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The lingerie was extremely sexy. The parts that were supposed to cover the crucial areas were made of semi-transparent black chiffon fabric. Hence, it was no different from wearing nothing.

After sneaking a few more glances, Sheldon was impressed by Avery's figure.

However, Tobias had encountered all sorts of situations before and wasn't even bothered. Even if she had nothing on, he wouldn't even bat an eyelid.

He questioned her coldly, "Why are you here? Where's Skylar?"

Avery wasn't in a hurry to put her bathrobe back on. "She asked me to come as she hasn't returned from seeing her boyfriend."

Sheldon pre-emptively defended himself, "I personally handed the box to Skylar. I don't know what happened after that."

Avery looked at Tobias with admiration. Raising her gaze at him, she explained with an innocent tone, "Skylar was worried that you would be angry. Hence, she sent me to accompany you."

Tobias' gaze turned frosty.

He had planned to have a proper talk with Skylar tonight, to the extent that he left the dinner mid-way as he was worried Skylar waited for too long.

And yet, he was greeted by the sight of Avery standing in front of him while wearing the lingerie he gave Skylar.

"Why did she ask you to accompany me for? To f*ck?" Tobias sat on the sofa and crossed his legs.

Avery quickly shook her head. "She didn't say that. All she did was ask me to change and come here. I had no choice but to come as I was worried she would be angry. I know this isn't right but I wasn't given a choice."

Tobias sneered, "I wonder since when did both of you become so close?"

The tone he used when speaking with Avery was frosty as ever. There wasn't any gentleness at all.

As the cleaner had forgotten to switch the climate control to maintain a set temperature, the presidential suite ended up being very cold.

Given that Avery was only wearing a piece of lingerie, goosebumps appeared all over her body while her legs began to shiver.

When Sheldon saw how cold Avery was, he wanted to help her put on a robe. After all, they were still drinking buddies.

"Don't move. Since she likes to wear it, just let her be."

Upon hearing Tobias' words, Sheldon's fear for his brother caused him to put down the bathrobe.

The scene in front of her wasn't how Avery imagined it. She didn't expect to mess it up.

As Avery continued to shiver from the cold, Tobias turned the temperature on the climate control further down.

"Tell me, what really happened?" Tobias sat on the sofa as he sipped on his hot coffee.

Lowering her head, Avery's eyes reddened as she bit her lip. "Skylar asked me to come but I told her I shouldn't. However, she still forced me to see you. She said if I didn't do this, she will not forgive me."

Listening in silence, Tobias found it laughable.

"Aren't you always the one to bully her? Now you are saying you fear her? Are you an idiot or do you think I'm gullible?"

Despite the calm tone, his words still sent a shiver down Avery's spine.

"She said that as your girlfriend, she didn't dare upset you. No matter how outrageous it may be, I will still have to endure it."

As Sheldon listened on beside them, he felt sorry for Avery. Despite her beauty, he realized she didn't come with brains.

Her lies might have worked on kids, but he was surprised that she dared to tell them to his brother.

Meanwhile, Avery was so cold that her hands were hugging her shoulders while her legs fidgeted to keep warm.

Tobias smiled smugly. "Since I have allowed you to speak, why don't we get Skylar here and ask her if you are lying."

When Avery glanced at the grandfather clock and realized the dorm was closed, she knew that Tobias wouldn't be able to verify her words tonight.

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Tobias called Susan to come in.

Susan Yeager was Tobias' long-time secretary.

Sometimes, even Sheldon had to show her some respect. Behind her, he would even call her the She-devil.

The moment Susan entered, she immediately saw a girl in lingerie standing in front of Tobias.

Avery lowered her head as she didn't want anyone to see her face.

"Go to the school and pick up Skylar as fast as you can."

Upon hearing Tobias' instructions, Susan nodded and left immediately.

Avery didn't realize Tobias was being serious and she thought that he was scaring her.

"The dorm is closed so no one can enter." Avery tried to struggle till the very end.

Susan ignored her.

Just like a machine, she could only hear Tobias' instructions and block off whatever others said.

After Susan left, Avery asked meekly, "Mr. Ford, I'm really cold. Can I put on some clothes?"

Sheldon remained silent and didn't help her.

