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"Oh Skylar, you're here!"

Naomi could not stop crying when she saw Skylar. It was as if she was a bullied child to finally meet her parents.

Plenty of people were staring at Skylar.

So, he's the mysterious wealthy buyer that bought the Red Dust.

However, not only were Naomi's relatives and Ash's relatives unappreciative of Skylar standing up for them, they were all wondering just how a penniless footsoldier like him could afford a four-hundred million dollars necklace.

Meanwhile, Mandy started to panic a little after Skylar's relentless questioning. However, she was still quite experienced in dealing with problems, so it did not take long for her to calm down. She said, "Were you the person that Naomi was begging us to wait for? Do you think you're awesome because you could afford a Red Dust? Come on now, you're still an arrogant little peasant boy!"

After that, she turned her focus to Naomi and said, "Don't you ever think for a second that I would change your mind about you just because you have your brother who'd just gotten lucky! Whatever value you think it's impressive, is nothing to me! Can't you see, everyone seated at the VIP table is here for our family! Anyone of them is easily significantly more impressive than your brother!"

Mandy intentionally glanced at Mr. Crawford and the crowd with a smug look.

She knew that anyone who could afford the Red Dust should not be underestimated. However, they were nothing in comparison to the few people around the VIP table. She knew that they were there for her family.

Since her family was graced by every guests' presence, how could they possibly be pressured by an impulsive nobody?

Every guest turned their attention to the VIP table after hearing Mandy's reply.

Their expressions changed drastically as soon as they noticed who those people were.

"Isn't that Mr. Lawson?"

"Mr. Zander is here too!"

"Whoa, aside from Mr. Shepard, Mr Wexler is here too!"

"Good gosh, that is Mr. Lawson! He's the most powerful person in the city! Has the Stephenson family's reputation improved to such an extent already?"

Some of them gasped when they could not contain their emotions anymore.

Naomi's friends immediately shook their heads at her, telling her to not give up on the marriage for Skylar.

Although they were surprised by the expensive necklace Skylar gave her, they knew that the Stephenson family were more powerful than. Besides, they understood that some connections could not be bought.

However, just as everyone assumed that Skylar was undoubtedly losing the argument, Mr. Lawson got up and greeted Skylar with a bow and exclaiming with a very loud voice, "Greetings, Mr. Stone!"

The entire room was instantly silenced after that. Everyone was completely stunned by such a display.

They were all second guessing what they heard.

"Mr. Lawson, you're..." Mandy's smile grew stiff in that instant.

However, before Mr. Lawson could say anything, the others got up and greeted Skylar with a bow, "Greetings, Mr. Stone!"

Every one of them got up and greeted Skylar very politely.

It turned out that they were all there to meet the bride, Naomi. Although they had never met Naomi before, they knew that she was Skylar's sister. This reason alone was enough to convince them to come.

They only showed up uninvited to meet Skylar. Apparently, they had never even heard of the Stephenson family or their wedding.

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The funny thing was, Mandy actually thought they came to the wedding for her family and glorious days were ahead for her family.

"You... This is..." Mandy looked incredibly awful then.

Everyone was shocked to see how those extremely powerful people were so polite to Skylar.

How capable can a poor twenty-five year old brat really be? What right does he even have to make such powerful people bow to him?

"Skylar..." Naomi was just as shocked as everyone there.

This made her wonder just what her brother had experienced in the last five years that he went missing.

"Yeah, I'm here."

Skylar ignored everyone as Naomi was the only person he was focused on then.

How could he not feel bad when the sister he grew up with was bullied.

"I was absent back then, Naomi, so I don't know what exactly had happened then. But, I'm back now and I won't allow anyone to bully you!"

After that, Skylar grabbed the necklace from Naomi's hand and said, "This is my blessing for you. Do you like it?"

"I do. Of course I do!" Naomi nodded.

"Let me put it on for you then." Skylar placed the necklace around Naomi's neck after that.

