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He knew how to tease and navigate all her sensitive spots.

Compared to how experienced Tobias was, Skylar was a novice and didn't stand a chance against him.

Realizing Tobias was still asleep, Skylar wanted to sneak out before he woke up. Just when she was about to leave, she noticed a box of medication next to the bed.

When she saw it was Estazolam, she checked the prescription out of curiosity. It was used for treating insomnia and weakened mental conditions.

In fact, Skylar wondered if Tobias prepared it for her so that it would make it easier for him. After all, he was capable of anything.

When she walked out of the elevator into the lobby, Skylar saw Thomas. Both father and daughter exchanged glances.

"I have been waiting for you the whole night." Thomas' tone was filled with frustration.

"Why are you waiting for me?" Skylar sat down opposite Thomas, who had a gloomy look on his face.

All this while, she was the one who had to wait for him and would be scolded in the end.

Skylar still remembered the time when Meredith, her grandma, told her to ask Thomas for money. She needed it for her school fees. Thomas threw two hundred on the ground then.

"Last night, Avery came home crying. She said that you bullied her and tore off all her clothing. Skylar, how can you be so cruel? Just because you have Tobias watching your back, do you think you can do anything you please? Including hurting your own family?"

Skylar laughed wryly at Thomas' response. Avery really is Dad's favorite. She will always run crying to Dad at the first sign of trouble.

Skylar didn't feel she did anything wrong last night. Whatever happened was all Avery's own doing.

Skylar was disgusted by the pained look Thomas had when he described how Avery was mistreated.

She smirked. "Is that why you have waited the whole night? Just so that you can accuse me of this? Family? Since when did you become my family?"

Tobias scolded, "You have to apologize to your sister as she has never been humiliated to his extent. Don't think just because you have Tobias behind you, you can act with impunity. Why don't you ask yourself if he can watch over you forever?"

Thomas had the same expression as Avery when he said the same words as she did.

Skylar snorted. They're father and daughter after all. After spending so much time together, she really takes after him.

When she heard that he wanted her to apologize, Skylar's expression darkened. She refused, "No matter what I do, you always feel that it's my fault. Avery has done so many things to me over the years. Since when did you ever ask her to apologize to me?"

Thomas leaned against the sofa and raised his eyebrows in disbelief. "Unlike you, Avery is kind. Don't go spouting nonsense like that. She grew up by my side and I know my own daughter very well."

At that moment, Skylar wanted to change her surname so that she could have a clean break from Thomas.

Look at this. A kind father praising his favorite daughter in front of the daughter he abandoned.

Deep in her heart, she realized she was still pathetically yearning for her father's love and concern.

All this while, she never cried from Tobias' pressure and the slander of others.

But now, she could feel the burn in her eyes. Feeling her tears were going to fall, she took a forceful breath to suck it in.

Suddenly, she caught the faint scent of white sandalwood and found it to be inexplicably calming.

When Tobias approached them, he held onto Skylar's clenched fist. All the pent-up emotions within her were suddenly relieved.

The next moment, he stroked her chin lightly as he looked at her reddened eyes. "What's the big deal? Why are you going to cry again?"

When Thomas saw Tobias had joined them, he adjusted his posture straight and stood up. "Hello, Mr. Ford. I'm chatting with my daughter about some family matters."

Thomas could only seethe inwardly at Tobias and vent his frustrations on Skylar.

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If it were any other person that bullied his daughter, Thomas would have moved mountains just to teach him a lesson.

Tobias was calm as he looked plainly at Thomas. "The discussion doesn't sound amicable to me."

When he saw how miserable Skylar looked as she bit her lip, he couldn't help but pity her.

Thomas quickly explained, "Skylar is someone emotional. I don't know what I have said to upset her."

Despite his reluctance, Thomas still had to hide his feelings. Furthermore, he knew Skylar wouldn't say much to Tobias too. Nevertheless, he wasn't going to let the matter slide that easily.

