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Chapter 591 Fights

Skylar recalled seeing Kate and Amelia wearing couple rings and that had deepened her suspicion. There were some shocking dark sides of the entertainment industry where people would pretend to be queer in order to get what they wanted.

She continued saying, "I can't always appear to have it all, can I? Previously, Amelia had never had any endorsement deals, not even for an electric bicycle. So, it's not surprising to give this contract to her now."

Hannah fretted. "I'm afraid Amelia will replace your status in the industry. You know, the Golden Eagle Awards is just around the corner. Amelia is getting some high-end labels to customize her gown, but there's no news from your sponsors yet. How are you going to beat her on the red carpet?"

Right then, the director had started urging everyone on set to take their places and get ready. Swiftly, Skylar buttoned up while Maxim lay on the bed with a casted food.

Skylar took the props handed to her. It was a basket filled with two cans of fruits, yellow peach, and hawthorn.

In the past, those were the standard must-bring items when visiting a patient. Now, it was expected for visitors to add a card or a love gift as an additional courtesy.

Maxim was sent to the hospital due to an injury that occurred during a basketball match. He was cared for by his childhood sweetheart, Renee Crowe, played by Ingrid.

Skylar played the female lead character, Lindsay, who was jealous when she saw Maxim and Renee showing affection to each other. Lindsay forced Maxim to choose between the two women and the man chose love.

"Action!" yelled the director.

Within a split second, Skylar had entered into her role. Batting her entrancing eyes and dressed in a pompous manner, she made the b\*tchy character come alive.

Except for Ingrid, everyone who was present on-set thought that Skylar was extremely gorgeous. She was nothing like the newbies who were amateurish in their acting and coy about their appearances. Her demeanor and mannerisms were beyond her age.

That was probably why people say, "A child from a poor family often matures at an early age."

Ingrid stared at Skylar blankly. I guess I know now why Tobias has stayed with her for such a long time. She has an exceptional physical appearance... Ingrid turned green with envy.

Throughout the shoot, Ingrid had to repeat multiple takes of each scene because the director was not satisfied with her articulation. He was seriously considering dubbing her voice, but Ingrid insisted otherwise. She felt that her intonation was better.

Due to the fact that Ingrid invested in the production of the filming, the director acquiesced to her demand.

After eating the canned fruits umpteen times throughout the series of failed scenes, Maxim had been going back and forth, to and from the bathroom a few times. He complained, "Director, I can't do this anymore. I'm going to suffer from a stomachache."

Skylar observed from a distance and checked the time on the wall clock on and off. If this drags on, I won't be able to get off work on time to meet with Miranda.

Knitting her brows, Ingrid threw a tantrum and reprimanded Skylar, "Can you speak more slowly? You need to give me time to respond."

Skylar pointed at herself and questioned, "Are you implying that it's my fault?"

"If it's not you, then who? Do be more professional and don't delay others." Ingrid cast a look of haughty disdain.

Skylar was rendered speechless. She recalled a reminder from Tobias to keep her distance from Ingrid. He told me that Ingrid isn't doing well mentally and emotionally. Seems like she's having it worse than Cassidy.

Faced with Ingrid's appalling behavior, Skylar could not be bothered to argue with her. One shouldn't lose one's dignity and self-worth by engaging in meaningless fights with a fool. Karma will hit her one day for all the outrageous things that she's done.

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Chapter 592 Waiting To Devour Her

All Skylar wanted was to finish the shoot as soon as possible. To her, that particular movie had achieved its fullest potential and it could no longer bring her greater value. In fact, she felt that her popularity was being taken advantage of. If Kate keeps doing this, I will have to come up with something.

She continued to demonstrate a steady performance for the subsequent scenes. She had a superbly strong foundation in communicating her acting lines clearly. Even the boom operator enjoyed listening to her.

Had it not been for Ingrid's terrible acting, the director would not have wasted the entire afternoon on just a few simple scenes.

Hannah had Skylar's phone with her and it kept on ringing. During break, she handed the phone to Skylar. "Mr. Ford has been looking for you. He's made more than ten calls."

Skylar was shocked. Did Tobias get the wrong number? Usually, he'll only make one more call if he couldn't get me the first time. He's never made a series of calls.

Worried that something might have happened, she called back.

When the line was connected, Tobias grumbled, "Why didn't you answer my calls?"