When she saw the eye-catching pendant, Naomi's heart thumped before leaping into Skylar's arms and sobbed, "Thank you, Skylar."

While Brian remained silent, Mandy on the other hand was seething with rage when that happened. She said, "You are already our daughter-in-law, Naomi. How dare you jump into another man's arms in front of Brian? You've ruined our family's reputation, you shameless slut..."

However, Skylar suddenly looked up and gave Mandy a menacing glare.

This startled Mandy so much that she trembled and decided to stop talking.

Skylar coldly said, "Who told you that my sister has already become your family's daughter-in-law? I will be more than happy to accept it if she decides to change her mind now!"

Since she understood just how terrifying of a person Skylar was, she dared not say anything else. However, she looked very displeased.

Skylar comforted Naomi, "Don't worry, Naomi. It doesn't matter if this is your marriage or anything else, you can decide on your own."

Naomi glanced at Brian before shifting her focus on her family. She took a deep breath and said, "Skylar, I don't want to marry him anymore."

Brian looked very hurt when she said that.

It was such a shame that Naomi was able to understand some things after everything that happened earlier. She knew that a relationship involved two people, but a marriage would involve two families.

It would be pointless for her if Brian was the only person nice to her. If his family did not respect her at all, then it would be no different from her diving into a fire pit.

Although her family was not rich, she was raised in a loving home where her family spoiled her. So, she had no reason to take their cold treatment.

"All right then. I'll take you home." Without saying a word, Skylar left the hall with Naomi.

Mandy dared not say another word after that.

Although Brian wanted to stop them, the fear he felt crippled him and he was completely frozen in place.

No one else dared do anything rash either.

After Skylar left, Mr. Crawford and the others left as well. There was no longer any reason for them to stay.

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It seemed that the Stephenson family never expected that after the insanely powerful people left, all of the other guests that had business ties to them began to leave in droves as well.

They seemed to be absolutely terrified and seemed as if they would end up perishing if they stayed even a second longer.

Those people were incredibly talented in doing business. It was natural for them to stay cautious since Skylar's status was too terrifying for them.

Anyone who could convince the city's elites to bow was obviously not someone they could afford to offend.

So, it did not take long for the lively wedding to be completely silenced.

Mandy and her family members staggered and fell on the ground as their faces turned pale.

They never expected things to deteriorate to such an extent, so they began complaining about Mandy.

Meanwhile, Mandy regretted everything she did. If she was never insulting and treated Naomi's family kindly, Naomi would have already been married to their family.

That would mean that Brian could have been Skylar's brother-in-law.

Since Skylar was such an incredible man, he would not even need to do much to raise their family's reputation.

They would have never had to butter up to people who were obviously less capable than Skylar then.

However, they were not sure if their family could even stay in the city anymore, let alone gain glory...

After sending Naomi and his parents home, Skylar cooked and stayed with them for a long while.

By the time he returned to Ocean Hill, it was already evening.

So, Skylar stared at the necklace in his hands and thought about how tomorrow was Yulia's birthday and if he should give her another surprise aside from the necklace she wanted.

When Dianne noticed his troubled look, she asked, "Hey boss, you can order me to do anything and I'll make sure that I'll do a good job for you."

However, Skylar shook his head and said, "Oh, you won't be able to help me with this."

"What exactly is it though?" Dianne was stunned.

"Romance," Skylar bluntly replied.

Oh... Dianne was completely speechless to hear that.

She never expected that the god of war himself would someday worry about being romantic to a woman. She wondered just how her comrades at the Northern borders would react if they found out about it.

So, Dianne silently left the living room while Skylar pondered.

Not long after she left, Skylar's phone rang and it turned out to be from Yulia.

However, before Skylar could say anything, Yulia interjected and somehow, she sounded furious...

"Skylar, I understand that our relationship is only legal on paper, but you are responsible to be a good father for Lola. I don't care who you're interested in, but can't you be a little low profile in doing so? How do you think Lola would feel when she saw her own father hugging another woman?"

