the child to Miss Gray!"

Only then did she regain her composure and cautiously handed the child to Simone. Although she had doubts about geomancy, she was willing to try anything when her child was in such a condition.

As the child was passed to Simone, he began to struggle **and** cry.

'Oh dear. I thought Simone was so powerful that the child would stop crying once she held him, but

this?’

The child is behaving strangely.

‘He didn’t struggle when he was in his mother’s arms, but he kept squirming when in Simone’s.

“The child must dislike Simone. They **say** children have the keenest eyes and can see through others.

“Is Simone about to fail?’

The child is crying even more. It seems like she’s about to fail miserably.

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The fans of Aaron, Jodie, and Leon, as well as Simone’s detractors, started taunting in the comments, hoping to witness her failure.

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Before the **crew** members returned with the list of items, the child obediently stayed in Simone’s **arms**, playing with her bronze **coins**.

Simone asked Jonah how long it would take, and after he made his phone call, he replied, “They didn’t finish gathering materials in the town, so they went to the county. It should take about two hours to make the round trip.”

Then, Simone suggested, “Let’s go back to the courtyard to rehearse while we wait.”

Sitting here for over two hours is just a waste of time. In the meantime, Zac and the others also had the same thought. "Let's head back, **then.**"

Simone returned the child to his mother. "Once I receive the materials, I'll make the talisman and send it over."

Ross' wife took the child from her and murmured, "That would be great. Thank you, Miss Gray."

Then, she invited them by saying, "Don't cook tonight and come by my house for dinner."

"That's a great idea," Ross chimed in. "You must come to my house for dinner tonight."

Then, he could ask her privately about the **charge.**

Simone turned to the other three. "Should we come over for dinner tonight?"

Zac smiled. "Sure. Looks like we don't have to worry about dinner tonight as well. It seems being on the same team with you is the best. We have nothing to worry about."

Eric smiled and teased, "We're riding your wave of good luck again tonight."

Keira agreed with them. "That's right! We'll ride along with you and get a free meal."

Receiving their agreement, Simone turned to Ross **and** his wife. "Thank you for your kind hospitality."

The couple waved their hands hurriedly. "No worries. We're very grateful to **you.**"

After exchanging a few pleasantries, Simone and her group prepared to leave.

When the child in Ross' wife's arms saw Simone was about to leave, he suddenly changed from being obedient to throwing a fit and crying. "Peety! I want peety!"

As he was crying, he reached his arms out to Simone, clearly indicating he wanted her to hold him.

Seeing the child crying so pitifully, Simone picked him up, and the child immediately stopped crying. He held onto Simone's neck and said, "Peety!"

Embarrassed, Ross' wife tried to take the child back. "Come here. I'll carry you. The pretty lady will come over later."

But the child held onto Simone tightly and said. "No. Want peety."

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Although he might be young, he felt comfortable around the pretty lady and wasn't **as** afraid anymore. Moreover, **the** young woman was pretty, felt soft, and smelled fragrant. He liked her a lot.

At a loss for words, Ross wife inwardly chastised her son for choosing a pretty woman over his mother. She couldn't help but smile wryly and explain. "My son has always been selective with people. Normally, he won't let anyone except his grandmother and us hold him. I didn't expect him to become so attached to you."

This had never happened before, and it showed that Simone **was** indeed skilled. It was said that children had **a** strong sixth sense.

Seeing this situation, Simone smiled and suggested. "Why don't I take him back to play with us? I'll send him back when we come over for dinner later."

With their son being so clingy, the couple couldn't say no. "Alright, then. We're sorry for the trouble, Miss Gray."

Deep down, however, they were happy to have Simone spend time with her son. Maybe their son could share some of her good fortune.

Therefore, Simone and the others returned to their home with a cute little child in tow.

When they returned, the other team had already returned from helping the villagers.

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"How could I not? The child's grandmother even got upset and chased them away.

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Til The comment **above** is spot **on!**

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Puzzled, Aaron repeated, “She helped his child? What does he meant

Looking proud. Zac recounted what happened at Ross’ **home**. “If it weren’t for Simone, this little cutie would still be crying in his mother’s arms right now. He even ditched his mother and insisted on sticking with Simone.”

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Since Sc*mbag No. 5 had provoked her first, she would show him no mercy. She knew that given his

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personality, he would undoubtedly want to uncover the truth. This way, she could provide the gossip-hungry crowd with more room for speculation and allow the paparazzi to find a direction to investigate for a story.

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