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Vensa vented, "I don't want to hear your apologies. Please focus! It was not easy getting permission to film at this venue, and we have to finish filming by tonight. Don't be the black sheep with your lame acting. Your hug was so emotionless that any guy would lose interest in you for it."

Skylar never noticed her own expression when she hugged Tobias. Regardless, she knew that it definitely felt more natural than hugging Harry.

Winnie tried to calm the director down by acting as if she were very understanding by saying to her, "Director, please calm down. How could Skylar not have any experience in dating? You can't expect her to be able to immerse herself in it immediately. I'm sure Skylar knows better as she has more experience than me."

Skylar rolled her eyes at Winnie's words as she gave up trying to be nice to that girlfriend of Sheldon.

Tobias witnessed the whole commotion of the director yelling at Skylar with the loudspeaker and narrowed his eyes.

There was an urge in him wanting to pull Skylar out from that mistreatment, but he knew that it was all part of her work. She would not appreciate him for doing that.

Meanwhile, with the extra time he had, Harry was on Instagram, posting a photo of the film set at the lobby of Ford Group. That photo was expected to become a hot topic of discussion, which could beat a picture of him at the presidential suite of Bulgari.

Susan noticed that Tobias' feet froze on that spot and gently reminded, "Mr. Ford, shall we proceed? Your next appointment requires you to attend an auction personally."

Susan reminded again, but Tobias was still staring at Skylar even though he was particular with punctuality.

While Harry walked out with his secretary for the second take, Skylar adjusted her mindset. If worse comes to the worst, she would imagine Harry was a carrot.

That second take was better but was still not up to the director's requirements. He still felt that Skylar was too stiff.

That scene was supposed to portray her being glad to reunite with him regardless of the presence of his partner.

Vensa suggested that Skylar take a break to adjust her state of mind.

Despite the crowd, Sheldon arrived to visit his girlfriend. Winnie had given him a call earlier and requested for him to visit her.

The number of times that Sheldon turned up at the company could be easily counted with ten fingers. Nevertheless, Winnie's face brightened up as she rushed towards him for a hug.

Meanwhile, Tobias was still observing the situation from the higher floors.

Upon hearing the news of Sheldon's arrival, the director went ahead and introduced himself. Winnie was stuck onto Sheldon's side in bliss.

Skylar expected that Sheldon would not recognize and greet her as Tobias had not revealed their relationship to anyone.

After all, he had to stay alert as they were at Ford Group, where rumors could easily spread.

Harry walked toward Skylar and passed her a bottle of water. "Do you hate that hugging scene with me so much?"

Skylar accepted the water, yawned, and explained, "N-No. It's just that I'm not in my optimal state today. I'm sorry we had to have so many retakes."

Harry joked half-heartedly, "People might think that you're making use of that chance to take advantage of me and keep hugging me."

Skylar squinted her eyes and glared at Harry. He was totally not her type; he was too cheesy.

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Winnie and Sheldon cuddled and nuzzled up freely in public, not giving a damn about the people around them. She was keen to let the whole world know about her relationship with Sheldon.

Winnie tiptoed to lean closer to whisper in the man's ear, "Don't you think that I'm more suited to be the female lead? Am I marked by bad luck or something? I'm always the supporting actress, no matter how hard I work. Look, the female lead is over there. Doesn't she look just like a vixen?"

Sheldon's heart skipped a beat at her words. Placing a finger over her lips, he whispered, "Mind your words. You'll be the female lead one day. But this time, you'll have to swallow your pride."

Despite her dissatisfaction, Winnie gave in.

Meanwhile, Tobias was leaning against the railing on the stairway while looking down at the lower floor. His eyes were riveted on Skylar solely.

Waiting silently beside him, Susan dared not urge her boss.

"Mr. Ford, you're still at work." Hearing a voice behind him, Tobias looked over his shoulder and saw Emily walking toward him.

She had just come down from the top floor to get some fresh air. The woman was pleasantly surprised to run into Tobias. It's too bad that Susan is by his side.

The man hummed coldly in response. In an instant, Emily felt that the awkwardness in the atmosphere was almost suffocating.

"Why are you still here? Are you waiting for us to send you back?" Susan reprimanded her.

