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Skylar asked, "My uncle was fired from the factory and can't find a job now. Is this your doing?"

Tobias was silent for a while before changing the subject. "It's rare for me to leave the company so early. You must be hungry. Come, I'll take you to dinner! What do you feel like eating? Or do you wanna buy something back to cook?"

Skylar did not prod further. What can I do even after getting the answer? Accuse Tobias of being too ruthless in his punishment?

"Let's eat at home. I'll cook for you. What do you feel like eating..." Skylar looked at the time and found that it was almost six.

"I'm fine with anything you cook." Tobias did not make any requests. He was never a picky eater, anyway, his priority had always been to fill his belly.

He brought Skylar to the supermarket to buy the ingredients she needed for cooking.

In the past, Skylar had always envied couples shopping in the supermarket. The man would push the cart while the woman would carefully select the ingredients. Then, they would go home together and cook.

In her mind, shopping for groceries with the person she loved was such a happy feeling.

However, Skylar was not lucky enough to feel this happiness because Tobias kept answering his phone while pushing the cart with one hand.

Tobias was speaking in fluent French. Even though Skylar could not understand the language, she could tell that Tobias was not in a good mood from his furrowed brows.

Skylar chose what she needed and gestured to Tobias, asking if he was done.

Tobias hung up the call and said apologetically, "Sorry for the long call. Have you gotten everything you need?"

Skylar nodded, motioning at the shopping cart that was piled high with varying items.

Tobias bent to rummage through the cart. “You didn’t get the most important thing! I don’t wanna have to go out to buy condoms when we’re already in the thick of things.”

Skylar’s heart skipped a beat. Indeed, they had used up the last box yesterday night.

Tobias really had a ravenous appetite for sex. Under normal circumstances, she would never get the chance to have a peaceful sleep at night.

There were boxes of condoms on the shelves by the checkout counter. Without a second thought, Tobias took a few boxes that were zero one sizes.

Skylar lowered her voice and asked, “Is this one very comfortable?”

“I don’t like wearing condoms, but you’ll worry if I don’t. To be honest, they’re not very comfortable,” Tobias replied.

Even so, Skylar was unwilling to compromise on this. She still had her own bottom line.

She wasn’t sure whether Tobias would take responsibility for the child if she were to get pregnant someday.

In a way, he was like sand to her because she would never have the confidence to hold onto him.

“It seems like my son hasn’t been very busy lately, seeing as he left the company so early to shop for groceries with a woman.” Claudia studied them coldly.

Claudia had already seen Tobias grabbing the condoms earlier.

Tanya was also present and had her arm linked with Claudia’s. They even had some bodyguards in casual clothes behind them, depicting a very grand sight.

Skylar immediately released Tobias’ hand just as the air around them went still.

Skylar greeted softly, “Mrs. Ford...”

“Don’t you dare talk to me,” Claudia lashed out.

She took out a box of condoms from the cart and said in a voice trembling with anger, “Tanya is pregnant with your child, but you’re still fooling around with another woman every night. You even have the mood to go grocery shopping with her. Tobias Ford, how long are you going to keep bullying Tanya? How did I ever give birth to a son like you? In the past, I’ve always turned a blind eye to the things you did, but this is too much.”

Tobias frowned deeply as his mother seethed with anger while Tanya had put on an aggrieved look on her face with tears pooling in her eyes.

He found it embarrassing that his mother had aired their dirty laundry in public.

A crowd had formed around them. Since they only heard one side of the story, all of them assumed that he had done something despicable.

Indeed, he had done his fair share of shady things, but he was not despicable to this extent.

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The last time Claudia was hospitalized, she was warded into the ICU as her condition was extremely serious. Luckily, they managed to get a foreign specialist to treat her.

The doctor had constantly reminded them that she could not undergo any stress. And that became Tobias’ weakness which Tanya seized upon.

“Ms. Jones, I’m sure you can see how I’m unable to pleasure Tobias in my current condition. Hence, you’re just my replacement for the time being. But, you will soon end up just like me,” Tanya sobbed.

She had inadvertently become the “wife” that everyone sympathized with. Her “husband” cheated on her while she was pregnant despite the fact that Tobias and her were not actually married.

