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She knew she would have to face him sooner or later, but until then, she wished to stall for time for as long as she could.

Before Tobias, she felt like a fish fresh out of the water, half-dying but struggling to live.

"I think you might have dirtied the bedsheet..."

Skylar looked puzzled.

With Tobias pointing at the sheet, she shifted her gaze and looked down at the white bedsheet that was now blotched red.

She tried to hide them with her hands, her face flushing a beet red.

"Does your hands come with an automatic purifying function?" Tobias teased.

Oh, how I wish I have that special power. The first thing I'll do is to purify your damned heart!

"Please turn around. I'm going to change the bedsheet," Skylar said in embarrassment, and Tobias was surprisingly cooperative.

Skylar was about to remove the bedsheet when she stood frozen by the bed.

Wait a minute, why do I have to look after my image in front of him? I might as well present myself shabbily so that he'll get sick of me and stop coming over.

Yes, that's right. That's what I should do!

With that, Skylar plastered a wicked smile on her face and said, "I think I'll just let it be, Mr. Ford. It's a little too troublesome. Are you sure you want to join me in bed? There's blood on it, and it's on your side of the bed, not mine."

Tobias clenched his jaw in frustration. He looked back and saw that Skylar had hopped back into bed again.

“Move. You’re sleeping on that side,” he said, furrowing his brows.

With a man lying beside her and an extra weight on her waist, Skylar couldn’t sleep a wink.

It was five in the morning. The sky wasn’t fully lit, although a beam of light could be seen from afar.

Tossing around in bed, she turned around and looked sideways at the man beside her.

Tobias was sound asleep and half-naked, his strong muscles outlining his perfect figure.

This man beside her surely had the charm of a mature man that no woman could resist while he was asleep.

But awoken, he was a totally different person – a devil, in fact.

So given his look and wealth, why did he choose me? Or should I say I am only one of his many women who he had chosen to sleep with tonight?

Skylar scrambled out of bed, wanting to find something to eat downstairs when she suddenly remembered that they had been using the same blanket last night.

She was so used to sleeping alone and hogging the blanket to herself that everything felt odd that night. Occasionally, she would even use the blanket like a bolster as it was the position that made her feel safe.

Because of that, Tobias didn’t get to cover himself at all throughout the night, and his half-naked body was exposed to the air.

Skylar had wanted to tuck him in, but on second thought, she mumbled, “Forget it, it’s not like you’re shivering, anyway.”

In order to cut down on her expenses, Skylar had only eaten a portion of oden from the convenience store since yesterday.

Having stayed up all night, she was so hungry that her stomach was growling.

At that time, it was still too early, so Laura had yet to wake up.

Thus, Skylar put on her coat and found a morning market nearby through the navigation application on her phone.

It took her about half an hour by foot to eventually find a breakfast place.

International Garden was a high-end residential area, and one would usually travel by car to get to the facilities around the neighborhood.

Skylar ordered four croissants and a cup of soy milk.

Holding the cup of warm soy milk in her hand and gulping it down, she felt a warm current welling up in her stomach.

How she wished she could stay outside for as long she could.

Yet, no matter how reluctant she was, she still had to go back to the villa.

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When Skylar walked into the house, she saw Tobias sitting at the long table. The air was thick with silence in the living room, and only the sound of newspapers flipping could be heard.

Unwilling to greet Tobias, Skylar planned to go straight upstairs.

“Stop right there. Where did you go so early in the morning?” The man’s deep voice was heard coming from behind.

Skylar turned around. “I went to have some croissants as I was hungry.”

“You didn’t buy me some when you went out to have breakfast on your own? How stingy.” Tobias put down the newspaper and glared at her.

Speechless, Skylar said grumpily, "I didn't know you eat store-bought croissants. I thought the rich always eat like, I don't know, sourdough bread?"

It just so happened that Laura came out of the kitchen with fresh piping hot breakfast on the tray – sundried tomatoes, sauteed spinach, turkey bacon, scrambled eggs, and yes, sourdough bread.

Skylar raised her eyebrows. "I'm afraid that you're not used to eating something as simple as croissants. Anyway, I'm going back to sleep. Talk to you later."

"Why did you let her go out to get breakfast? What's the point of me hiring you?" Tobias chided Laura as soon as she came out.

Laura hurriedly explained, "I didn't see Ms. Jones when I woke up this morning. I'm sorry, Mr. Ford."

