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Sheldon found her words hilarious. Indeed, Skylar was too young for his brother. She was just a little girl and had nothing in common with Tobias.

There was nothing else they could talk about other than having sex. Sheldon had never seen them chatting with each other. He was always the one who kept jibber-jabbering all the time.

Right then, Tobias' phone rang. Leaving his meal unfinished, he picked up the car keys and instructed the maid to hand him the coat.

Claudia immediately stopped him. "What happened? Can't you leave after the meal?"

Tobias hesitated for a few seconds before he replied, "Something came up. I have to head to the company. You enjoy your meal. I'll see you next week."

Claudia called out to Tobias, but he left in a hurry without looking back.

Sheldon couldn't help but whine, "Mom, why must you make him stay? I can accompany you. You're biased towards Tobias, Mom. You're always worried about his marriage and you've never once cared about me. I'm not that young anymore. Don't you think I should settle down and get married?"

Claudia held her head with one hand and pinched her brows. "I had high hopes for Tobias. I expect him to get married and have a child soon. But I guess it's not going to happen. Do as you please, Sheldon. Pick a few women from our family friends and choose the one whom you like."

Upon hearing that, the smirk on his face faded. Sheldon cleared his throat and asked with a serious look, "Can't I go for the woman I like? Why must I pick one from our family friends? Those heiresses are spoilt and pretentious. We're living in modern times now. Who still cares about social status?"

Claudia raised her volume. "Stop dreaming! I'm doing this for your own good. Don't behave like your brother and never get yourself a promiscuous woman. I loathe those gold-diggers

who are calculating and materialistic. Just like Skylar Jones, she's a shameless woman and has ruined our family.

Sheldon was lost in his thoughts. Judging from Claudia's attitude towards Skylar, his mother would never accept Winnie. Claudia spoke of Skylar as if the latter was an unforgivable sinner.

By the time Tobias arrived at the hospital, Skylar had undergone surgery. She was still under observation in the operation theater.

Tobias looked anxious when he arrived. Hannah didn't expect to see him there. If she knew Tobias would come over, she would've contacted him in the first place.

Hannah gazed at Tobias. He was holding his black coat and talking to Kate outside the operation theater.

The red light above the door was off, yet Skylar was still inside. Tobias started getting worried until Kate told him that the doctor was observing Skylar's condition.

After Tobias found out Skylar was fine, he turned around and was about to leave. Kate looked at him in disbelief. She was provoked by his reaction. She suppressed her anger towards him and kept the emotion to herself.

Kate was worried sick about Skylar, yet Tobias just took a glance at the door and left without looking back. He's such a cold-hearted man.

Kate tactfully asked, "Mr. Ford, are you leaving now? Skylar may look for you after she regains her consciousness."

With one hand in his pocket, Tobias glanced at her with a condescending sneer. "I'm heading to the counter to pay the expenses. If I don't do it, who will handle it for her?"

Kate realized that she had misunderstood him.

Tobias went to the ward after he settled the payment. When he saw Skylar, she had regained her consciousness.

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Skylar was lying on the bed in a hospital gown. Looking at her pale face, Tobias gently asked, "Do you want to drink some water?"

Skylar shook her head and replied with her weak voice, "I can't drink water yet. The doctor says that I have to... pass wind."

She lowered her head after saying that as she felt embarrassed. Tobias looked at her dry lips, then he went to the nurse station and came back with a cotton bud. He wetted the cotton bud with warm water and wiped it on her lips.

Skylar gazed at him and cast a weak smile. "I didn't know you're so good at taking care of people. I've never been sick like this before. I wonder how the filming crew is doing."

Skylar informed the filming crew and took a few days off for recovery. After staying in the hospital for three days, Tobias sent a driver to take her home.

Tobias visited her daily during the hospitalization, but he didn't stay long. Skylar never asked him to stay overnight because she didn't want to make it an obligation for him. To stay or to leave, that was his choice.

