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Glaring furiously at the screen, she surmised that Skylar must be behind it. After all, Tobias wouldn't have acted so cruelly given that he knew how sick she was. He couldn't have blocked me because he knows that he will regret it if something happened to me.

Meanwhile, Tobias was surprised when he saw Idania appear at his office. When he looked at Sheldon who was standing beside her, he immediately understood how she got there.

Sheldon pulled Tobias aside and whispered, "I ran into her downstairs. She told me that she needed to see you urgently. When I saw that she didn't look too good, I decided to let her in. After all, she looked as if she was lost in the street."

Tobias raised his eyebrows at Sheldon to express his disapproval of his unnecessary helpfulness.

The next moment, Sheldon made an excuse and disappeared in a flash. The last thing he wanted was to be dragged into his brother's messy relationships.

"Why did you block me?" Idania gave Tobias a sad and puzzled look.

"No reason in particular. I just feel that it's pointless for you to complain to me every day. You should look for someone else," Tobias replied with an indifferent expression as he was very busy. He didn't want his personal affairs to affect his progress at work.

"Today, your girlfriend came and said many nasty things to me. The words she used were so vulgar that I couldn't believe she actually said them. She is such a feisty person and doesn't even care that I'm sick. Don't you think she has gone overboard by doing that? Can you please put a leash on your girlfriend?" Idania lips trembled as she spoke. The more she explained the more aggrieved her tone became.

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Tobias furrowed his eyebrows and questioned, "Did she really? She's not capable of something like that nor scolding anyone. She's also not as eloquent as you, and yet you accuse her of being nasty? I don't believe you."

Idania snorted. "Do you trust her that much to think that I'm lying? Just because I have nowhere to turn to, she rubs salt in my wounds. It's not like I'm asking for much, and I don't intend to come between the both of you. Why does she need to treat me that way? Even if I'm an ordinary friend, she shouldn't have crossed the line by saying all those nasty things."

Tobias clasped his hands together while seated on the sofa. Lowering his head, he replied with a smile, "I understand how you feel. For now, you should focus on getting better as I'll make sure she won't bother you anymore. I have contacted some specialists on your behalf and will send you their contacts. All you need to do is to make an appointment with them."

Sensing an opening, Idania raised her voice, "I want her to apologize to me. My sickness is unpredictable and now, whatever good mood I have is gone."

Tobias didn't reply. Instead, he was thinking of something else. How is it possible that Idania is bullied by Skylar? Since when has Skylar become so capable?

Despite coming over on purpose, Idania didn't get much support from Tobias. Instead, he quickly ushered her out by excusing himself for a meeting.

The more she thought about it, the more her heart sank. She realized that he no longer cared about her and couldn't wait for her to leave.

Last time, he promised me that he will take care of me. Has the passage of time caused him to forget his word?

Ever since he parted with Skylar on bad terms in the morning, Tobias had not contacted her. Also, his phone had also been quiet and didn't contain any unread messages.

Hence, he regretted not compromising with her the night before. If he had blocked Idania there and then, the matter wouldn't have escalated to what it was now.

With a gloomy expression, he noticed that his mood was gradually being swayed by his feelings for her.

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Given that Idania had come over, it gave him an excuse to call Skylar and clear the air.

However, despite calling three times, she ended his calls consecutively. When he called again, no one answered it.

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Guessing that she was throwing a tantrum, he had no choice but to go over to Royal Entertainment and try his luck.

Skylar seems to be growing out of her shell and out of my control.

Meanwhile, Susan entered and handed the latest financial statements from the marketing department over to Tobias. Checking her watch, she reminded, "Mr. Ford, you still have ten minutes before the meeting. When I walked past the meeting room just now, I noticed that everyone has arrived."

At that moment, Tobias remembered that he still had a routine meeting to attend at six-thirty.

Without any hesitation, he postponed it. "Tell them that the meeting has been canceled and they can go home early. There's something I need to attend to."

Susan clarified, "However, the agenda of tonight's meeting is to discuss the demolition of the western district. Do you still want to cancel it?"