Skylar then chimed in, "I woke up too early, so I went out to eat. Isn't this very normal? Why the fuss?"

She didn't understand why Tobias wanted to reproach Laura.

However, Tobias ignored Skylar's explanation and shot a glance at Laura. "I don't hire you to sleep in here, understand?"

Skylar stared at the man with her mouth agape. Crap. What I said just now seems to be adding fuel to the fire.

Looking helpless, Laura nodded her head repeatedly and promised that she would be more mindful of it in the future.

Skylar saw for herself how exploitative a capitalist was from Tobias' behavior, which lacked compassion as a human.

Thinking that he was just being absurd, she couldn't take it anymore and said angrily, "Do you mean that Laura needs to wake up at three o'clock in the morning if I wake up at four?"

"Why not? Is there any problem?" Tobias asked.

"N-No problem, Mr. Ford. I will get up two hours earlier every day," answered Laura hurriedly.

She then shot a look at Skylar, signaling for her to stop talking.

With that, Skylar had no choice but to keep her mouth shut and turn to go upstairs.

When she returned to the room, she realized that the bedsheet that was soiled by her last night had been replaced with a new one.

The quilt on the bed was also neatly laid out without a trace of wrinkles as if no one had ever slept on it.

The bed was neat, but Skylar did not care and directly lay down on the bed in a comfortable position.

Right then, the bedroom door was pushed open from outside, and Tobias appeared before her eyes.

Even so, she did not bother to get up but continued lying on the bed with the same posture.

“This is me. I sleep after I’m full. Oh, and I have to tell you the truth – I’m lazy, gluttonous, and sloppy.”

Being astute as he was, Tobias could see that Skylar did so on purpose in order to make him despise her.

He chuckled and replied, “I don’t need you to do anything anyway. Just be more expressive in bed. I don’t want you to be like a dead fish while I’m sleeping with you.”

Just before 10 a.m., he threw a folder on the bed and left.

After he left, Skylar went to take it and open it.

There was an admission letter from her previous university inside.

Southwood Film Academy was one of the three famous institutions for film and television production in the country. Jeremy used to be a sophomore here.

Because of Jeremy, Skylar got herself into Southwood Film Academy as well.

After graduating from high school, she spent the entire holiday doing odd jobs to earn her tuition fees.

Having finally saved enough tuition fees, she started to dream of a happy future with Jeremy, where they could be together every day, as well as go to classes, the cafeteria, and the library together.

When the first semester at the university was about to start, Jeremy called to meet her up at the coffee house next to their high school.

While bawling his eyes out, he said that he had fallen ill and would take a break from studies for a while. He also did not know whether he could still continue his studies in the future.

His family could not afford his medical treatment, so he could only wait on his deathbed. He also told her to take good care of herself as his days were numbered.

After being together for seven years, Skylar could not bear to watch him pass at such a young age, so she gave him all her tuition fees at that time.

She didn't know where she found the courage to help him raise money for his surgery despite being so poor herself at the time.

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Holding the admission letter in her hand, she felt growing hatred for Jeremy upon her flashbacks to the past.

She had sacrificed too much for the previous relationship.

Meanwhile, Tobias did not break his promise as she got the admission letter the day after she moved in.

She took a picture of the letter and sent it to Penelope.

Penelope texted back in mere seconds: What?

Skylar replied back: That's right. I'm going to university! I'm finally no longer a high school graduate!

Instantly, Penelope texted: Wait... Didn't you give all your tuition fees to Jeremy? Where did you get the money? From a crowdfunding platform?

Skylar then responded: I don't have the audacity to do that and get verbally attacked by those benevolent people out there. Anyway, it's a long story.

After a few seconds, Penelope replied: Make it short then. Where did you get your tuition fees? Your dad?

Skylar texted back: You should definitely stop daydreaming. Anyhow, I'll tell you in person next time!

Hearing the notification sound of her phone, Skylar ignored it and did not reply to Penelope; it was easier for her to tell the latter about it clearly in person.

Apart from going downstairs for food, Skylar spent almost the entire day in the room.

Laura's attitude toward her was lukewarm.

As Tobias was not home, Laura acted like the lady of the house and even invited her best friend over.

While Skylar was going down the stairs to get some water, she heard Laura complaining to her best friend as they chatted loudly downstairs.

"It's nice to be on my own here. Unexpectedly, Mr. Ford brings a woman to live here. Now I have to wait on her every day, and I can't even sleep in. That girl gets up earlier than a chicken."

