The Next Morning.

Kara sits at the counter with Simone, both sipping coffee. She's mid-rant.

SIMONE

I'm sayin' though, if a man ain't callin' to bless your Cash App or tell you your lace front look flawless, what he callin' for?

KARA

It wasn't just a call. It was Malik.

SIMONE

Yeah. And like I said last night block that man like your rent depends on it.

KARA

I told you, I hung up. I didn't even let him finish.

SIMONE

But you answered, boo. That's like giving your toxic ex spiritual Wi-Fi. You opened the connection.

KARA

I mean... it's just weird. I haven't seen or heard from him in forever. Then suddenly he's calling?

SIMONE

Uh huh. So what are you thinking?

KARA

I don't know

SIMONE

Jesus, take her phone! You out here playing with fire in a room full of curtains.

KARA

It's not like I'm planning to meet up with him. I just need to know why now.

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SIMONE

Girl, because chaos got a schedule and you are right on time.

They sip their coffee. Kara looks guilty. Simone just shakes her head.

(SIMONE (CONT'D)

Look, I love you. But if you end up on "Snapped," I will still visit, but I'm showing up with my polycule and a camera crew. Don't play yourself.

KARA

I know.

SIMONE

Then act like it.

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