Skylar was completely stunned as he asked, "What's going on? Me and another woman?"

"What's the matter? Are you not bold enough to admit it? Do you want me to send you the video instead?"

Yulia hung up the call before Skylar could react.

So, Skylar kept his phone away and after cracking his brain for a good long while, he finally understood why Yulia was so angry then.

He assumed that she was upset about him hugging Naomi at the wedding. He presumed that Yulia and Lola might have seen the video when someone uploaded it online. He wondered just how things could be this coincidental and decided that he needed to get to the bottom of it.

However, when he recalled just how furious Yulia was earlier, Skylar smiled and thought, Oh... is she jealous?

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With that thought in mind, Skylar grabbed his phone and called Yulia back.

However, Yulia refused to pick up the call.

It seemed that she must be really angry to not even give him the chance to explain.

So, Skylar chuckled bitterly and shook his head before heading out his door with his car keys.

Skylar showed up at Yulia's home after half an hour.

"Who is it?" Yulia asked cautiously.

"It's me, Skylar."

Yulia was relieved to find out it was Skylar, but she coldly questioned him, "Aren't you supposed to be busy? What are you doing here then?"

However, before Skylar could explain, Lola yelled, "You're a bad person, daddy! You married another lady and you don't want mommy and I anymore!"

Skylar was speechless when he heard that, so he frantically explained, "You misunderstood me, Lola. Look, the lady in the video is my sister, Naomi... Please open the door, Yulia, I promise that I can explain everything clearly."

"No way! You'd lie to mommy and I again if we did! My friend told me that his father brought home another sister someday and their parents divorced soon after... wuuu... I don't want you to divorce mommy!"

Lola frantically shook her head as she sobbed.

It hurt Yulia to see her like this as she did not expect such a young child would know all of this. It seemed the video had affected Lola more than she expected. This only made her hate Skylar even more.

Skylar was completely stunned when he heard what Lola said.

He pondered for a moment and understood that they were still mad at him, so he said, "Lola, I promise that I won't end up like your friend's father. Since you don't want to see me now, I'll come back tomorrow then."

After Skylar left, a familiar silhouette could be seen from the dimly lit stairwell. It was none other than Nicholas.

Nicholas was delighted to see how Skylar was refused into Yulia's apartment.

In all honesty, Nicholas was the main reason why Yulia was able to see the video. He was the one who sent it to him. Moreover, things turned out to be just as Skylar expected as Nicholas edited the video so much that it caused Skylar and her daughter to misunderstand him.

Since tomorrow would be Yulia's birthday, Nicholas felt confident in charming Yulia after this debacle.

He was incredibly confident in himself at the moment.

That was because Yulia had nearly agreed to marry him from her family's pressure before Skylar had even appeared in her life.

Exploiting her weakness would be the easiest way for him to win her over.

After Skylar returned home, he sat on the couch and thought about something for a good long while before telling Dianne, " I need you to do two things for me before dinner tomorrow. "

He explained his plans to Dianne after that.

Since Dianne was used to accepting orders, she lowered her head in obedience. However, when she looked, a peculiar glint flashed across her eyes.

However, Skylar ignored what she thought and returned to his room.

The following day was a work day, so Yulia had to work and Lola had to go to school.

So, Skylar waited until evening before heading out to Kareem Fashions.

Although Yulia was the president of the company, Madam Sue made Yvonne the chairperson after knowing that she had gotten close to Harry.

This meant that Yvonne was the most powerful person in the company.

Although Yvonne and Yulia had a year difference in age, their birthdays fell on the same day.

So, this day was not only Yulia's birthday, it was also Yvonne's. Although they were from the same family, their birthday celebrations were significantly different.

Yvonne would always be the star on that day every year. However, not only was Yulia ignored, she had to take Yvonne's abuse.

Yulia was already used to such a treatment, so as soon as her work day was over, she got ready to pick up her daughter.