Skylar explained, "I was filming and the phone was with Hannah. I just noticed your missed calls. What's wrong? Is there something urgent?"

Tobias requested for her to make a trip to the Central Hospital, where Thomas was hospitalized.

Stunned, many questions crossed her mind. Why is he at the hospital? How did Tobias find out about this? Did the Joneses contact Tobias?

Reluctantly, Skylar went. She once swore that she would never shed a tear even if Thomas died. Therefore, she was rather calm upon hearing the news.

She was sick and tired of her father. In fact, she felt disgusted when people told her blood was thicker than water.

When she arrived at the hospital, she saw many of the Joneses at the hallway, including the grandparents whom she had hardly ever met.

As soon as Tobias saw her, he hugged her tightly. "He's still in the emergency. I'm not sure if you'd want to be here, but it's only right that I inform you about this."

Leaning in his arms, she asked, "What happened? Why was he taken into the emergency room?"

Before Tobias could answer her, Irene spotted Skylar in the midst of the relatives, and she ran to her like a madwoman. She yelled hysterically, "I'm telling you now. I won't forgive you if anything happens to him. It's all your fault! You're a jinx."

It was never Tobias' wish for Skylar to go through an awful family feud. However, he had no choice but to inform Skylar when he learned that Thomas might not survive this episode. He did not want Skylar to live with regrets although he was not exactly sure if both the father and daughter had a good relationship with each other.

Blocking in front of Skylar, Tobias uttered sternly, "Now it's not the right time to be talking about this. What rights do you have to say these to Skylar? I dare you to lay a finger on her."

Hayden approached them and held Irene while staring daggers at Skylar.

Suddenly, Skylar became the main target of accusations and criticisms amongst the Joneses. Yet, she had not the slightest clue what was going on.

She was completely baffled at the condemnations received. What gives? Why am I responsible for whatever that's happened to Thomas?

When the crowd retreated, Tobias enlightened her, "After your father admitted to committing adultery as well as abandoning his wife and child, the paparazzi have been invading into his privacy to discover more juicy news. Bearing a bad name, he suffered from tremendous psychological pressure and drank pesticide to end his life. They're trying to rescue him now."

Pursing her lips, she fell silent. She had never expected Thomas to be so feeble and ending up committing suicide.

It was a rare occasion for Skylar to meet all of the Jones family. However, they sharp, unfriendly gazes were fixated on her, as if they were ready to devour her.

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Chapter 593 Karma

Avery had told tales about Skylar in the family chat group, framing Skylar as the culprit who forced Thomas to admit his wrongdoings in the past.

As a successful entrepreneur, Thomas was a prideful person. When the scandal went viral on social media, his reputation was totally ruined. Consequently, the family business started going downhill henceforth.

Skylar sat quietly on the hospital bench. Wearing only a thin black wool sweater, her face was as white as a sheet even though the temperature was not very low.

Tobias put his jacket on her, worried that she might catch a cold.

She asked, "Why did they contact you?"

He replied, "They couldn't reach you, so they called my company. They wanted you to sign the succession rejection agreements and a letter to formally cut off ties with the Jones family."

Skylar did not know how to respond to that. How ridiculously ironic is this that they're already scheming while that man isn't even dead yet!

Finally, the door to the emergency room was opened. A doctor stepped out along with two nurses. Everyone scrambled forward, except for Skylar and Tobias.

The doctor informed the family members, "The patient is out of danger now, but his condition still needs to be monitored. Fortunately, he didn't consume a large quantity of pesticide. If he was sent any later, the outcome would have been very severe."

Upon hearing that Thomas was saved, Tobias felt sorry for what Skylar had to put up with at the hospital.

Avery did not rush to see Thomas. Instead, she wailed loudly while walking toward Skylar and pointed her finger at the latter. Avery accused her, "Are you happy now? If it weren't for you, Dad won't end up in this state. My career won't hit rock bottom either. You've destroyed my family!"

Skylar maintained her composure. Her gaze was resolute and cold. She believed in karma.

"If you didn't expose my identity, how could it develop into such a horrible mess? It's fated. You can't blame it on me."

Avery went ballistic. Skylar was like a thorn in her flesh.

"You're lamenting about your acting career while your dad is still lying on the hospital bed?" Tobias questioned.