"Didn't you say that Tobias is getting married soon? Is the woman his fiancée?" asked Laura's friend.

"How could it be possible? If it were Ms. Hanson, I would be willing to serve her. But this woman is just some riffraff."

“Oh goodness, in that case, if Ms. Hanson comes after this woman, you must stay far away from them and don’t get yourself involved.”

Realizing that she was the subject of their gossip, Skylar went downstairs in a leisurely manner and said slowly, “Laura, I remember I told you what my name is, so I’m not some riffraff.”

Turning around, Laura saw Skylar’s charming face that was wearing a chilling smile.

Laura’s best friend gave an awkward smile as she said, “Umm, I’ll take my leave now. Talk to you again when you’re free.”

Then, she fled the scene surprisingly fast for someone her age.

Laura and Skylar were the only ones left at home, and the former did not know how much Skylar had heard.

After that, Skylar sat on the sofa while propping her face with her hands, staring at Laura with a broad smile.

Being stared at by her like this sent chills down Laura’s spine.

Breaking the silence, the older woman cleared her throat and said, “I didn’t talk about you just now. Don’t get me wrong.”

Skylar raised her eyebrows slightly. “I know you look down on me, but I also look down on you now. Hence, it’s best that we stay out of each other’s way. Badmouthing others may cause mouth sores.”

Laura didn’t dare to have a head-on conflict with Skylar as the latter was Tobias’ woman now.

She was afraid that Skylar would speak ill of her in front of Tobias, who had always been a rough character.

“So I’m going to make dinner.” Laura got up to go to the kitchen.

Previously, Skylar had told Laura that she could cook anything for her as she did not want to burden others.



While Laura did as told by making simple dishes every day using only cabbage, lettuce, and spinach.

Skylar got bored of it but still did not say anything about the bland taste.

“BBQ ribs, garlic chili prawn pasta, roasted pork loin, chicken Maryland, and also mushroom soup.” Skylar began to tell Laura the food she wanted to eat this time.

Instead of making what she wanted, Laura protested, “Can you finish so much food? It’s not good to have so much meat.”

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Skylar blinked at Laura. “Just throw the leftovers away. Mr. Ford is rich anyway, so he won’t criticize me for wasting food. You know what? Why don’t I call and ask him?”

Hearing the mention of Tobias, Laura stopped her and replied, “I’ll go and cook now. Don’t call Mr. Ford. It’ll only look like I’ve treated you badly.”

“Tobias, what do you think about the wedding dress I chose? Does it look good?” As soon as Tobias arrived home, Tanya couldn’t wait to ask the helpers at home to bring her wedding dress for Tobias to have a look at.

Tobias was uninterested and did not even give her a perfunctory response.

At that instant, Tanya froze. “Our wedding is about to take place, and I’ve also picked a suit for you. I want our wedding to be a global sensation.”

At this, Tobias replied scornfully and indifferently, “Suit yourself. It has nothing to do with me anyway. I’m tired, so I’m gonna have some rest.”

He then went to the study and asked not to be disturbed.

Tobias' mother, Claudia Stokes, did not get to meet Tobias after learning that he had returned home.

Holding Claudia's arm, Tanya said aggrievedly and sadly, "Claudia, Tobias' attitude toward me has always been this way. I don't know what else to do. If he doesn't like me, I can leave."

Claudia patted Tanya on the back of her hand and looked at her lovingly while comforting, "Silly girl, how can you say this? Behind his cold exterior, he's a passionate man. No one deserves to marry him except you. If he dares to treat you badly, I'll be the first to reprimand him."

That was what Tanya intended. She knew she would hear those reassuring words from Claudia.

After all, it was impossible that she would leave.

Everyone knew that she was Mrs. Ford-to-be, the future wife of the owner of the wealthy Ford Group.

Thus, Tanya told Claudia meekly, "Mom, don't worry. I'll definitely be a good wife and a good daughter-in-law."

Delighted at being called "Mom," Claudia said with a smile, "You're a sensible girl, Tanya. You can rest assured that I'll support you if Tobias bullies you in the future. I only hope that the two of you can get married soon and give me a grandkid."

"What are you talking about? You look so happy." Tobias' brother, Sheldon Ford, leaned forward while holding an unlit cigarette in his hand.

"You're back home finally after disappearing for so many days?" Claudia shot her son a cold look as the smile faded from her face.