With her lips pressed together, Emily shook her head. Though she was afraid of Tobias and Susan, she couldn't resist the urge to get closer to him.

I don't know what's happening to me. I can't stop comparing David to Tobias ever since I started working at the Ford Group. Tobias fulfills all the criteria of the man of my dreams. He's mature, dominant, wise and wild...

Seeing such an ideal man every day made her becoming more reluctant to get married.

Emily glanced down and realized that the filming was still going on downstairs. Her eyes widened the moment she spotted Skylar. "Isn't that my cousin, Skylar? What is she doing here?"

Tobias became attentive at the mention of Skylar's name.

Just when Emily was about to walk away and head home, he called out to her. "Hold on. There's something I want to ask you."

The woman was overjoyed. Her eyes were gleaming with hope as she asked, "What is it, Mr. Ford?"

"Is Skylar your cousin?"

Emily was stupefied by his question. Why does he even care about this? She nodded and replied, "Yeah. She's on set downstairs right now. She has this unrealistic dream of becoming a superstar since young. Though I advised her to keep her feet on the ground, she refused to listen to me. Skylar has always been harebrained and dull-witted, and she never changes her mind unless she is at a dead end. I guess she'll stay this way for life, dreaming of reaping what she has not sown."

Eva gave a long-winded answer, when Tobias had only asked her a simple question.

Susan sneered in her heart. I can't believe how dumb Eva is. It's obvious that Mr. Ford has his own reasons for asking her that. Yet, she babbles exaggeratedly, and every word she says pisses him off.

Sure enough, Tobias' expression turned grim at once.

"Mr. Ford..." Eva called out gently. Her voice sounded sweeter than ever.

Waving his hand dismissively, he said, "You may go now."

Looking at his stern expression, the woman was puzzled. Have I said something wrong?

Afterward, Eva left without greeting Skylar, as she felt that they were not that close.

At the filming site, everyone regarded Winnie differently now. Sheldon even asked his assistant to buy coffee for the entire crew.

After six retakes of a scene, Skylar had finally done filming her part. She reached out to massage her aching shoulders.

Sitting on a bench, she realized that other than Hannah and herself, every crew on the set had a cup of Starbucks coffee and a slice of cake.

The fact that she was being ostracized was too obvious to be overlooked.

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Skylar asked, "Who bought those coffees? I'm the only one being left out. What are they trying to do?"

Hannah answered with a dejected look. "Winnie and her assistant gave out those coffees. Look, she and her rich boyfriend are taking turns to feed each other cakes."

Why does Sheldon pretend as if he doesn't know me here? Is he afraid of affecting his brother's reputation since we're at the Ford Group?

Skylar patted Hannah's shoulder while saying, "Let's do the same thing tomorrow during filming. Buy the whole crew coffees except the two of them."

I have to make a stand. I can't let Winnie trample all over me without retaliating. She won't stop as long as I endure it in silence.

"We'll be filming at the studio tomorrow, so the crew will be much bigger, and it'll cost us tens of thousands to buy everyone coffee," Hannah replied in a low voice.

Skylar ate her words right away. "Let's wait for the commission then. I don't have that much money now."

Hannah eyed Skylar suspiciously. I once saw a black card which has no spending limit inside her bag. Why is she acting as if she's broke?

In the meantime, Tobias rubbed the back of his neck to ease the soreness.

My woman just hugged another man six times in a row tonight. I'm starting to hate that Skylar is now in showbiz. Yet, I can't stop her because this is her dream. Other than her contact with other men, I don't want to be bossy or restrict her freedom. As long as she's with me, and her body is mine alone. If we break up one day, I will no longer care about it.

In the olden days, these seemingly glamorous celebrities were of the lower class in the eyes of the public, as they were exposing too much of themselves.

Susan was sharp-eyed and noticed that only Skylar and the girl beside her had no coffee.

She turned to look at Tobias. "Mr. Ford, is Ms. Jones being ostracized by the crew? She didn't get any coffee and cake, but the rest of them have it..."

If Susan hadn't pointed it out, Tobias wouldn't have noticed it.

His eyes landed on Sheldon, who was still acting all lovey-dovey with his girlfriend. He should've at least greeted her.