Avery did not dare to offend Tobias. She had been plotting to taint Skylar's reputation in order to make Tobias hate her. Avery had been patiently waiting for Charles to take action. However, she was told that the time was not right because Skylar was hardly seen hanging out alone late at night.

"Aren't you going in?" Tobias rose to his feet. The Joneses had entered the ward, leaving an empty hallway.

Skylar shook her head. "Why should I? Knowing that he's alive will suffice. I can't be bothered with anything else. Even if he died, it's got nothing to do with me."

She looked at the documents given to her by her relatives, requesting that she signed them to voluntarily renunciate her inheritance.

Even at this critical moment, the Joneses will only reunite for one thing—money talk. They're afraid that the daughter of Thomas' former wife might get a slice of the pie.

Skylar did not have any reason to sign the document. So, she kept it in her bag.

Right before leaving, someone called out to her. She turned around and saw an elderly woman with a ruddy complexion taking steady steps toward her.

If she remembered correctly, that was her grandmother, Colleen Chord.

"The family is now panic-stricken after facing such an emergency. Don't take things to heart. You don't have to sign the agreement."

Skylar opened her mouth, but she could not bring herself to address her grandmother.

She did not have much impression about Colleen, who had been living in the countryside with her grandfather, Dave Jones. I heard that the houses there are huge.

The only memory she had about her grandmother was that she would give the latter some money annually to get some new clothes.

However, Colleen never accepted her money. She must have her reasons. At least, she recognizes me as her granddaughter.

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Chapter 594 Give It All To Me

Miranda and Meredith would always talk about Colleen with gritted teeth. They would harp on the past, blaming Colleen and Dave for forcing Thomas to marry Irene, who had a comparatively better family background. Otherwise, Thomas would not have divorced Miranda.

Feeling somewhat distant, Skylar replied, "I know what to do. You take care of yourself."

Skylar could tell that Colleen was reluctant to part with her. Seeing her eyes turning red and glistened with tears, Skylar's heart softened.

"What? Committed suicide? How's he now? Dead or alive?" Miranda was worked up when she learnt the bad news.

Skylar told her everything she knew. Miranda's heart wrenched.

Taking a deep breath, she lamented, "Alas, this happened. Does he think that killing himself would resolve all of his problems? I have..."

Miranda faltered. The unspoken words fell dead on her lips because Tobias was present. She did not want him to know about the truth as he was an outsider, after all.

Skylar noticed that Miranda was simply shocked to the core. There was no sign of sympathy or sorrow in her expression, leading to only one

possibility. Hence, she concluded that Miranda had no more feelings for Thomas.

Perhaps this is a good thing. I'd gladly accept that at any time, as long as she doesn't wreck another family. No matter how old a woman gets, she'll always long for someone who knows her best to be by her side.

Skylar took out the agreement. The Joneses was worried that Thomas might make another attempt since he was emotionally unstable.

Thomas was diagnosed with depression after failing in both his business and marriage. In addition, his reputation is completely ruined. Which of these isn't a tough blow for him to take?

Skylar asked, "Do you have a pen? I'll sign it."

After scanning the contents, Miranda stopped her. "Are you stupid? Why are you signing this? He might not be doing well now, but there're still a lot of benefits for you. Do you know how much net assets does he have? You're his daughter too. Why must you give up on your inheritance? You deserve your share."

Skylar had never wanted to take advantage of the Joneses. She stated firmly, "I'm not in need of money. Why do I want to share a piece of the pie? If something happens to Thomas and I become the beneficiary, do you think the rest of them will let me live peacefully?"

Tobias was sipping his tea, showing no intention of getting involved in the mother-and-daughter debate.

Miranda commented, "Why are you afraid when you have Tobias backing you up? None of the Joneses will dare to bully you."

Skylar's smile stiffened. How long will Tobias be on my side? The greediness exemplified by the Jones family will only get greater. They're probably waiting for the day Tobias breaks up with me, then tackle me with despicable means.

Seeing that Tobias was silent, Miranda spoke even louder to make sure she was heard, "Don't sign it. You don't want it, but I do. Tobias will treat you well, so you won't mind not having any inheritance. Just give them all to me. Who in their sane mind would complain about having too much money?"

Skylar felt so embarrassed. It's obvious what Tobias thinks about this whole situation. Does she not see it?