The female patient next to her also underwent an appendectomy. Her boyfriend stayed with her for almost 24 hours. He fed her and gave her massages every day. Skylar was jealous of the girl, but she never held high expectations of Tobias to do that for her. It would be freaky if he stayed by her side all day long.

Miranda had already been informed about Skylar's condition, yet she didn't show up at all. Instead, she just asked Skylar to stay in the hospital. To Miranda, it was just an appendectomy, not a big deal. Skylar didn't feel upset about it because she had gotten used to the absence of her mother's love after all these years.

Skylar was bored as soon as she reached home. She called Penelope and asked her out to go shopping.

Penelope was shocked when she saw Skylar. "Are you not eating well? You're way too skinny," Penelope claimed.

Skylar pointed at her belly. "I just had an appendectomy a few days ago. Well, I guess it's a good way to lose weight fast."

Stunned by her statement, Penelope complained, "How could you not tell me? I would've paid you a visit at the hospital if you had told me earlier."

After saying that, Penelope took out two stacks of cash that were wrapped with white paper strips. Obviously, the cash was fresh from the bank.

"Here is twenty thousand. I still owe you four hundred eighty thousand and I'll clear it by this month." Penelope handed the cash to Skylar.

Looking at the cash, Skylar furrowed her eyebrows. "Where did you get the money? It's okay, Penelope. You can pay me back slowly. I'm getting sixty thousand for each episode of the new drama. Besides, I'm not in need of money."

Penelope put a cherry tomato into her mouth. "I have a new boyfriend. He's from a wealthy family, so I can clear the debt in no time. My boyfriend is a good man. The only thing is he's a bit too old for me. I'll introduce him to you next week. We can have lunch together."

Skylar was dumbfounded. Penelope had many ex-boyfriends and she always got a new one not long after her breakup. Penelope showed Skylar a picture of her new boyfriend. Skylar widened her eyes in shock when she saw his picture.

She knew the man in the picture. It was him whom she met at the tea room the other day. She remembered that the man introduced a young model to Tobias. Such a coincidence! Penelope can even get her hand on this man.

Skylar returned the phone to Penelope, then she said with a serious look, "You have to break up with this man. I know him. He's not a decent man and he'll drag you down."

Penelope didn't expect Skylar to object against her relationship with the man. Her face darkened and immediately denied Skylar's claim, "He's the most charming man that I've ever seen. It's the first time that I can finally be a little girl and protected by a mature gentleman like him."

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Skylar held her head and frowned. "That's his trick to pick up a girl. I've met him once and he was talking about how he fooled around with women. Don't trust him, Penelope."

Penelope looked at her with a displeased look. She hoped Skylar to feel happy for her, but Skylar dampened her enthusiasm instead. Annoyed by her response, Penelope argued, "You're no better than me. You flirt with men too. You don't know my boyfriend, so you have no right to say anything about him."

That was the first time the besties fought against each other. Skylar replied madly, "You'll regret it. Just don't lose yourself in the relationship."

Penelope's heart ached when she heard Skylar's words. She's my best friend. She should be happy for me, shouldn't she? I guess she just can't accept the fact that I have a good boyfriend now.

Penelope put the money on the table and walked away. Skylar called out to her, yet she totally ignored her and left. Skylar drank up her fruit juice and felt upset that her best friend turned her back on her because of a despicable man.

While Skylar was on her way back, she scrolled through Penelope's social media. She was worried when she realized Penelope put her heart and soul into the relationship.

Her posts on social media were all about the man, showing off her new boyfriend. She posted pictures of the man's back, his shirts, and some pictures of them holding hands.

Penelope had never done anything like that.

Skylar called Tobias and asked him to come over to the mall. He was attending a business event when she called him. He left the event early and headed towards Skylar. She could smell the strong odor of liquor on him when he approached her. Tobias took down his coat and seated himself, then he took a sip of Skylar's coffee.