In the meantime, Skylar was waiting for Harry and Winnie to finish filming their scenes before all of them could head home. She then fished out her phone and swiped the screen to unlock it.

The woman dared not browse her Instagram, which was full of fans of the novel 'Unrequited Love'.

As she casually scrolled through some videos on her phone, sleepiness overcame her, and her eyelids grew heavy. Suddenly, a tall figure overshadowed her.

Lifting her head, she saw Tobias standing right in front of her with two cups of coffee in his hand.

“You’ve always been resilient. Why are you looking so sleepy?”

Staring at the man with a blank face, Skylar slowly took the coffee from him.

What is Tobias doing here? Why did he come over when there’re so many people around? Isn’t he worried about his reputation?

Skylar has been shutting herself off because of Tobias’ grinding. She was convinced that their relationship would be kept in the dark forever.

“Why are you still here? I thought you went home.” Skylar’s voice was soft and weary due to her drowsiness.

“If I had gone home earlier, I wouldn’t have seen you hug the other man six times. Are you going to sleep with me six times tonight to soothe my heartache?” Tobias bent forward and mumbled in her ear. His warm breath caressed her neck, and their postures would lead to dubious assumptions.

Skylar’s brows drew together. How long has he been watching me? He even remembers how many times I did that.

Wrapping her arms around his neck, she replied playfully, “I don’t think you can do it for six times. Not a chance!”

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Standing up, Tobias shrugged noncommittally. "No men like to be challenged this way."

Holding his phone, Sheldon was totally engrossed in playing Mobile Legends. As he was losing out, he spotted his brother out of the corner of his eye.

Wow. Is he kissing Skylar here?

Thinking of the pathetic balance in his bank account, Sheldon hurriedly ran over to his brother with a flattering grin on his face.

Tobias' expression fell the second he saw his brother. The atmosphere around him grew tensed as anger pulsed through his veins.

He then questioned, "Are you blind? You're so busy clinging onto your woman that you bought the entire crew coffees except Skylar. Sheldon, do you have a death wish or something?"

Baffled, Sheldon felt aggrieved at his brother's words.

I did that only to avoid bringing any negative influence upon him, yet he scolded me. Since when did my brother become so petty? It's just a cup of coffee. Isn't he overreacting?

Skylar came to his rescue and said, "I believe he doesn't know about that. Why are you scolding him? Yes, he didn't greet me, but I didn't greet him either."

Little did they know, the filming crew couldn't help casting curious glances at them from the moment Skylar put her arms around Tobias' neck. They had been wondering who Skylar's sugar daddy was.

The only thing they knew was that her sugar daddy could be a sadist, because bruises had been seen all over her body when she wore a dress. He must have been rough toward her in bed.

Scrutinizing the sugar daddy's back, they felt that the answer was about to be revealed soon.

The moment Sheldon addressed the man beside Skylar as his brother, everyone was dumbfounded, especially Winnie, who was walking over to them after she finished filming.

Stopping in her tracks, she was rooted to the spot while gawking at them. After a while, Sheldon pulled her over to his side. "Tobias, let me introduce to my girlfriend, Winnie."

In a daze, the woman stared blankly at Skylar, who then gave her an icy sideways glance.

Tobias wasn't even the slightest bit interested in getting to know Sheldon's girlfriend. He lost count of how many women his brother had brought home before. Though Sheldon claimed to be deeply in love this time, Tobias was convinced that his brother was only toying with her.

Meanwhile, the director found out that Tobias was here. Instantly, she removed the earphones and rushed over to the man. Tobias' brows furrowed inconspicuously as he saw more people coming to him.

Standing beside Tobias, Skylar tried to remain as still as she could, keeping a distance from the man.

She refused to be clingy, lest they think that she was showing off her relationship with Tobias. Although many might've seen them just now, she still wanted to try her best to avoid any gossip, because she knew that the filming crew was already spreading rumors that she had a sugar daddy who was sadistic.

It's all Tobias' fault to leave hickeys all over my body.

Meeting Tobias, the director could hardly contain her excitement, thanking him for allowing them to do the filming here.

Tobias took the opportunity to do Skylar a favor, saying impassively, "Actually, I did that for Skylar's sake."

