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Sheldon answered with no hesitation. "Of course I am. She's the kindest and prettiest girl I've ever met. She has a heart for stray dogs and will cry whenever she sees any homeless animal on the street. Though she doesn't have a wealthy family, she's diligent and ambitious."

Skylar fell silent after hearing his reply. Alright, I'd better not meddle in their relationship. Sheldon has every right to love Winnie, even though I dislike her.

"By the way, since she has a humble family background, will Mrs. Ford be okay with it if you bring her home?" Skylar brought up the key issue in their relationship.

Her question killed two birds with one stone, even though she was close to giving up. Claudia's attitude means nothing to me, since I'm not going to marry Tobias, so she and I will never be a family.

Tobias looked over his shoulder at Skylar. Resting her chin on her hands, she smiled at him. "Don't worry, I'm not planning on anything. I'm simply curious about it."

On the other hand, Sheldon was already imagining how things would be like when his mother saw his girlfriend for the first time. Shaking his head, he brushed those scary images in his mind aside.

Afterward, Tobias asked his brother to pull over by the road. Skylar couldn't help but gulp at the sight of the taco food truck by the roadside.

There's nothing more enjoyable than having a beef taco when I'm starving in the middle of the night.

Sheldon got out of the car after the couple and took a seat beside Skylar. As Tobias went to order their food, the woman reminded him that she didn't want any cilantro in her taco.

"Are you close to Winnie? She's an innocent and straightforward person, so she's still a kid and can be ignorant sometimes. Please take care of her, alright?" Sheldon's lips twitched up instinctively when he talked about his girlfriend.

Skylar remembered clearly about Tobias' opinion of his brother. Tobias described Sheldon as all brawn and no brain, and he's born half-witted. At that time, I felt that Tobias was being too harsh to judge his own brother this way. Now I'm convinced that Tobias is right. Otherwise, how could he say that Winnie is still a kid when she's two years elder than me?

Skylar said with a smile, "I'm no better than her. Perhaps you should ask your girlfriend to take care of me too."

Sheldon chewed on her words. A few seconds later, he nodded in agreement. "You're right. You both should take care of each other. Winnie is really hardworking. I asked her why she put so much effort into her work, only then I knew she did so to buy a new house for her parents. She and her parents are still living in a house smaller than two hundred square feet. I really want to help her, but she has been very lucky. If my brother hadn't cut me off financially, I would've bought a new house for her without a second thought."

Skylar gave him a smile without uttering a word. I wish he will stay poor so that Winnie wouldn't be able to swindle a new house out of him.

After that, their food was served. All three servings of tacos had cilantro in it, even though Skylar had reminded Tobias not to put any of it in her taco. Once again, her words fell on deaf ears.

"I said no cilantro. This is what I hate eating the most. I remember telling you twice about it," Skylar complained.

"Don't be picky," Tobias asked.

Having no other choice, Skylar picked the cilantro out of her taco piece by piece, while Sheldon watched her with a sympathetic gaze.

My brother is indeed a male chauvinist. He's so accustomed to being superior, that he rarely sees things from others' perspectives. And that makes him headstrong and high-handed.

In the end, Skylar put hot sauce all over her taco, while the two men prefer having theirs just like that.

After dinner, Sheldon sent the couple home. Before leaving, he asked his brother when the bar will be ready.

"Tomorrow," Tobias replied briefly.

The second Skylar stepped through the door, the man pulled her into his arms before they could change their clothes.

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Tobias leaned forward to sniff at Skylar's shoulder. "I can still smell another man's scent on you. Take a bath and wash it off. It's making me uncomfortable."

"That's my job. It's not like I went out and messed around with other men," she emphasized.

Still, Tobias wasn't pleased. His gaze darkened as he said, "That's the most I can tolerate. You're not allowed to act in any kissing scene. Don't you kiss me if you have kissed someone else."

Glancing at Tobias' awkward expression, Skylar giggled. "You're much worse than me. I don't know how many women you've kissed in the past. Make sure that you're faithful yourself before asking me to do the same."

Tobias couldn't find the words to refute her. She's right, but now I'm not the same womanizer whom I used to be.