Smiling smugly, Tobias replied, "Why do you need to wear any? I find the temperature just perfect."

When Susan arrived at the dorm entrance, the doors were tightly shut.

After knocking a few times, the dorm manager yawned while walking out in her woolen outfit.

She rudely exclaimed, "Do you know what time it is? You're disturbing others from resting! The dorm is closed so you can't come in!"

Susan replied, "I'm here to pick up someone and I'll leave right away once I find her."

The dorm manager was worried and replied in an exasperated tone, "The school isn't your house. You can't just come and go as you like."

Susan quickly made a call and put her phone to the dorm manager's ears. When she heard it was the principal, she opened the gate at once.

Heading up to the third floor, Susan arrived at Skylar's dorm and asked, "Who is Skylar?"

Getting down from her bed, Skylar raised her eyebrows at the stylishly dressed woman in her trench coat.

"Mr. Ford wants you to go over. The car is already waiting at the school entrance. You should get changed."

Skylar gave the gorgeous lady a wary look. "Who are you? I have never seen you before."

"I'm Susan, Mr. Ford's secretary. If I'm unable to pick you up, I'll have to wait here till I do."

The apple never falls far from the tree. In this instance, it was between an employee and her boss. Somehow she felt Susan and Tobias had similarly aggressive characters.

Meanwhile, Carmen, who was on the next bunk began to feel annoyed. She pestered, "Skylar, it's bedtime. Can you let us sleep in peace?"

Worried that she would disturb the others, Skylar had no choice but to pack and leave with Susan.

Along the journey there, Susan didn't say a word to Skylar. She was so cold that she felt just like a block of ice. Both of them didn't even exchange glances.

When they arrived at the hotel, Skylar was stunned the moment she entered. Avery was wearing the sexy lingerie that was supposedly hers.

The room was as cold as an igloo and Avery couldn't help but shiver.

When Tobias saw that Skylar was here, he turned the thermostat back up. Grabbing a blanket, he flung it in Skylar's direction.

Catching the blanket, Skylar would have used it to cover Avery if she still had a soft spot for her.

However, she didn't. Instead, she put it on the sofa and didn't cover herself.

She scrutinized Avery from head to toe and saw that she was almost naked in her outfit.

"Have you slept with each other?" Skylar asked.

Tobias raised his eyebrow. "What do you think?"

How would I know? I have only just arrived!

Avery was never so humiliated in front of Skylar before. Biting her lip, she cursed vehemently in her heart.

Tobias never showed Avery any respect at all. She was now all red like a cooked lobster.

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Tobias glanced at Avery from the corner of his eye and plainly remarked, "Your sister claimed that you went on a date and gave her the clothes. Furthermore, you asked her to come and accompany me. Is that what happened?"

Avery pleaded with Skylar with her eyes, hoping that she would help confirm the lie.

Skylar shrugged her shoulders. "I didn't say anything. Besides, I'm not a pimp. Why would I arrange ladies for you?"

Avery's expression changed drastically. If looks could kill, Skylar would probably be dead.

Avery sobbed, "Skylar, how can you do this to me? You're denying everything you've said to me?"

Skylar watched as Avery continued with her act. Even her fake cries sounded more coquettish than sad.

In front of everyone, Tobias put his hands around Skylar's waist and moved his lips close to her ear. "Go ahead and tell the truth. There's no need to hold back in front of me."

Skylar shook her head. "I don't know what happened. I put the box on the table and when I returned, it was gone."

Avery's face turned pale as Skylar didn't even help her one bit. To her, it was the ultimate betrayal.

She swore that she would never leave Skylar in peace till the day she died.

Tobias stared at the ashen-faced Avery. "Ms. Jones, stealing is not right."

Biting her lip, Avery replied meekly, "I didn't steal it. It's all just a misunderstanding. I'll pay for the clothes."

Tobias turned to Skylar and asked, "How do you think I should handle this?"

The animosity between Skylar and Avery had reached the point of no return.

Skylar clearly remembered how over the years, Avery would cause trouble for her at every turn.

As they stared into each other eyes, she could see how pitiful Avery looked.

"Let her go." Even Skylar didn't expect herself to say those words.