With her lips pressed together, Winnie's face turned sullen. Earlier on, the entire crew knew it was because of her that they could film in this place.

However, a single sentence from Tobias enabled Skylar to steal all the credit and limelight from her.

She then glanced bitterly at Tobias, but Sheldon was completely oblivious to her reaction, playing along with his brother. "Tobias really cares about Skylar. Please take good care of her, since she's a newbie."

Sheldon grabbed every opportunity to prove himself in front of his brother.

Rage shot through Winnie's chest.

Unwilling to entertain the director, Tobias spoke only a few words. Under the scrutinizing gaze of the entire crew, he asked, "It's getting late. Is the filming done? If so, I would like to take Skylar out of here."

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The director flashed a courteous yet enthusiastic grin. "It's done. Feel free to leave with Skylar, Mr. Ford."

Meanwhile, Harry and his manager, Tyler Lewis, were standing somewhere nearby. Tyler, who was experienced in the entertainment industry, broke out in a cold sweat. "Skylar is Tobias' chick. This woman definitely isn't as simple as she seems to be. She's modest and has been keeping a low profile."

Harry seemed to have grown accustomed to such things. "Winnie just can't stop making a big fuss about getting a rich boyfriend, but Skylar is really smart in this case. She knows how to protect her reputation and portrays herself as an innocent woman as she makes her debut as an actress. I heard that Tobias isn't a loyal man. How long do you think the two will be together?"

Tyler had heard that quite a number of popular female celebrities fell head over heels for Tobias. However, the man never once had a scandal with any of them, though he had been in the entertainment industry for a long while.

Previously, Katrina spread rumors about herself being together with Tobias, but everyone knew that she was trying to boost her popularity, and her love was unrequited.

Hence, he was mystified by Tobias' way, as the latter disregarded all the gorgeous and popular celebrities, but fell for a twenty-year-old budding actress. Usually, someone as young as Skylar got into a relationship just for fun.

Meanwhile, Skylar asked Hannah to text her about tomorrow's schedule before heading home.

The latter appeared utterly perplexed. Why did Skylar say that she can't afford to buy the entire crew coffees when she's in a relationship with Tobias Ford? How could she say that she has no money when her boyfriend is so rich? I even thought that she's single.

Sheldon immediately went after the couple, while Winnie requested her boyfriend to bring her back as well. Nevertheless, he rejected her, saying that he and his brother had some personal matters to talk about, so no outsider was allowed.

"How about Skylar? Isn't she an outsider too?" Winnie refuted.

Ignoring his girlfriend's protest, Sheldon took the initiative to drive the car. Tobias sat in the passenger seat, while Skylar was in the backseat.

"Tobias, give me another two million, please? You've canceled my bank cards, but I need money to survive," Sheldon pleaded with a sad face. Despite being on his uppers, he still refused to go to work.

"No way." Tobias rejected him firmly.

Sheldon had never needed to worry about his finances since he was a teenager. Even though the man had been squandering all his money carelessly, his brother didn't say a word about it. Now this sudden change of lifestyle was a living hell for him. He even dared not go to a bar like he used to.

He turned to ask for Skylar's help. "Skylar, my dear sister-in-law, please help me out. Can you bear to see me starve to death?"

Occasionally, Sheldon addressed her as his sister-in-law jokingly, but now she felt really awkward. Tobias has never shown any desire of making me his wife.

Looking out the car window at the night sky, Skylar replied, "You won't die of hunger. I can tell that you're rather strong and can no doubt hold on for a little longer."

Sheldon felt out of breath as his chest tightened. Since when did I offend her? She is such a small-minded lady.

Throughout the car ride, Sheldon never kept his mouth shut. Finally, Tobias couldn't take it any longer and rebuked his brother. "Can you just shut up? I can see that there's no way I can get you to work. You'll be managing a bar from now on. We'll talk about money once the operation of the bar is on track. But you'll have to be responsible for all the profits and losses of the bar."

Skylar suddenly had a hunch that Sheldon would treat his friends to some free drinks if he were to manage a bar.

Despite his reluctance, Sheldon knew that this was the best offer he could get from his brother.

"Are you serious about your relationship with Winnie?" Skylar asked.