Afterward, the man went to his study. Skylar was having the time of the month, so he could do nothing other than leering at her.

Skylar pushed the door of the study open. The woman had taken a bath and changed into her white silk sling nightdress, revealing her fair and slender legs. Her hair was still damp, and her cheeks were rosy. Despite having no makeup on, her alabaster skin still appeared translucent from within.

She walked in with a plate of sliced orange and put it on his desk.

Tobias took off his glasses, which he put on only when he was working, and rubbed the bridge of his nose. "Wow, that's very kind of you to bring me fruits. Are you trying to make amends to me?"

Up till now, Skylar never felt that she had done anything wrong. This man is unbelievably petty. I was only doing my job. Besides, it was nothing more than just hugging. It's understandable that he gets worked up if I have done the scene naked. Even so, I'm only doing it for the sake of art.

She fed a piece of orange to Tobias. "The oranges in the fridge are about to dry up soon. It'll be such a waste to throw them away."

Though the orange wasn't as juicy as usual, the man did not mind at all.

"Is Eva your cousin?" Tobias thought of this all of a sudden. What a small world.

Skylar raised a brow at him. "Yeah. Didn't you know that? Your pretty assistant is my cousin."

She already knew it. Tobias gestured for Skylar to sit on his lap, and the latter hooked her arms around his neck. Looking up, she touched his chin with her forehead.

"Are you both not on good terms?"

Skylar chuckled. "How do you know that? We're not that close. Eva has always been the pride of the family because of her beauty and good academic results. Her boyfriend's family is well-off, and she's going to marry him soon. All our relatives are fond of her as well."

That was all she said about Eva.

Tobias sneered, "How well-off is her boyfriend's family is? Is there anyone wealthier than your man?"

Skylar was tongue-tied. As a matter of fact, Tobias isn't being overconfident to say that. Undeniably, he's influential and filthy rich. If I ever break up with him, I'll never be able to find another man who is better than him. Besides, it's unlikely that anyone can surpass him.

Tobias recalled the way Eva talked about Skylar with a disdainful look.

Judging from Eva's words, she obviously despises Skylar. Perhaps it's a norm that the average people are to complement the outstanding ones, and Skylar is definitely the former.

"How do you know she's my cousin? Did she tell you that?" Skylar asked.

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Is Eva trying to find out whether there's something going on between Tobias and me? But that's not like her at all. As far as I know, she isn't a straightforward person, so she'll certainly beat around the bush and sound me out via WhatsApp, instead of asking openly.

"Don't worry. She doesn't know about our relationship. If you don't like her, I'll ask the HR Department to inform her not to come to work anymore."

Tobias sounded totally carefree. The man had no regard for the tremendous effort the others put in to climb the ladder and become a high-position assistant. He only cared about the results.

That was why he could kick Eva out anytime, in case Skylar wasn't comfortable with her presence around him.

Skylar thought about it for a moment. "What's the point of firing her? Her presence doesn't bother me. But you'd better stay loyal. I don't want to see you get together with any other woman before we break up."

After finishing a cigarette, Tobias threw it into an ashtray. "Are you warning me not to get together with your cousin? I'm very choosy when it comes to women. You'll have to keep me satisfied if you want me to stay loyal to you. Only then I won't cheat on you."

On the next day, Skylar realized that almost everyone in the filming crew stared at her inquisitively when she went to the filming site. The news about her relationship with Tobias had spread like wildfire.

Behind her back, they were chattering that she would surely be the female lead of the upcoming blockbuster movie, and her future was secured.

Right after she put on her makeup, Winnie came over with a cup of coffee. "Ms. Jones, I'm sorry. My assistant didn't see you after buying coffees yesterday. That's why she didn't give it to you."

With a smile, Skylar took the cup of coffee from her and handed it to Hannah right away. "If I'm not mistaken, I'm two years younger than you, so there's no need to address me as 'Ms. Jones'."

"I'll call you Skylar then. Sheldon said we should take care of one another. I don't have any friend here, so I think of you as my buddy." Winnie tried to curry favor with her.