After regaining her composure, Skylar's crying expression had changed into a smiling face. "Mr. Jones, since you know you will upset me when you say the wrong thing, please don't ever appear in front of me again. After all, we don't know each other well."

Thomas suppressed his anger. "Skylar, you... Don't regret it. I'm still your father in the end. Mr. Ford won't like ladies that don't acknowledge their family. I have always taught you to be kind."

Thomas said all those in front of Tobias on purpose.

Skylar's smile slightly froze. She could only remember the neighbor's children laughing at her for not having any parents to educate her. And yet, Thomas could still shamelessly claim that he had taught her life's lessons.

If one really learned from Thomas, one would act no differently from an animal.

Not willing to see the animosity between father and daughter escalate further, Tobias turned his attention to Thomas. "I know you are here to ask about Avery and you don't have to feel bad about that. There's no need for you to lecture Skylar as someone else will do it. Instead, you should have a heart-to-heart talk with your other daughter. Ask her who taught her to appear in my room in the middle of the night in sexy lingerie."

Shocked, Thomas was visibly agitated, "My daughter won't do such a thing."

Tobias squinted his eyes and responded sharply, "Are you saying that I'm lying?"

Thomas was again speechless. He mumbled to himself, "Avery is a good girl. She must have been set up by someone else."

Tobias ran out of patience and ushered Thomas to leave.

Meanwhile, Skylar still felt troubled when standing beside Tobias. The whole time they were there, Tobias didn't let go of her hand.

"Thank you for helping me again."

Tobias' eyes flashed with melancholy. As he lifted Skylar's chin with his fingers, he stroked it gently.

When he saw that she no longer looked like crying, he replied softly, "There's no need to thank me. After all, this had nothing to do with you. There's no need to cry for those that don't matter to us as it will just be a waste of tears."

Skylar raised her gaze and smiled. "You probably don't know what it feels like to be abandoned. I feel the same devastating pain in my heart every time I see him."

Tobias' expression darkened. "How can I not know? You make me feel that way every time I see you. I feel as if you will leave me anytime. Things always seem to end before they even start."

Stumped by Tobias' words, she chuckled softly. "Mr. Ford, you flatter me. I don't have such power over you."

Tobias snorted before letting out a gentle smile. "You are a real problem for me. I never had the patience for women nor bothered to interact much with them. But, I must admit my feelings for you are complicated. You should head back to school now. Only time will give me an answer."

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Skylar had always thought that Tobias was the ultimate scumbag.

But now, she gradually realized that he was extremely rational. Time will tell for her too but she didn't dare to hope for anything.

"Skylar, wait..." Tobias stopped her.

When he called out to her, she turned around. The first thing that came to her mind was that he regretted his words and wanted her to go back to the bedroom again.

"Take the card and don't be stubborn. You need to eat after all. Buy some nice clothes so that you don't waste the prime of your youth." Tobias took out the black card that Skylar had previously left behind.

Skylar was charmed and felt as if Tobias was like a drug. Once she was hooked, she would be unable to resist.

Nonetheless, she was still alert enough to know what came after the rush was death.

Tobias was still wearing the ring on his finger and the bling it emitted was especially glaring.

She replied with a grin, "I don't need that. The cafeteria card has a lot of money inside. More than enough to keep me filled. Besides, it isn't a big deal to be poor when we're young. It doesn't mean we'll be poor forever. Who knows I'll be a superstar someday."

When Tobias realized her gaze was on his finger, he raised it and took off the ring in front of her. "This isn't a wedding ring. It's a lucky charm I've been wearing for many years. I believe in that sort of thing."

Skylar recovered her gaze calmly. "You don't have to explain to me."

At that moment, Tobias' gaze turned cold as he grunted in acknowledgment.

Tobias watched as Skylar left. Ain't men strange? They only go after those that are hard to get.

After Skylar left, he too left the hotel at the same time.

On his phone, there were more than ten missed calls. They were all from Claudia.

He suspected that Tanya was actually using his mother's phone.

As the wedding was getting closer, Tanya began to grow impatient.

