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“Where did you find so much money?”

Miranda replied, “Well, you gave me fifteen thousand. How on earth can I spend it all so quickly?”

Skylar estimated her mom wouldn’t have a single cent left by the end of next month.

Tobias parked his car outside and walked into the restaurant. He greeted Miranda politely. “Ms. Watt.”

Miranda sized him up. The more she looked at him, the more satisfied she was with her future son-in-law.

She thought Thomas was good-looking when he was young. However, on second thought, Tobias had the qualities of a man; masculine yet tough.

“I hope I didn’t cause any inconvenience by suddenly inviting you for dinner.” Miranda poured Tobias a glass of wine.

Mixing seafood with wine could cause gout.

He smiled. “No.”

It was taxing for him because they had nothing in common. Therefore, he just simply answered whatever questions she asked.

Skylar found Miranda was a little too much. The least her mother could do was inform her about the dinner plan.

“Tobias, what do you do for a living?” Miranda asked in a straightforward manner.

She didn’t have a clue about his background. However, she knew he was a capable man and her benefactor because he resolved a major crisis for her.

Skylar felt helpless. "Mom... you don't have to worry about that."

"I am self-employed." Tobias kept his reply short.

Miranda was rather disappointed by his answer. She thought he would elaborate.

She cleared her throat and continued, "My daughter has led a pitiful life since she was a child. She might not be smart, but you mustn't do her wrong. Besides, your fiancée is going to deliver soon. What will happen to my daughter then?"

Skylar was sweating. Is Mom really concerned about me, or she's trying to embarrass me? She already knew about his fiancée, yet she still wants me to continue the relationship with him.

While Miranda was talking, Tobias drank half a glass of wine. "We already ended our relationship. Ms. Watt, you invited me for dinner today to ask me to take a stand?"

Miranda admired intelligent people like him. Then she refilled up Tobias' glass with a smile. "It's for the best, I guess. Otherwise, I will be worried about Skylar?"

Tobias looked at Skylar. "Mom, please stop asking. What are you trying to do? Are you forcing him to marry me? I don't need you to decide my life."

After seeing Skylar reacted strongly, Miranda gave her a cold look. Why is Skylar so foolish? She still doesn't understand that she needs to grab this golden goose. She'll regret it in the future if he slips through her fingers.

Apparently, Miranda also had her own motive. If Thomas were to find out about Skylar and Tobias, he would treat them better in the future.

Tobias drank the whole glass of wine in a shot. He then noticed Skylar was blushing. Obviously, she was too nervous to know his answer.

He leaned against the chair, lowered his gaze at the two empty glasses in front of him as he gave Miranda an analogy. "If the glass is full, it will overflow. The same principle applies to humans. When one tries too hard, it could backfire. Ms. Watt, I hope you understand what I'm trying to say."

Miranda had no idea, but Skylar got his message loud and clear. Tobias didn't intend to compromise. He had tactfully told them he would leave anytime if he was driven into a corner.

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Skylar poured some wine for herself and downed the content in one gulp, glass after glass.

Tobias stopped her. "That's enough. You have a low alcohol tolerance."

She drank a whole bottle of wine. In her drunken stupor, she promised never to hold on to the thought of marrying him. Her mother's plan had backfired.

Skylar was too naive to think that a dinner with her mom could soften his view on marriage.

After a while, Tobias refilled her glass instead of stopping her from drinking. In the end, Skylar lay her head on the table as she felt the alcohol work its way in her empty stomach.

Miranda continued the conversation with Tobias outside the private room, away from her daughter.

However, he was worried about leaving Skylar alone in the room. He checked on her a few times before heading to the corridor to smoke. "Ms. Watt, just tell me what is on your mind. I'm all ears."

Miranda thought differently.

She didn't understand what he said at the table just now, so she asked, "Can you be honest with me? Will you marry Skylar? You are much older than her. She's still young. It will ruin her

reputation if both of you were to split up in the future. Will any man want a used woman? A guy needs to be responsible to the woman when both of them are living together, right?"

Miranda had resorted to forcing him to marry her daughter. It was exactly what Tobias hated most.

He kept his reply as vague as possible. "Well, that depends on the future. As of now, I can certainly tell you we will not be getting married because we have different views and personality. We need more time to know each other."

Finally, Miranda understood his stand. However, she was not surprised by his answer. The wealthy possessed a similar trait; they were extremely smart and calculative. Her method didn't work because she couldn't outsmart him.

Skylar was still sprawled on the table when Tobias returned to the private room. She opened her eyes when he helped her up.

Tobias had firsthand experience dealing with a drunk Skylar.