Tobias uttered calmly while subconsciously rubbing his knees, "Go ahead and sign it. It's good to cut off all ties."

Miranda was dumbfounded. Though Thomas is bankrupt, Skylar can still get a few million. It's easy for Tobias to say so because he has deep pockets and the money has got nothing to do with him.

Horror-stricken, Miranda was a bundle of nerves. "No, don't sign it. We deserve all these. They owe it all to me!"

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Chapter 595 I Do Not Want You To Get Involved

While Tobias' reaction was expected, Skylar regretted telling Miranda about Thomas.

She gave up arguing with Miranda and pacified her, "Okay, I won't sign it. Stop shouting, my hearing has been very poor lately as I have to listen to the loud speaker at the filming set every day."

During dinner, Skylar did not have much appetite. After having only a few mouthfuls, she left with Tobias.

Back at the residential area, Skylar saw Molly's father, Patrick Zimmer.

It was not her first time running into him. The last time they met, he appeared at the entrance to Miranda's house.

Wearing a black-framed glasses, Patrick looked elegant, graceful, and handsome as always. Even at an old age, he was still rocking a modern perm.

He seemed to be in a hurry, but stopped in his tracks when Skylar called him. He looked rather awkward.

"Skylar, it's been a while. You're still as beautiful as ever."

She replied courteously, "What a coincidence, Mr. Zimmer. Why are you here? Do you stay nearby?"

He nodded, but quickly shook his head afterward. "My friend lives here. I'm here to look for my friend."

Then, they had a short small talk. If Tobias was not urging for her to leave, Skylar had wanted to ask Patrick if he came to see Miranda.

Upon entering the car, Skylar found a pen in the glove compartment. Without any hesitation, she signed the agreement. She screwed the cap back and flicked the document with her finger, looking relieved.

She smiled. "You know very well that I don't need the inheritance. I'm sure you think that it's not necessary, right?"

Tobias took the agreement from Skylar, folded it into half and kept it in the glove compartment. "It's not that I know you well; I did it for my own sake too. I don't want you to get involved too much. My mom won't be pleased to find out about the bitter conflicts in your family."

Skylar heaved a long sigh. Turns out, Tobias isn't afraid to face any trouble; he just doesn't want me to trouble him. I should thank him for his honesty.

Feeling rather ashamed, she muttered, "I'm sorry that I often trouble you because of my family affairs."

He held her hands and said gently, "There's no need to apologize. I just can't bear to see you feeling aggrieved."

She sighed again. Over the years, she had grown numb toward the series of unfortunate events befalling her. Had it not been for her ability to withstand stress, she would not be able to survive it all. Conversely, she might have chosen to end her life by jumping off a building too...

Meanwhile, Thomas was resting on the hospital bed. Feeling weak and lethargic, he had not recovered much.

Colleen felt so bad seeing her son in agony. "Why did you give in to the negative thoughts and choose to consume pesticide? Did you think about your mom and dad?"

With his eyes shut, Thomas said hopelessly, "Mom, what's there to life besides high debts? Since Quest Group has been acquired by Ford Group, they oppressed us step by step for their own benefits. The first thing Tobias did was to kick me out of the board. He's a vicious cannibal!"

Thomas leaned on the pillow to obtain support. Colleen was flabbergasted to learn how bad the company's situation was.

She had heard about the acquisition by Ford Group. However, she naively thought that Tobias helped the Jones family because of Skylar.

No wonder Skylar wanted to sign the agreement without thinking twice and Tobias did not stop her either.

If Thomas was dead and all he left behind was huge debts, where would there be any money to pass down to his children?

Thomas smiled wryly. "I've been in a high and lofty position all of my life. Now, I'm down in the dumps because I've reached an all-time low. It's better for me to die than to drag others down with me."

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Chapter 596 Needs Change

"What kind of trashy movie are you filming? The director is unknown, and the movie had barely gotten any investments. Why did you pick a script like this? Aren't you afraid that your market value will drop?"

Tobias rarely showed concern toward Skylar's work. He only casually flipped through the script as it was laying on the desk in the study room.

However, Skylar was very serious about her work. She had marked some lines and made some notes in red, including the emotions she needed to portray, as well as the unique characteristics of the role she was playing.

But Skylar's handwriting was a huge contrast to her pretty face. Her handwriting was all over the place and barely legible. It was hardly better than an elementary school student's handwriting.

