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All this while, Lina was convinced that she would be able to win Tobias' heart if she was persistent in pursuing him. Even so, she had to rely on Skylar in order to minimize the vast gap between her and Tobias. She knew that she was just putting on a cheerful smile to conceal the throbbing pain in her heart at the sight of Skylar and Tobias being loving together.

As both Tobias and Skylar left in a haste a while ago, they did not even close the door of their bedroom.

Lina suddenly felt the urge to have a look at it. The moment she entered the room, the unfolded blanket and the heavily creased bedsheet of the luxury European bed came into view. A glint of ferocity flashed across her eyes at the sight of the used condom in the trash can. A mixture of unmissable sensuality and lust in the air implied that the two were engrossed in a passionate steamy session a while ago.

Suppressing the great jealousy within herself, Lina proceeded to open the closet in the room. To her surprise, there were only a few of Tobias' custom-made suits. It seems that he seldom spends his time here.

Her eyes lit up when she saw his shirts. She took one out and pressed the tip of her nose lightly against it. Ah! This is my favorite white sandalwood cologne! She sniffed with her eyes tightly shut. There was even a dreamy look on her face.

Skylar was reluctant to go to the public hospital, fearing that the others would recognize her and gossip about her. Thus, Tobias sped off to Concord Hospital which was nearby. It was one of the most popular public hospitals in the city, partly due to how they ensured the confidentiality of their patients.

This was actually the second time Tobias sent Skylar to the hospital at midnight due to fever. When the nurse took her temperature, Tobias was relieved as the reading indicated that she was just having a mild fever.

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Skylar was not in time to go to the washroom as they left home in a hurry. She suddenly felt the urgency to answer nature's call and told Tobias that she needed to use the washroom.

Tobias asked with great concern, "Are you sure you can go by yourself? How about I arrange a private ward for you? You can use the washroom there. Besides, I can accompany you there as well."

Skylar was speechless upon hearing his words. What's the matter with this man? He's overreacting! I can barely wait for another second to pee!

The next moment, she made a dart toward the public washroom as she could not hold back any longer.

"Skylar Jones is in our hospital at the moment. Did you see the man by her side? You should see how close she is to him! Harry Reid is obviously not her boyfriend! She must be bluffing about her single status."

"Ah! It's very common for female celebrities to twist their words. You shouldn't trust their words easily. Anyway, the man looks far more handsome than Harry Reid. He even gives off a vibe of dignity. I really wonder who he is!"

"I heard that she will be acting in a movie alongside Largo Zeller. Largo is warm and gentle. How can they match up a vixen and such an outstanding actor?"

In the toilet, Skylar overheard a few young ladies gossiping and mocking her.

The moment she stepped out, those young ladies in nurse uniforms were dumbfounded and zipped their mouths at once.

She turned on the tap and washed her hands casually. Glancing obliquely at those young nurses, she scoffed, "Do I really look like a vixen? What a compliment! I never knew that I'm actually an alluring woman!"

In a split second, pin-drop silence ensued the place. Those young nurses lowered their heads and did not dare to spare any glance at her. They left hastily in embarrassment.

Skylar turned off the tap and looked intently at the mirror. Even without any makeup, the woman who stared back at her had sharp penetrative eyes with glistens of charm. She was

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somehow unfamiliar with her look at the moment. Since when there is such a change in my look?

Not long after Skylar stepped out of the washroom, her blood test result was out. The doctor explained that her discomfort was due to mild infection, and prescribed a few types of medicine. They left the hospital right after collecting the medicine from the dispensary.

Skylar grumbled, "See, the doctor just ended up prescribing a few types of medicines. If I knew it, I would just take some medicine and sleep, so I won't have to waste my time here."

With one hand on the steering wheel, Tobias placed another palm on her forehead to check her temperature. He could feel that her temperature seemed to have subsided a bit.

He glared at her and advised, "Don't act smart by assuming that you can treat yourself with your own medicine. I haven't complained about the running around, yet you're the one grumbling."

Skylar leaned her head against the window and replied languorously, "I don't mean anything. I'm just feeling sleepy and really need a good sleep now. I need to wake up early tomorrow for a photo shooting session of the company. Everyone must turn up as it's a group photo."

