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Skylar took out some baked beans from the fridge. “What’s wrong with that? You should have told me earlier. I didn’t have time to come back and cook.”

Tobias put down his cutlery and sighed, his appetite long gone.

Seeing how reluctant he was to eat the pasta, Skylar put the baked beans away and took out two eggs and a bell pepper. “I can make you an omelet if you want.”

“I had some eggs from breakfast,” Tobias said.

“No one’s stopping you from having another one at night.”

“I’m getting old. I need to watch my cholesterol level.”

Skylar burst out laughing. What am I supposed to say? ‘No! You’re not old!’?

She put the eggs back into the fridge and rummaged around for ideas.

“Grilled chicken?”

“No.”

“Fish stew?”

“Don’t like it.”

“BBQ ribs?”

“Doesn’t sound very appetizing.”

Skylar hissed in exasperation and slammed the fridge door shut.

She tossed a bottle of water at him. "You're having water for dinner then!"

Tobias grinned. I like how she's showing her true colors in front of me. Things won't be so boring with her around.

To Skylar's surprise, Tobias downed the bottle of water and called it a day.

"I've settled your friend's matter," Tobias said as he lit a cigarette while lounging on the sofa. "Tell her to be more careful next time."

Skylar put down the mop in her hands. "I just gave her another two hundred thousand. You don't have to get yourself involved, you know."

Tobias was not very happy with how determined she was to keep him out of her matters. "You didn't withdraw any money from your card. Where did the two hundred thousand even come from?"

"I gave her my salary for my latest movie," she said with a sigh.

As a new actress, her commissions were worth around a tenth of veteran actresses, and she had given all of her payment away.

"Everything?"

"Yes, everything," Skylar said, nodding.

Tobias turned around to glance at her. "Including my gift?"

Skylar jumped as she remembered her promise to Tobias to get him a watch after she got her payment.

She figured that a reasonably-priced watch was sufficient, but she had completely forgotten about it the moment Penelope told her about her sob story.

Tobias, on the other hand, was not going to let her forget about it so easily.

Skylar rubbed her temples in regret. Urgh... why did I make that promise in the first place?

“Sorry... I guess it’s gone now,” she said, scooting over to rest her head on his chest, only to flinch away when she came dangerously close to his lit cigarette.

Tobias snuffed the flame hurriedly and gazed at her doe-like eyes before leaning down to plant a kiss on her forehead. “How are you going to repay me then? Is your period over?”

After his failed attempt last night, Skylar could tell that he was getting irritated. He hated being told to keep his hands off her body every few weeks.

She nodded, her face flushed. “Getting in bed with you instead of spending money to get you a watch? Sounds like a deal to me.”

Tobias patted her backside and went upstairs to shower.

As he showered, Penelope surprised Skylar by returning the two hundred thousand she gave her, and her voice was trembling with gratitude in the phone call that followed.

“Honey, I don’t know who did it, but my debts are all gone! I’m forever indebted to whoever returned the money for me!”

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Unbeknownst to Penelope, her best friend was going to repay that Good Samaritan by getting in bed with him.

“Alright, talk to you later,” Skylar said before hanging up and dragging herself upstairs.

By the time Tobias emerged from the bathroom, she was already in bed, clad in a sexy lingerie.

Tobias walked over to her while rubbing the moisture out of his hair. He bent down and sniffed her neck. “You should shower too. You literally smell like onion.”

Skylar raised her head to meet his eyes. “I had a lot of cheese too!”

Tobias closed his eyes and rubbed his hands together. "Brush your teeth for ten minutes, or I'm not touching you."

Skylar grinned. Just as I'd expected!

Instead of following his instructions, she began to unbutton her lingerie while watching his expression closely.

After she peeled the lingerie off her body, she rolled to the side and started to stroke her slender, milky-white legs while licking her lips seductively. Let's see if you can withstand this, Tobias! I'm the one taking initiative now!

I wonder if he'll still insist on taking a shower...

Tobias' eyes flashed longingly. "Aren't you going to take a shower?"

Skylar shook her head. "What's wrong with smelling like an onion?"

Before she knew it, Tobias had already leapt on top of her and pinned her down.

She instinctively clasped her knees together to put some distance between them, but he pried them open easily, as though he was just opening a door.

She closed her eyes and waited for his entry.

When nothing happened a few seconds later, she opened her eyes by a slit out of curiosity, only to find Tobias furiously rummaging through the drawers while wearing nothing but his underwear.

"We're out of condoms... " he said before spewing out a series of obscene curses.

Skylar was a little taken aback, considering the fact that Tobias never swore.

She sat up and shivered as the cold air made the hairs on her body stand on end. Pulling a blanket over to cover herself, she asked, "Are you going to buy some now, or are we calling this off for tonight?"

Tobias sat down by the side of the bed and looked into her eyes longingly. "Can we do without it?"

Skylar shook her head. "I'm going to lose my fertility if I kept eating my Plan B pills. My future husband would despise me!"

Tobias frowned. "Who's your future husband?"

Skylar grimaced. I can't tell him that it doesn't make sense for me to marry him, can I?

"It's you..." she lied.

Tobias sank into deep thought for a moment before kissing her on the forehead. "Get some rest. Let's try again tomorrow."

Skylar was ready for it, but she could not help but feel betrayed when he said those words.

Why can't he just tell a white lie?

She grinned and asked, "Can't you at least play along?"

Tobias pulled her into his embrace and licked her ears gently. "Your ears aren't there to hear white lies. Well, if you're disappointed, I can go out and get some from the store now. Wait here and don't fall asleep."

However, by the time he came back, Skylar was already fast asleep and snoring like a little piglet.