When the time came for her to be firm, she wavered.

She was clear that if something happened to Avery, Thomas would never forgive her.

It was also impossible for Tobias to protect her forever. When things went back to the way they were, she would become a nobody.

She knew she shouldn't go too far as now wasn't the time for revenge.

As if she had received a pardon, Avery thought that she had escaped what would be Hell of Earth, given how ruthless Tobias was.

She prepared to head to the washroom to get changed.

Tobias called out to her in a deep voice. "You really look good in it. Since you like it so much, you should wear it back to your dorm and let everyone admire how pretty you are."

Sheldon gave Avery a sympathetic look. "Just go. If you wait any longer, you might not even get to keep what you're wearing."

As Avery emerged at the hotel entrance in her sexy lingerie, it attracted a lot of onlookers.

In fact, a lot of them were teasing her with wolf whistles. Some even brought out their phones to take pictures.

Meanwhile, only Skylar and Tobias were left in the room.

When Skylar looked at the time, she knew she was locked out of the dorm again for the night.

"Why are you so easily bullied? I gave you the dagger to stab your enemy but you couldn't even keep it in your hand." Tobias gave her a pensive look.

From how she treated Avery, Tobias could see that deep down, she was really weak.

From a rational point of view, Skylar and he were not really compatible. Hence, their relationship wouldn't last long.

If he were really going to be with Skylar, she would need to strengthen her mental fortitude as she would have to face innumerable problems.

"You don't understand. Sometimes, I really don't have a choice." Skylar shuddered in the face of Tobias' mockery.

Tobias didn't look surprised as he put a hand in his pocket. "If I were you, I would definitely not let her go. She has been forcing you into submission for so many years. Why don't you vent your frustrations for once? You have to seize the opportunity when it comes."

Skylar frowned with a solemn expression. "Of course I would want to vent if I had the power to do so. But now, I'm finding it hard to even make ends meet, let alone seeking revenge. I can't just rely on you forever."

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When Skylar wanted to leave, Tobias blocked the exit and locked the door. "Just stay here for the night. Or else, you might not be as lucky the next time you meet a bunch of hoodlums."

Recalling Pink Hair, Skylar asked Tobias, "Where did the few of them go? The police station?"

Tobias replied with a tone devoid of emotion, "They're dead."

Skylar thought Tobias was kidding. "It's not funny at all. Why would they be dead? It's not like they committed armed robbery."

Tobias held onto Skylar's wrist and pulled her into his arms. Tightening his embrace, he whispered, "Young lady, the world isn't as perfect as you imagine it to be. Since they made a mistake, they had to pay the price. Forgiveness is for the weak."

Skylar still didn't believe him. Although Tobias was ruthless, she didn't think he would actually take someone's life. Is he trying to teach me about life?

When they heard a knock on the door, Skylar's heart sank. The images from the other day flashed across her mind. She didn't want to be caught in bed with him again.

As Tobias let go of Skylar to open the door, she found a place to hide. If she could choose a superpower then, it would be the power of invisibility.

When she saw that it was Sheldon who entered, she heaved a sigh of relief.

However, Tobias was upset at being disturbed. "Why are you here at this hour? Spit it out quickly."

When Sheldon saw that Skylar was still around, he pulled Tobias aside. "Avery's father is here and wants to see Skylar. He's waiting at the hotel entrance and throwing a temper tantrum. However, he is just ranting at Skylar and doesn't dare scold you."

"No, she's not free." Tobias decided on Skylar's behalf.

"He said that he will not leave until Skylar comes down. Furthermore, he looks extremely agitated. After all, he is known for coddling Avery and feels indignant about how she has been humiliated."

Tobias sneered, "If he wants to wait then just let him do so."

Before he left, Sheldon shot a glance at Skylar and wondered what Tobias had said to her.

Skylar was spaced out and looked just like a frightened bunny.

Sitting on the sofa, Skylar held onto her phone with her sweaty palms. "If you're busy, I won't bother you any further. Just give me a room and I'll head back to school first thing in the morning."

Tobias smirked in response. "Isn't there more than enough space for you to sleep here? Besides, I already told you that we need to have a proper talk. We haven't even started yet."

Skylar put her hand to her forehead as she began to have a splitting headache.