However, as soon as she reached the lobby, she ran into a scantily dressed woman and she turned out to be Yvonne...

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"Hey Yulia, it's our birthday again. Do you have any plans tonight?" Yvonne asked with a mocking laugh.

Yulia replied, "No."

"Oh wow..." Yvonne pretended to care as she continued, "Oh Yulia, if I remembered correctly, no one has ever celebrated your birthday in all these years. Gosh, that is sad though. How's this, I'll give you three-hundred dollars so you can buy yourself a cake and celebrate it with that penniless bastard back home!"

Yvonne took out some bank notes and handed them to Yulia. Plenty of staff members noticed their interaction and began to laugh in secret."

Yulia's expression turned bitter as she said, "Thanks, but no thanks."

"You won't think it's too little, right?" Yvonne laughed and continued, "Oh please. You should know your place. If you didn't share the same birthday with me, you won't even have three-hundred dollars. What's the matter? Are you displeased that I'd spend over a million dollars on my birthday every year? Yeah, you should feel that way. This world is fair and since you've done something wrong, you are not worthy of getting some things in your entire life!

However, before Yulia could react, they could hear a young man's voice saying, "I'm here, darling!"

So, everyone turned their attention to the door.

They noticed a red sports car parked outside as a young man who was dressed in an expensive suit got out of the car. That man was none other than Harry.

Suddenly, the roof of the sports car popped open as pink balloons flew out of it, revealing a car full of red roses.

"Happy birthday, Yvonne!" Harry approached Yvonne.

"Whoa, that's a Porsche!"

"Pink balloons and roses. Gosh, that's too romantic now!"

"Yvonne's boyfriend is really my perfect type of guy!"

So, in just a single minute, a group of bootlicking women gathered behind Yvonne.

Yvonne loved the attention, so she gave Yulia a smug look and gave Harry a kiss on his cheeks.

"Oh darling, you're really thoughtful. I love you!"

Harry hugged her waist and cracked a sinister grin as he said, "I've booked a private room in Jupiter Restaurant at Sunset Harbor. Your friends are already there, so we need to go."

Jupiter Restaurant at Sunset Harbor?

The group of women behind Yvonne grew excited again.

Sunset Harbor was located on a nearby isle and it was the only seven-star clubhouse in the entire city.

There were three types of restaurants there and they were all separated by rank. They were called the Venus, Jupiter and Mercury Restaurants.

However, the most prestigious restaurant, the Mercury Restaurant, was used to host extremely

prestigious people. It was not open for public.

This was why the Jupiter Restaurant was viewed as the best restaurant to the public. One had to be very well connected to book a reservation in that restaurant. This was exactly why Harry used this to brag.

"Oh my beloved Yulia. Did you hear? There are a lot of people waiting for me at Jupiter Restaurant, so I don't have time to talk to you. Just buy yourself a cake and play with your daughter back home then." Yvonne mocked while hugging Harry's arm.

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Yulia clutched on her bag tighter and it seemed that she was only pretending to not be envious of Yvonne.

Of course she was not fawning over the car full of roses or fancy restaurants. The thing was, they were both women and she was also hoping to be spoiled by a man on special occasions. However, the man she had feelings for was still absent.

However, just as Yvonne was being very cocky, a deep manly voice chimed in. He said, "Who told you that all Yulia could do was buy herself a cake?"

Once again, everyone turned toward the sound.

They noticed a young man dressed in green casual clothes walking toward her.

That man was none other than Skylar. However, this reminded Yulia about the video, so she looked away.

"Whoa, isn't this Skylar, the useless garbage that was obsessed over me for five years?" Yvonne glared at Skylar and said, "Oh Yulia, I can't believe you'd treasure something that I don't want. Aren't you being a little desperate now?"

When the crowd heard that, they immediately started gossiping.

"Good gosh, even if she has to raise her daughter, she shouldn't pick someone like him, right? Why is he even wearing those clothes? That's just poor taste!"

