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Marcus said with a grin on his face, "I've been hiding from you for a long time. How long do you want me to continue hiding? I've had enough to be a fugitive. So, you might as well finish me off to end my suffering."

Skylar failed to pretend that she didn't know Tobias. After the incident, the assistant director, who sat next to her on the plane, asked a series of questions. "Skylar, are you dating Tobias now? No wonder you signed a contract with Royal Entertainment. When will you make it public? I can imagine the envious looks on the actresses' faces the moment you make it public."

Skylar flashed him a wry smile. Deep in her heart, she intended to say that it probably wouldn't happen for the rest of her life.

When people were gossiping, there would always be someone who said unpleasant things.

"I think she is merely his acquaintance. We're lucky to meet the lucky one today. Anyway, a prominent family like the Fords won't accept an actress. Winnie used to be arrogant when she was dating Sheldon, but look at her now! It's clear that Sheldon had forgotten her."

As Skylar couldn't stand listening to the gossips, she put on the earplugs given by the air stewardess to have peace of mind.

Skylar hadn't seen Winnie for a long time but only heard that Claudia made Winnie and Sheldon break up.

Back then, the relationship between Sheldon and Winnie was ambiguous. After all, he never made it public that they were dating. This time, his attitude toward her was entirely different, for he broke up with Winnie straightforwardly.

On the other hand, no one believed Skylar could marry a prominent figure because the public persona that she built was of a pitiful actress.

Initially, Skylar thought that Tobias would board the same plane with her. It turned out that she overthought it.

It was true that Tobias was in the VIP airport lounge with her earlier on. Soon, she was startled to find out that he was boarding his private jet instead, to Dellmoor.

Apparently, he had no intention of inviting her.

Due to the flight's delay, Skylar was nearly an hour late to the event.

Meanwhile, the reporters got impatient and began to grumble about her tardiness.

Skylar was in her sportswear, which was her attire when she boarded the flight. Due to time

constraints, she didn't change her clothes and went up to the stage directly. Meanwhile,

Largo, who was in a formal suit, stood on the stage handsomely.

Once she got up, she bowed to the reporters and apologized, "My sincere apologies for being late. My flight was delayed at the last minute. I'm so sorry for keeping you waiting."

Given that Skylar was sincere and didn't even get to change her clothes, the reporters were

satisfied and decided not to condemn her through their writings.

Rumors about Skylar and Avery had been widely spread for a few days.

Since both of them

were present now, they naturally came under the spotlight.

Today was the trailer premiere of *Empyrean Sword*, a TV show set in ancient times. A few

hundred million was spent on its special effects, while the team spent three years from

scene construction to post-production to produce the masterpiece.

In the trailer, Skylar, who was in a green dress, looked cute but slightly rebellious. Besides,

the cherry blossom headdress matched her perfectly, making her look gorgeous but a little

cheeky.

As Avery was watching the trailer, she clenched her fists in anger. This stage and the female

lead were supposed to be mine!

Meanwhile, exclamations and praises filled the air, for everyone commended Skylar for her

beauty.

Even though the trailer was merely 10-minute-long, its plot, movie characters' costumes, and

special effects were enthralling.

Avery couldn't help but feel dispirited. I will be the center of attention right now if Skylar

doesn't exist in the first place. The b*tch has ruined everything!

"Do you guys feel awkward with one another?" One of the reporters began to ask.

Knowing that she couldn't avoid such questions forever, Skylar gazed at Avery smilingly and

replied, "Not really. As they say, let bygones be bygones. We can't choose our parents, after

all. Moreover, Avery couldn't dictate her mother's choice back then."

On the other hand, Avery's face darkened, for Skylar kept suggesting that her mom was a

homewrecker. Besides, Avery still couldn't understand why her father would reveal what

happened in the past.

"Avery, what do you have to say in response to Skylar's remark?"

Another reporter asked.

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Avery calmed herself down and responded, "We've talked about everything privately. As

such, I don't wish to answer similar questions anymore."

Since Avery was reluctant to reply, Skylar answered on her behalf,

"Because Avery's parents

overindulged her when she was young, she was inevitably capricious.

Nevertheless, after

cooperating with her in this TV show, I realized that she has grown up a lot."

Skylar acted like a good person throughout the interview. On the other hand, Avery almost couldn't control her emotions, and her smile looked worse than her crying.

After a while, she gazed at Largo helplessly. When their eyes met, Largo only flashed a gentle smile at her, implicitly telling her that it had nothing to do with him.

Earlier, when Largo had dated Avery briefly, he made a lot of promises before her. Now, he appeared like a total stranger to her instead.

After the interview, Skylar and Avery got into an MPV to leave the hall. As Skylar wanted to enjoy looking at the scenery of Dellmoor from the window, she realized that the sky was gloomy and foggy.

"Today's female lead was supposed to be me, but you snatched it from me," Avery growled.

Now that reporters weren't around, she could vent her feelings out as she pleased.

"Just in case you forgot, you took a lot of things away from me before.

Now that you only have to return them to me little by little, you should be grateful about it."

As Skylar glared at

Avery, Avery pursed her lips as though she would cry at any second.

As far as Skylar remembered, Avery wasn't that fragile. The spoiled brat was always

arrogant and often told her friends that Skylar's mom was a murderer and had seduced her dad.

Since Avery clenched her fists too tightly, her knuckles became pale-colored, while

fingernails sank into her flesh. "Who do you think you will be if Tobias isn't there for you?

You got the female lead merely by selling your body. Hmph! I will never be that shameless!"

Nonetheless, Skylar wasn't thin-skinned. Although the driver was peeking at them from the

rearview mirror, Skylar replied composedly, "You don't have to worry about how I got the female lead. As long as I'm here, you can only be a supporting cast." Avery yelled all of a sudden upon hearing it. Meanwhile, the driver was scared to death and almost slammed on the brakes. Deep down, Avery swore that she would never let Skylar off the hook. Regardless of the costs, I will never lose. When they arrived at the hotel, Cassidy was already waiting in the lobby to meet up with them. Skylar could tell that Cassidy was more emotionally stable than before.

Once they arrived at the lobby, Avery and Cassidy hugged. Skylar was shocked to know that they suddenly became good friends. Perhaps the enemy of one's enemy was one's friend. Cassidy still held a grudge against Skylar because Skylar used to criticize her on the internet. After the incident, Skylar had learned the lesson and refrained from talking too much. "Cassidy, was your plane delayed? Have you had dinner? How about going to John's Roast Duck tonight?" As soon as Avery hopped out, she behaved differently. The woman who was hysterical in the car just now didn't resemble the Avery now in any way. Cassidy replied in a local accent, "Sure. I'll ask my assistant to book a room. Also, bring the director and Largo along to the restaurant." Avery felt a little uneasy once she heard Largo's name. Since Skylar was ignored, she chose not to disturb them. After all, they probably didn't wish to see her at all. On the other hand, Cassidy kept avoiding Skylar's gaze. She was worried that Tobias had probably told Skylar about her dishonorable actions in the past. Now, Skylar was only curious about whether Cassidy slept with Xander before. If that is the

case, it means that Largo indeed introduced Cassify to Xander. So, wouldn't she feel embarrassed to see Largo?
"Seriously! They invited everyone except you to John's Roast Duck. If the reporters take pictures, they'll make up stories, suggesting that you don't get along with the crew." Feeling that Skylar was wronged, Hannah got furious once she entered the room.