After hearing Tobias' disdainful comment, Skylar threw the script into the drawer and replied, "It was the company who accepted this job for me. Because of a crop-up, I missed the auditions for Pretty Detective. As such, this is the only option I have left for movies that will be screened during the festive period. The cast is not that bad. There's a cameo appearance which should help with increasing the box office revenue for the film."

The one making the cameo appearance was Ruben, who was currently the most popular comedy actor in the industry. Naturally, he was the focus of the promotional efforts for the movie so far.

Skylar had a strong feeling that the director would be bashed when the movie was screened as Ruben's cameo in the movie was merely having his face on a poster!

Audiences who watched the movie especially for him would definitely feel cheated after seeing his almost nonexistent cameo.

“Well, I only trust my own judgment. It wouldn’t even be easy for your movie to break even. The script is so lame and terrible. It’s just pure nonsense.”

Skylar felt very hurt by Tobias’ straightforwardness. She wished that he could be more tactful and make her feel better about herself. That way, it would be easier for her to feel a little more hopeful about the situation.

“Where’s your manager? Nowadays, I only see you with your assistant. What’s going on with Kate? Doesn’t she filter the scripts for you?” Tobias asked as he took out a cigarette. Not wanting Skylar to inhale second-hand smoke, he only lit the cigarette after opening the windows.

Upon that, Skylar did not know how to answer Tobias. She couldn’t possibly say that Kate was busy dating, could she? After all, she was not certain of that.

As such, she replied, “There’s no harm for me to try. Who knows, there might be a miracle.”

Tobias stubbed out his cigarette after taking a few puffs. He had come to a conclusion long ago that Skylar did not have the best of luck. Even if there was really a miracle, it would not happen to her.

He lifted the woman’s chin, and his gaze lingered on her smooth neck and rosy lips. In a hoarse voice, he said, “I’ll move in with you in the next few days since I’m worried to leave you here alone. After all, that’s what you’ve always wanted, right?”

Skylar remembered that Tobias had said the same thing previously but never did it. He merely treated her place like a hotel and only visited when he had needs.

At that thought, Skylar broke free from the man’s grip and turned her face away before replying, “I’m already used to living alone. Besides, our schedules are different, and I’m worried that I might affect your rest. I often sleep after 3 a.m., and that would definitely affect you.”

Tobias chuckled and said, “I’ll give you some time to consider. You don’t have to think about my schedule. I can match yours.”

Skylar rested her head on Tobias’ chest and replied, “Why does it feel like you’ll never be able to leave me? You’re someone who needs so much alone time. Besides, I’m sure that you will have issues with a lot of my daily habits.”

“No one needs another person to survive. There are just different needs at different stages of life. Just treat it as I can’t stand my mom’s nagging and have no other place to go.”

Feeling slightly hurt, Skylar’s smile faded as if she had just been pricked by a needle.

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Chapter 597 The Story Of A Celebrity And Her Sugar Daddy

Skylar was aware that Claudia had been urging Tobias to give her a grandchild. He must have gotten scared of hearing that.

The health checkup slip that Claudia gave her was still untouched. Skylar knew that she was the woman’s current target. Claudia did not want her to marry into the Ford family, but rather, she just wanted to make use of her to give birth to Tobias’ son to carry on the family lineage.

There had been countless female celebrities who had children out of wedlock with the hopes of marrying into the purple. However, there were only less than a handful of them who actually managed to do that.

Those families would usually take the child but not the child’s mother.

Even if Tobias finally succumbed to his mother’s nagging and decided to have a baby with Skylar, Skylar would never agree to that.

She would be risking her future and her fate. After all, she was not confident that she would win such a gamble.

At that moment, Tobias wanted to kiss Skylar, but the woman struggled to get away from him. She knew that Madelyn, who was preparing dinner downstairs, would be coming upstairs to let her know that dinner was ready anytime soon.

However, as Tobias was much stronger than Skylar, he ended up getting his way. Right then, only kissing sounds could be heard in the room, in addition to Skylar’s soft panting.

Madelyn, who had already arrived outside the door, could hear everything clearly. She could barely suppress her urge to share with her friends on

social media that her employer was a celebrity and tell the story of a celebrity and her sugar daddy.

