

The Miraculous Simone Gray by Opal Reese Chapter 21

The Heiress' Return & Revenge D Chapter 21 Thankfully, They Were Rescued Deuce observed as the two celebrities swam towards the two children. He watched nervously, but refrained from impulsively jumping into the water. It was already too late for him to do so. All he could do now was pray for the safe return of the two kids, thanks to the efforts of the celebrities. Only then did he understand why Simone had immediately jumped into the reservoir upon arrival. She had predicted that the two children would soon be in danger. Now, the others also realized why she had taken the plunge and swam towards the children when they were not yet in danger. Jonah, who had been watching the live stream, immediately sensed that the situation was more complicated than it seemed when Simone dived into the water. He knew of her skills in physiognomy and other mystical arts. Thanks to her talisman, his wife had been saved from an accident before.

Therefore, he quickly called the head of the medical team they had brought along, instructing them to hurry to the scene and prepare for a rescue. However, when he saw Zac jump into the water as well, his expression turned to horror. "Why did this guy jump in too? If anything goes wrong, the show and I will be finished!" Thankfully, Simone and Zac swiftly reached the children before any accidents occurred. Simone arrived just in time to grab one of the kids when the current pulled them away. Zac followed a few seconds later, managing to seize the other child. After securing both kids, they swam towards the shore while the onlookers anxiously held their breath, watching their progress. Following Jonah's instructions, the production team quickly snapped a tree branch from the surroundings. Simone swam towards the shore with the child in her arms. Waves crashed against her, and one wrong move could lead to their demise. However, she possessed physical strength and knew how to use it wisely. Despite the water pushing against them, she successfully reached the shore. She first pushed the child onto the coast, but just as she grabbed the tree branch offered by the crew members and was about to climb onto the shore, someone suddenly cried out, "Oh, no! Zac!" She turned and saw Zac, who had also pushed the other child ashore. However, the current grew stronger, and a huge wave engulfed him before he could grab the tree branch.

Without hesitation, Simone let go of the tree branch and swam towards him. Witnessing her sacrifice the chance to climb ashore and instead swim to save Zac, most people on the shore had only one thought. "Is she insane?" Aaron

and the others, who had just arrived, also witnessed the scene. They had spent the entire morning searching and finally found a family that needed help picking fruit. Following the family to the orchard, they saw Simone running in a certain direction. Moments later, they saw Zac and others chasing after her. Sensing that something might have happened, they followed suit. When they arrived, they witnessed 1/3 Chapter 21 Thankfully, They Were Rescued @51%8 Simone and Zac pulling two children out of the reservoir. However, before they could fully comprehend the situation, Simone gave up the chance to climb ashore and turned to save Zac instead. "Simone!" Both Aaron and Leon's expressions changed as they instinctively ran towards the shore. Jodie's eyes darkened as she observed their strong and anxious reactions.

Deep down, she felt extremely displeased. She watched as Zac was swept away and disappeared into the water, while Simone dove in after him and could no longer be seen. "What an idiot she is! Risking her life to save someone else." As water was released from the reservoir, the current became rapid and turbulent, threatening to wash the two away at any moment. "It would be nice if Simone drowned right away. I would no longer have to worry about her stealing my possessions and the love and care I receive. A person who should have been dead in the first place deserves such an end." However, she concealed her true feelings and feigned deep concern. Meanwhile, after seeing Zac being dragged below the water's surface, Simone also dove underwater. Visibility was poor, but she managed to discern the direction in which he was being carried. Following the current, she quickly swam to his side and grabbed him by the arm. However, the strong current swept them both towards the reservoir gate. Despite the challenging circumstances, Simone remained calm. She held her breath, gripping Zac's arm with one hand while clutching the jade pendant around her neck with the other. This jade pendant was a mystical tool given to her by her mentor, possessing the power to ward off evil and bring good fortune. Soon, the jade pendant began to emit a glowing, flickering light, and an inexplicable phenomenon occurred. Suddenly, the water around them seemed to halt and no longer crashed against them. Seizing the opportunity, she swam to his side, wrapped her arm around his waist, and headed towards the shore. Although Zac's eyes were tightly closed, he remained conscious. Initially, he had thought his impulsive actions would cost him his life. Being pulled further away by the current, he experienced a leg cramp at a critical moment. Unable to swim upward to save himself, he also choked on a considerable amount of water. Unable to breathe, he felt like he was going into shock. Just as he thought he might drown, a hand suddenly grabbed his arm. Soon after, he was held around the waist and pulled forward. "Am I being rescued?" If he

could survive, he certainly did not want to die. At that moment, the people on the shore and the viewers of the live stream watched with bated breath. The live chat remained empty, as everyone was too nervous to type. Fans of Simone and Zac silently prayed in their hearts, desperately hoping that nothing unfortunate would happen to them. Even casual viewers and fans of the other guests wished for the duo's safe return.

Despite their prayers, the swift/current and the reservoir's depth posed a significant challenge. If the two were to disappear amidst the waves, their chances of survival would be slim. At that very moment, a small number of Aaron, Jodie, and Leon's fans harbored ill wishes towards the two. Just when everyone thought the two might be lost, Simone suddenly emerged from the water with Zac in her arms and swam towards the shore. 2/3 Witnessing this, the people on the shore and the livestream viewers couldn't help but shout in excitement, while their fans were moved to the brink of tears. Then, a series of heart-pounding moments unfolded. Simone managed to swim closer to the shore with Zac in tow, only to be repeatedly swept back by the strong current. However, instead of giving up, she persevered and continued to swim against the waves. Finally, she succeeded in reaching the shore. Just as another powerful current came crashing towards them, she reached out and grabbed the outstretched tree branch held by the people. At that moment, the person on the other end of the tree branch hastily pulled them towards the shore with all their strength, quickly hauling them up. The majority of the onlookers, both present and those watching the livestream, let out a collective sigh of relief. Fortunately, they were saved! Once on the shore, Simone sat down, panting heavily. Despite her regular exercise routine, the struggle she had just endured had left her completely exhausted. On the other hand, Zac was in a semi-conscious state.

Luckily, the medical team had arrived by then and promptly administered first aid. Soon, he coughed up some water, choked a few times, and slowly opened his eyes. When he turned his head, he saw Simone sitting beside him, her hands resting on the ground, gazing at him. In that instant, his eyes revealed a hint of unprecedented tenderness. So, it was she who had risked her life to save him.

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The Heiress' Return & Revenge @51% Chapter 22 Jealousy Although his face was pale, a bright smile shone in his eyes. Looking at Simone, he said in a slightly hoarse voice, "Thank you!" She smiled at him and replied, "There's no need to thank me. It was something I could do." She had always had a

good impression of this man. Not only was he one of the very few men who never tried to please Jodie, but he also had a genuine and open personality. Even when the reservoir's gate was closed and the two kids were not in immediate danger, he chose to jump into the water and swim toward them, showing that he trusted what she was doing. Like her, he also did not want the two kids to be in danger, and at the same time, he had a compassionate heart. Seeing the smiles in their eyes and hearing their conversation, Leon felt an uncomfortable tightness in his chest.

He had wanted to reproach Simone for being so foolish as to risk her safety to save Zac; if she had not managed to rescue him, she might have lost her life as well. However, considering they were being live-streamed, he forcibly held his tongue. Otherwise, Zac's fans would surely criticize him, while other viewers would also call him cold-blooded. So, he approached them, his expression full of concern as he looked at Simone, asking, "Simone, are you alright?" The smile in her eyes faded slightly. She shook her head and replied flatly, "Thank you for your concern, Mr. Foster. I'm fine." Leon was left speechless as frustration filled his chest. He wanted to ask why she had to talk to him in such a cold and distant manner, but as they were being live-streamed, he had no choice but to keep it to himself. In the end, he managed to squeeze out the words. "Glad that you're okay." Aaron also wanted to reprove Simone, thinking she must have lost her mind to save Zac despite the danger. At the same time, he felt a pang of jealousy, but he also restrained himself as they were being live-streamed. Moreover, seeing her act so indifferent toward Leon, he stopped himself from approaching them to speak. Seeing that Simone was not only fine but also managed to rescue Zac, Jodie became extremely unhappy. At this rate, not only would Zac owe Simone a favor, but many viewers who were watching the livestream would see her in a different light. She would have to work even harder to do well after this, or else she would not be able to stand out in comparison to Simone.