"Right? He's like some random village boy. How could he even be bold enough to go after Yulia? Doesn't he know his place?"

"Yeah, Yvonne's boyfriend has a sports car full of roses and even booked a fancy restaurant for her. This guy came empty handed. Gosh, the difference between their boyfriends are just too much!"

Suddenly, the sky began to rumble and that terrified everyone.

The ground and windows were also starting to shake.

"Good gosh, this can't be an earthquake, right?"

A group of people rushed out immediately.

However, before they could calm down, a man pointed at the sky and yelled, "Guys look! It's a helicopter!"

So, everyone looked up immediately.

They noticed a flock of helicopters hovering around the office building. There were roughly sixteen helicopters in total.

However, before they could react, every single helicopter opened up their hatch as a golden horn-shaped object extended out from the hatch.

"Drop!"

With a single order, rose petals began to rain from the sky.

So, the faint rosey scent filled the air.

It did not take long for a rain of petals to rain down around the perimeter of the office building.

It was a magnificent sight to behold.

"Good gosh... that's at least ten helicopters and they're only here to rain rose petals? That has to be expensive, right?"

So, everyone turned toward Skylar and stared at him in shock.

Yulia's heart began to race as she stared at Skylar with a puzzled look.

However, Skylar smiled and nodded at her.

Everyone began to cheer after that.

"Was it really him?"

"Good gosh. I thought a sport's car filled with roses would be awesome. This is a rain of flowers. Gosh, they just keep getting even more outrageous!"

"That's literally insane."

As Yvonne listened to the gossip, both she and Harry looked bitter.

"Oh please, so what? He just rented a few helicopters and rained down some rose petals. Could that be more expensive than my boyfriend's car?" Yvonne scoffed.

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After hearing what Yvonne said, the crowd suddenly snapped out from their trance.

Yvonne is right. As expensive as this is, it'll only mean something if it belongs to them. It's pointless if the helicopters were rented. This means that Yulia's boyfriend is just trying to brag.

Suddenly while everyone was gossiping, a buzz could be heard as the lights in the surrounding building lit up.

Soon, every billboard was lit up with colorful writing that read, "Happy birthday Yulia."

However, that was not all. It seemed that in that instant, that birthday message filled the billboards in every station of every street. It did not take long for that message to be written all over the entire city.

It seemed like every light bulb in the city that night was lighting up for Yulia. Everyone including Yvonne was shocked in that instant.

Indeed, renting a couple helicopters and making it rain rose petals would be something anyone could pull off. However, writing a message for a single person all across the entire city would be unimaginably expensive.

So, everyone stared at Skylar in shock.

It seemed that even though the answer was obvious, none of them refused to believe that Skylar had pulled this off.

However, Skylar ignored them as he slowly approached Yulia through the rain of petals.

"Hey Yulia, I did all of this for you. So, happy birthday." Skylar wished her sincerely.

Yulia teared up and was stunned for a good long while.

So, she looked up and stared intensely at Skylar before saying, "Thank you for doing this for me, Skylar. I love it."

"I'm glad you love it! This was the first time I've ever done anything like this, so I wasn't really confident in myself." Skylar chuckled bashfully.

"The first time? Well, then you must be really talented in this then." Yulia smiled while her eyes glimmered through her tears.

It seemed that no one had ever been this nice to her before. She was charmed when the birthday message lit up. This was something she had never experienced before.

When Skylar noticed how charmed Yulia was, he said, "Trust me, Yulia. The woman from that video really is my sister. Yesterday was her wedding day, but the groom's family was being very rude to her. So, she leapt into my arms because she was emotional. You were right to be upset yesterday. But, I feel like there is no need for me to be low profile when it comes to loving my family. So, I decided that I'm not going to keep a low profile to announce to the entire city that I want you to be the luckiest girl in the world! No one will be able to bully you anymore! You've suffered so much and I will make it up to you a thousand fold!"