"Why are you here in the mall? You should be resting at home," Tobias asked while gazing around.

"I'm bored. Did you drink? You reek of alcohol." His scent was so strong that she couldn't smell the fragrance of her coffee anymore.

"A little bit. I was attending a business event. Why did you call me? Do you want me to pick you up, or is there something you want to buy?" Tobias reached out to his pocket, then he realized that he had left his wallet in the office.

Skylar showed him the cinema's website on her phone. She was checking out the movie tickets for a romantic film. "I was in a bad mood, so I wanted to watch a movie with you. But I guess you've drunk a little too much. Just forget about it. Let's go home." After saying that, she turned off her phone.

Tobias cast a smile at her. "I'm not drunk. Let's watch a movie. I'll just take a nap there."

Such a party pooper! Skylar heaved a sigh upon hearing that. What's fun about that if my date just sleeps through the movie?

After that, she bought two tickets for a romantic film. There weren't many people in the hall, so they practically booked the place.

There were forty minutes more until the movie started. Tobias wanted to have a smoke at the fire escape. Skylar didn't want to follow, yet he grabbed her wrist and dragged her to the fire escape behind the mall.

Holding the tickets in her hand, Skylar stood by the door. She hugged herself with her own arms and mocked, "What a pitiful girl I am! I've just been discharged from the hospital and now I'm forced to breathe in secondhand smoke. Do you want me to die early, Mr. Ford?"

Tobias squinted his eyes as he looked at her. Actually, smoking was just an excuse. He saw Thomas and Miranda at the cinema, and he didn't want Skylar to run into them.

Before she noticed, he pulled her out of the place. Tobias was shocked to see Thomas and Miranda there, holding hands and going to a movie like a couple. He wouldn't believe it if he hadn't seen it with his own eyes.

If he loves Miranda so much, then why did he abandon his family?

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Tobias didn't want Skylar to witness that, but she couldn't bear the heavy scent of cigarette smoke anymore. Just when she touched the doorknob, Tobias hugged her from behind. "Stay with me for a while. We can go back after the movie starts."

Skylar was puzzled. "Did you run into your ex-girlfriend or old flame? Why should I stay?"

Tobias gazed at her with his deep, dark eyes. "Do you think I'll hide from my ex-girlfriend?"

Skylar thought about it for a while. Well, it doesn't seem so. A ruthless man like him will definitely ignore his old flames if he meets one. Besides, who knows how many old flames did he have?

Skylar took a look at the time and there were 20 minutes more until the movie started. She couldn't help but yawn with boredom. Oh my! I'll have to stand here for 20 minutes more.

She took out her phone and wanted to have a talk with Penelope. Before she could unlock her phone, Tobias took it away from her. "Is it so boring to spend time with me? You're always on your phone when you're with me. Whenever you're free, you play with your phone. You even bring it to the toilet. To you, your phone is more important than me, isn't it?"

Skylar was at a loss. She didn't understand why he made a fuss about it. Everyone played with the phone as a pastime.

He was the only one who didn't touch his phone other than receiving calls and emails. His phone was perfectly clean. There weren't any apps other than the default ones.

Skylar replied, "People do that all the time. You want me to stay and I have nothing else to do other than playing with my phone. What now? Do you want me to play with you?"

She found her words inappropriate as soon as she dropped her last word. She overestimated herself and put it the wrong way somehow.

Before she could say anything else, Tobias kissed her on her lips. A taste mixed with a light tobacco and liquor scent overwhelmed her senses.

On the other hand, Skylar had a cup of cappuccino just now. Her soft lips tasted exactly like the sweet caramel pudding.

Tobias reached out to her skirt and she quickly stopped him with her hands. She gestured him towards the security camera that was focusing on them.

Skylar bit him on his lips to sober him up. After a few seconds, Tobias removed his hand.

He let go of her hands as well. Once her hands were freed, she pushed him away.