After a long kissing session, Skylar was feeling so dizzy that she had difficulty standing up. Tobias tousled her hair and removed her hair tie before saying, "I like it when you let your hair down. Don't tie your hair when you're with me next time."

Tobias massaged Skylar's neck softly with her hair covering her neck, and that turned him on. The next second, he was kissing her on her lips once again.

Even though Skylar resisted, the man did not let go of her.

After Madelyn reheated the food three times, Skylar still had not come downstairs.

The housekeeper could not help but post on social media: Youngsters have really good stamina. My employer and her man have been going at it for almost three hours upstairs. She's indeed a little devil who's out to suck the life outta him!

At that point, Skylar was already famished. Yet, instead of having dinner, she was pinned on the bed by Tobias.

While Skylar was still immersed in the feeling of intimacy with Tobias, the man withdrew his embrace and stood up.

"I'll come back later. I have something to attend to and I'm running late."

Skylar lifted her head and asked, "Your phone didn't ring at all just now. Why are you in such a rush?"

It's not even nighttime yet, and I'm already overindulging in debauchery. No wonder the dark circles around my eyes are getting more and more obvious. Tobias thought as he stared at the mess they made in the room.

It was also the man's wish to continue lying on the bed and laze around. However, he had already made an appointment with someone and was unable to make such a last-minute change.

Skylar hugged his waist loosely and said, "Come back soon. I'm gonna have dinner without you."

Tobias noticed that Skylar's attitude was much softer than earlier on and teased, "It seems like I've served you well in bed. You're so gentle now. Be

a good girl, and I'll bring back some food for you. Do you have any cravings?"

"Doughnuts, hot dogs, roasted chestnuts..." Skylar answered immediately. Since the man had offered, she would not stand on ceremony.

Tobias frowned and replied, "Why are you always craving junk food? I'll try to hurry back before you sleep. Send me the address of your favorite food stalls, and I'll go get them."

Skylar loved eating junk food. However, she had barely eaten any after getting together with Tobias. Besides, she also needed to watch her figure since she was a celebrity.

Skylar noticed that her metabolism had decreased, and it was getting easier for her to put on weight, unlike before. She used to be able to eat four plates of pasta for one meal and still maintain her weight.

Nowadays, she couldn't even eat one spoonful of pasta without worrying about the effects on her weight.

Previously, the woman had even asked Kate, "Can't I just be happily fat?"

Kate answered, "You can. You just won't get any jobs, and that's the reality of this industry."

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Chapter 598 More Alone Time

Skylar wasn't particularly in a good mood that day after what happened to Thomas, and eating was her way to make herself feel better.

Meanwhile, Tobias was late by almost an hour for his meeting.

When Gavin saw the man, he smiled and said jokingly, "Mr. Ford, it seems like you are losing your sense of time."

If not for the hickeys on Tobias' neck, Gavin would have thought that the man was delayed due to a meeting at his office.

Tobias unbuttoned his suit and replied, "Sorry, I was held up just now."

Gavin poured Tobias a glass of wine and handed over the financial documents of ZY Group to him. "I've already completed the task you entrusted me with. Your dad has strong financial resources. The reason he returned to the country is for the new energy project. New energy is developing rapidly in our country, and it's just normal that he would also want a share of the pie."

Tobias appeared to be deep in thought as he studied the assets belonging to his dad. Moments later, he spoke coldly, "Seems like I've underestimated him. He's more persistent than I thought! Since he wants to play this game, let's have some fun with him."

Gavin and Tobias had known each other for years, since their younger days, and Gavin had seen Tobias built his empire from nothing.

He knew that Tobias harbored a deep grudge against his dad, but he was in no position to judge as it did not concern him.

"There's also something else. I've found out that your dad had recently divorced. He's quite something to force that woman to leave the marriage with just a villa in the suburbs of Summerbank and nothing else," Gavin shared while adjusting his spectacles.

Tobias had already heard rumors about Xander's divorce. With a trace of disdain in his voice, he replied coldly, "Leaving the marriage with nothing is not as bad as leaving with problems."

Gavin knew a little about Xander's affairs. However, Xander was an elder after all and Gavin felt that it was not appropriate to gossip about him. Besides, his education and upbringing did not allow him to do that as well.

Xander was a true blue Casanova. He had toyed with countless women, including several celebrities. Though it was hard to imagine that a man who was over sixty could still have so much stamina.