Yawning, Sheldon replied, "I was busy. Besides, I'm back here now, aren't I?"

Tanya had to conceal the look of disgust in her eyes as she had never liked Sheldon, who was frivolous and looked like a thug.

The two brothers were polar opposites of each other, with one being so quiet that he was like an iceberg, while the other was so enthusiastically talkative that he was like crickets on a summer night.

“Tanya, didn’t you go to France? When did you come back?” Sheldon asked Tanya enthusiastically.

“Well, I’ve just come back not long ago. I got you a souvenir as well,” replied Tanya.

Sheldon had no interest in souvenirs as he massaged his sore neck he got from the hangover and said, “I’m going to see Tobias. Just get someone to put the souvenir in my room.”

Tanya nodded her head with a fake smile.

What kind of tone is this? Is he ordering me around?

She had made up her mind to never live with this family after marrying Tobias.

Ever since she was engaged to Tobias, she knew she wanted to have a place for themselves as the others were not important.

“Get out.” As soon as Sheldon pushed the door, Tobias’ cold voice made him jump with fright.

Looking up, Tobias saw that it was Sheldon, so he threw the document on the table, took off his glasses, and pinched the bridge of his nose.

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Tobias didn’t usually wear glasses, except during work or driving.

That was because Sheldon often said that Tobias looked like a well-disguised pervert when he had his glasses on.

"Tanya's downstairs, so why are you still here?" Sheldon sat down on the sofa with his legs wide apart.

"Why should I be there? To compliment on her wedding dress?" Tobias replied casually.

Sheldon deeply sympathized with him.

He had met a lot of women, so he had long known that Tanya was not all that she portrayed.

Although she was from a prominent family, the Hanson family was nothing compared to the Ford family.

Two years ago, Claudia had a heart attack and fainted on the ground. It was Tanya who saved her life.

Ever since then, Tanya took the opportunity to butter Claudia up until the latter grew very fond of her.

Claudia wanted Tanya to become her daughter-in-law. Tobias objected to it at first, but he was a filial son, so he had no choice but to compromise in the end.

Sheldon then proceeded to ask, "Do you know Skylar Jones?"

At this, Tobias looked up. "Why do you know this name?"

"While I was having a drink with some friends, Avery told me that she saw you with her sister some time ago. She said that Skylar has been doing 'that kind' of business when she was in school, charging two hundred for one round, so her reputation was terrible. After thinking about it, I don't think a woman like this will be associated with you," replied Sheldon.

Upon hearing that, Tobias' originally calm expression turned cold as he warned, "Don't say these things in front of me again."

Sensing the odd atmosphere in the study, Sheldon drew in a sharp breath. But I didn't say anything. I was just having a chat.

He pursed his lips and teased, "Her name sounds nice, though. But Avery has crossed the line. How can she say something like that?"

Tobias narrowed his eyes. "There are only two things you need to do now – open the door and get out." Knowing how serious his brother could get, Sheldon got out of the study.

After that, Sheldon took out his phone and dialed Avery's phone number.

He complained, feeling displeased, "My brother doesn't know your sister at all. He thinks I'm ridiculous."

"I clearly saw your brother leave with Skylar," Avery replied.

"You were seeing things," concluded Sheldon.

Avery was at a loss. Was I really?

But it's not impossible either. I mean, why would Tobias get involved with someone like Skylar anyway? It'll be like degrading himself.

After hanging up, Sheldon went downstairs while whistling casually.

Seeing that Tanya was still here, Sheldon asked, "Are you going to spend the night?"

Tanya glanced at Claudia and pretended to be in a dilemma while replying, "Um... I don't think that's too appropriate. After all, we're not married yet. Besides, with a reputation like the Fords, I'm afraid that rumors would spread like wildfire."

Scoffing internally, Sheldon forced a smile. This woman is so full of sh\*t. The way she usually looks at Tobias was as though she wants to strip him naked.

Claudia then decided for Tanya and said, "Why don't you just move in, Tanya, so that I can also look after you."

"Mom, isn't this rather inappropriate? I'm afraid Tobias will be upset," said Tanya.

"I highly doubt that, Just spend the night. The two of you are going to get married soon anyway."

Tanya nodded with an awkward expression on her face, but deep down, she was happy. Yet, she felt a little regretful that the lingerie she wore today was not sexy enough to seduce Tobias and arouse him.