The most romantic thing in the world would be confessing one's true feelings.

Upon hearing that, Yulia's heart began to race faster.

It seemed that Skylar's raw confession had completely warmed her long dead heart.

So, Yulia slowly approached and hugged him.

"Whoa, that's really touching!"

"Gosh Yulia sure is lucky!"

Everyone began to cheer after that.

"I guess it really is true. Capable men really do dress carelessly!"

"Come on now, this is being humble. Besides, I think his outfit looks really cool underneath the helicopters!"

"Who cares what someone as rich and awesome as him wears? Look, even if he's dressed in rags, girls will still fawn over him! But, it's such a shame that we won't have that chance anymore..."

Yvonne looked extremely bitter when everyone was praising Yulia.

How can this be! How can that clingy bastard, Skylar possibly be that rich? I can't believe he rented helicopters and billboards across the city just for Yulia's birthday. Gosh, he didn't hold back at all! All of this could've been mine if I didn't give up on him!

Yvonne was becoming really jealous then.

After that, Skylar told Yulia, "I've booked out Sunset Harbor, so let's pick Lola up and have dinner there."

Everyone was shocked again.

He booked out Sunset Harbor? Wait, he didn't just book out Jupiter or Venus Restaurants. He booked out the entire harbor? The harbor still has Mercury Restaurant though, a restaurant that was never opened to the public. How could he possibly take Yulia there for dinner? That's impossible!

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As soon as Harry heard that, he mocked, "Don't you know when to stop, Skylar? You've already won, so why do you even want to continue boasting?"

"Oh? Tell me, how am I boasting then?" Skylar curiously asked.

"Everyone in the city knows that no one has ever booked out Sunset Harbor. Look, even the four great families are no exception!" Harry exclaimed.

The spectating crowd nodded after hearing that.

Skylar chuckled and replied, "Well, I'm the exception then."

"Impossible. I've already booked a private room in Jupiter Restaurant. Yvonne's friends are already there. Look, if someone has indeed booked out Sunset Harbor, they would've called me already," Harry confidently replied.

However, Skylar ignored him and called someone.

"I told you that I am booking out the entire harbor tonight. Why are there still people eating in Jupiter Restaurant?"

Skylar hung up the call as soon as he said that.

However, Harry assumed that Skylar was just boasting and just as he was about to mock Skylar, his phone rang.

After that, he told Yvonne with a bitter look, "Let's eat someone else now."

"Why? I thought everyone was already there?" Yvonne asked.

"They were kicked out earlier." Harry whispered.

"What? I thought you booked it beforehand? What right do they have to kick my guests out?" Yvonne screamed as she could not accept that.

Harry felt that Yvonne was embarrassing him, so he rushed her impatiently, "Don't ask, let's go."

Skylar stared at them and scoffed, "I can pretend to not know about it if you don't mention it to me. I'd allow you to enjoy your meals peacefully. But, you were adamant in fighting me, so don't blame me for following the rules."

"You..." Harry was so furious that his face was flustered.

Yvonne looked even worse as her jealousy had reached a breaking point.

It turned out that Skylar had money and power after all. She wondered if Skylar was testing her by pretending to be poor. However, she failed his test and allowed Yulia to have him instead.

Yes, it has to be it.

She could not believe that she had given up on a rich and powerful man who was in love with her for five years. She felt like the biggest loser then.

When she noticed that Skylar was just about to leave, she panicked and yelled, "I can give you another chance to get back together with me, Skylar!"

This stunned Skylar as he asked, "Really? Are you really willing to marry me?"

Yvonne nodded and said, "Yes! I'd marry you immediately if you take me out for a meal at Sunset Harbor."

Skylar laughed and asked, "Are you going to pay for the wedding then?"

This stunned Yvonne as she said, "What? Aren't you rich and powerful?"

Skylar replied, "Yeah, but I'm not willing to spend on you! You can marry me, sure, but don't expect me to spend a single penny on you."