She couldn't even stand on her own, and she was extremely unpredictable. Skylar could be grinning like a fool this minute, but the next, she would grab him by the collar and start cursing like now. "Tobias, wipe the smugness off your face. One day, you will be f*cking begging me to f*cking marry you. I still have lots of admirers courting me."

She was feeling nauseous and dejected.

However, Tobias simply smiled and said, "Alright... I am looking forward to that day."

Skylar couldn't recall how she got back home. When she woke up on the bed in the room, she was wearing Tobias' shirt. Her entire body felt weak. And she was having a hangover.

Tobias was sitting next to the bed with a laptop was sitting on his lap. Once she woke up, he closed his laptop and put it aside.

"How did I come back on yesterday?" Skylar couldn't remember a thing.

She saw the used condom in the trash. There were bloodstains on it. She could only imagine how rough he had been with her the night before. Tobias is such an animal. He

didn't even leave me alone when I was drunk. What's with the blood? It wasn't my first time. Don't tell me he used it with someone else?

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Tobias answered in a soft tone, "I'll get a cab for you. Don't force yourself to drink as if you've just lost your boyfriend. I didn't break up with you."

Skylar smiled bitterly. Why did Tobias think that only he could dump me and not the other way round?

He was confident that he was the one controlling the relationship, but Skylar was not easily manipulated.

"What's in here?" She asked while she pointed at the bin.

"Are you seriously asking that? You've helped me put that on several times already! Why are you still asking?" Tobias sighed.

Skylar rolled her eyes at Tobias and said in an annoyed tone, "I mean the blood. Why is there blood? Where is it from?"

That topic turned Tobias off. He was fine last night until Skylar's period came during their love-making session. At first, he was excited, thinking that he broke her hymen again. After he realized that it was her period, he could not help but stop halfway.

"Ask yourself that question. Didn't you feel any discomfort?"

As Skylar uncovered the blanket, she felt utterly embarrassed. She did not expect to get her period while she was drunk. The grey bedsheet was stained with patches of dark red.

She swooped her hair to the back and exclaimed frantically, "Why didn't you wake me up? What do we do now?"

Tobias narrowed his eyes and exclaimed in reply, "If only you woke up! I've tried waking you up to no avail. Furthermore, I didn't know how to help you with it. I couldn't let you sleep on the floor too. Anyway, we can always change the bedsheet."

Skylar was mad. She rushed to take a shower and instructed Tobias to get off the bed with his eyes closed.

Instead of closing his eyes, Tobias started to take off the bedsheet. "There's no need to be embarrassed in front of me, but if you want to drink in the future, just remember what happened last night."

Skylar stopped Tobias as she wanted to clean up the mess herself. She felt guilty as it was her mistake.

Tobias understood how she felt. Still, she was vulnerable when she got drunk. Luckily, he was there with her, or someone else could have easily taken advantage of her.

"Do you still want to get yourself drunk in the future?" Tobias asked while changing the bedsheet.

Skylar dare not get drunk anymore. She was unsure of what triggered her to drink like her glass was bottomless.

Tobias got a cab for her instead of sending her to the film site personally. He spent too much time there as he still had a pile of work waiting for him to clear.

Skylar was about to be late. She rushed into the studio's dressing room and saw Winnie, who had just completed her makeup.

Winnie was a petite cute girl. She seemed like the type that would be popular amongst male homebodies. Her assistant was trying to take a good photo of her by adjusting the camera angle.

Even though Winnie was just the second female lead, with her company's support, she had a significantly higher number of followers on Instagram than Skylar – she even had her own fan club.

There were a lot of netizens who left positive comments on Winnie's page. Though she only joined the film a few days back, the majority already knew that she was the second female lead in the show.

The fans also raised a poll to compare Skylar and Winnie on who was more suitable for the role of Lenny.

Winnie received ninety-five percent, while Skylar only received a measly five percent of votes. Most voters felt that Winnie's personality and aura suited the female lead role better. They doubted the director's ability to select the right people for their roles. Furthermore, these netizens mostly critiqued Skylar's still cuts for being too amorous.

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"Here's a gift for you." Winnie walked over to Skylar's side while she was doing her eye makeup.

Skylar opened her eyes and saw a book tied with a red ribbon left on the makeup table. It was the novel of the drama they were acting in.

At that moment, Skylar felt narrow-minded as she began to doubt Winnie's true intention behind that gift. Was it to show me who the real female lead was?

Skylar held the book up and looked at Winnie. "Thank you for the book, but I don't have time for reading."

Winnie raised her brows. "It only took me two days to finish. I love the female lead in the book. She's pure-hearted with a strong mind. The book described her as petite, bright-eyed, and has a beautifully sculptured face. She was like a milk candy – you could smell her sweet innocent scent from far."