Tobias stroked her hair and mocked, "You still have the mood to go for the group photo? Since you're not feeling well, just stay at home tomorrow and get some rest. It won't make any difference if you are not there."

Skylar just remained silent. She could foresee that the netizens would start gossiping about her being blacklisted if there was no sign of her in the group photo.

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When they reached home, Skylar flung herself on the bed straight away and drifted into sleep without getting changed.

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Tobias' instinct told him that someone had entered their room and touched his clothes in the closet. He could remember vividly that there was a shirt next to his jacket when he took it out before stepping out for the hospital, yet it was gone.

When Skylar was sleeping soundly, he went down to pour himself a glass of water. To his surprise, Lina was still seated in the living room.

Lina asked him coyly, "Why are you still awake at this hour?"

"Did you enter our room just now?" Tobias asked her back instead.

Lina's heart skipped a beat before she explained hastily, "Ah! I saw that the door of your bedroom was not closed, so I just helped to close it. I'm sorry for that. I didn't mean to interfere in your privacy."

Tobias pursed his lips and asked her directly, "How long do you plan to stay here? To be frank, it's quite inconvenient for us when you are around."

It was out of Lina's expectation that Tobias would be so straightforward. She suspected that Skylar was the one instigating Tobias to do so as she felt awkward bringing up the topic herself.

She took a deep breath to restrain her displeasure and answered courteously, "I will move out at once when my new job stabilizes, and I can afford to pay rent for a room. Do you feel that I'm interrupting you?"

"Since you could sense that you are interrupting us, I hope you can move out soon. I don't mind paying for your rental at the new place," Tobias added coldly.

Lina was stunned and looked at him pitifully. Things had not turned out the way she had expected.

She put on a pitiful look and mumbled, "Are you feeling bad for me? I don't need your sympathy and I don't wish to rely on anyone. I want to depend on myself to get the matters resolved."

"You're relying a lot on Skylar at the moment, aren't you? If you're really as tenacious as what you think, you can move out tomorrow."

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Lina clenched her fists at his words. She had just decorated her room a while ago in order to give Tobias a good impression that she was an innocent woman, she even pasted a big sticker of an adorable bear on the door of her room. What? Does he intend to chase me out now? No way! I haven't even started with anything! How can I be kicked out right away even before competing with Skylar?

She became agitated and raised her voice. "Mr. Ford, why do you seem to be repulsed by me? I don't have any bad intentions. I'm just thinking of keeping Skylar company. She has actually sent me WhatsApp messages, telling me that she feels lonely and there is nobody she can talk to. If you really dislike me a lot, I will move out tomorrow."

Lina's eyes were red-rimmed as tears started to trickle down her cheeks, yet she did not wipe them at all.

Tobias was unmoved by her tears; there was not even a slight change in his expression. He reminded her indifferently, "I hope that you can move out before Skylar wakes up tomorrow morning."

Lina could not believe that Tobias was not the least bit touched by her tears. She stood up and darted toward him abruptly.

Wrapping her arms around his waist, she pleaded, "I don't want to leave. If I move out, I won't have the chance to see you anymore. Do you know how much effort I have put in to catch up with your pace? I'm trying my best to enhance myself so I would be worthy enough for you. That's why I resigned and have a new job. You're the only purpose for me to work hard in my life!"

There was an utter abhorrence in Tobias' cold eyes. He was numb with countless women who went after him all this while.

He answered in a very cold tone, "Let go of me and stop setting me as your target. No matter how much effort you put, you will never be able to achieve it this lifetime!"

Lina tightened the grip around his waist as she wailed, "I won't let go of you. Can you understand how much pain I've been enduring all this while? I shouldn't have fallen for you. I can't help imagining how wonderful my life will be if you can be by my side. My life is meaningless without you! Please give me a chance to be with you. I promise that I would keep mum about our relationship, so Skylar won't find out."

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Tobias gripped her arms and sneered, "Since your life is meaningless, just end it at any moment."

Lina felt the pain and loosened her arms.

She looked at him hopelessly and pleaded, "Please let me spend the night with you, even if it is just for one night!"

Tobias snickered at her ridiculous pleading. He was never short of women, and would not be easily aroused by them even if they stood naked before him.