After regaining some strength, Simone and Zac returned to the farmhouse. During this time, the live chat was lively once again. It was initially flooded with grateful comments from Zac's fans, with one of them saying, 'Aaaaah! You're so brave and cool, girl! I'm a fan now!' Another commented, "Thank you, beautiful lady, for saving Zeus. I love you." "Thank you, pretty lady, for saving Zachy. I'm a fan now, too!" "You were so cool just now, girl. I love you!" Thanks to the incident, many of Zac's fans began to like Simone and became her fans right away. Fans of the other guests and casual viewers also adored her and became fans of Simone. There were also numerous comments praising her. One wrote, 'Girl, you're my dear Simone from now 1/3 Chapter 22 Jealousy

on.' D Ah, I'm falling in love! Now I think I love Simone more than I love Zachy 'Simone is amazing. She could tell someone's child was in danger just by reading their face! 'She's truly incredible. And besides, she even predicted where the children would be in danger 'Had she and Zac not jumped into the water in advance, the two kids would've been in danger Feeling displeased, fans of Aaron, Jodic, and Leon began to post insulting and sarcastic comments. One of them commented, "There's no such thing as coincidence! I think the production team planned this in advance.' Another chimed in, 'I agree. How could she predict it so accurately? I don't believe it, anyway! 'Didn't they say Simone had a sugar daddy? And Zac is from a prestigious family. This is a publicity stunt arranged especially for them. "The production team went to great lengths to promote these two. They even came up with such a publicity stunt, which is amazing. These comments left casual viewers and fans of the other guests astonished. One of them criticized, 'Does your publicity stunt work like this? One wrong move and four lives would be at stake!" "This is being streamed live! Did your eyes stop working just now?" 'Didn't you see how intense and dangerous those moments were? Anyone with eyes can tell it wasn't staged.' 'Why don't you try acting out a scene based on this publicity stunt? If you can pull it off, I'll eat my hat. 'And besides, why can't reading faces be amazing?" 'Weren't there several masters of mysticism who did live fortune-telling before?" 'I'm speechless at these brainless fans. 'Don't you feel a pang of conscience belittling such a heroic act?'

'In the eyes of these brainless fans, all they need to do is worship the people they idolize and ignore everything else. 'Fans of Aaron, his sister, and Mr. Foster, this is enough. Even I, a casual viewer, can't stand this anymore.'" "That's right. It's not like Simone and Zac desecrated the graves of the people they worship. Is it necessary to keep targeting them like this?' 'I find them annoying now, and it's making me dislike those three as well. This time, it was not just Zac's fans who disliked the trio; even fans of Eric and Keira, as well as casual viewers, were annoyed by these offensive comments. Naturally, the trio's zealous fans refused to back 2/3 Chapter 22 Jealousy down, so they came into conflict again with casual viewers and fans of the other guests. Meanwhile, after Simone and Zac finished showering and getting dressed, Deuce and Uno brought their two mischievous kids to the farmhouse. They looked at Simone and Zac with gratitude, expressing, "We can't thank both of you enough for what you did today." They even wanted to bow to the duo to express their gratitude, but Simone stopped them in time. "Knowing that the two kids were in danger, we certainly wouldn't have just stood by and done nothing when saving them was within our capabilities." It was the second time

she had used the phrase 'within our capabilities' today. Instead of turning people off, it made everyone think she was very down-to-earth. She saved lives without deliberately seeking credit for it. Deuce stressed gratefully. "No matter what, our families owe you two a huge favor." If Simone hadn't noticed something wrong with his appearance, rushed to the reservoir on time, and jumped into the water to save the children before they were in danger, he couldn't bear to think about what might have happened to them. Uno nodded in agreement. "That's right! We'll always remember your kindness." Both of their families had only one son, whom they cherished dearly. If their sons had been swept away and drowned in the reservoir, it would have been extremely difficult for their families to accept. Feeling indebted, they insisted on repaying Simone and Zac. They asked them what they wanted and were willing to offer anything within their means. Their sincerity made it difficult for Simone to refuse directly. So, she said, "In that case, how about treating us to a meal?" Initially, when she saw the distress on their faces, she had only wanted to save the children as quickly as possible and had no intention of accepting any repayment. It was only because she sensed their unease, as if they couldn't live with themselves without repaying the favor, that she suggested they treat her and Zac to a meal.

However, Deuce proposed, "A single meal is not enough. How about this? While you're filming in the village, you can come to my house for meals." Still, he believed there must be a more appropriate way to repay the duo's kindness. Uno hurriedly added, "You can come to my house for meals as well. All your meals during your stay here are on us." Jonah was left speechless. If all their meals are covered, what will be left for the viewers? Fortunately, before he could intervene, Simone declined their offer with a wry smile, saying, "You don't have to do this." She suggested, "How about each of your families treats us to a meal instead?" However, the two men continued to warmly invite them, suggesting that they take turns dining at their homes in the following days. Finally, Jonah couldn't help but interrupt, "We're in the middle of filming. They can't keep going to both of your houses for meals."**I will quickly upload a new chapters..share website with friends.. thanks**

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The recent rescue had deepened their bond, evident in his more relaxed demeanor while speaking to her. He said, "Do you have any other suggestions?"

She asked, “What are your special talents, or do you have any hobbies?”

Without hesitation, Zac answered, “I excel in playing video games, singing, and dancing. I’m also proficient in playing musical instruments.”

Eric chimed in, “My main talent is acting, and I have a passion for calligraphy and ink painting.”

Keira added, “I’m best at singing and dancing, and I enjoy playing video games and buying lots of stuff.”

Their conversation prompted playful teasing from their fans in the live chat, creating a cheerful atmosphere. They found the four of them to be authentic **and** relatable.

After contemplating, Simone suggested, “How about we organize a few classes here based on your strengths and hobbies?”

The three of them were puzzled. “Organize classes?”

Simone nodded and explained, “Yes, the village head mentioned that most people in the village are either elderly or children. We can do something for them since it’s summer break now and the kids are at home. For instance, Zac, you can teach the kids to sing, dance, or play musical instruments.

After all, the production team could provide them with the necessary materials, like musical instruments.

Simone continued, “Eric can teach the children calligraphy and ink painting: Keira can teach the children singing and dancing, and I can help with electrical repairs or tutoring homework. We don’t need to be paid in money; just some food from them will do.”

They found a way to earn food and enhance their live-streaming content. Otherwise, spending all day picking peaches in the orchard would eventually bore the viewers.

After hearing her suggestion, the three of them lit up with excitement. They realized that her idea **was** more entertaining than fruit picking and easier. Ultimately, they all agreed. That’s a great idea.”

After some thought, Keira suggested, “Why don’t we prepare today **and** start the classes tomorrow?”

The others concurred, saying. Sounds good. They also wanted to make some preparations to ensure they wouldn’t embarrass themselves while teaching the children on the live stream.

Smiling, Simone suggested. “Let’s go speak with the village head later and have him address the villagers

The three of them readily agreed, saying, “Alright. However, before they could visit the village committee, the village head paid them a visit.

The village began by expressing gratitude to Simone and Zac for saving the children. Then, he explained the accidental opening of the dam’s gate. It turned out that the person responsible for guarding the dam had briefly left for the restroom, and his mischievous son had tampered with the

vitch, unintentionally opening the gate, which could have led to a catastrophe.

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Had it not been for Simone **and** Zac, Uno and Deuce’s two children **would** likely have drowned. In such a scenario, the family responsible for guarding the dam would **have** faced

severe consequences, and the village would have been in turmoil. The village head couldn’t help but feel a lingering dread when thinking about it.

After exchanging pleasantries with Simone, Zac, and the village head, they presented their discussed idea.

The village head smiled and responded, “That’s a brilliant idea. You organize the classes, and I’ll handle

the rest.

The village was impoverished and lacked development. He hoped these celebrities could positively impact the children’s lives, helping them broaden their h

orizons beyond the village. With his deep knowledge of the village, he visited homes with children, explaining the plan to their families. At the same time, he shared Simone and Zac's heroic rescue of the children with the entire village.

As the Webb brothers encountered villagers along the way, they also shared the story. Consequently, the villagers' impression of Simone and the others changed from indifference to goodwill.