Ever since Avery came back last night, she cried non-stop underneath the blanket.

As for Thomas, he was infuriated after leaving the hotel.

When Irene saw how angry Thomas was, she asked, "Why were you out the whole night? Did you see that stupid Skylar? She is getting more daring by the day, to the extent she dared to bully Avery."

Thomas looked exhausted. "So what if I saw her? She has no fear now that she is close to Tobias. When I asked her to apologize, she simply ignored me."

Irene felt extremely disgusted.

She grumbled, "Is my daughter going to suffer in vain? Are we worthless in their eyes? My sister was killed by Miranda for nothing. Now, my daughter was bullied by Skylar."

"What do you want me to do? Go head to head with Tobias? That's just suicide," Thomas replied helplessly.

Thomas was well aware of how powerful Tobias was. Even if he went all out, it would barely harm a hair on him.

He had never felt like a coward in his life before until he met Tobias.

Squinting her eyes, Irene's expression was solemn. "Tobias is going to get married soon so what is he doing all this for? Do you need to tell his fiancée about it? We may be powerless against Skylar, but not Tanya."

Thomas thought Irene's suggestion was foolish. How can Tanya not be aware of Skylar's presence?

In high society, this was a common occurrence. The wife had to turn a blind eye to the husband keeping a mistress.

After all, the Hansons' family business over the last two years heavily relied on Tobias.

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When they heard a commotion upstairs, Thomas and Irene looked up at the same time.

Avery was hurling things around in the bedroom. Thomas hated himself and swore to get Skylar to apologize to Avery.

He just couldn't accept the humiliation quietly.

Meanwhile, when Skylar realized her name was not on the notice board for staying out, she heaved a sigh of relief.

During acting class, Skylar watched intently as the teacher taught Shailene how to express herself through her gaze.

However, Shailene just couldn't do what was required of her despite the repeated guidance of the teacher.

Shailene looked haggard recently.

In contrast to the time when she proudly declared herself as the prettiest in class, she looked vastly different then.

After class ended, Skylar went to the ladies to check her face in the mirror. As she picked a crying role earlier, her eyes were already swollen from crying too much.

But then again, it may have been caused by her volatile mood after seeing Thomas.

The role came at the perfect time as she managed to cry out all the tears she held back in the morning.

When the teacher praised her for her realistic acting, she was grateful for her luck.

After venting all her frustration from the long crying session, Skylar's mood improved significantly.

Shailene had turned on the tap and was freshening her makeup amidst the sound of running water.

She snuck a few glances at Skylar and felt like saying something a couple of times.

Finally, she still couldn't say it out loud despite being mentally prepared.

She wanted to ask Skylar why did she get Tobias to fire her father.

Her father had worked for the Ford Group for many years and didn't deserve it.

He was fired just because Skylar said a few words.



Dissatisfied, her father went to the office to make a fuss, as if he were experiencing a bout of depression.

She too was puzzled as to why Tobias was together with Skylar.

She was a poor girl that needed to work part-time in the cafe for extra income.

When Skylar left the washroom, she had a habit of putting on her earphones. That way, she could keep herself isolated from all the noise.

As the song she was listening to was interrupted by the ring of her phone, Skylar answered without checking who the caller was.

She heard Wesley's gruff voice over the line. "Skylar, come to my house for dinner tomorrow. It's my treat."

The last time they met, she had an argument with her uncle over her mother. Yet, that day, he was inviting her for dinner.

Hence, Skylar wondered if he was setting a trap for her.

"I'm on a diet so I don't have an appetite."

When Skylar declined his invitation, he sounded as if he was prepared for it. He replied with a smile, "Come over to my place as we need to talk about your mother. After all, we need to discuss it as a family."

After hesitating for ten seconds, Skylar agreed. "I'll try my best to make it."

Wesley grunted in acknowledgment. "Come over at nine in the evening tomorrow. I have a big surprise for you. I'm sure you will be delighted to see it."