It was rumored that Xander was dating someone new lately. The woman was in her twenties, and Xander was obviously robbing the cradle.

At that moment, Gavin looked toward his plate and concentrated on cutting his medium-rare steak.

He had wanted to have some soul food at a local joint as it was not easy to find those eateries overseas.

However, Tobias chose a classy restaurant as the location for their meetup.



"I heard that you were getting married some time back. You've even gotten engaged, but you broke off the engagement?" As Gavin had not caught up with Tobias for quite a while, he was not updated with the latest happenings.

In fact, he had only heard about the news recently and was not exactly surprised.

After all, Tobias was of marriageable age, and it was time for him to settle down. However, he did not expect that Tobias would even agree to the engagement in the first place.

Gavin had the impression that Tobias was a commitment-phobe and that marriage was never in his cards.

He could also clearly remember what Tobias said during a previous conversation. "Marriage is nothing but a burden. I can't imagine facing the same woman every day, without any personal space. I prefer having more alone time."

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Chapter 599 Skylar Is Your Ex

Tobias did not respond to Gavin's question. He wanted to avoid the topic as he did not wish to discuss his romantic life with others.

However, Gavin was certain that, even though Tobias had broken off his engagement, the latter was seeing someone new.

The hickeys and scratches on his neck explained everything.

During the brief chat with Tobias, Gavin had also mentioned that he did not intend to leave the country anytime soon.

Even though Tobias did not ask for the reason, Gavin offered it willingly as he began to air his grievances. "My mom has started to arrange for my marriage. She kept saying that I'm already over thirty, and it's time for me to settle down. She has even threatened to sever all ties with me if I don't do that."

Tobias could empathize with how Gavin felt. Marriage of convenience was common for families like theirs. After all, for businesses, it was all about cooperating to achieve mutual benefits.

Happily ever after only belonged to fairy tales. In reality, the most important thing was that both families were of similar social status.

There was a lady whom Gavin had dated for a few years. Tobias had even met her a few times. She was an attractive lady, but the both of them still broke up in the end.

With a hint of sorrow in his voice, Gavin smiled and said, "When I told my mom that I wanted to marry Laurel, she said that other than bringing endless trouble into my life, marrying her would not bring me any benefits. Her family is not well-to-do, and we belong to two separate worlds. Due to our different upbringings, we wouldn't have any similar values. Even if I gave her a credit card, she wouldn't even know what to spend on."

Tobias fell silent as he recalled that he had a similar conversation with Claudia previously. Claudia had also questioned him about Skylar's value in his life.

However, Tobias had never needed to rely on anyone, much less a woman.

Gavin became increasingly dejected as he spoke. As Tobias promised Skylar that he would be back before she slept, he got up to pay the bill. Noticing Gavin's slightly drunken state, he asked, "Will you be able to get home yourself?"

Gavin nodded and replied with slurred speech, "How can I let Mr. Ford send me back? I've already called for a driver. Where are you heading to? Do you need a lift?"

Gavin's house was just a short distance away from Tobias', so he had assumed that they would be traveling home together.

However, Tobias replied plainly, "My girlfriend is waiting for me at home. I'll be going to her place."

Gavin's eyes lit up when he heard that. It was the first time he had heard Tobias mentioned the word "girlfriend."

Teasingly, he replied, "Which girl's heart are you going to break again? When do you intend to break up with her?"

Tobias shot a glance at his friend and said, "Do you really think I'm a player?"

After knowing Tobias for over a decade, Gavin knew Tobias' character very well. "You're not a player, you're just heartless. After a breakup, I'll take more than a year to truly move on, but you probably won't even feel anything at all," Gavin replied.

Tobias did not respond and merely let Gavin carry on with his story.

A while later, Tobias followed the address sent to her by Skylar and found her favorite food stalls, located at the back gate of the woman's high school.

Even though it was already late at night, a few stalls along both sides of the road were still brightly lit, providing supper for people returning late.

Skylar had requested doughnuts, roasted chestnuts, and a hotdog. Tobias thought that since he was already there, he might as well buy more.

As such, he also bought some fried chicken and pizza.

"I used to bring my ex-girlfriend here very often. As I did not have much money then, she always said that we should just come here once a week. She loved coming here with me. Whenever we are here, she would want to sit next to me instead of us facing each other."