When the villagers heard **that** these celebrities could teach children to sing, dance, paint, or help them with their studies, many parents and elderly residents expressed interest.

Furthermore, when news circulated that Simone could repair electrical appliances and had successfully fixed the village's broken tractor, those with malfunctioning home appliances brought them to her, hoping for a solution.

Therefore, Simone took on the job first. She borrowed tools from the village committee and, with the assistance of the production team, obtained the necessary materials before starting to repair the malfunctioning television, oven, radio, and other appliances. Her repairs were not only meticulous but also remarkably fast and effective. She successfully fixed all the appliances except for those that required replacement parts.

Wow, my daughter is amazing! It turns out she's not **only** skilled at fixing tractors but can also repair many other things.

Even if she doesn't work in the entertainment industry, she can still make a living with her repair skills."

"She's such a genius! She even came up with the brilliant idea of organizing classes.

"I can't wait to see how they teach the children.

Our Simone is like a treasure box, always surprising us.

In addition to her existing fans, Simone gained numerous admirers from older age groups. They continued to compliment her, and no one felt annoyed by it.

At noon, the four of them went to Uno's house and enjoyed a hearty lunch before returning to the yard.

Simone continued to repair electrical appliances while the other three prepared the class materials. As she fixed each appliance, she received gifts from the villagers in the form of rice, noodles, meat, and vegetables.

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In the afternoon, the villagers happily left with their repaired items, and the tables in the yard were filled with food.

This sight shocked the other group, who had been working hard in the orchard for most of the day.

Simone's ability to repair such a wide range of electrical appliances truly surprised them. They also noticed that Zac and the other two were once again benefiting from her talents, which fueled their

envy even more.

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Leon was aware that Simone had chosen mechanical engineering as her minor in college, but he was **still** surprised by her ability to repair various electrical appliances.

Aaron, on the other hand, had no idea that his younger sister possessed this skill. She had been at home for over a year and had never mentioned it to them. However, he didn't consider that even if she had mentioned it, the Grays would likely have dismissed it as unimportant. They might have even criticized her for not focusing on more substantial pursuits.

Meanwhile, Jodie couldn't help but curse Simone in her mind. She believed that Simone had hidden her abilities too well during her time at home, and now she was intentionally showcasing them on the program. Jodie thought to herself, "Such a cunning person."

As Jodie looked at the abundance of food on the table compared to their meager supplies, she

couldn't help but feel jealous. She wondered what the big deal was about being able to fix appliances. She thought, "She'll enjoy her time in the spotlight for a day or two. Let's see how long she can stay in the limelight when there are no more appliances to fix."

Jodie stared at the pork and chicken on the table and commented, "Wow, you guys received a lot of food today. Will you be able to finish it all?" Smiling, she continued, "The weather is hot, and we don't have a refrigerator where we live. I wonder if the meat will spoil by

tomorrow."

They had spent most of the day picking fruit, but their reward did not include any meat. The family they worked for had only given them a few eggs, rice, eggplants, cucumbers, cabbage, and potatoes.

With her statement, Jodie hoped that Simone and the others would share some of their meat. After all, it would go to waste if they couldn't finish it, and that would be a shame. Of course, if Simone refused, it could also make her appear stingy.

Simone easily understood the implied meaning in Jodie's words. She thought, "She thinks the meat will spoil if we can't finish it, so they want a portion." With a smile, she responded, "It won't spoil. An old lady **taught** us to hang the meat in a basket in the well to keep it fresh. Luckily, our yard has a well."

Jodie was visibly annoyed by Simone's apparent pretense. She decided to be more direct. "You won't be able to finish all of this."

Simone raised an eyebrow and replied, "You don't need to worry about that."

Zac proudly added, "Simone earned all of this meat by repairing electrical appliances. Then, he looked at Jodie with a smirk. "If you want meat, earn it yourself. Don't try to take ours. They wouldn't even share the meat with the sibling duo, even if they were going to feed it to dogs.

Jodie was shocked by his blunt words. She thought, "Crave meat? How can he say that? He knows I'm from an affluent family and have tasted all kinds of meat. I've only recently learned to cook a few meat dishes during my previous cooking lessons. I just wanted to showcase my cooking skills

and divert attention from Simone. But his words make it sound like I'm desperately craving meat."

Tears welled in her eyes, and her voice quivered as she said, "I didn't want it, and I wasn't trying to take it. I just thought you had so much meat, and I wanted to remind you that it might go bad. That's all."

However, Jodie's pitiable appearance failed to elicit sympathy from Zac. He rolled his eyes and said,

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It’s just that he was admitted early to a prestigious music academy abroad at the age of 15. It’s not

worth mentioning anyway.

Right, Zachy may not **have** a formal education, but he managed to complete all his credits **in** just two years and graduated early with outstanding grades.”

“Then, he returned to gaming, and within a year, he won a world championship. He should be pursuing a more conventional career.....”

I remember Zeus being fluent in four foreign languages, but he does lack a bit of formal education...”

Sigh, we’ve tried to encourage Zachy to study harder, but he simply won’t listen.

Zac’s fans engaged in self-deprecating humor and playfully teased Aaron’s fans.

Then someone posed a question.

What did **Aaron** mean earlier? Why does he think Simone should be on his side?’

Previously, Simone practiced dancing with **him** alone, and the paparazzi exposed it.”

There’s definitely something going on between these two.

‘Could they have had **a** secret romance before? Did Simone get dumped by **Aaron?**’

‘It doesn’t seem likely. From the beginning of the show, it was Aaron who initiated conversations with Simone.

‘Simone **seems** to be avoiding getting close to him. That doesn’t seem like someone who got dumped.

‘**But** there’s undoubtedly some connection or conflict between them.’

‘Let’s investigate this, paparazzi.’

Among the viewers, there was actually someone **who** owned a paparazzi company.

Upon reading **the** comments, they also felt that the relationship between Simone and Aaron was worth further investigation. If they uncovered something, it could be a major revelation. So, they instructed their paparazzi **team** to get to work.

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Chapter 25 He Finally Understood.

Aaron realized that engaging in verbal disputes with Zac and Simone was a surefire way to invite trouble. They countered his comments every time, which frustrated him, mainly because Simone consistently took Zac’s side. Aaron began to question if she genuinely considered him her brother. **The** more he dwelled on this, the more discomfort and jealousy **grew** within **him**. After all, she was his sister, not Zac’s. **As** he directed his gaze towards Zac, **a** flicker of hostility became **apparent** on his face.

Furthermore, a previous incident concerning slots had already created a rift between them. This made Aaron wonder whether Zac had ulterior motives to separate **his** sister from him. When **Aaron** looked **eyes with** Simone, her **demeanor** appeared cold. Aaron realized that **this** situation couldn't continue. He couldn't allow Zac to take his sister away. He needed to find a way to bring her back.

Regarding the request from the four brothers to teach her a lesson and make her realize her mistake, **he** could temporarily set that aside. Being her brother, allowing her to win for once didn't appear to be a significant matter. It **was a** means to mend their relationship and avoid giving Zac the satisfaction of victory. With this in mind, he turned to her and asked in a gentler tone, "Are you cooking this afternoon?" Even though Jodie had recently started cooking, he still believed Simone's culinary skills were superior.

Simone **glanced** at Aaron and replied, "Someone invited us for **a** meal, so I'm not cooking."

This left him speechless. He had initially planned to approach her while she was cooking to help mend the relationship.

On the side, **Zac** noticed Aaron's attitude toward Simone was slightly off. **She** was generally **easygoing**, but there **was** a lingering resentment toward Aaron **and** Jodie. Suddenly, it struck Zac **that** the Gray Family had found their long-lost daughter, yet they hadn't disclosed her identity publicly or included her in social gatherings. What perplexed him was that they still treated their adopted daughter as the family's heiress.

When he recalled the past few days of interaction between **the** Gray siblings and Simone, he suspected she might be the long-lost daughter the Gray Family had found. It seemed like they mistreated her, which led her to distance herself from the Gray siblings and potentially harbor a sense of aversion toward them. At this moment, Zac felt like he finally understood.

This realization further deepened Zac's dislike for Aaron and Jodie. He pondered, "If Simone wants to distance herself from them, why do they keep insisting on approaching her? They're so annoying."