Skylar wasn't hopeful about what the surprise was. She was happy enough as long as Wesley didn't give her a shock.

She remembered what Grandma had said. Mom loved her brother since young but she was disappointed on his attitude on the day she left prison.

Meanwhile, Skylar arrived early at the old house empty-handed. She didn't bring any gifts at all.

When she visited Wesley's home previously, she used to buy some fruits. However, Sharon accused her of being stingy.

Instead of being insulted for buying something, she would rather not buy anything at all.

Just when she entered Wesley's house, she realized there were still guests around.

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She was stunned when a middle-aged lady of fifty years old scrutinized her from head to toe.

As if she was buying stock, the lady nodded at Skylar before checking out her face then her butt.

"She looks alright. Her hips aren't too small, so should be quite fertile."

At that moment, Sharon happened to walk out of the house. She chuckled in reply, "Lily, I told you that my niece is a beauty. Furthermore, she's a student at the Southwood Film Academy. Next time, you might even have a star in your family."

Feeling uncomfortable at being discussed openly, Skylar shot a glance at Wesley.

Wesley was all smiles. "Lily, if you're happy with what you see, you should seize the opportunity and set a date."

Skylar's expression darkened. "What are you talking about? What do you mean by setting a date?"

At that moment, the door to the washroom opened. A guy in thick glasses and a checkered shirt stepped out. He looked as if he was already balding.

He stared stiffly at Skylar when he saw her.

Lily quickly tugged at her son's sleeve. "Setting a date for your wedding, of course. I have already negotiated the dowry of three hundred thousand to be paid to your family. My son is a government servant and has fully paid for his house in cash. Once married, he plans to get a car. He's a real catch, you know."

Skylar glared at Wesley and his wife. She gritted her teeth and reprimanded, "What gives you the right to decide for me? Aren't we supposed to talk about my mom? And now you have sold me off?"

Sharon rolled her eyes at Skylar. "Lily has explained to you how good their family is. We're doing this for your own good. The boyfriend you brought home last time doesn't look decent and is so much older than you. It means he's not serious. You should find someone who is more reliable."

Wesley agreed. "Your aunt is right. The wedding date has been set and the hotel has also been booked. Why does a girl need to study so much? In the end, doesn't she just end up being a mother and a housewife?"

When Wesley and Sharon pushed the idea, Skylar grew nervous as she felt something was wrong.

They were desperately trying to marry her off for that three hundred thousand in dowry. The figure set off alarm bells in her head.

When she sold her body to Tobias, she had also asked for the same amount. What's up with me and three hundred thousand?

Skylar looked at Lily, "Who asked you to come over?"

Lily was stunned at being questioned as she didn't realize how obvious she made it out to be.

If not for Tanya, she wouldn't even dream that something this wonderful was possible.

She had been a maid for the Hansons for many years. Suddenly, Tanya suggested that she wanted to find her son a bride and offered to pay for the dowry and wedding expenses.

As long as the bride was someone named Skylar.

When she arrived, Lily thought that it would be an old and ugly woman. However, she was surprised at how gorgeous Skylar was.

Lily replied connivingly, "No one asked me to do this. When my son saw your picture, it was love at first sight. As his mother, it's my duty to make this happen for him."

Sharon added, "Skylar, three hundred thousand for the dowry is a lot of money. You should be satisfied with it. Furthermore, the hotel booked for the wedding is also a grand one. Look at how well your future mother-in-law treats you."

Wesley passed Skylar a copy of the wedding invitation. Everything was proceeding at lightning speed.

It felt as if her wedding would just go ahead without her agreement.

Tearing the invitation card to pieces, Skylar's eyes were filled with rage. "All of you are crazy to bully me this way. Wesley, I'm your niece for goodness sake, not your enemy."

The atmosphere was tense.

Wesley continued to reason with Skylar. "The dowry is three hundred thousand and I will give you half of it. It's enough for your mom's medical fees."

Skylar tried to calm herself down when she realized this was how hypocritical her relatives were.