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Skylar pretended to sound clueless while she uttered, "Are you sure it's not?"

Every time Tobias came over, he would want to rip off her clothes savagely.

Tobias replied in a deep voice, "You've guessed it right. We can still do that even if you're having your period. There's still your mouth."

Skylar blushed instantaneously. She had brought it upon herself for starting a topic as such with Tobias.

"Skylar, quick. Why are you chatting on the phone for so long?" one of the staff said impatiently after searching for her everywhere.

Such a horrible attitude! Skylar hung up the phone immediately.

After she had returned to the shooting location, she slipped her cell phone into her pocket and the makeup artist hurried over for some touch ups.

"There are really MM Beans!" Skylar uttered her line for the seventy-third time.

Luckily for her, she appeared beautiful on camera and her expression was young and lively. It almost seemed like a movie.

For a three thousand commercial to cast a face that looked like a movie star, it was worth every penny and even the director praised her capabilities.

Upon receiving her salary, Skylar looked at the three thousand that popped up on her card balance. That was her first step towards being financially independent.

Before heading home, Skylar saw that there were a few missed calls from unknown numbers. She ignored them because that type of calls would usually be from property agents.

Just when she was about to put her cell phone inside her bag, the phone rang again.

Before Skylar was able to utter a word, a rude-sounding woman spoke.

"Are you Penelope's friend? She had severely breached her contract for a long time and that has constituted in a financial crime. We can't get in touch with her. Tell her to pay off her debts by three o' clock today, otherwise we will sue her."

Skylar was utterly confused. She had gave Penelope the money, so why wasn't it enough?

"I'll try contacting her."

"Please do it as soon as possible. It's only fair for her to pay off her debts. I'll give you one hour to try and contact her."

That woman sounded fierce and rude.

Skylar was infuriated. "Why are you so fierce towards me? Am I the one owing you? Are you crazy?"

She hung up the phone right after and called Penelope. She was unable to reach her and her voicemail box was already full.

Upon returning home, Skylar was still trying to get in touch with Penelope. Her line was either busy or shut off.

While she was bending down to change into her slippers, the lights in the living room were suddenly turned on. The brightness of the light was utterly glaring.

Skylar saw Tobias sitting on the sofa, lying down comfortably while staring at her.

"I thought you would come over later at night." Skylar walked towards Tobias and hugged him from behind. Her long and luscious soft hair draped across his shoulder and that tickled him. "I think I've been poisoned. I've missed you even though I hadn't seen you for a day." Tobias rubbed the spot where Skylar's hair had tickled him.

Fortunately, Skylar was able to withstand it while he expressed himself lovingly in a serious manner.

He sounded as if he was lecturing her even though he was trying to be loving.

"Aren't I here right now? How was your mother's surgery? I didn't ask you over the phone because I was worried that she might hear my voice from the call. Hence, I hung up."

He smiled. "Why would I need to be disciplined by her when I'm not a teenager anymore?"

Tobias took out a lemon flavored lollipop from his coat and gave it to her.

Skylar grabbed it in her hand. "I've eaten too much chocolate from the commercial shooting. My blood sugar reading would definitely be sky high if I eat this. It's better for me not to eat it."

Tobias snickered. "I didn't ask you to eat it. Since you told me you're having your period, why not lick a lollipop while I observe you? I'll guide you along the way."

While staring at Tobias, Skylar playfully ripped open the lollipop, put it in her mouth and crunched it with her teeth several times. She was hinting to Tobias that would happen to him if he had continued.

Tobias pulled out another orange flavored lollipop. "It's alright, I have more."

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Tobias leaned down and stared at Skylar. He cupped the side of her face with one hand while the other started unbuttoning her shirt.

While he was taking his time, Skylar saw the opportunity to reject. "It's not the right time to do it. Are you going to insist?"

Tobias raised his eyebrows slightly. In turn, he pinned Skylar down and yanked at her overalls but he was stuck in the midst of doing that.

"But I feel like it. What should we do?"

At that moment, Skylar's phone suddenly rang.

It was so loud as if she had speakers attached to it.

The call had saved her; holding her phone to her face, she created a gap between them.

"Why is someone calling at such an odd hour? Put your phone on speaker."

It was rare for Tobias to be curious about why Skylar's phone had suddenly rung.

Skylar took a glance and it was an unknown number.

She clicked on speakerphone because she had nothing to hide. It was late and it was impossible for a man to call her at such odd hours.

"Have you informed your friend? Why didn't we receive the funds yet?" The woman sounded aggravated through the phone.

Skylar looked at the clock that was on the wall. These debt collectors are sure hardworking! It's ten at night and they are still working.

"What money are you talking about?" Tobias grabbed Skylar's phone.

"The money she owed our company. It's fair to pay off a debt and it's useless to continue dragging the payment. Our company is legitimate; if she's not going to pay her debt, she will receive a statement from the court."

Tobias hung up the phone as he didn't want to continue listening to that woman shout. He lay down on the bed and rubbed his eyebrows. "Who have you been associating yourself with?"