He smiled smugly at Aaron and said, "Don't worry: I'll take pictures of **the** meal an

d share them in the group chat **when** we eat. Then, you'll **know** what you're missing."

Aaron was left speechless, thinking. "Who the hell wants to see what you're eating? That's just masochistic." He snickered sarcastically and said, "Well, thank you."

With a grin, Zac responded, "You're welcome. I'll satisfy your curiosity since you seem to enjoy it."

Aaron was at a loss for words, thinking, "This guy is as annoying as ever." "That's unnecessary; it's **too** much trouble," **he** refused.

Nevertheless, **Zac** happily said, "No worries, it's not troublesome."

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be held back from voicing his true feelings, but he felt both irritated and frustrated

Simone observed Aaron's efforts to suppress his irritation and thought he deserved it. She found even more endearing how

Just as they arranged the food on the table and hung the meat in a basket over the well, Deuce came met to invite the four of them to dinner at his home.

In gratitude for waving the children's lives, Deuce's **family** had explicitly gone to town to purchase chicken, duck, and fish, preparing a hearty home-cooked meal.

Before they began eating. Zac snapped a photo with his phone and shared it in the group chat.

On the other side, Jodie was responsible for washing **and** chopping vegetables to showcase her efforts. She had put a lot of work into preparing four dishes and one soup, presenting them **in an** aesthetically pleasing manner.

The other three each took a bite of the dishes, finding them edible but rather ordinary in flavor. Leyla thought the food wasn't as good as the meals they had **on** set.

Their phones chimed with notifications, and they opened the group chat to find Zac's shared photo. It displayed a table filled with various dishes, and although **it** lacked the presentation of a **restaurant**, the food looked delicious.

All four of them, including Jodie, suddenly lost their appetites. However, being hungry from a long **day's** work, they had no choice but to continue eating.

Moments later, more notifications **arrived**. They clicked on them almost masochistically, only to see Zac taking a selfie while enjoying a drumstick. The selfie was accompanied by a message. **This** drumstick is roasted to perfection. It's so good!"

After a while, he deliberately sent pictures of grilled shrimp and deep-fried pork ribs with **a** message.

These shrimps are grilled to perfection and have a delightful sweetness. Delicious!

"First time trying oregano pork ribs. Yum!"

Simone also chimed in, I love the grilled shrimp dish. It's so sweet!"

Keira **added**, I like the oregano pork ribs. They're so aromatic.

Eric replied. I prefer the bacon-wrapped meatloaf. It's better than anything I've ever **had**.

At this point, **Aaron and** the others were lost for words. They wanted to vent their frustration to the other group.

Aaron couldn't hold **on any** longer and **said**, "I **want** to block Zac."

Leon chimed **in**, "I'm kind of thinking the same."

However, Jodie and Leyla remained silent, wearing only a smile. After all, Zac **was** a top-tier celebrity. Speaking out like **this** during the livestream might incur criticism from his devoted fans.

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Just then, **Aaron** stretched his finger to the setting button. “Then, **I’ll** just **block** him.”

But Jodie, sitting beside **him**, advised. “Don’t do it, Aaron. Blocking him might prove inconvenient if something important comes **up**. Besides, I enjoy seeing Mr. Turner’s daily posts about delicious food.” In truth, **she** said this **to** earn favor with **Zac’s** fans in the livestream.

After hearing her words, he had to stop his actions. Although he wasn’t too **happy about** it in his heart, on the surface, he still habitually showed an indulgent smile. “Okay, I’ll go with what you say.”

Leyla glanced down at her food, pursing her lips, and pondered, “One is hypocritical, **and** the other is **too** unconditionally doting.” She then wondered, “If I were dating Aaron, who would be more important to him: me or his sister? If both Jodie and I were drowning, he would probably jump in to **save** Jodie.” With these thoughts, she suddenly felt disconnected, and her affection for Aaron diminished.

Since Leon was aware of Aaron and Jodie’s relationship, he didn’t find it strange at **all**.

During the live chat, fans of the sibling duo praised their sweetness **and** affection. On the other hand, Jodie didn’t leave **a** favorable impression on Zac’s fans

“If he wants to block, let **him** block. Zachy has never been afraid of being blocked.”

“With Zachy’s way of speaking, who knows how many people have blocked him? One more by Aaron won’t make a difference.”

“There’s no need for Jojo to play peacemaker here.”

From that point **on**, the comments in the live chat took a different turn.

“I suddenly realized Aaron is very devoted to Jojo, but she doesn’t seem to care much about him.”

“I noticed that a long time ago. Aaron and Zac don’t seem to get along, but Jojo doesn’t support her brother.”

“The key is **that** Zac **has** criticized Jojo several times before.”

“If it were me, I wouldn’t be so forgiving

“So, is Jojo forgiving or just pretending?”

“I feel sorry for Aero. He **spoils** his sister so much, but she only seems to take advantage of his love **and** doesn’t truly support **him**.”

“Aero does everything for her, but she has never defended him.”

“Every time, she just wants to play peacemaker and appear **kind**.”

“Is her goal to become Santa Maria?”

Previously, Simone had anonymously paid for sock puppets to manipulate the narrative at the right moment. As expected, Aaron’s fans started to feel the same way when the sock puppets struck the right chord. As a result, many of Aaron’s fans became dissatisfied with Jodie.

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After their meal, Simone and her crew took a leisurely stroll around the village before returning to their lodging.

Meanwhile, Aaron and the others had finished their dinner..

Jodie took the initiative and quickly cleaned up the kitchen and dishes. She didn't enjoy these chores, but she wanted to maintain a favorable image on the live stream and give the viewers the impression of being a wonderful person. So, she bit her tongue and got to work.

Just as she finished in the kitchen, she saw Simone and her crew entering, chatting away.

Jodie remembered the photos shared in the group earlier and suddenly felt a sense of unfairness. She wondered why she always did the work while Simone enjoyed meals with the others.

Meanwhile, Simone and the others settled into the courtyard; conversing and working on their storage baskets.

Seeing this, Aaron couldn't help but recall how they had all been scorched by the sun earlier that day. He walked over **and** found a spot near his **sister**. He asked, "Did you make the straw hats you wore today?"

"Yeah!"

Simone, perceptive as always, instantly recognized his intentions. She sensed he was angling for some assistance in making straw hats, and as expected, he asked, "**How** about helping us make a few?"

She shot him a discerning look. "Can't you do it yourself?" She was determined not to let him off the hook so easily. To be precise, no one from the Gray Family would be getting preferential treatment from her again.

Once again rebuffed by his sister, Aaron had to swallow his pride. "Alright, fine, forget it then."

She nodded. "Good, I'm glad you understand."

He was taken aback by her response and grumbled, "Geez... My sister gets more exasperated by the day."

Observing Aaron's defeat, Zac casually picked up his straw hat from the table, holding it up and asking. "Do you think this hat suits me? It has a wide brim for shade. Pretty cool, huh?"

Aaron frowned and asked, "What are you implying?"

Zac grinned mischievously. "Just pointing out that this is something you guys can't have. Enjoy sunbathing again tomorrow!"

"You're becoming unbearable," Aaron grumbled in frustration.

Seeing Aaron approaching Simone again, Jodie felt a strange mix of unease and annoyance. She forced a sweet smile and joined them, saying, "I'd love to learn how to make these straw hats too. **That** way, our team won't have to roast in the sun tomorrow." She figured if Keira could learn, she could **as** well.

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Aware of Jodie's possessiveness over Aaron and her competitive streak, Simone saw right through the request and chose not to respond.

The other three remained silent, creating **an** awkward atmosphere, **and** Jodie's smile began to feel **forced**.

Frustration evident in his expression, Aaron addressed Simone, "Jo's trying to talk to you. If you have **something** against **us**, **that's** fine, but Jo's innocent. Can't you be a **bit** more reasonable?"

Simone glared at him coldly. "I've told you before, stop provoking me. I want nothing to do with you. guys. Is that clear enough?"

He was taken aback, his brows furrowing in disbelief. "You!"

Jodie was surprised by Simone's directness, and while it stung Simone's ego, Jodie couldn't

help but feel oddly satisfied. She anticipated that viewers watching the livestream would likely disapprove of Simone's arrogance and lack of courtesy.