Tobias frowned. "Did I not make myself clear?"

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Susan nodded in trepidation when she sensed that Tobias was in a bad mood.

It baffled her as to what had caused it as it was rare for him to express any emotion.

Despite it being eight-thirty, the Royal Entertainment building was still brightly lit. There were many reporters lingering at the entrance every day, waiting for a scoop.

Whenever the security guard chased them away, they would scurry away like mice. However, once he was gone, they would return to their positions.

Just when Tobias arrived, he ran into Kate.

Kate's face lit up when she saw him. "Mr. Ford, are you here to see Skylar?"

Why is she asking the obvious? Given how late it is, does she think I'm here to see Valerie about work?

I'm not that concerned about Royal Entertainment.

Tobias answered, "Where is she? Is she here?"

Kate shook her head. "She's not here as there's nothing scheduled."

Without another word, Tobias turned and left the lobby.

Meanwhile, Amelia was standing beside Kate. When she greeted Tobias earlier, he didn't respond or even bothered to glance at her.

When she watched him leave, she sighed, "Skylar sure is something. Even Tobias has to come personally to see her."

Kate then sent Skylar a message but didn't receive a response. She grumbled, "I really don't know what she has been up to every day. She keeps leaving her phone on silent and it's really hard to get a hold of her."

Giggling, Amelia quipped, "Nowadays, it's hard to find acquiescent employees like me that will appear at a moment's notice whenever I'm needed."

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After he returned to his car, Tobias called Skylar again. However, no one picked up still. Feeling frustrated, he placed one hand on the steering wheel and smoked a cigarette with the other.

He then sent her a message filled with question marks.

In fact, he was even worried that she had somehow met an accident.

As Tobias had a habit of being vigilant, he would always consider the safety of those he cared about.

For example, given how obtuse Sheldon was, Tobias would always worry about him getting into trouble or an accident whenever he got drunk.

After getting someone to trace Skylar's phone signal, Tobias headed to her last known location. If he didn't see it with his own eyes, he wouldn't believe that she was drinking beer and eating skewers with another young man.

The moment he saw her, Skylar was stuffing a chicken wing in her mouth. The man was looking at her with a smile, telling her to slow down or else she would choke.

"Is it delicious?" Skylar thought that she was hearing things.

When she turned and saw Tobias, she froze with the chicken wing in her mouth.

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The young man looked at Skylar awkwardly and asked, "Is he your boyfriend? I thought you were single."

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When Skylar recalled the nature of James' job, she was worried that he would bring it up in his idle chatter with his colleagues. Hence, she denied immediately, "I don't have a boyfriend yet. He is a friend and my superior at work."

Tobias' eyes squinted in response as he watched Skylar lie through her teeth.

"Hello, my name is James Jackson. I'm Skylar's friend from high school. She used to sit in front of me," James introduced himself warmly and he stood up to shake Tobias' hand.

Holding a wooden skewer in his hand, Tobias broke it in half with a push of his thumb, sending a chill down Skylar's spine.

As he stared at James coldly, James' hand was still extended awkwardly.

"Are you done eating? There's something urgent at the office. Come back with me right away." He turned his gaze toward Skylar.

Usually, she would feel uneasy in my car because she wanted to avoid suspicion or was worried about being photographed.

But now, she can brazenly drink with another man, with a reddened face and a bunch of empty beer bottles beside them.

Skylar recent actions and behavior never ceased to amaze him.

As James retracted his hand awkwardly, he scratched his head and replied, "You should go deal with whatever you need to. Anyway, I'll work on what you have asked of me and talk to my boss know when I'm back at the police station."

Skylar replied gratefully, "I appreciate it."

When she prepared to pay, the waiter informed her, "A man has paid for you."

Smiling awkwardly at James, Skylar remarked, "You shouldn't have done that. How can I allow you to pay? After all, I was the one who asked you for help."

James answered, "It's not me. I didn't manage to pay in time."

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Tobias' expression was just as sullen given that Skylar acted as if he was invisible.

When James denied that he paid, Skylar turned toward Tobias. Her expression changed from one that was all smiling to one that was icy cold.