Tobias narrowed his eyes as he looked toward the young couple, who were sitting at a table at the kebab stall.

The woman was resting her chin on her hand as she listened attentively to the man talking about his ex-girlfriend. It was obvious from the look in her eyes that she was very in love with him.

"Is your ex-girlfriend really Skylar? She's so pretty and elegant. Her complexion is so smooth and fair as well."

"Of course! I won't lie to you. This is Skylar's favorite stall. However, that's all in the past. She's so famous now, and we no longer belong to the same world. You're not jealous, right?"

The woman smiled coyly and replied, "Why would I be jealous? I'm not that petty."

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When Tobias heard Skylar's name, he took a closer look at the man and realized that it was Jeremy, Skylar's first boyfriend!

It was a small world indeed. The odds of Tobias bumping into Jeremy were extremely low, but they still met under such circumstances. Tobias should actually be grateful to Jeremy because, without Jeremy, Skylar would never have to use her body to exchange for that man's life, and Tobias himself would never get to know her.

Skylar was, in fact, considered rather lucky. After being together with Tobias for so long, he had not done anything that would hurt her. In fact, he had been treating their relationship rather seriously.

As Jeremy tilted his head up while taking a sip of soda, he spotted Tobias and spat out his drink at once.

The man turned pale and swallowed a lump in his throat. He was so intimidated by Tobias that he felt like his life was being threatened at that moment.

However, Tobias remained expressionless and ignored Jeremy.

He said his ex-girlfriend loved coming here with him. Tobias thought.

"Mister, do you want it spicy? You need any cutlery?" The owner of the food stall asked as he picked up the chili flakes container.

Tobias glanced at the food that was already prepared and without saying a word, he made payment before turning around and left.

The owner of the food stall froze for a second before shouting, "Hey, mister! You forgot your food."

Tobias replied without looking back, "Please throw them away! She doesn't like these anymore."

Tobias had the air of a big shot and did not seem like someone who was mentally unstable. Not knowing what was going on, the boss of the food stall frowned. What a strange man! He waited in the cold for the food to be prepared and even paid for it. Why did he leave without it?

Still slightly in shock, Jeremy finally heaved a sigh of relief after Tobias left and forced a smile at his new girlfriend.

Noticing that beads of sweat had accumulated on his forehead, the woman took a piece of tissue and leaned forward to wipe the sweat off for him.

“What happened to you? Are you not feeling well?”

Jeremy took a deep inhale and replied, “I’m fine. Let’s just quickly finish eating and leave.”

When he saw Tobias, Jeremy was reminded of his nightmare once again. At that time, Tobias had only given him two options. He could either choose to hand over that three million or die.

Until the present day, Jeremy still dreamed of that scene often. To him, it was even scarier than when he found out that he was ill.

Meanwhile, Skylar, who was almost falling asleep, heard the rumbling of the car engine that disturbed the quiet night. Immediately, she stood up and walked toward the window.

She could see Tobias smoking in the garden. Apart from the cigarette between his fingers, he was not holding anything else.

Skylar tiptoed in order to take a closer look. As the windows had no grills, the woman almost lost her balance and fell out of the window.

She had assumed that Tobias must have left the food in the car.

Thus when Tobias walked through the door empty-handed, Skylar could not help but feel disappointed. “How can you break your promise? I especially waited up for you.”

With a grim expression, the man replied, “You should stop eating so much junk food. You’ll become a useless piece of junk yourself if you keep on eating.”

Skylar grumbled under her breath as she wondered why the man was acting in such a weird manner. It was him who suggested that he brought food back for her. As such, she was speechless at what he said.

Even her stomach started rumbling in protest. The woman let out a yawn and said, “I shouldn’t have waited for you. Gonna go sleep now.”

Tobias stared at Skylar with a penetrating gaze. He was unable to forget what Jeremy said about Skylar always wanting to sit next to him and not facing him. Was there not enough space? Did she love him so much that she had to stick to him at all times?

Tobias did not remember Skylar behaving that way toward him.

At the same time, Madelyn saw that Tobias was still standing downstairs. In fact, she had already noticed the tense atmosphere between Tobias and Skylar earlier. That did not surprise the housekeeper at all, given the age gap between the couple. After all, Skylar was still young and immature, but Tobias already had his eyes set on her.