As a result, Jodie adopted a more contrite expression and **said**, "Please don't be upset. It's entirely my **fault**." She reached out and tugged at her brother's shirt. Aaron, please, let it go. I won't insist on learning if Simone **doesn't** want to teach."

Simone shifted her piercing gaze to Jodie, a sly smirk curling at the corners of her lips. "Everyone knows the game you're playing, with your ulterior motives. It's hard for me to even tolerate you." She held her stare, her tone dripping with condescension. And, by the way, I've recorded the entire day's events from start to finish."

Jodie's face went through a swift transformation, momentarily showing surprise before quickly settling into a mask of composure. "I have no clue what you're talking about," she replied. Simone's cunning surprised her, **and** Jodie regretted her decision to back down. Even if she believed she was right, the thought of Simone's recording going public weighed heavily on her.

Jodie was starting to regret her decision to express interest in learning how to make straw hats earlier. She had anticipated that Simone wouldn't be willing to teach her due to her personality. Therefore, she had mentioned it intentionally, hoping to create a negative impression of Simone for the livestream viewers.

Simone raised an eyebrow and warned, "If you guys keep trying to provoke me, I wouldn't mind sharing **this** recording with everyone."

Her statement triggered curious looks among most of those present. Something **was** indeed happening between Simone and the Gray siblings behind the scenes, as indicated by her possession of the recording. Even the director's eyes lit up with excitement **as** he thought. This is some juicy gossip!

Aaron couldn't believe Simone's actions and was in shock, wondering how she had undergone such a dramatic **change**..

Her **growing** frustration with Aaron was evident. Among the Gray siblings, he seemed to lack finesse and common sense.

Leon knew Jodie didn't want everyone to know about her relationship with Simone. He even observed **that** Simone's assertiveness was quite apparent since her arrival.

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So, he stepped in to try to smooth things over. "We all know each other here. If there's a misunderstanding, we can discuss it after we return to the city. There's no need to blow it out of proportion." His intention was clear—he wanted to encourage Simone to ease off.

Simone looked at Leon with raised eyebrows. "So, Leon, you think I'm making a fuss over nothing? Every time someone initiates trouble, it's never me, but it always ends up being my fault. I can't quite grasp your perspective **on** this. I've clarified that I'd rather not be involved in this. Please respect **that**. Take good care of your Jojo, and let's not continue bothering each other. She appeared exasperated, "If I can't find common ground with you, then perhaps we should keep our distance, right?"

Since he wanted to help Jodie, they could be in the same boat together.

Her words carried significant subtext, intensifying the gossip among the onlookers. The livestream viewers were equally curious **and** intrigued.

Leon was caught off guard by her continued misunderstanding of his relationship with Jodie. He couldn't comprehend her motivations..

What did she mean by "Take good care of your Jojo"? Was she deliberately stirring up unnecessary trouble?

With a resigned expression, he suggested, "Simone, let's try to avoid causing a scene. I don't understand why, even if you don't like Jodie, we can't simply pretend to get along for the sake of the variety show. After all, **this is a** live stream, and we're making it more dramatic than necessary."

While Simone remained silent, **Zac** chimed in with a sly smile, addressing Leon, "You're exaggerating this. Accusing Simone of wrongdoing and irrational behavior. As a bystander, I didn't see anything wrong with her actions. He contin

ued playfully, “If I didn’t know you two were childhood friends, I would **think** there **was** some grudge between you.”

Simone, still smiling, added, “It’s not just you. I also had the same impression.”

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As Simone **and** Zac **sang** in harmony, Leon’s irritation grew. In that moment, he developed **a strong** dislike for Zac. Frowning, he looked at Zac and said, “There seems to be **a** misunderstanding between Simone and me. You don’t need to get involved.” He wanted Zac to mind **his** own business.

However, Zac casually shrugged and confidently asserted, “That’s not right. Simone saved my life, so her problems have become my concern.”

Leon suddenly found himself at a loss for words, which only added to his frustration. He genuinely hoped that Simone wouldn’t become Zac’s **savior**, as it would only complicate things. At this moment, he didn’t want to engage with Zac. So, he turned to her and explained, “I didn’t mean to imply **that** you were wrong. I just hope we can all get along peacefully.”

She responded calmly, “As long as none of you actively provoke me, we’ll get along just fine.” She clarified that she had no intention of starting conflicts, especially during a live broadcast. However, she wouldn’t hesitate to defend herself if provoked.

He understood her unspoken message and replied, “Understood.” He decided to have a private conversation with Jodie, encouraging her not to instigate further conflict **with** Simone.

It was clear that Simone wasn’t showing respect to him and Aaron. Leon decided it was best to step back and prevent the situation from escalating.

Aaron wanted to say something else, but Jodie pulled at his sleeve. Normally, she would have enjoyed her brother reprimanding Simon

e. However, she now feared that she might release that recording if he pushed Simone **too far**.

He wasn't worried about people knowing about his relationship with Simone. However, for Jodie's sake, he held **his** tongue and did not reveal what he wanted to say. The courtyard fell into an awkward silence, prompting the director to intervene **and** ease the tension.

With a smile, the director announced, "I have something important to share with all of you."

All eyes turned to him as they asked, "What is it?"

"As you all know, this village is home to many elderly residents and children. To bring more joy to their lives, the production team has decided to **organize** a village event next week. Your task will be to **prepare** performances that entertain the villagers. As a special incentive, we will give each villager a small red flower, allowing them to vote for their favorite group. The group with the most red flowers will have one request fulfilled by our production team."

This initiative aimed to generate interest and conversation.

Eric asked, "What kind of performances should we prepare? Are there any specific guidelines?"

The director shook his head and replied, "There are no strict **rules**. You can brainstorm and decide among yourselves. The **main** goal is to **ensure** that the villagers enjoy the performances."

Following this announcement, Simone and her group gathered in their room to discuss their performance ideas.

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Meanwhile, **Aaron** and his group did the same. Jodie was eager to showcase her talents and volunteered to perform a classical dance and play the harp. Leyla suggested **singing a song**, while **Aaron**, known for his singing and dancing

g abilities, decided to perform solo, Leon, with prior experience in singing. proposed singing a song. This allowed their group to prepare a total of five performances.

On the other side, **Zac** looked at everyone **and** asked, “What kind of performance should we **do**? I don’t think singing and dancing would be popular with the villagers.”

Eric agreed, “Considering that our audience mainly **consists** of elderly people and children, magic tricks might be more appealing than singing and dancing.”

Keira had initially wanted to sing a song, but after hearing their discussion, she thought it made sense. “Let’s brainstorm some creative ideas for our performances.”

Zac turned to Simone and asked, “Do you have any ideas?”

Simone pondered and then suggested, “What do you all think about shadow puppetry?”

The other three were surprised. “Shadow puppetry?”

She nodded and explained, “The village leader mentioned that there’s an elder in the village who’s a master of shadow puppetry. Despite its declining popularity, this elder has been diligently making shadow puppets for ten years, hoping **that** more people will appreciate this art form. If we perform this, we can fulfill the elder’s wish and promote and preserve **this** cultural heritage. Additionally, I believe the elderly and children would enjoy watching shadow puppetry.”

Zac suddenly became interested. “So, are you suggesting we perform a shadow puppet show?”

She confirmed, “Exactly. We can each play different roles and put on a shadow puppet show for everyone to enjoy.”

Eric also became intrigued. “This is a good idea. I find it quite interesting.”

Keira **said**, “I agree. Then, she asked, “Are we only going to perform one shadow puppet show?”

Simone smiled. “Didn’t we already tell the village leader and the villagers that those interested can come here for a **class** tomorrow? At **that** time, you can teach the children to sing and dance. Perhaps, they can perform together on stage.”

Eric added, “This idea is excellent. Parents will be thrilled to see their children on stage, and the villagers **will** feel more connected when they see familiar faces performing.”

In the past few days, very few people in the village could recognize them. The elderly and children weren’t interested in celebrities, so their performances of popular songs and dances didn’t receive a warm reception.

He also believed that having familiar faces perform would bring delight to everyone.

After concluding their discussion, they decided to approach the master of shadow puppetry in the village the next day and ask for his opinion. They could start preparing for the shadow puppet show if the elder agreed.