She was going to be absent from the dorm without reason and her name would be put up on the notice board again. It seemed like her name would stay there forever.

She grumbled, "What's there to talk about? Isn't it the same old topic? I can give you the answer straight up. I don't want to be a mistress. Neither do I want to steal someone's husband nor someone's father."

Maintaining his composure, Tobias persuaded, "Would you actually be more patient with me if I were someone else? Firstly, I will do my best to annul my engagement. After all, it was never my intention to get married. Also, Tanya isn't carrying my child as I never touched her. After all this, I hope you have a better understanding of what's going on."

He wanted to clear all the doubts Skylar had.

Skylar looked up and gazed deeply into Tobias' eyes. She replied meekly, "Even if you canceled your engagement, what are we doing together? I have no intention of being in a relationship that has no end goal."

Skylar was still conservative to her bone. To her, it was irresponsible to be in a relationship that didn't end up in marriage.

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She didn't believe Tobias' words.

Tanya is his fiancée. Given how strong his sex drive is, how is it possible that he hasn't slept with her. Does he think I'm a three-year-old?

Tobias sat down beside Skylar and lifted her chin to kiss her. He bit her lower lip as if to punish her. "There are risks in love. Feelings alone cannot guarantee a happy family. It also depends on how a couple interacts in the long run. Would you believe me if I said I'll marry you?"

Skylar could feel how different a mature man was from a young boy.

Tobias was calm, wise, and strong.

When she was in a relationship with Jeremy, she had forgotten how many times he said he wanted to marry her.

In the end, it was all just empty talk.

Tobias' gentle kiss caused Skylar to have butterflies in her stomach. She quickly averted her eyes from his predatory gaze. "Both of us are not at that stage yet. You'll take the bed while I sleep on the sofa."

Tobias coolly recovered his gaze. Every time he made love with Skylar, it felt just like she was forced to do it. Never once did she respond willingly.

Standing up, he left the room with his hand in his pocket.

When she heard the door close, Skylar felt as if all the tension in her body was finally released.

After Tobias left, she got up from the sofa and lay on the soft fluffy bed. She felt as if she was being cuddled in a cloud. The luxurious bed in the presidential suite was a lot more comfortable than her dorm bunk.

Lying on the bed, she could still smell Tobias' scent—the faint fragrance of white sandalwood.

By the bed, there was a blue document folder. When Skylar flipped through it, she realized she had no idea what was written as they were filled with complicated business terms.

Sniggering at herself, she realized Avery was right. How could someone like her deserve to be with Tobias? Eventually, she would have to be grounded in reality.

While she was sleeping, Skylar felt as if she had difficulty breathing. When she opened her eyes, she caught the intense smell of white sandalwood. A dark figure was pressing himself on top of her.

Why is Tobias suddenly back? Didn't he leave earlier?

Cupping her face in his hands, he kissed her passionately without giving her space to breathe.

No matter how she struggled, Tobias didn't let go.

Only after her top was removed and her chest was exposed to the cold air did her senses match her actions. The next moment, she bit down on Tobias' tongue and felt his weight shift away from her body.

He recoiled in pain and turned on the bedside lamp.

Just like a spring, Skylar bounced up to a seated position but her shoulder hit him in the jaw coincidentally. However, she quickly grabbed her bra and covered her breasts with it.

Skylar could see his eyes were red as he glared at her. But, she wasn't sure if it was from pain or anger.

Tobias closed his eyes and braced himself for a whole three minutes before the pain on his tongue subsided.

During that short moment, Skylar knew that it was best for her to keep her mouth shut.

"When will you start acquiescing and reciprocate my advances? Or do you need to find another sick boyfriend so that I can procure your services again?" Tobias was exasperated while the redness in his eyes hadn't fully subsided.

Tobias struck a nerve when he mentioned the humiliating incident. She glared at him, "Can you not bring up that stupid matter ever again?"

Just as she spoke, Tobias caught her by the neck and planted his lips on hers.

It was a shallow kiss as his lips were hurt from just now. When she tasted blood in her mouth, Skylar realized that she had bitten him too hard.

Skylar had failed to escape from Tobias' clutches again.

She was now trapped.