However, Skylar disliked bootlickers. The smile on her face gradually faded away. "The crew is looking for me. I should get going."

Annoyed by Skylar's arrogant attitude, Connie said with a sullen face, "She has been lying low and waiting for Tobias to show up so that she can humiliate you. Such a vicious woman! Look at her. She's so full of herself."

Winnie glared at Skylar's departing back. Her voice sounded deeper than usual. "What can I do? As an artiste under Royal Entertainment, Tobias is my boss too. But she grabbed the opportunity and slept with the boss right after joining the company."

"Winnie, you're not bad yourself. Mr. Ford is so into you. I'm sure he'll side with you."

The filming of 'Unrequited Love' was half-done. Today's outdoor shooting was at a college, as the scene was a flashback. Skylar changed into a blue and white school uniform. Then, the stylist dyed her hair black and put on hair extensions for her. Now her long and silky hair reached her waist.

Her makeup was light and minimal, making her look young and innocent.

Numerous college students gathered around to watch the filming, and it took the security guards a long while to clear the site.

Quite a number of Harry's fans came over, calling out his name enthusiastically. As a result, the audio quality of the filming was greatly affected.

Sitting languidly on a foldable chair, Skylar was taking sips of tea. The afternoon sun cast a bright, warm light on her, and she could barely open her eyes.

At the same time, her phone rang incessantly with repeated calls from Miranda.

“What’s the matter? I’m going to start filming soon, so I can’t talk to you for long.”

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Miranda could not contain her excitement, choking on her words as she said, “Thomas is taking me out for dinner tonight. We’ve booked a western restaurant which is known for good steak. What should I wear tonight?”

Skylar raised her beautiful brows. “It’s the best if you wear nothing at all.”

Without waiting for her mother’s reply, she hung up the phone straight away. I have a bad feeling about Thomas treating my mom to dinner. I’ll bet he has an ulterior motive.

After some time, the crew finally managed to clear the filming site, allowing only those students who were playing minor roles to stay back. Right before the filming started, Skylar adjusted her braids, looking naive and attractive while carrying a backpack.

This scene was about Lenny realizing that she was in love with Hans, so she was going to confess her feelings to him. Hans was riding on a bicycle as she chased after him and called out his name.

The director spoke into a loudhailer, asking the crew and actors to get into position.

Harry then rode on a bicycle, while the cameraman and Skylar ran behind him.

“Cut!” the director shouted. Skylar was panting heavily after running for a few rounds. Hannah handed her a bottle, and she took two big gulps of water.

It was already evening when Skylar got off from work. The woman couldn't stop thinking about Miranda and Thomas, as she was worried that her mother would get hurt again.

She was still wearing the school uniform and carrying a backpack, because Hannah left her clothes in the studio.

Winnie and her assistant came over and asked whether Skylar wanted to go back with them. The latter declined their offer and got into the car in front of the school.

Winnie felt aggrieved that Skylar had a car, but she did not. She once mentioned this in front of Sheldon, but the man did nothing about it.

Tilting her head, Skylar took a photo of herself and sent it to Tobias with a text: Uniform temptation.

Tobias was on his way home when he received the photo from her. Skylar is indeed daring and rebellious, trying to be seductive even when she is having her period.

Wearing a school uniform, the woman appeared child-like. Her ivory and flawless face seemed more enticing than usual.

Tobias was reminded of the girl he liked when he was still studying in school. Back then, his puppy love was sincere and pure without any selfish desire. He was happy as long as he could see her every day. However, he could never get the same feeling ever again.

Tobias replied: Are you seducing me?

With the phone in her hand, a smile spread across Skylar's face.

She asked: How do I look in uniform? My clothes are still at the studio. That's why I'm going home in this costume.

Tobias replied mischievously: It'll be better if you wear nothing.

As Skylar was happily tapping on her phone, she suddenly put a hand over her stomach. There was a dull pain in her tummy since she ran during filming today, but she didn't pay attention to it.

Now the pain was getting unbearable. Lying on the seat in the limousine, she huddled up in agony. Her forehead was covered with droplets of cold sweat.