While they were discussing, the flood of online comments continued.

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“Simone’s idea is **inspiring**. I’ve never seen a shadow puppet show before.”

I’m looking forward to how they’ll teach the children.”

“Especially Zachy! He’s still a little kid himself.”

“I’m excited for their next performance.”

“Simone is so nice. She doesn’t try to **steal** the spotlight **and** is good **at organizing** and coordinating.”

“She’s beautiful and kind–hearted.”

“Why were there so many people criticizing her before?”

This is a question for a certain duo’s **fans**.”

“I also wonder how Simone offended them.”

There must be some big drama between Simone and Aaron. I’m so curious about that so-called recording.

“I’m **curious** too. Simone openly mentioned the recording, while Jojo looks like she’s hiding something.

“Leon doesn’t support **his** childhood friend but stands with Jojo. This is a big deal.”

“I noticed before that Leon always protects Jojo. I even wondered if I was mistaken.”

“Now it seems like I wasn’t mistaken. Leon and Jojo’s relationship isn’t simple.”

“There was never any news about them knowing each other before. They’ve kept it hidden very well.”

“No wonder Simone wants to cut ties with him. Childhood friends like this are too scary.

“It is true that Aaron and his sister constantly provoke Simone. However, according to **Leon**, it **is** Simone’s fault. I wouldn’t want a childhood friend like that either.”

“Could someone please find out more details about this major drama? I am eager to know.”

“Paparazzi: It is our turn to shine now.”

People were curious about the drama that Simone had brought up, and the paparazzi were determined not to let it go unnoticed. They continued to dig deeper.

In addition to criticizing Simone, Leon’s fans were also becoming displeased with Jodie. Young female fans **naturally** disliked women who seemed to get cl

ose to their male idols. On the other **hand**, other fans rallied around Jodie, causing a clash between the two sides.

The live broadcast ended promptly at 8:00 PM.

Simone and Keira went out to freshen up, while **Aaron** kept an ear out for **any** sounds outside. When he heard the door open from the opposite side, he immediately got up and went out. As expected, he **saw** Simone coming out. He walked over and stood in front of her.

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Observing this, Keira speculated **that** he might be here to confront Simone about the recording Keira

was deciding whether to stay or go freshen up. To her surprise, she **saw** the man looking at

Simone with a pitiful expression. Then he said, "Simone. I **have** been working hard today, and my hands and legs are aching. Could you give me a little massage!"

Keira nearly dropped the basin she was holding, thinking. What is happening? Is Aaron trying to act cute and **nerdy** with Simone? She suddenly couldn't understand.

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Simone watched Aaron's behavior and found it quite amusing. In the past, when he used to pull stunts like this when she was angry and didn't bother to deal with him, she would tolerate it. Initially, she believed it **was** a way for siblings to express their closeness, so she would let him get away with it. Now, **she** chuckled and said, "**Aaron**, it seems you're lacking something **up** there."

He couldn't believe what he was hearing. "What did you say?" This was his attempt to find an excuse to reconcile with his sister. However, he hadn't expected that she wouldn't buy it even when he was being so humble and submissive.

"I said you're brainless," she retorted,

His voice raised a few octaves, filled with a sense of injustice. "My hands **and** feet hurt, and you don't care?"

Simone shot him a **glance**. "Why should I care?"

After that, she called out to Keira **and** continued walking with the basin in hand, leaving behind a frustrated Aaron..

He muttered, "Simone, you have some nerve. I've seen through you this time." He couldn't help but grumble, She doesn't even know how to feel sorry for her own brother. Instead, she is growing more ruthless by the day! Despite his harsh words, he couldn't help but feel a twinge of discomfort.

Simone didn't stop or turn around. "Now that I've seen through you, see a psychiatrist."

Her response caught Aaron off guard.

When the two women returned after freshening up, Keira saw Leon standing in Aaron's previous spot. She turned to Simone and remarked, "He's here to see you again, right?"

Keira was bewildered. Whether it was Aaron or Leon, they both openly sided with Jodie and stood against Simone. However, when Jodie wasn't around, the men secretly sought reconciliation with Simone. Keira couldn't help but wonder if Simone's description **was** accurate—the men had lost their minds.

Simone, **too**, was quite speechless, thinking. These two are taking turns to come here? Are they out of *their* minds? Before Leon could speak, she took the lead and looked at him, saying, "You should probably consider seeing a psychiatrist."

He frowned and responded, "I'm not crazy.

Simone pursed her lips and quipped, "Well, maybe you're just brainless."

Leon suddenly burst into laughter. "Is it satisfying to insult **me** like that? Let's talk, shall we?"

She shook her head firmly. "We're done here. There's nothing left to say."

He furrowed his brows. "I don't want to hear that again." He cast a quick glance at Keira and then back at Simone. In a hushed tone, he said, "If you continue like this, I won't hesitate to make our relationship public."

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Simone raised an eyebrow and retorted, "So, you're eager to announce to the world that you're my ex-boyfriend? Go ahead."

Leon's frustration was mounting. "I've said it before: I don't agree to break up." He had never even considered breaking up with her, let alone agreeing.

She rolled her eyes dismissively. "Whether you agree or not is irrelevant. I've already decided to part ways. With a touch of impatience, she continued, "You and Aaron are becoming a real nuisance. Can't you just give me some peace?"

He was persistent. "Talk to me privately, and I'll leave you in peace." He believed that talking things through **was** the key to bridging the gap between them. However, the moment Zac approached, Leon sensed **a** looming crisis.

Simone shook her head in response. "If you've come here to ask me to delete that recording, **there's** no need."

Leon's face underwent a subtle change when he heard her words. He hadn't expected-

Simone to know that Jodie had come to **ask** him for help in deleting the recording.

She kept her unwavering **gaze** on the man, finding his momentary unease quite amusing. In her previous life, this would have been agonizing for her. But now, she either loved or hated him. She asked, "Leon, I'm starting to agree with **what** Zac said during the day. Are you holding a grudge against me?*

He **took** a deep breath. “I didn’t come to talk to you just about this.” He wanted to clear up the misunderstanding and reconcile with her. Of course, he also wanted her to delete the recording, or at least not **make** it public.

She looked at him coldly. “You’re making me sick now.”

His expression changed again. “Simone, please, can we stop this?” He couldn’t help but ponder, Why can’t she sit and talk properly? *Why does* she have to make a scene, embarrassing everyone and saying such hurtful things?

Simone hated hearing the phrase, “Please, can we stop this.” She chided. “You’re becoming more like the Gray Family. Why don’t you seek psychological help? Don’t come to me for attention.” With **that**, she pulled Keira and continued walking forward.

Leon was determined to talk to Simone today and wanted to step forward to stop her.

Just then, Zac walked over from the side. He approached the two women as if he hadn’t noticed Leon. He smiled at Simone and asked, “Simone, are we making breakfast ourselves tomorrow morning, or are we going to a villager’s house to join them?”

Simone returned the smile and asked, “Is there something specific you’d like to eat?”

His eyes sparkled with enthusiasm. “Does **that** mean I can place **an** order?”

She replied, “Sure, **as** long as it’s something I know how to make.”

Zac didn’t hesitate and said, “I’d love to have pierogi.”

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Simone agreed, “Alright, I’ll make pierogi for you tomorrow morning.

Zac gently pushed Leon aside, saying. “Great, then call me, and I’ll get up early to help.”

She nodded at him. "Alright!" She **waved** and said, "We're heading back to our room. You should get

some rest, too."

Zac bid them goodnight. As he had intentionally stood in Leon's way, there was little Leon could do but watch Simone depart.

When Simone returned to her room, Leon glared at Zac coldly. "Interfering too much isn't a good habit."

Zac raised an eyebrow, retorting, "Leon, being persistently intrusive isn't a commendable habit either. Simone **is** already repulsed by you, and yet you persist in getting closer. Why are you so insistent?" He hadn't intentionally eavesdropped on their conversation. He had merely exited the bathroom **at an** opportune moment, and the three of them had been standing there.

What he hadn't expected was for Simone and Leon to have reconciled. He scrutinized Leon, sensing a certain unsavory quality about him.