Tobias' tone was a mix of sarcasm and contempt as he looked down on her selection of friends.

"I have no clue either. That woman is so fierce and this is the second time she has ridiculed me today," Skylar ranted instantaneously.

Upon seeing Tobias' cool off and showing no interest of continuing his act, she sat up and buttoned her shirt.

"They're just doing their job."

Tobias did not validate her feelings after what had happened but he explained it rationally instead.

Skylar wasn't particular about Tobias' actions, for she was clear that the financial team in Ford Group worked that way too. Plus, they also had a collections department so it was normal for him to see things from a more logical standpoint compared to her.

Tobias opened the drawer and took out a white medicine container. He took two pills and placed them in his mouth.

Skylar asked, "Why are you always taking this type of medicine? You might be dependent on them or go crazy if you continue taking them."

She had read on the internet regarding the side effects of sleeping pills. Those articles were terrifying to read because some reflected that people might die after taking them.

He replied, "I'm fine. My brain is working well so far but I can't guarantee what would happen to me in the future."

Not long after, Tobias fell asleep while hugging Skylar from behind. He had a solemn expression and his eyebrows furrowed even when he was sleeping. However, it was obvious he was sleeping soundly.

Tobias slept earlier than Skylar and she wasn't used to it. She would usually be the first one to fall asleep while Tobias headed over to his study room.

Sometimes, he would return to the bed and sleep there and other times he would spend the night on the study room's sofa.

She lifted up the blanket and got down from the bed. Then she headed towards the kitchen for a glass of water.

On the way out with her phone in her hands, the messages came in one after another.

She glanced at it and suddenly Penelope's message appeared.

Penelope: Did they call you instead? I'm sorry.

Penelope: It's a long story. I'll explain it to you later.

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Penelope: Skylar, are you still there? Did you see my messages?

Skylar called Penelope after for a meet up that evening. The location would be at the noodle shop near the school.

Ever since she ate nearly one kilogram of chocolate beans, she was on the verge of giving up the idea of losing weight. She could still smell the chocolate whenever she hiccupped.

Tobias thought Skylar would have prepared breakfast but there was nothing on the table. She had changed her outfit and was ready to head out.

A black bomber jacket and an overall-it was a beautiful and sassy style of fashion.

Tobias couldn't understand why Skylar preferred such a fashion style. In his opinion, woman should wear something more elegant and classy.

"Where are you going?" Tobias poured himself a glass a water and added a teaspoon of salt.

She replied, "I've signed up for our campus' B2 French exam."

"Will you be able to ace it?" Tobias had doubts about her capabilities.

"It'll be tough, so I'll let fate decide."

Tobias thought someone must be really dumb to fail such a simple French test.

"Go to Royal Entertainment tomorrow. I'll be your boss starting from tomorrow and stop going for those petty commercial shoots. It's a waste of time."

To Skylar's astonishment, she glanced at Tobias. How did he know I went for commercial shoots?

"Must I join your company?"

Tobias smiled and said, "Of course, the entertainment industry is complicated and you need someone to guide you. Initially, I didn't really encourage you to join this industry. Since it's your dream, it's better I don't stand in your way."

Skylar didn't need Tobias to specially care for her as she wished to explore the industry herself. However, it wouldn't reflect well on her if she rejected him. It would make her seem like she was clueless about what was good or bad for herself.

After careful consideration, she replied, "I'll be punctual tomorrow. Am I going to see you here tonight after I come back?"

Tobias didn't give a definite answer and Skylar curled her lips. "Since I'm not in the right state to do it, it's normal if you leave."

Upon hearing that, Tobias frowned and replied softly, "I can hug you to sleep still. The weather is getting colder and I still need your warmth. Do you agree?"

Skylar smiled. "So does that make me your bed-warming servant?"

Instead of giving a direct answer, Tobias uttered, "You're right about warming up the bed but I don't think you qualify to be a servant. Which servant serves their bosses like this and provides inadequate services?"

Tobias frowned at Skylar. He wanted to be treated more attentively and lovingly.

Skylar furrowed her brows. "I've done my best and you're still complaining that I'm not attentive enough. Do you want me to be like a robot servant where I've to kneel down and change your shoes every time you come home?"

Upon hearing that, Tobias thought that sounded liked a good idea. He loved seeing Skylar kneeling and it was also their favorite position in bed.

Being in that position, she looked very attractive. On top of that, her moans and cries were purely seducing.

Tobias offered to send Skylar to her campus. However, thinking that it might be crowded, she rejected his offer and had already called for a cab earlier.

While she was standing at the door, Tobias grabbed her waist from behind with force.

"Good luck with your exam. I'll give you a present if you ace it."

Skylar turned her head and gazed into Tobias eyes curiously. "May I ask what is it?"

For unknown reason, she felt that Tobias wasn't sincere and would just gift her with something that was expensive but meaningless.

Tobias pinched her cheeks. "It's a toy that would increase your pleasure or a whip... It's your choice. Compared to a ruler, you might feel more comfortable when I smack your bum with a whip."