“Enough, do you have no shame?” Tobias pulled Skylar closer to him and he could feel that her body was slightly trembling.

Many onlookers had surrounded them and watched the commotion.

Skylar felt the full brunt of their condescending gazes and mockery. Anyone who had a sense of justice would naturally sympathize with the pregnant Tanya.

Tobias vented his frustrations on the bodyguards who were also watching from behind. "Send my mom and Ms. Hanson home."

Tobias wanted to take Skylar away as she didn't deserve to go through this.

He was stumped by such humiliation. In the business world, he was ruthless and decisive in whatever he did. In fact, he would do whatever it takes to achieve his gains.

However, resolving this problem was just like walking through a minefield. He had to be careful not to ignite any one of them for fear that his mother's condition would deteriorate.

He neither had the luxury to be gentle nor harsh. Tanya was staying with his mother on the account that she saved her life.

To the extent that he suspected someone had actually caused his mother to fall unconscious on the streets.

Therefore, he was already investigating the matter.

Not daring to disobey Tobias, the bodyguard suggested to Claudia, "Ma'am, let's go home."

Claudia gave the bodyguard a side-eye and proposed, "It's getting late. I'm sure Ms. Jones hasn't had dinner yet. Since we're all here, I want to have a meal with my son. Ms. Jones, why don't you join us?"

Skylar looked at Tobias as the decision was his to make. She was aware it wasn't really a dinner invitation, but a trap instead. She would be made to suffer.

However, despite how terrible it felt, she knew she had to face it sooner or later. There was no way to avoid it.

Skylar accepted Claudia's invitation as she wasn't willing to put Tobias in a difficult position. Although he didn't seem to be troubled at all.

They arrived at a French restaurant with beautiful surroundings and exquisite decor. Claudia was a regular here. Every time she visited, she would dine in a private room reserved only for

her because she did not like to be disturbed. When she wasn't around, the room would not be used for other guests.

Faced with Tanya's jealous gaze, Tobias sat beside Skylar. She wasn't in control of today's situation at all.

Just a month ago, Tanya had assumed Skylar was just one of the many flings Tobias had. She didn't expect them to still be together and that they had spent so much time with each other.

After Claudia ordered her usual from the waiter, she took a sip of tea to moisten her throat. "Tobias' tastes are similar to mine. He prefers his food to be lightly seasoned. Ms. Jones, do you like French food?"

Skylar nodded. "I'm alright with it."

When Skylar saw how well Claudia maintained her composure, it felt like the calm before the storm to her.

"Just alright? It seems you have no taste in food, just like your taste in men. Despite knowing Tobias has a family, you still insist on interfering."

It was just as Skylar had expected. She replied, "There's no way I can explain myself. But I know I have not hurt anyone."

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She didn't dare say too much as she knew Claudia wasn't in good health. Being confrontational with Claudia would end badly for her. If anything happened to Claudia, it would be the end of her relationship with Tobias.

She could understand why Tobias feared his mother so much. It wasn't because he obeyed her for no reason. Instead, it was on the account all the years she had suffered as an indebted single mother who was still responsible for two boys. Those years were unimaginably tough.

Tanya exclaimed angrily, "You should stop pretending to be innocent. You are literally his mistress. How can you still claim that you didn't hurt anyone? Unless you don't even see me as a person."

When she heard Tanya's voice trembling in anger, Claudia quickly consoled her as she was pregnant.

Tobias looked at them pensively and asked, "Mom, what do you want? Will you only be happy if I married Tanya? So what if I married her? Do you want her to live like a widow? Even if you don't think it's a problem, I am already tired of this."

Tobias had made it clear how frustrated he was.

"I'm willing to do anything for you including that." Tanya's expression was resolute while her eyes looked as if she would do anything for him.

The more Tanya acted that way, the more Claudia sympathized with her. As a woman, she pitied Tanya for her predicament and hated Tobias' irresponsible actions.

"Go die then," Tobias snapped with an icy gaze. Tanya was the most annoying woman he had ever met in his life.

All this while, he had never allowed anyone to cling on to him like that. It was just that Tanya had the protection of his mother.

Tobias' expression grew so dark that it frightened Skylar.