Thankfully, Simone **had** ended her relationship with him, but Zac was puzzled by the situation. Leon did not intend to break up, so why did he oppose Simone? It was evident to anyone that Simone had no affection for Jodie. Leon had chosen another woman over his girlfriend, so why did he seek to **reconcile** with Simone?

Leon's expression grew even colder as he declared. "The matters between Simone and me are none of

your concern."

Zac smirked and challenged, "And who do you think you are?" He assumed a provocative stance, crossing his arms over his chest. "I'll mind it, no problem. Are you planning to confront me?" Simone **had** been his savior, and he couldn't stand by and watch her being dragged into a problematic situation.

"You!" Leon faced an unprecedented level of **irrationality and** audacity. He looked uncertainly at Zac and asked, "Do you have some hidden agenda with Simone?"

Zac, who wasn't the type to always defend women, especially not in every situation, pondered for a moment before

asking. “Does offering oneself in return for a life-saving favor count as having ulterior motives?”

Surprisingly, this explanation didn’t seem entirely implausible.

Leon’s gaze grew even colder. “Zac, Simone is not someone you can have ulterior motives about. Please stop with these inappropriate thoughts.”

Zac had consistently supported Simone since the beginning of the show, standing up against Aaron and his sister. Now, Leon finally understood why. It appeared that Zac **had** developed inappropriate feelings for Simone, which was incredibly frustrating for Leon.

Zac couldn’t help but let out a disdainful laugh. With a hint of provocation, he patted Leon’s shoulder and quipped. “As an ex-boyfriend, you **need** not worry about this. After saying this, he simply walked away, not bothering **to** continue the conversation with someone whose mind was clearly confused.

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In their room, Simone noticed Keira **staring** at her. Simone smiled and asked, “Why are you looking at me like **that**?”

Keira didn’t hold back. “I **never** expected to uncover the **gossip** between you **and** Leon.” She had suspected something was off with Leon, and now she knew he and Simone had a history.

Simone shrugged off the **revelation**. “Impulsive decisions from our youth.”

Keira looked at Simone’s nonchalant demeanor **and** chuckled. “Who hasn’t fallen for a scoundrel in their younger **days**? It’s all about cutting your losses in time.” Her own past had seen her betrayed by a boyfriend, so she held a partic

ular disdain for individuals like Leon, who, despite having a girlfriend, became involved with other women.

The recording in Simone's hands would undoubtedly have an impact on Jodie. He wanted to keep Jodie and Simone in his life, so he even asked Simone to delete the recording. This kind of scoundrel

was the worst.

Simone agreed, nodding. "Exactly, cutting losses in time is the way to go."

Keira thought for a moment and couldn't resist asking, "Did you and Aaron ever have a thing?" She noticed the **man's** behavior, acting cute and dependent on Simone, which wasn't typical of friends.

Simone chuckled. "Impossible. He **and I** are related by blood." This wouldn't be a secret for **much** longer, so she didn't mind telling Keira in advance. Keira didn't strike her as someone who would betray her.

Keira's eyes widened. "What? Are you and Aaron blood-related? You're siblings?"

Simone nodded. "We used to be."

Keira was puzzled. "Used to be?"

Simone explained, "Before joining this reality show, I severed all ties with him and our family."

Keira asked, "Why? It wasn't because of Jodie, was it?"

Simone hesitated, then replied, "Well, she was a big part of it."

Keira sought clarification. "So, technically, you and Jodie are sisters?"

Simone shook her head. "No, she was adopted by my parents. I'm their biological child." She continued, "But I got lost when I was little because of Aaron. It was only a year ago that my family found me. They **believed** I was somehow encroaching on Jodie's place upon my return and were **not** pleased with it. They expected me to make way for her in every aspect, and I just couldn't tolerate it, so I decided to sever ties with them."

Keira didn't expect the situation to be like this. She was appalled. "Your family is being completely unreasonable."

It was evident that Jodie had assumed Simone's identity, yet the family expected Simone to **make**

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amends for it. What **was** baffling **was** Aaron's response, as he had lost his own sister due to his negligence **and** now showed favoritism toward Jodie, his adopted **sister**. It was indeed beyond comprehension.

Simone smiled calmly. "I've chosen to pretend there's no blood relation."

Keira admired Simone's **open-**mindedness. "You have a great attitude." She was cautious about delving further into Simone's personal life, sensing that it might be a sensitive topic. Seeing that Simone wasn't inclined to elaborate, Keira changed the subject. "Simone, you mentioned before that you could read fortunes. Can you do it for me now?"

Simone nodded. "Sure." She took a look at Keira's face and then held Keira's right hand. "Besides matters of the heart, everything else in your life is going smoothly," she said.

Keira asked in surprise, "You can tell my love life isn't going well?"

Simone replied, "Yes, from your facial features, you've experienced some heartbreak in love. You once had a **romantic** relationship, but it ended with betrayal from your partner, involving other women. What was once a loving connection has transformed into resentment." She advised, "Although you've broken up, you should still be careful. He's plotting against you."

Keira was amazed. "You're incredible. You got it all right."

Her ex-**boyfriend** used to be her agent. He had helped her a lot in her career. Yet, aft

er **confirming** their relationship, he secretly got involved with other women, more than just one.

He even claimed it was all just for fun when Keira found out. It disgusted her, and though she loved him deeply, she chose to break up. Nonetheless, she also helped him make a lot of money. Through her family's connections, she introduced him to many contacts. As a result, she felt no obligation toward him. Nevertheless, following their breakup, he persistently hounded her, which led her to participate in the reality show to escape his continued pursuit.

Keira asked, "You said he's plotting against me?"

Simone nodded and explained, "Yes, he's scheming to maximize his **gains** from your career. That's why I strongly recommend you approach the company for a new agent."

Keira hailed from an affluent family with numerous relatives working in the entertainment industry, yielding substantial influence. She was a highly acclaimed and influential singer, making her a valuable asset.

Her astonishment grew when she realized that Simone had even discerned that her ex-boyfriend was her agent, a facet of her life known to very few.

So, Keira affirmed, "Alright, once I return to the city, I'll initiate the process for a change. Initially, she had hesitated to sever ties directly, entertaining the notion of a professional relationship. Still, she could no longer tolerate the machinations of her former lover, who now sought to undermine her.

As the two women continued their conversation, their bond strengthened.

The following morning, Simone began her martial arts practice at the early hour of six.

Shortly after, Zac walked out of his room. He was initially taken aback after spotting her poised and

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graceful movements in the yard. However, he soon leaned against the door, enjoying the view.

Meanwhile, she had already noticed his presence but did not pause in her practice. After finishing her routine, she turned **and** asked, “Looks good?”

Zac smiled and nodded. “Looks great!” He even gave her a thumbs-up. “Simone, you’re amazing!”

Simone chuckled modestly. “Thank you for the compliment.” She asked, “Why are you up so early?”

He reminded her, “We agreed yesterday that I’d get up early today to help you make pierogi.”

She didn’t expect him to wake up so early to help her prepare pierogi. She said, “Alright. I’ll head to the kitchen to prepare things. Join me after you’ve freshened up.”

He nodded. “Alright.”

Simone washed her hands and **went** into the kitchen. She started kneading the dough and letting it **rise**. Zac came in, and she had him mince the meat.

The show’s camera crew followed, beginning the live broadcast and allowing the audience to watch as they made pierogi.

The morning livestream had a moderate audience, with thousands eagerly awaiting the broadcast. Once the camera went live, viewers were greeted by the sight of Simone deeply engrossed in kneading dough while Zac diligently minced meat.

Realizing that the live broadcast was on, she greeted everyone with a friendly smile.

Yesterday, some villagers had delivered meat, so she started cooking with it.

While working, she thoughtfully explained the cooking process, captivating the online viewers. Initially drawn in by the attractive pair in the kitchen, the audience soon found themselves enthralled by Simone’s culinary expertise. Although they had initially tuned in for her looks, they became increasingly

engrossed in her instructions on preparing pierogi. In addition to the pierogi, she also prepared a pot of soup.

Meanwhile, Zac, assisting with the preparations, stood to the side, quietly observing Simone. He found her earnest and focused demeanor quite attractive.

Once the pierogi were ready, the others started to wake up and get ready.

As soon as the pierogi were ready, Zac intentionally arranged them on the table in the yard and beckoned Eric and Keira for breakfast. With a gracious gesture, Simone also brought out the pot of

soup.