Tobias sighed and threw the condoms he just bought into the drawer. What a waste of time!

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The sound of a phone vibrating echoed against the walls of the room, making it louder than it should be.

Noticing that it was a call from Kate, Tobias picked up the call and sneaked out of the room.

"Apologies for calling at this hour, Mr. Ford. Did I disturb your sleep?" Kate asked.

Tobias lit a cigarette and gazed at the smoke. "Why are you calling me at this hour in the first place?"

"I wasn't free earlier on," Kate relied.

"That doesn't mean I have to follow your schedule. We don't have anything to talk about anyway," Tobias said coldly.

Kate fell silent for a few seconds before speaking again. "Can we meet tomorrow morning at eight-thirty, Mr. Ford? Shall I go to Royal Entertainment or Ford Group?"

"Royal Entertainment," Tobias answered.

Tobias had told Skylar to report at Royal Entertainment in the afternoon, and hence she was still sleeping when he left the house.

Before he left, he took out a bottle of water from the fridge to get back at her for serving him water for dinner the previous night.

By the time he arrived at Royal Entertainment, he was already an hour late.

Kate watched as Tobias sat down in front of her and grinned. "Looks like your attitude is the answer, Mr. Ford. You can't even be punctual for our meeting!"

"We have nothing to talk about," Tobias repeated.

"Skylar's doing heaps of advertisements with very low reward lately, but I believe she is worth much more than that. I wouldn't have asked to meet you if you have already severed ties with her," Kate said.

The secretary entered the room to serve them tea, and Tobias smiled while taking a sip. "That doesn't matter. You're not the only person who can help her rise to stardom."

Kate gazed at him confidently. "I believe that I'm irreplaceable. I can maximize her potential in the entertainment industry."

Tobias admired her straightforward way of doing things, but she was threatening the wrong person.

He chuckled. "You see, I'm not a fan of bargaining. The payment I gave you was final, and it's already twice as much as any other manager in the industry. Aren't you being a little too greedy here?"

Kate was indeed blinded by the lucrative amount that Tobias promised, and she wanted even more than that. Royal Entertainment was affiliated with Ford Group, after all.

Knowing Tobias' wealth, she figured that he would not have minded her request for a raise.

However, the last thing she expected was for him to reject her outright.

Kate flexed her fingers in displeasure, hoping to buy a little more time for herself to convince him.

Tobias glanced at his watch. "You have twelve hours to think about it, and if I don't hear from you after that, your payment would be halved. I have better things to do."

Kate was taken aback by how he was using time to pressure her.

Kate was a smart person, and she did not want to waste any more time. She decided to just go ahead with the contract that the secretary brought over fresh from the printer.

"I have a condition," Kate said. "I want you to sign Amelia Simons under this company as well."

Tobias agreed without much thought. He did not know who Amelia was, and he did not have to attend to the details of the contract anyway.

All he wanted was to get Skylar a proper manager, and he hoped that she would learn to be independent as she walked down the red carpet to stardom.

She would not accomplish anything if she depended on him for everything.

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Tobias did not have much hope in Skylar when she entered the entertainment industry, since her personality was nothing like that of a rising star.

"It's time. I shall take my leave," Tobias said as he stood up from his seat.

"Wait!" Kate blurted. "May I ask what's your relationship with Skylar?"

"Just do your part," Tobias said before disappearing around the corner.

Kate watched as he left with a smirk on her face. He's so bad at making conversation!

She picked up her phone and called Amelia to inform her of her new contract with Royal Entertainment, and Amelia was overjoyed to hear of the news.

Royal Entertainment was a new company that was miles away from the level that Amelia's current company was at, but it had the support of Ford Group.

Meanwhile, Tobias made his way to Valerie's office, which surprised her.

She stood up from her chair immediately. "Good morning, Mr. Ford!"

Valerie was one of the youngest members of Ford Group's executive board, and the speed of her promotions had sparked rumors that she had hooked up with Tobias in private.

Even so, everyone in both Royal Entertainment and Ford Group respected her greatly.

"Is there anything I can do for you, Mr. Ford?" Valerie asked as she gestured to her secretary to serve Tobias tea.

Tobias handed her a plastic folder that contained a simple two-page resume.

Valerie looked at the girl pictured on the resume, who looked like a literal goddess even without any Photoshopping.

"She just signed a contract, and she'll be coming over this afternoon," Tobias said.

Valerie put the resume down on the table and smiled. "I've never heard of her. Is she a new actress? I didn't expect you to personally deliver her resume to me, Mr. Ford."

"Yeah, I think she's new," Tobias said calmly. "She hadn't had any major roles yet."

Valerie fell silent. Tobias would have revealed everything he was willing to talk about by now, and she had no right to probe further.

"How's the company doing?" Tobias asked.

"I'll send the daily minutes to you later on," Valerie said, not directly addressing his question.

"Spare me the details," Tobias said, a little annoyed.

"We had a huge influx of new artistes and trainees recently, and we've been contacting the TV stations to broadcast our survival shows and advertise our new idol groups."

Tobias hummed in reply and did not ask any more questions.

He was not an insider of the entertainment industry, and he barely knew any famous artistes.

"Take care of this girl," he said.

Valerie smiled. "Of course, Mr. Ford."

Later, Valerie handed a contract to Skylar. "Here's our contract, Ms. Jones. Feel free to ask me if you have any queries about the terms and conditions. You may show this to your lawyer if you wish."

Valerie watched as Skylar flipped through the contract. She's pretty young, just like what the dossier describes. I wonder what's her relationship with Mr. Ford...

Skylar noticed that she was forbidden from backing out of the ten-year contract, and doing so anyway would cost her a hefty fine.

Huh... this is not unlike you, Tobias! How demanding!