Yvonne turned bitter as soon as she heard that. She asked, "What is the meaning of this, Skylar?"

Skylar scoffed and said, "I'm toying with you, silly!"

"You..." Yvonne felt so embarrassed that she wanted to hide in a hole at that moment.

"Let's go, Yulia."

After a single wave, a black Audi approached Skylar.

After that, he led Yulia in the car.

As Yvonne watched Yulia leave, she was so furious that she began stomping her feet.

Meanwhile, after a phone call, Harry approached Yvonne and said, "I've looked into it and the person that arranged all of this for Skylar was a woman named Dianne. This woman seems to also be a veteran."

"His comrade helped him? Gosh, Skylar was a poor brat after all. I can't believe that I was nearly tricked by him!"

Yvonne felt arrogant again after ranting.

Meanwhile at Mercury Restaurant after an hour.

Skylar was enjoying some of the best food with Skylar and Lola.

Since Lola was still a child, she could not hold herself back when she spotted Skylar. Moreover, after Yulia explained to her about Skylar, she seemed to have forgotten about last night's incident and leapt into his arms.

Yulia felt like she was on cloud nine when she looked at everything in front of her then. She could not believe that all of that was real. So, she felt even more curious about Skylar's identity. She actually thought that Skylar was an average veteran back at the cafe a few days ago. However, Skylar turned out to be anything but average...

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Yulia's heart was racing, but she could not bring herself to ask him. Although she had never dated anyone before, she still understood how to read the room.

She found it inappropriate to probe about his life in such a delightful environment.

Suddenly, some cheerful music began to play while they were still eating. After that, the manager wheeled a nine-layered tall cake out for them.

The lights were dimmed as Skylar lit the candles while smiling at Yulia and said, "Make a wish, Yulia."

Yulia blushed and nodded before closing her eyes

Images of Lola and Skylar appeared in her head as she wished, "I hope everything that happened tonight is real."

If Skylar's feelings for her were real... If the altercation in the cafe never happened and if Skylar was Lola's father and her husband... things would be so much better for her.

When Yulia opened her eyes, Skylar blew out the candles with Lola in his arms.

However, when Skylar was just about to give Skylar her gift, a maniacal sound could be heard coming from outside.

"I finally found you, Yulia!"

Nicholas' hair looked a little messy as he entered with a smile.

This rendered Skylar a little speechless.

He could not believe that Nicholas was able to find them when he had already planned their dinner on an island.

Damn, he sure is really clingy though.

Nicholas ignored Skylar as he approached Yulia and said, "Yulia, I'm here to wish you a happy birthday and I've prepared this gift for you. Hurry up and open it. I'm sure you'll like it!"

Nicholas took out a jewelry box after that.

However, Yulia did not accept it. Apparently, Nicholas was not offended by this as he opened the box himself.

However, Skylar was stunned when she noticed the necklace. That was none other than the Star of Cullinan.

Nicholas was not surprised by how shocked Yulia was as he even gave Skylar a cocky glance.

It seemed that he already knew everything that happened at Kareem Fashion earlier. He even knew that Dianne was the woman behind the helicopters and billboards.

He really is quite talented in attracting women.

However, since Nicholas was hellbent on winning Yulia over, he had decided to ignore everyone else.

Since he knew that Yulia loved the Star of Cullinan, he decided to give her just that.

"Is that the Star of Cullinan?" Yulia asked.

Nicholas acted calm as he replied, "That is correct. It's none other than the Star of Cullinan that you wanted. Look, Yulia, this necklace costs more than eight-hundred million dollars. I believe this is enough to prove my devotion to you. I've used my entire company as collateral in order to buy it. But, don't worry about it, Yulia. I believe that it won't take long for me to get my company back. I have no ulterior motives in telling you all of this. I just want you to know that I'd be willing to do anything for you."