Zac was the first to sample Simone's culinary creation. "Allow me to be the first to taste Simone's masterpiece." He took a bite, savoring the rich and fragrant filling. A satisfied grin spread across his face. "Delicious! These are undoubtedly the best pierogi I've ever **had!**"

Witnessing Zac's enthusiasm, Eric and Keira eagerly tried the pierogi, their eyes lighting up with delight. "Incredible! These are absolutely amazing!"

When Leon **and** Aaron returned after freshening up, they saw the three happily enjoying the pierogi.

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Wearing a **sly grin**, Zac deliberately locked eyes with them as he picked up another pierogi and took a bite. With an air of self-assuredness, he remarked, "These are truly exceptional. It's a **shame you** can only **watch.**"

Leon and Aaron exchanged dark glances. They really wanted to punch this guy...

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Jodie couldn't help but feel uncomfortable **as she** watched Zac proudly displaying his pierogi. It perplexed her why he could be so sharp-tongued with her yet so openly flirtatious with Simone. The more she dwelled on it, the more indignant she became.

While she may

ay not have many culinary skills, she did know how to make dumplings. So, she turned to Aaron and Leon and asked, "Would you like some egg and chive dumplings?" Their supplies were depleted of meat, leaving only eggs and chives.

Aaron eagerly replied, "Of course! I love egg and chive dumplings."

Leon nodded. "Sounds good!"

Jodie obediently said, "I'll go make them for you."

Aaron put his arm around Jodie's shoulder. "My little sister is so capable."

In a habitual gesture, she nuzzled her head against Aaron's. "Aaron, just wait for the delicious **food**."

Observing their intimate behavior, Keira couldn't help but roll her eyes, sensing that their relationship resembled that of a romantic couple rather than mere siblings. This made her question, "Are they really just siblings?"

Once Aaron and Jodie finished their affectionate display, they noticed Leyla standing behind **them**. Typically, Jodie might **not** have acknowledged her. Jodie wanted to appear friendly and caring since they were about to go live. With a warm smile, **Jodie** asked, "Leyla, are you going to eat **too**?"

Leyla mustered a smile. "Sure." Although she wanted to express her dislike for chives due to their lingering aftertaste, she couldn't refuse the offer, especially when both Aaron and Jodie were about to eat. She was concerned about potential criticism if she declined.

Jodie, demonstrating her care and culinary skills, headed to the kitchen to prepare the dumplings. She kneaded the dough, prepared the filling, **and** wrapped the dumplings herself. Since she wanted to showcase her skills, she didn't let the other three help..

Surprisingly, they didn't offer to help either.

As the mouthwatering aroma of the soup wafted from the courtyard and Zac's group relished their pierogi and soup, the other people's hunger was stimulated.

Leon and Aaron couldn't help but feel a bit disgruntled.

It was evident that Simone had prepared the meal, and Zac's group was undeniably fortunate.

For Leon, the moment he realized that Simone had made this just because Zac wanted it, **he** couldn't help but feel a sense of discomfort. But now, he couldn't do anything about the situation with the two

of them.

Meanwhile, Simone's group finished their breakfast. The soup she cooked and the pierogi she made were all devoured. After eating, the other three cleaned up and washed the dishes.

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Simone didn't **rush** to do anything. She didn't want to be like Jodie, taking on everything just to show

off.

After Jodie finished making the dumplings, she came out to find Simone leisurely sitting in the

courtyard.

Keira was busy tidying the table while Eric and Zae were in the kitchen, washing up. Their respective roles were clearly defined, even **though** they seemed unfamiliar with the tasks. Nevertheless, they were indeed contributing to the effort.

At that moment, Jodie felt increasingly frustrated. She couldn't understand why she was working so diligently and taking on all the tasks while Simone appeared so relaxed. Her eyes reddened as a sense of **grievance** overcame her, and she turned back to the kitchen, carrying all her frustration with her.

However, the others remained unaware of Jodie's grievances and discontent. When she had completed cooking the dumplings, they each took a bite but found the dish hard to swallow.

The dumplings' skin **was** slightly undercooked, and the egg and chive filling lacked flavor. Aside from their pleasing appearance, everything else fell short.

It was undeniably a case of appealing dishes that failed to impress the palate.

Leon, Aaron, and Leyla wished they were eating Simone's pierogi instead...

Leyla, struggling, forced herself to swallow the dumplings she had picked up, then set down her fork.

Jodie was increasingly frustrated, and seeing Leyla's discomfort, she couldn't help but inquire, "Leyla.. are the dumplings not to your liking? I'm sorry. I didn't realize you didn't prefer egg **and** chive filling. It's just that I **had** to make do with our only ingredients."

Leyla was **caught** off guard by her words.

Aaron finally noticed Jodie's reddened eyes, a clear sign of her distress. Not too pleased, he turned to Leyla and **said**, "My sister has been working hard all morning. You don't need to be so picky. You haven't done anything, so it's already good enough to have something to eat. Besides, my sister's dumplings are delicious. After saying that, he

picked up another piece of dumplings and forced himself to eat it, showing clear support for his sister.

At that moment, Leyla felt even more wrong since she said anything. It seemed she was unfairly labeled as idle and choosy by this brother–sister duo.

Just as she was about to speak, Leon spoke up first. “The dumplings taste really good. Well done, Jodie!”

Jodie sweetly smiled and waved her hand. “It wasn’t hard. I’m just happy to serve everyone.”

Leyla remained silent, but the fans of Aaron and Jodie had already begun to berate her in the live stream comments. **They** accused Leyla of being pretentious, a drama queen, and squandering Jodie’s efforts.

Just then, Zac finished washing the dishes and overheard their conversation. He couldn’t help but

chuckle. He surveyed the dumplings on the table and remarked. “If these are so delicious, why have you all only eaten a few? In our group, we practically fought over the pierogi.” He smacked his lips, reminiscing about the **flavor**, and added. “Even if you brought out another plate, I could finish it all.”

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His statement also drew the viewers’ attention and began to comment.

“Leon says the dumplings are good, but I only saw him eat two.”

“Aaron ate three, but it looks like he was forcing them down.”

Jojo only ate one herself...”

“Leon truly treats Jojo differently. He was eating with such reluctance and still praised her.”

“I’m feeling awkward from all the fake praises.”

“Let’s compare how good these dumplings are. Just now, it seemed like every one was practically fighting to eat Simone’s soup **and** pierogi.

“Yes, especially Zac. When he took a bite of the pierogi, I could see the thin skin, generous filling, and rich broth... It just looked so delicious.”

“I was practically drooling watching him.”

“The dumplings made by **this** group here just don’t look appetizing.”

“It appears to be somewhat artificial. Why don’t they finish it all if it’s so delectable?”

“Ahem. I noticed that the dumplings seemed a bit undercooked when they took a bite just

Leyla’s fans chimed in with their criticism.

“Aaron and Leon were assisting Jojo in bullying our Leyla.”

“It’s too much. Forcing her to eat Jojo’s poorly-made food? How can they do that?”

Jojo’s hidden motives **are** so obvious; don’t think we can’t see through them.”

The group eating dumplings in the kitchen felt uncomfortable after Zac’s comment.

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However, Leyla found Zac’s sharp wit rather refreshing. She had been interested in Aaron before and even wanted to get closer to him. But now, all of a sudden, she lost interest. **Aaron’s** excessive pampering of his sister made anyone in a relationship with him feel suffocated.

Jodie’s expression turned sour as she pondered Zac’s words, thinking. Is he implying that my dish isn’t as good as Simone’s? She shot him a frustrated glance, feeling a **sense** of injustice **and** grievance welling up **within** her. She asked, “Mr. Turner, do you not like me? Why do you always single me out?” She believed Simone might have said something unfavorable about her to Zac privately.

Zac glanced at her in a bewildered manner. “You’re not made of gold. Why should I have a special fondness for you? Besides, it’s inappropriate for a man and a woman to be too close on a show like this. I don’t want to start any unnecessary scandals. Enjoy your delicious meal at your own pace. I’m out.” With that, he briskly left, appearing as though he didn’t want to be associated with them for fear of getting caught up in drama.

Her face flushed with embarrassment, wondering. This guy is just a heartless jerk who doesn’t know how to treat women with kindness!

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