Hannah was shocked by the sudden change, asking in a panic, "Skylar, are you alright? Do you want me to contact Kate? Are you feeling unwell?"

Biting her lower lip, Skylar mumbled with much difficulty, "It's pointless to look for her now. Ask the driver to take us to the hospital. I can't stand the pain anymore."

Closing her eyes, she couldn't help but tremble uncontrollably.

Once they arrived at the hospital, Skylar was put on a stretcher and sent to the emergency department. Standing outside the door, Hannah broke down in tears as a wave of anxiety washed over her.

Soon, a doctor came out of the emergency department. "Are you the patient's family? She's having acute appendicitis and needs to go for surgery now."

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Hannah signed the notice on behalf of Skylar, yet she didn't want to take responsibility for the latter. Therefore, Hannah fished out Skylar's phone from her bag.

She scrolled through the contact list and found a contact labeled "Mom". Without hesitation, she called the number.

Right then, Miranda was seated in a well-decorated restaurant with a splendid environment. She looked elegant and graceful. Her face was flushing red as she gazed at her old flame affectionately. It had been a long time since she last met the man.

In contrast to Miranda's passion, Thomas didn't show any excitement about their rendezvous. Instead, he pursed his lips tightly and had a serious look on his face.

“Come and live with us, Thomas. You’re running out of time. You have to move in by this month.” Miranda swirled the glass of wine gently while looking at the garnet red liquid casually.

Hearing her words, Thomas was in a tight spot. “I’m not ready to talk to Irene about it. She’ll definitely make a fuss. Besides, my children won’t accept it either. Let’s take some time and think it through, shall we?” he carefully asked.

Miranda drank up her wine and her eyes turned grim. “Don’t you forget what you had done! I was made your scapegoat and I’d suffered in jail for so many years. You have to pay the price!” she scowled.

Hannah tried to reach Miranda, yet the latter didn’t pick up her calls. Suddenly, Hannah thought of Tobias, but she was unsure whether he would come over for Skylar.

Hannah had little experience of being an assistant, but she was no stranger to how things worked between a female star and a sponsor. The former secured the sources whereas the latter satisfied his sexual desires. They were merely getting what they needed from each other.

Hannah called up Skylar’s manager, Kate. Upon receiving her call, Kate rushed to the hospital. She was already in the hot water because of the tight filming schedule before she was informed about Skylar’s situation. However, she didn’t blame Skylar as it was something uncontrollable.

In the corridor, Kate questioned Hannah, “Have you contacted her family? Why are you here alone?”

Hannah shook her head. “I called her mother, but no one answered. I didn’t know who else I could reach.”

Without further ado, Kate took out her phone and called Tobias. That was Skylar’s best opportunity to get hold of Tobias. A strong, controlling man like Tobias Ford would feel protective towards a weak woman. Besides, Skylar would never have to worry about her sponsorship as long as she was with Tobias. That could save up a lot of work on her end.

Meanwhile, Tobias was having a meal with his family. “Have you cut her off completely?” Claudia stared at Tobias as she queried.

Ever since Tobias moved out, she could only have a meal with her son once a week. Claudia always envisioned a happy family, with her beloved children and grandchildren surrounding her.

However, everything was ruined. The child was gone, Tanya had gone crazy, and Tobias had distanced himself from the family. All these happened because of Skylar Jones.

Tobias remained silent. He picked up the fork and knife, then elegantly cut the steak. Under this somber atmosphere, Sheldon was scrutinizing the two of them. He was waiting for the right timing to introduce Winnie to his family.

“There are a few ladies that I want you to meet. They’re all beautiful ladies with decent family backgrounds. Free up some time to meet them,” Miranda said.

Tobias paused upon hearing that. He twitched his lips indifferently, then placed the utensils down. “Are you setting up a blind date for me? Don’t bother yourself. I don’t need that.”

Claudia frowned at his cold response. “How long do you plan to continue this nonsense? You have to get married one day. Stop messing around with that wretch. You’re looking for a girlfriend, not a childish little girl. She’s too young and does no good to you whatsoever. Your future wife has to be a good match for you and she’s definitely not the one.”