Tanya burst into tears from the humiliation. Her pitiful look would earn sympathy from just anyone.

Claudia gritted her teeth as she warned them, "For as long as I'm alive, I will never let this woman into the family. Since both of you are present, I hope I have made myself clear. Ms. Jones, you and Tobias are never meant to be. What right do you have to be together with him?"

Skylar was devastated by how harsh Claudia was. She felt the old times were a lot better where love was still innocent, unlike now. There were simply too many things to consider, to the extent there wasn't any room for being willfully stubborn.

She admitted, "I admit I'm not good enough. We may not be together in the end but I will treasure the days we are together."

Tobias took a deep breath as if he were trying to suppress his emotions.

Finally, he spoke with an indifferent tone. "Mom, I wouldn't be in such a difficult position if you would only believe me. There's no point in continuing this meal. Also, you shouldn't think it's Skylar's fault. The only reason she is with me is that I gave her no choice. She has been forced to compromise and accept me. Hence, you're venting your frustrations on the wrong person."

He then stood up and prepared to leave with Skylar, worried that she couldn't take it. After all, she was only twenty and had limited experience in life. Given how sharp and aggressive his mother was, there was no way Skylar would escape unscathed.

Skylar stood up and bowed slightly at Claudia. "Mrs. Ford, I know that you resent me. I can't ask anything of you and I'm well aware of how inadequate I am. I will try to improve. Hopefully, you will approve of me the next time we meet."

Skylar's words were polite and respectful, regardless of whether Claudia wanted to hear them.

"Tobias, you will regret this. She is someone that is willing to abandon her mother. Someone like that doesn't deserve your attention," Tanya called out to Tobias. Circling around the table, she stuck out the gentle bump on her belly on purpose.

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Skylar was jolted when she realized Tanya had investigated her background, to the extent she knew about her mom being hospitalized.

Claudia who just found out hated Skylar even more because of it. To her, someone that could abandon their own mother was capable of much worse.

Tobias glared at Tanya who was trying to stop him from leaving. "You seemed to have done your homework. It's such a shame you're not a detective. You should focus on taking care of the baby. Once the child is born, our relationship will end."

Tanya had no choice but to watch them leave as she didn't dare throw a tantrum in front of Tobias.

On the way home, Skylar was in a sullen mood. She would occasionally stare at the neon lights and passing cars outside the window before shifting her attention to Tobias who was driving.

When they arrived at a red light, Tobias held Skylar's hand and threaded his fingers through them. She could feel how warm and rough they were.

Given how rough Tobias' hand was, she realized that he wasn't always this rich. He must have put in years of painstaking effort to be able to stand at the pinnacle of success.

"You shouldn't take what my mom said today personally. I shouldn't have brought you there anyway. Besides, you look terrible when you worry about it. Frowning makes you look like an old hag."

Skylar didn't realize that Tobias was quietly watching her the moment they left the restaurant.

When she felt she had forgotten something, she realized the things she bought at the mall were still there. However, it was too late to go back for them.

They had wasted their time there.

"Does it mean we have nothing to eat for tonight?" Tobias remarked with a smile.

Skylar replied pensively, "Perhaps I'll just cook some spaghetti."

Tobias lost his appetite the moment he heard it was spaghetti again.

Tobias wanted to drive her out to have something else but Skylar still insisted on spaghetti. Hence, he wondered why she loved spaghetti so much.

Tobias hated spaghetti. When he was young, Sheldon and he had to eat spaghetti every day.

Skylar led the way and brought him to a spaghetti restaurant that was very popular on the internet.

They were famous for their frog leg spaghetti and many influencers would visit just to be seen there. Furthermore, they were also featured in many food programs.

Despite it being late, the place was still packed.

Tobias pulled aside the portière for Skylar to enter.

Skylar ordered two plates of frog leg spaghetti and a portion of roasted pork. To round off, she asked for two cans of soft drinks.

She generously declared, "This is my treat."

Tobias didn't argue.

When the plate of frog leg spaghetti was served, Tobias cringed as he picked up the frog leg.

He then placed it on Skylar's plate instead.

His actions warmed Skylar's heart, causing her to smile blissfully. "You don't have to do that. I already have enough to eat."