Winnie was basically self-praising. No wonder there was a sickening strong smell of milk candy when she stood beside me earlier.

Skylar lowered her head to use her phone as she did not want to deal with Winnie. "That's too bad then cause you are very similar to the female lead character. Even the netizens agree."

Winnie replied humbly, "N-no! Don't listen to those netizens. Maybe the director wanted to portray her in a different style."

Skylar shrugged her shoulders and said, "No matter what they say, I was chosen to be the female lead by the director and the crew. If you feel that you should be the female lead instead, please tell them directly instead of doing all these to hint me."

Winnie froze and her face fell. She turned and left.

She was mad – she threw the glass bottle of artisan water that Connie passed her. It shattered into many tiny pieces.

She bit her lips and muttered, "She's just showing off that the director and the crew had her back."

"Exactly! The director will surely regret it. Just look at your popularity!" Connie added.

After Winnie left, Skylar gifted the book to Hannah.

That day's filming was exceptionally smooth. Skylar's scene with Harry ended in one shot. Harry was a true professional, and Skylar admired his adaptability.

Since that day Vensa gave Harry some feedback, she improved significantly and had maintained that standard of acting.

As they were near the end of the shoot, the director requested one more scene that needed to be shot outdoors.

The venue was at Ford Group, right smack in the middle of the Central Business District.

They sent in several requests previously but were all rejected. When they heard that Ford Group finally accepted the request, it felt like they had won the lotto.

They took a bus there. Skylar shut her eyes to keep her eyes well-rested and overheard Connie's conversation with the crew.

They were really loud, as Skylar could hear them clearly even with her earpiece on.

“The reason Ford Group allowed us to film there was due to Winnie. Who else could beat her popularity?”

“The previous team that I was with requested for a whole month to no avail,” one of the crew added.

“Well, it’s all thanks to our dear Winnie. She’s so capable that she didn’t even need to send in a request.” Connie spoke louder as if she feared that no one could hear her.

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Skylar took out her earpiece, gathered the wires, and kept it in her pocket.

Throughout the journey, Winnie and her assistant had been showing off the relationship between Winnie and Sheldon.

When they arrived at Ford Group, the producer, filming crew, and production coordinator got ready speedily. The makeup artist was applying makeup for Skylar while both were standing. Skylar secretly did not like applying makeup as the makeup would not last on her oily skin.

Harry had changed into a suit, which made him look charming. A crowd was formed at the lobby, gathered with people who wanted to watch them.

Skylar scanned through the script for the scene. It was a reunion scene where the female lead, Lenny, went to the company where the male lead, Hans, worked and hugged him after two years of separation.

Skylar pressed a finger on her forehead. After all, they were filming the scene at Tobias’ company. According to his previous reaction towards her interactions with Kai, she was afraid that Tobias would get jealous.

Skylar was reminded of how possessive Tobias could be. He wanted to keep her by his side without giving her any promises, yet he did not allow her to date others. It was a one-sided relationship.

The filming started, and Skylar positioned herself to wait for Harry to walk out of the door.

Winnie, whose role was the second female lead, stood beside Harry as his fiancée. Both of them were about to get married.

Skylar had a déjà vu moment as she recalled her experience of snatching another's fiancé.

At that moment, the higher management team, who was following behind Tobias, took the CEO's lift down with him. Through the glass lift, they saw the commotion in the lobby, which was filled with cameras.

Tobias furrowed his brows and asked Susan, "What's going on at the lobby? Are they filming?"

Susan replied, "It was Sheldon's idea. He mentioned that his girlfriend's filming crew wanted to film here."

"Who gave the approval?" Tobias was annoyed.

Susan shook her head. "No one gave the approval. You were not informed as you were in a meeting. Little did we know that they would be here on such short notice. Mr. Ford, do you want me to chase them back?"

Tobias did not reply as he saw a familiar figure – Skylar. A camera was filming her hugging a guy for several minutes until the director cut the scene.

Susan spotted Skylar and noticed that Tobias clenched his jaw with his facial expression cold as ice.

Skylar pushed Harry away as she did not like his cologne.

"You look as stiff as a block of wood from the screen! You need to put in more emotions! Have you not dated before? Have you not hugged a man before?" Vensa held the script up and pointed it out to Skylar.

Skylar knew that she lost focus. "I'm so sorry. It's totally my fault," she apologized.

Vensa would be generous with her praises for people who performed well. However, she had a bad temperament. If someone were to perform below his expectation, he would criticize them badly. The more they try to explain themselves, the stronger the criticism.