Tobias tasted his own blood in his mouth. "Are you a puppy? How could you bite that hard?" he scolded.

Skylar didn't apologize for it. Instead, she pointed at the security camera. "Don't you see there's a camera? I don't want to expose myself in front of the security guards."

Tobias replied with his deep, husky voice, "I didn't intend to do it here anyway. I know what I'm doing."

Skylar didn't buy his words. He always did things the way he wanted.

It was almost the showing time. Tobias put his arm around her shoulders and walked towards the cinema. However, they still ran into Thomas and Miranda at the entrance.

The old couple was holding hands. In contrast to Miranda's affectionate face, Thomas looked miserable with a forced smile on his face.

Skylar loosened her grip and the popcorns scattered all over the floor. "Why are the two of you together?"



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Skylar mustered up her strength before she could say that. She couldn't believe her eyes. She thought Miranda was daydreaming when the latter said with confidence that she would reconcile with Thomas. I guess the joke is on me now.

Thomas focused on Tobias as soon as he saw him. He approached Tobias and greeted him in a friendly way.

Tobias didn't even give a nod. He despised the men who abandoned their families, just like how his father did to his family.

Miranda was not embarrassed at all. Instead, she looked cheerful. "Skylar, I didn't know you were discharged from the hospital. I was just talking to your dad about you. We were talking about paying you a visit."

"I see. So do you plan to visit me at the hospital after the movie?" Sorrow and bitterness washed over her. She couldn't accept the fact that the two of them got back together after what Thomas did to Miranda.

Thomas disdained Miranda and even forbade her to get her treatment at the hospital after she was released on medical parole.

Skylar would rather die when she saw the two of them were in love with each other.

If Tobias hadn't held her waist, she would've collapsed onto the floor at the moment.

Listening to Skylar's accusation, Miranda couldn't explain herself because she knew she had gone overboard.

To prevent Skylar from getting provoked again, Tobias urged her, "The movie has started. Let's go."

Skylar was not in the mood for a movie. Glaring at them, her eyes were burning with anger. "Skylar, how are you feeling now?" Thomas approached her as he asked.

Skylar closed her eyes and took a deep breath. After a few seconds, she looked into Thomas' eyes with a cold sneer. "You have a date with your ex-wife while your wife and children are waiting for you at home."

Provoked by her words, Miranda shouted at Skylar, "I'm your mother. How can you side with the other woman? Your dad will divorce the woman soon. After that, we can live together happily as a family. That'll be perfect!"

"Do as you please, but leave me alone," Skylar uttered the words through her clenched teeth.

After dropping her words, Skylar couldn't wait to get rid of them. She held Tobias's arm and headed towards the hall.

Skylar plopped herself down on the seat. Her mind was perplexed with thousands of thoughts. Looking at her grouchy face, Tobias calmly said, "Don't be mad. They know exactly what they're doing. Just let them be. Don't let it get the best of you."

Skylar sighed and pinched her brows. "You know nothing about Thomas' wife. She'll wreak havoc if she finds out the two of them go on a date behind her back. I guess she'll cause a ruckus in front of the filming crew soon, only to give me a hard time.

"So, are you worried about yourself?" Tobias held her hand in the darkness. His big hand made her feel warm and secured.

"I'm worried about Mom. What if they set her up and put her into jail again? I don't really care about myself. I have a bad reputation anyway. The filming crew thinks that I got my chance through the back door. No one believes that I made it through the audition with my own effort."

She had been caught up in multiple scandals before she became famous. If she became a top star one day, all these scandals would become her endless nightmares.

Tobias left a kiss on the back of her hand. She is too naive after all. Until this day, she still thinks that she made it through the audition all by herself.

Skylar had no idea that Tobias was one of the producers. He invested fifty million in the production in order to secure her role of the female lead.

Skylar had been replaced once and he would not let her go through that again. No one could change his mind, nor get into his way.