"But I don't eat this."

Suddenly, Skylar felt her bubble burst. She had been overthinking.

He had given her the meat because he didn't want them and yet she thought he wanted to save it for her.

Skylar's appetite appeared to be good as she finished all the food despite the large portions.

However, Tobias only had a little before leaving it by the side.

"Can you still eat?" Tobias pushed his plate toward Skylar.

Skylar replied, "Mr. Ford you really know the value of thriftiness by giving me the leftovers."

Tobias chuckled. "Even if we order a new one, you wouldn't be able to finish it. Hence, it will just be a waste of money."

Skylar didn't understand the way Tobias thinks. She didn't expect someone like him to utter the words "waste of money". People who didn't know him might actually think he was stingy.

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As the restaurant wasn't big, all the tables were placed close to each other.

A young couple sitting beside them heard Tobias' words.

Armed with a superiority complex, the girl commented to her boyfriend in disdain, "Darling, the guy beside us isn't willing to pay for another plate. But he does look handsome. It seems like by looking good is enough to get by nowadays."

Her boyfriend gave them the side-eye. "That's why you should be grateful for how well I treat you. After all, I let you spend my money at will. Next time, I should just be more stingy just like him."

Both Skylar and Tobias clearly heard the couple's conversation.

Skylar sneered, "Sheesh, what's there to gloat about."

Tobias simply ignored them as he wasn't bothered by such a trivial matter.

In the end, Skylar didn't finish the second plate. She just paid and left.

From inside the restaurant, the couple watched as Skylar and Tobias got into a Porsche despite not willing to pay for another plate of spaghetti.

Stunned, both of them wondered if this was how the rich actually lived.

Back at home, Skylar went upstairs to take a bath. As for Tobias, he seemed free today as he didn't work on his laptop.

Meanwhile, the TV was on in the living hall and tuned to the financial news channel. Currently, it reported that the Ford Group had officially ventured into the entertainment industry and set up their own management company.

After her shower, Skylar walked out in a loose bathrobe. She was so slim that the bathrobe looked oversized on her.

Sitting beside Tobias, Skylar's body emitted the fragrance of the shower gel she used.

To Skylar, showering was the most therapeutic part of the day. When she realized she needed to start filming soon, she wondered how long she needed to wait before being able to shower again.

She poured a glass of warm milk and put it by his left hand. With his elbows on his knees, Tobias looked at the milk.

"You're serving me a drink of your own accord. Do you have a request?"

Tobias' question was direct. It caused Skylar to realize that he could easily see through her. Before she even voiced out what she wanted, he already knew the answer.

Skylar bit her lip. "Can you lend me some money? Five hundred thousand will do. I'll repay you with the money I receive from acting. I've also written down the IOU."

Skylar was exceptionally polite with Tobias.

Tobias furrowed his eyebrows. "Are you trying to pay off your friend's debt?"

Skylar nodded. After giving it a lot of thought, she knew that it was impossible for Penelope to gather so much money from her job in customer service.

Tobias replied plainly, "You don't have to be so cordial with me. Besides, you shouldn't sympathize with your friend for being stupid. I'm someone fair so there's no need for an IOU. You can repay the favor with your body."

She was still wearing the loose bathrobe as she followed Tobias upstairs. Rummaging through his drawer, he took out one of his white shirts and handed it to Skylar.

“Wear this. I want to see you in it...”

The shirt’s sleeve extended beyond her arms and it felt very cooling.

“I have my own pajamas.” Skylar pointed at the wardrobe that belonged to her.

“I just want you to wear this. It has nothing to do with whether you have your own pajamas or not.” Tobias extended his hands into her robe and pinched her as punishment.

Under Tobias’ gaze, Skylar changed into the white shirt he had just given her.

His shirt was so loose that she didn’t feel secure in it. She had nothing else on and the shirt accentuated the shapes of her body.

Tobias watched on in glee. She looked sexier with the shirt as compared to being naked.

“Have you been with a lot of women before?” Skylar began to feel the pressure under Tobias’ pensive gaze.

“Not really.”

Skylar didn’t believe it. In her eyes, Tobias was a player and life was his stage. He valued freedom and she believed it was difficult for him to settle down.