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Skylar was stunned for a few seconds. Then, she nodded. "Yes, I did. I'm sure it's clean."

Nobody touched the cake. Winnie even covered her nose and said in an exaggerated tone, "Whipped cream is bad for our health. It contains too much saturated fat. Mrs. Ford, it's too greasy and sweet for you."

Tobias cut out a piece of the cake and put it on his plate. Otherwise, Skylar's effort would go to waste.

Claudia refused to taste it. She claimed that she didn't eat cake.

Finally, Tobias couldn't help but say, "Mom, are we still going to have dinner together? I respected you as my mom. That's why I brought Skylar over today. But, don't you think respect is mutual?"

Skylar remained silent. All she had to do at the moment was to stay quiet.

She was in a disadvantaged position. In that case, silence is more eloquent than words. Claudia would probably be annoyed if she said too much.

Winnie hurriedly pretended to be kind and said, "Mrs. Ford, Skylar is a very kind person. She's always been down-to-earth and friendly all the time. Besides, she is ambitious when it comes to her career. She is even cast as the female lead in a lot of popular movies and dramas recently. Many actors would give anything to work together with Skylar. She has fascinated a lot of homebodies with her beauty. Recently, she has been chosen as a goddess to men of all ages with the highest votes."

Claudia looked at her indifferently and said, "Someone is enjoying the fruit of other's labor. How could she not be successful with the help of Tobias? The entertainment industry is

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frivolous. The circle itself is messy, dirty, and complicated. Do you enjoy being popular among so many men? Is that really something to be proud of?"

Skylar was at a loss for words throughout the dinner. However, she answered politely, "I'm very grateful for what Tobias has done for me. I wouldn't have come so far if it wasn't for him. There are all kinds of different people in every industry. Most importantly, we must remain unfazed. My grandma always teaches me to keep my feet on the ground. Apart from career, we should also take our relationship seriously. In the blink of an eye, I've been together with Tobias for almost two years. How time flies."

Skylar reminded Claudia of how long she had been with her son.

It had been almost two years. And yet, they still had not made a clean break.

Claudia understood clearly that Tobias had fallen head over heels for this vixen. He was determined to be with Skylar no matter what.

Skylar remained her cool and spoke calmly. She was indeed soft on the outside but tough on the inside.

Tobias let out a sigh. "I bring Skylar over today to let her familiarize herself here. After all, we are going to meet each other quite often in the future. Mom, please don't put her in a difficult position. It would be embarrassing if the outsiders found out about it."

Reputation meant everything to Claudia. In addition, she didn't want to be on bad terms with Tobias as their relationship had just gotten better lately. Therefore, she had no choice but to turn a blind eye.

Skylar took a mouthful of grilled salmon and casually said, "Winnie, you're really good at cooking. The salmon tastes exactly the same as Breeze Bar and Grill. They always score their salmon by cutting three shallow slashes through the skin. That is their specialty. Did you learn that from them too?"

Winnie gave Sheldon a dirty look, grumbling in her heart that he didn't even know how to order takeout.

Tobias had brought Skylar to Breeze Bar and Grill several times. It was not too far from there. Tobias also mentioned before that their salmon was Claudia's favorite.

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Sheldon immediately covered for Winnie, "Winnie knew that mom loves dishes from Breeze Bar and Grill. So, she purposely visited and learned for a week. Their chef personally taught her their specialty."

Skylar smiled, looking innocent. "Oh really? I'll pay a visit too. I'm going to cook it for Mrs. Ford in the future. But I'm not as smart as Winnie. She only took a week to master the skill. It tastes exactly the same."

Winnie clenched her fists tightly under the table. Skylar was obviously trying to humiliate her in front of everyone.

Claudia was just taking a bite of the salmon. She gave Winnie a knowing look and spat out the salmon on the napkin. A look of displeasure crossed her face, but she didn't say a word.

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Winnie was on pins and needles. She thought everything was perfectly planned and under control. But little did she know, Skylar was such an expert when it came to food. She had such a discerning palate. How could she even know that? Her sense of smell is as good as a dog's.

After dinner, Tobias let the housekeeper cut the cake into few pieces. Skylar put the plate in front of Claudia.

She didn't insist on forcing Claudia to eat the cake. Anyway, she had shown her sincerity.

Claudia pointed at the sofa opposite her. "Have a seat." She acted like a queen who was issuing an order.

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Skylar did as she was told respectfully. She sat upright, resting her feet firmly on the ground and both feet close to each other. She didn't seem overcautious.

She put every theory she learned from her lessons into practice.

Tobias was about to sit down as he was afraid that Claudia would make things difficult for Skylar. Before he could sit down, Skylar purposely gave him a nudge and smiled. "Mrs. Ford and I are having some women talk. What are you doing here?"

She could see from Claudia's eyes that she didn't want Tobias to be there.

Skylar simply sent Tobias away with some random excuses.

Before he walked away, he caressed her hair gently. His eyes were full of affection. Claudia had only seen that kind of gaze when Tobias was looking at Idania.

Speaking of Idania, Claudia heard that she was back recently. She was an executive president of a foreign company. Back then, Claudia didn't like Idania very much.

She disliked Idania for another reason. She had different feelings towards Skylar. Women knew women better.

Idania was a scheming one. She looked soft and weak on the outside, but her gaze was ruthless and tough. Claudia could never forget that look.

At that time, the Fords weren't as good as they were today. Ford Group was not that successful either back then. Idania once revealed to Claudia from their conversation that she wanted to take over Ford Group after their marriage.

Claudia sized Skylar up from head to toe. She admitted that Skylar was naturally beautiful. How could a man even resist a pretty woman like her? "Do you know the reason why I don't like you?"

She nodded her head. "I know, Mrs. Ford. I understand that you don't actually care much about my family background. You thought it was me who ruined Tobias' marriage. In fact, I have my own reasons and it wasn't that easy for me to tell. I'm not as bad as you think. My parents got divorced because of the other woman. Since then, my father left my mother and

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I behind. I never have the chance to experience the feeling of being loved by a mother or a father. Therefore, I won't do something that is against my conscience."

Skylar could only defend herself by telling her history. She could not be possibly telling Claudia that it was Tobias who pushed her to the corner. She had no other choice but to compromise.

Claudia knew that much about her background. She pinched the bridge of her nose and replied weakly, "You've already reminded me about being together with my son for quite a long time. If I were to forcibly break you guys apart, it would only make me an immature and inconsiderate parent. However, even if I don't object to your relationship, that doesn't mean I can accept that willingly."

Skylar was relieved to hear that. It was such a load off her mind. Nothing was worse than Claudia being furious and claiming to cut off all ties with Tobias.

She smiled at her. "Mrs. Ford, I don't know how to make a promise either. I really like Tobias a lot. I'm willing to give my everything for him. But who knows what the future holds? Anyway, I'm just a person who stays by his side and keeps him company. He is a lonely soul. He doesn't let others into his heart. To be honest, he is not going to marry me too. All I could do is to be by his side silently and make every day counts. If he gets tired of me someday, I will leave no matter how painful it is. Hence, Mrs. Ford, you don't have to worry about the Ford family being a laughingstock should I marry into the family. There isn't always a happy ending even we love someone with all our heart and soul."

Claudia's gaze gradually darkened. She closed her eyes and smiled bitterly after hearing Skylar's last sentence. "It's always the woman who suffers in a relationship. You're going to regret it someday for betting on your youth."

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