"I've changed my mind. I take back my words now as I can't let you stay till tomorrow. I'll let my driver send you out now. Just go wherever you like. Don't ever think of staying here again." His tone was icy-cold.

In an instant, Lina shrieked hysterically and kept calling out Tobias' name.

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Skylar could still hear the faint sound of a woman crying in her sleep. Initially, she thought that she was dreaming. She was finally awakened by the sound that was growing louder.

Without any hesitation, she walked out of her room and hid at a blind spot that could not be seen by both Lina and Tobias. She cupped her hand over her mouth when she witnessed how Lina tried to lure Tobias shamelessly.

She mocked herself for being innocent and overconfident. It was unexpected of her to see such a great change in Lina. In her opinion, Lina was still her old self during her school days. Little did she realize that she had turned into such a scheming woman. Skylar only had herself to blame as she had given Lina a chance to take advantage of her since she was too soft-hearted to reject her request. She finally saw Lina's true colors and her heart sank at how she had deceived her.

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After a while, the living room was back to silence again after Lina was dragged away by the driver. Skylar moved back to her room and lay down in her bed again quietly. What a show! If Tobias did not reject her firmly just now, there would certainly be another scene!

The next morning, Skylar woke up early as planned. She was surprised to find Tobias gazing at her with his bloodshot eyes. It seemed that he had stayed awake the whole night by her side!

Stretching out her arms, she told Tobias, "I'm going out for the group photo session. Why did you wake up so early?"

Tobias placed his palm on her forehead to check her temperature. To his relief, the temperature was back to normal again. How nice! she is young and tends to be stronger and recovers quickly.

He looked at her sternly. "You need to rest today. You're not going to go anywhere."

Skylar insisted, "I'm fine. There won't be any problems for me. It's compulsory for everyone to turn up for the session."

When she started to select clothes for her photo session, Tobias could only give in to her. Before she stepped out, he handed her the box of medicine and reminded her gently, "Remember to take your medicine after your lunch."

Skylar suddenly felt that it was actually a blessing in disguise for her when she was not feeling well. Tobias seemed to be exceptionally gentle to her under such circumstances.

She mumbled deliberately, "Where is Lina? Has she left for work?"

Tobias smiled meaningfully and replied sarcastically, "You really don't know? Or, you're just pretending so you can see my reaction?"

Skylar was stunned and asked sheepishly, "Why did you say that?"

Tobias raised his brows and chuckled. "I thought you have witnessed everything last night? How dare you ask me that? Didn't you see how your friend was trying to throw herself at me shamelessly? I don't understand why you just remained silent and did not come down to my rescue. Now, you're even being pretentious by asking me such a ridiculous question!"

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Skylar's cheeks were flushed red. The man is too smart. Does he have a pair of X-ray eyes? How did he find out that I was hiding somewhere and saw everything? This is really embarrassing!

She shrugged her shoulders and replied, "What's the point for me going downstairs? It would be really embarrassing. Do you wish to see two women having a scuffle in front of you? Certain things are better handled by men. I'm glad that you manage to make her move out. I really don't know how I could tell her. Anyway, I've been kind enough to her all this while, so I won't be feeling sorry for her."

Tobias complimented Skylar silently when he sensed that her mindset had gradually changed. It is actually a good sign. She has finally realized that others will not give a hoot about her and only think of taking advantage of her if she continues to be submissive. My girl has finally grown up!

Skylar looked tired and a little pale as she was sick last night. When she reached the studio, the makeup artist shook her head at the sight of her pale lips. She gasped, "Skylar, did you have a sleepless night? You look terrible! Your lips are so pale!"

Skylar glanced at her own reflection in the mirror and told the makeup artist, "Choose the lipstick with a brighter color. I did not have a good rest yesterday as I was not feeling well."

"I have given you such a long break, yet you still didn't get enough rest? Look at your current state, how are you going to start working again? I'm here to tell you that there's a shoot for you tomorrow. It's a guest appearance in a movie." Valerie's voice could be heard from behind.

Everyone there stood up to greet her courteously. She was indeed one of the brightest rising stars on the management team.

Skylar glanced at her with a frown. "What a last-minute notification. Do I need to get anything prepared? Is that the kid's program again?"