As one of the top graduates from the police academy, James' keen observation told him that Skylar's relationship with her boss wasn't as simple as it appeared.

Skylar's flawless face was accentuated by her exquisite features, glowing underneath the dim moonlight.

Therefore, James would always take another look if he could. When they were studying, he regretted not noticing her early enough. Hence, she ended up getting together with Jeremy. Consequently, he had even seen many of their couple photos in Friendster.

Life was like a show, and it all depended on how well one could act.

After James left, Skylar immediately kept a safe distance from Tobias. She didn't even pretend to be cordial.

After all, she was still holding a grudge over the fact that Tobias had called her crazy for the sake of his ex.

When a man called a woman crazy, it was no different from swearing at her. Therefore, Skylar wasn't going to give in to Tobias' persuasions this time, at least not until the matter with Idania was resolved.

Meanwhile, Skylar had brought Hannah along to the dinner, so as to avoid being photographed dining alone with James. However, Hannah had left halfway to take a call.

Until now, she still hadn't returned, causing Skylar to feel annoyed. After all her job was to help Skylar avoid unfounded rumors from being started. However, Skylar didn't expect Hannah to be so busy that she had no time for dinner.

Picking up her handbag, Skylar requested the restaurant staff to pack the leftovers so she could have them for breakfast.

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Tobias snapped, "Have I mistreated you to the extent that you have to eat someone else's leftovers?"

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Skylar pretended not to have heard as she packed the leftover boxes into her bag. "Wasting food is a sin. Besides, no one has touched the food before. So why can't I eat it?"

Tobias replied, "Suit yourself. Come home with me. I have something to ask you."

The moment they stepped out of the restaurant, they ran into Hannah. Underneath her thick glasses, her eyes were all red. It was obvious that she had just cried very hard given how swollen her face was.

Leaving Tobias, Skylar grabbed Hannah's arm and asked softly, "What's wrong? Your eyes are all swollen from crying. Wasn't everything fine just now? Who has bullied you? Did you bump into some hoodlums? Tell me."

When Hannah saw that Tobias was there, she refused to tell Skylar what happened. Instead, she took off her specs and wiped her tears.

She had just revealed to her boyfriend that she was Skylar's assistant. Previously, she lied to him because she wasn't confident of herself and her looks. Hence, she was worried that he would think less of her.

However, her boyfriend told her that he needed to reevaluate their relationship. Furthermore, he finally understood why the pictures she had sent him all looked like Skylar.

Just like a mute, Hannah didn't respond no matter how much Skylar asked.

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As Tobias entered the car first to wait for Skylar, Hannah quickly followed them. From the moment she got in, she could no longer control her emotions and began to vent, telling Skylar that she was on the verge of a breakup.

Hannah's cries at the back of the car irritated Tobias. Glancing at Skylar from the rearview mirror, he wondered if she would be bawling the same way if both of them were to break up.

He had never reconciled after a breakup. However, Tobias figured that if Skylar cried to this extent, he would likely waver if it wasn't over a matter of principle.

Skylar comforted her, "Is he worth you crying so much for? Men are all pigs. Why should we care so much about them? Don't dwell on it so much. After all, there is plenty of fish in the sea. If you're not happy, change your boyfriend. Most importantly, you should learn how to let go."

Feeling the sting from her words, Tobias plainly asked, "Are you comforting her, or are you trying to get on my nerves? Tell me, if I made you mad, would you change me off just like that?"

Skylar was stunned. Since when did he get so edgy? I didn't say I was talking about him.

"Don't you have any sympathy? How can you feel annoyed given how hard she was crying?" Skylar grumbled after they had dropped Hannah off. At the same time, she was rummaging through her bag.

Tobias furrowed his eyebrows at her as he wondered what she was looking for.

The bag was in a mess. Despite how pretty and neat she looked, she was essentially a messy person.

Tobias had heard that ladies nowadays behaved that way. All they cared about was their appearance.

"Why should I have any sympathy? Isn't it just a breakup? Why does she need to cry so hard about it?" By the time Tobias stopped the car, Skylar had found what she was looking for: the house key.

