

# In a Love Nest with the Aloof CEO Chapter 305

Skylar cooked a bowl of pasta for Penelope in case she had not eaten anything yet that night. She's pregnant now; she needs to take good care of herself for as long as that baby's in her belly.

"Brayden has gotten in touch with me. He says it's up to me to keep the baby or not. My parents have been bugging me about the father's identity ever since they found out that I was pregnant. However, I can't reveal the truth."

Penelope frowned after swallowing some pasta.

Skylar looked at her in disappointment. "You knew Brayden was married, right? And you know the complications of having a baby out of wedlock. He's got his own family too. I think you should go for an abortion. I'll accompany you to the procedure."

Penelope had been in shock the past few days herself. She had found out from Brayden that Skylar's mysterious partner was Tobias.

The CEO of the invincible Ford Group is single.

To think I was worried that Skylar might be fooled by Tobias. She could not help but laugh at her past ignorance. Skylar will never draw the short end of the stick if she's with a man like Tobias. Even if they split up, she'll earn herself a pretty penny. I'd have to worry about myself first.

Penelope did not want to abort the baby. She replied to Skylar, "Well, he can always get a divorce. I'm younger and prettier than that wife of his anyway. This baby is my trump card. I've always said that I'm going to marry into a rich family. Now the opportunity's right in front of my eyes; I can't just let it slip by. Skylar, you can stop talking me out of this."

As they chatted in the living room, there was the sound of a car parking in the driveway.

Penelope glanced at Skylar nervously as she wondered about the identity of this late guest.

The key turned in the lock of the front door. Skylar approached the door as Tobias walked in. A gush of cold wind followed him into the room.

“Why are you still awake? Were you waiting up for me?” Tobias asked as he removed his shoes. He saw Penelope standing up from the couch.

It’s her problematic friend. Looks like Brayden’s not too choosy about his romantic liaisons. She looks pretty normal to me.

Feeling awkward, Skylar took Tobias’ jacket from where it was slung on his elbow. “My friend’s staying the night. I didn’t know you’d be home today. I hope this arrangement doesn’t bother you.”

Tobias answered matter-of-factly, “This is your house. Anything you decide doesn’t bother me at all.”

Penelope felt nervous around Tobias after knowing about his relationship with Skylar. Even a simple hello seemed like a challenge to her. Her eyes darted around the room.

Tobias happened to notice the small bump on Penelope’s abdomen. I don’t know how women are supposed to look like when they’re pregnant, but that looks like she’s at least two months along.

The awkward atmosphere in the living room persisted. Skylar went to the kitchen to prepare supper for Tobias, leaving him and Penelope alone in the living room.

Tobias flipped through one of the magazines on the coffee tables.

“Mr. Ford, are you close to Brayden?” Penelope cleared her throat and attempted to make small talk with him.

Without lifting his head, he replied, “I don’t like to pry into other people’s private affairs. However, you are Skylar’s friend. I don’t want your emotions to affect her wellbeing, so I’d advise the two of you to reduce your interactions.”

He had conveyed all of this in a chilly tone, which accurately reflected his sentiments when it came to his thoughts on Skylar’s relationship with Penelope. While he did not mean to

stop her from socializing with others, he preferred her to stay away from someone who invited trouble as frequently as Penelope did.

Tobias' direct barb was a huge blow to Penelope.

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"I won't affect Skylar. I believe that's just your prejudice against me, Mr. Ford. Skylar and I have been friends for decades. We're as thick as thieves. Perhaps I hold more weight in her heart than you."

Tobias scoffed, "I hope so." The icy look in his eyes intensified.

Dissatisfied, Penelope pursued further, "Have you met Brayden's wife? He told me that the two of you are very close."

Tobias kept quiet. So what if Brayden and I share a bond?

Right then, Skylar walked out with a bowl of pasta. Wearing a pair of heat-insulating gloves, she carefully served the oval-shaped bowl in front of Tobias.

"You guys go ahead and enjoy your meal. Please excuse me," Penelope uttered.

Skylar called out to her and led her to the guest room upstairs. I should've told Tobias in advance that I've got a guest at home, then it wouldn't have been so awkward for Penelope.

She asked for a pair of pajamas, but Skylar could not offer her any because hers were extremely revealing.

A few days ago, she even received a fishnet one, which she had chucked aside in the wardrobe. Her array of nightgowns spoke volumes about Tobias' fetish.

Penelope did not insist. She removed her jacket and lay down on the bed. Seeing Penelope's bulging belly, Skylar felt so sorry for her.

After helping her to settle in, Skylar headed downstairs only to find Tobias had already finished the entire bowl of pasta. He was puffing on a cigarette with his eyes squinted as white smoke lingered around him.

"Why didn't you tell me earlier that you're coming? I didn't get to prepare a proper meal." Skylar wanted to bring the bowl into the kitchen.

Tobias grabbed her wrist and pulled her into his embrace. "Since when there's a rule that requires me to inform before showing up?"

Skylar looked at the stairwell. Thank goodness Penelope isn't here.

"This is the invitation to your father's birthday banquet tomorrow." Tobias fished out two invitation cards from his pocket.

In the past, Thomas never really had the chance to talk to Tobias. It was on Skylar's account that Tobias accepted the former's invitation.

Skylar knew about the birthday banquet. She did not plan to attend it initially—not until she found out that Miranda was going to be there too.

Miranda updated her happily over the phone that Thomas would be announcing his divorce with Irene on his birthday. With that, their hard days would soon come to an end.

"Are you going?" Skylar asked.

Tobias answered half-heartedly, "Well, I've never attended a birthday party before, except for my mother's. Then again, if you're going, I'll be there to keep you company. I'm afraid that you can't cope with it alone."

Smiling, Skylar said, "Don't you think that you're a dangerous man, Tobias Ford? When you pamper me, you make me feel like I've got the whole world in my hands. Conversely, when you give me the cold shoulder, I feel like I'm in the deepest pit."

Tobias could sense grievances from her tone of voice and reflected on himself. Indeed, when I'm focusing on a task at hand, I won't even think about Skylar.

Penelope left super early the next morning. She informed Skylar through text message that Brayden had picked her up.

During breakfast, Skylar attempted to pry some information from Tobias. "What do you think is the chance of Penelope and Brayden getting together? How's Brayden's relationship with his wife?"

Last night, Penelope was the one who tried to dig information from Tobias. Right then, it was Skylar's turn.

Knowing that Tobias disliked gossiping, Skylar had to work harder to get him to talk.

Cupping her hands around her face, she bit her lips, winked at him bashfully.

Eventually, Tobias caved in. "Brayden's wife has gotten used to him being a playboy. So, they won't get a divorce. Penelope won't be the only woman who has his child. In other words, she can deliver him a baby, but he certainly won't take responsibility for it. Do you understand?"