Valerie narrowed her eyes and sneered, "I've never come across any artist who is as fussy as you. Based on your current status, you don't have any right to choose what you do. No matter how much the company has invested in you, you still get a low rating of C in the grading system. Do you know that the others are envious of you and claim that the company is biased toward you? Thus, you should be thankful for any arrangements made for you. You

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just need to play your part well by following the instructions. If I were the manager who brought you to this line, I would surely give you two slaps to wake you up!"

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On the instant, Skylar's face was flushed red in utter embarrassment. It was as if Valerie's oppressive words had turned into countless needles, poking her back constantly.

Skylar refuted doubtfully, "I thought I've gained a certain level of popularity. After all, the grading system is still set by the management. By right, I shouldn't be given such a low rating."

Valerie reprimanded her coldly, "You're overconfident. Since you've signed up as our artist, you must follow the arrangements made by the company strictly."

When Skylar received her script for the guest appearance, she was overwhelmed to find out that it was a rape scene. To make things worse, there was only one short line for the scene!

As a wave of fury surged from within Skylar, she tossed the script to Kate and grumbled, "What does Valerie mean? It's really obvious that she is setting me up intentionally. I bet everyone in the company knows that she looks down on me. What have I done wrong?"

Kate opened the script and was stunned to see the exceptionally short line. She frowned again when Skylar emphasized to her that it was a rape scene.

Pinching the bridge of her nose, Kate explained patiently, "Skylar, I'm just your manager. I don't have the authority to go against the arrangement made by the company. Even if Valerie is setting you up deliberately at the moment, you have no right to reject as well. You should have gone with them silently when they assigned you to host for the kids' reality show previously and wait patiently for Empyrean Sword to be aired. By then, Valerie won't be able to do anything because of your contribution to the company. Yet, you have wasted a golden opportunity!"

Skylar leaned her head against the sofa with her eyes tightly shut. Her fingers knocked lightly on the sofa as her mind drifted into contemplation. Valerie has lambasted me in front of everyone intentionally today. If I refuse to accept the company's arrangement again, I

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would surely be criticized by the others. Anyway, they should at least brief me more on the rape scene so I can be prepared emotionally.

It struck Skylar why Cassidy was sort of having a mental disorder. A rape scene was repulsive enough for her, yet Cassidy had to sell her body in order to secure her status and squeeze any chance to act in the movie.

Largo never gave up asking whether she has thought it through on his business proposal. Ever since he knew that she was blacklisted by the company, he tried to talk her into giving in to his proposal.

No doubt she could tell Tobias about what was bothering her and get his help, yet this would surely cause the others to look down on her. She really disliked how others criticized her for relying on Tobias to cover her back.

She gazed at Kate and asked in bewilderment, "What do you think? Should I go with the arrangement this round? I suppose the reputable director won't go beyond the limit for the rape scene, right?"

Kate added, "If you refuse to follow their instruction again, I'm sure Valerie won't let you off easily. She is an assertive and domineering woman. Both Susan and her used to be Mr. Ford's trusted aides. They are undoubtedly no ordinary people who are easy to deal with. Thus, you will only put yourself in hot soup by challenging them and going against their wishes!"

Skylar smile bitterly as she replied in sarcasm, "Does it mean that I'm not an ordinary person as well? Perhaps I'm still comparable to the two of them? At least I have been by Tobias' side for quite a long time."

Kate twitched her lips and teased her, "Needless to say, you are incomparable to them. Both of them have gone through a lot more than you. Young lady, you still need more exposure to polish yourself in all aspects."

Eventually, Skylar made up her mind to attend the shooting session for the guest appearance. Fine, Skylar Jones, just go ahead! No pain no gain! It's a really short guest appearance, not that I have to strip every single piece of my clothes for the whole movie.

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Once Amelia knew about Skylar's guest appearance, she jeered at Kate, "I guess she must have gotten used to it. I'm shocked that she dares to go for the guest appearance! If any renowned director looks for her to strip off all her clothes and act in an obscene movie, I bet she will go for it without a second thought!"

Kate glanced obliquely at Amelia and taunted, "Talking about stripping off the clothes, I personally feel that you're just the same. Have you forgotten about those seductive photos you took for the men's magazine? It seems that you are stripping off more and more clothes."

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