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The keypad lock on her door had been broken for a long time, and she had forgotten to call the repairman. Also, it was Madelyn's day off; hence, no one was there to get the door for them.

Before Madelyn left in the morning, Skylar caught her using her facial cream without her knowledge.

Realizing that she had been caught red-handed, Madelyn made an awkward excuse that Skylar always came home late.

Therefore, having to wait up was detrimental to her skin. As a lady, she too needed to maintain her look with proper skincare.

After all, she was meeting her friends, and it would be bad for Skylar's reputation if they saw her pale expression and assumed that she was badly treated by her employer.

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When Skylar heard Madelyn's preposterous excuse after being caught using her skincare products, she couldn't help but burst into laughter before giving the leftover cream to Madelyn. After all, she didn't like sharing something so personal.

At that moment, she realized that the number of little quirks she had seemed to have picked up. She had forgotten that she used to wear hand-me-downs from Eva. Moreover, she never had a pair of new shoes, let alone clothes.

Upon entering the house, the living hall was in a mess. The sofa cushion had fallen onto the floor while the leftovers from her morning breakfast were still on the coffee table. Furthermore, the trash can was full as no one had taken it out.

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After throwing the breakfast away, Tobias took out a napkin and wiped the oil stains off the table.

Meanwhile, Skylar came back downstairs after getting changed. Taking off her hat, she revealed her new hairstyle: maroon-colored shoulder-length hair.

Her goddess-like side bangs were now replaced by air bangs. When she wasn't wearing makeup, Skylar would look even younger. Only then did Tobias noticed that she changed her hairdo.

"Did you confront Idania? Why did you do that?" Tobias looked at her intently.

Tobias didn't approve of Skylar's new look. He felt that it was too young and girly. Therefore, they would look out of place standing together.

Don't I look like an uncle standing next to my niece? All this while, Tobias was not bothered by the difference in age. But this time, he was concerned by it.

Fidgeting with her hair, Skylar felt uncomfortable with its awkward length. She replied, "No wonder you called me so many times. Are you trying to interrogate me? However, I don't think what I did was wrong. Your hate people who like to express their jealousy. Unfortunately, I have become one of them."

Skylar wasn't sincere in her admission at all. She gave Tobias a cursory response and didn't intend to dwell on the details.

Opening the window to get some fresh air, the cool night breeze blew across her exquisite-looking face.

Tobias looked displeased. "Since you obviously know I don't like it, why must you insist on doing it? Also, are you having dinner with that guy just because you wanted to get on my nerves as revenge?"

Suddenly, Skylar realized that Tobias' impression of her was that she was someone childish.

She didn't want to tell him what she saw James for. After all, it was a trivial matter that she didn't want to bother Tobias with. It was better left to the police.

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"I didn't. I was just catching up with an old friend from school. Anyway, can you tell me how your ex ended up accusing me of bullying her in front of you?"

Tobias' expression was grim as his deep gaze met with Skylar's clear eyes.

The next moment, Tobias stood up and headed upstairs, as if there was nothing to explain. As the dim light shone on his back, it made him look exceptionally cold.

Skylar tsked in frustration. She had wanted to discuss the matter calmly with Tobias but instead, he walked away in the middle of their talk.

With such an attitude, he would never have been able to get a girlfriend if he were any poorer or uglier.

Closing her eyes, she leaned against the sofa. She was totally exhausted. She didn't want to go to bed early, as she would just be walking into the lion's den, allowing Tobias to have his way with her.

After all, men could always separate sex from emotions. No matter how angry Tobias was, he would still remove her clothes to satisfy his desire. After that, he would continue giving her the cold shoulder as if nothing had happened.

She had expected Tobias to be furious at her for going to see Idania. After all, no one was able to control that temper of his. In fact, if she had insulted his precious Idania, he would insist on her to apologize to Idania at once.

However, Tobias' reaction was a lot calmer than she expected. Ever since he entered the house, he had not said anything nasty to her.

Can it be that I have overestimated her viciousness and that she didn't go crying to Tobias?

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