It seemed that Nicholas was touched by everything he told Yulia. People who did not know the truth might actually think that he was the mysterious buyer that bought the Star of Cullinan.

If none of what happened really happened back then, Yulia might actually be charmed by his words. Even if she was not attracted to Nicholas back then, it would be impossible for her to not be touched when a man was willing to use his company as collateral just to make her happy.

Unfortunately for him, the world did not work like that. However, before Yulia could say anything, Skylar laughed and tapped the desk with his fingers before playfully asking Nicholas, "The Star of Cullinan?"

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"Didn't you see it at the exhibition too? Why are you pretending to not know about it now?" Nicholas scoffed.

Apparently, the necklace he was holding turned out to be a counterfeit that he commissioned for two million dollars.

The craftsman even assured him that it would be unnoticeable without the help of professionals.

This could be considered an excellent counterfeit.

It seemed that he thought of Skylar as a complete pushover and would not notice the counterfeit.

However, Skylar remained silent while he smiled.

He never expected that Nicholas would even be shameless enough to buy a counterfeit just to win a woman's heart. This was hilarious and sad at the same time.

"What are you laughing about? Could your gift be more expensive than mine?" Nicholas asked furiously.

So, Skylar took out the box from his pocket and said, "I wouldn't say that it's expensive, but coincidentally, I also have the Star of Cullinan in this box."

Skylar opened the box after that.

Nicholas' gaze glimmered as he leaned in for a closer look. Soon, the green glow of the necklace reflected in his eyes.

He then looked at the one he had and could not tell the difference. This made him wonder if Skylar had commissioned someone to counterfeit the Star of Cullinan as well.

So, Nicholas took a couple of deep breaths to calm himself down and scoffed as he said, "Oh Skylar. I always thought of you to be quite honorable despite being poor. I didn't expect you to stoop so low. Now I wonder if you really were in the military for the last six years?"

"What are you trying to say, Nicholas?" Skylar glared at him.

"I'm trying to say that the necklace in your hands is a counterfeit! Gosh, How could you trick Yulia like this when she trusts you so much?" Nicholas questioned Skylar furiously.

"How do you know the one I have is a counterfeit?" Skylar asked with a smile.

Nicholas scoffed and said, "Of course I know! How could you, an orphan who was adopted by a poor family, possibly afford the real Star of Cullinan? Oh, and the Red Dust you gave your sister yesterday must be a counterfeit too! Well played, Skylar, you are quite the compulsive liar there. Do you have a third necklace for the woman you're living with at Ocean Hill?"

However, before Skylar could say anything, Yulia interjected, "So, you already know that the girl was Skylar's sister yesterday and you still decided to send it to me, just so I would misunderstand him?"

Nicholas panicked and frantically explained, "Yulia, I found out about it today as well."

"So, it really was you." Skylar scoffed.

"Nicholas, it's all up to me as to how many necklaces I have and who I decide to give them to. However, it's not up to you to say if this necklace is a counterfeit or not. If you're really adamant in proving the one you have is real, we can have a professional jeweler look at it to decide if it's real."

Nicholas panicked after hearing what Skylar said.

He could not believe that Skylar would even propose to have the necklaces authenticated. This made him wonder if the one he had could be real.

Impossible!

He refused to believe that Skylar could be that mysterious wealthy buyer.

Don't forget, he bought the Red Dust along with the Star of Cullinan. Both necklaces alone would cost him 1.3 billion dollars. This amount of money would be enough to afford the villas on Ocean Hill.

He knew that no matter how much that wealthy woman was attracted to Skylar, it would be impossible for anyone to be this generous. However, although he was certain that the necklace Skylar had was a counterfeit, he dared not get his authenticated as well. That was because he would only go down with Skylar if that happened. That was not an outcome he wanted.

So, he hesitated for a brief moment and said, "Today is Yulia's birthday and it's all your fault that her good mood is ruined. Why don't we do this instead. Let's have Yulia choose. I believe that she must know which necklace is real and which isn't."