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Tobias ended the meeting ahead of time, sweeping his cold gaze across everyone as he signaled for them to leave.

When they left, they made sure to smile and nod at Skylar, not missing the chance to get acquainted with her.

As soon as they disentangled themselves from the somber atmosphere in the office, they began discussing animatedly among themselves.

“No wonder Skylar Jones became so popular lately. It’s because she’s Mr. Ford’s woman.”

“I can’t believe Mr. Ford would get together with an actress, but I have to admit, Skylar is absolutely gorgeous. Mr. Ford is a red-blooded man, after all, so I can’t say I blame him.”

As they were talking quite close to the door, Skylar, who stood on the other side of it, could hear bits and pieces of their conversation. Upon hearing this, she felt her ears burn up.

Tobias glanced fleetingly at Penelope before asking in a bland voice, “Why did you bring your friend here? With such a big belly, she should be resting at home instead. What if her water breaks? I doubt any of us would know how to deliver a baby.”

“I’m here to ask for your help, Mr. Ford,” Penelope answered before Skylar could, the resolve in her voice a stark contrast to her haggard appearance.

After Penelope stated her purpose for coming here, she seemed to be slightly out of breath, probably because pregnant women were slightly hypoxic during their last trimester.

Upon realizing that Tobias’ gaze had been on Skylar the whole time, Penelope was filled with envy.

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Brayden had never looked at her like that.

She wasn't even sure if Tobias had heard what she said with the way he was staring at Skylar.

Just when she was about to repeat her statement, the corners of Tobias' mouth lifted imperceptibly and he said, "Since you can't get in touch with him, it means he doesn't want to get in touch with you, so why waste your time?"

Penelope stared at him with determination. "That's not true. He definitely has his reasons for doing this."

Tobias shifted his gaze back to gauge Skylar's expression, wanting to know her thoughts on this. After all, she was the one who brought Penelope here.

Wanting to speak privately with Tobias, Skylar made up an excuse to get away from Penelope. "I need to use the washroom."

However, Tobias remained seated even when she shot him a meaningful wink.

A crease appeared between his brows. "What? Don't tell me you don't know how to take off your own pants?"

Skylar felt exasperated. After all this time, how can we still have zero chemistry?

Clearing her throat, she continued, "My hand is injured, so yeah, it's quite difficult for me to take off my pants."

"I'll help you!" Penelope chirped.

Skylar pinched her nose bridge, utterly speechless.

Fortunately, Tobias got up and followed Skylar to the bathroom in his office. After he came in, Skylar circled around him to lock the door from inside.

Tobias grasped her chin with a mischievous smile. "Your friend is still here. Are you that eager to get it on with me? Be patient. I'll give it to you tonight."

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“Get your head out of the gutter. I’m not that desperate. Can you help Penelope, please? She’ll never give up unless Brayden makes things clear.”

Tobias released her, then leaned against the sink and folded his arms across his chest. “Even if he makes things clear, would your friend accept it? Just don’t bother about this matter. Let her reap what she sowed.”

Skylar knitted her brows together. “So, does this mean you’re not going to make the call?”

Tobias shrugged. “Yeah. Why should I? It’s not like this has anything to do with me.”

Skylar initially thought that he would agree to grant this small favor. To her chagrin, he was so adamant, there was no room left for discussion.

Faced with this predicament, she started to get anxious. “I’ve already brought her here. If you refuse to help with this, what would that make me?”

Tobias picked up a white petal on the sink top with his slender fingers, studying it as he replied, “I wasn’t the one who brought her here. She ruined someone’s marriage and got herself knocked up, so tell me, which part of her deserves my help?”

Skylar looked away to stare at the vase on the sink top, noticing that the jasmine flowers in it had withered.

The corners of her mouth twitched slightly. “Funny, I never noticed when you’d become so righteous. I understand where you’re coming from, but what happened can’t be undone.”

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Tobias frowned slightly. “If you want my help, you’ll have to give me something equal in exchange.”

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Like a cat that had gotten her tail stepped on, Skylar's hackles rose and she immediately put her arms akimbo. "Well, if you insist. You can hit me or strangle me tonight. Just do as you wish."

Skylar acted like she was ready to face a death sentence, and Tobias found it rather comical.

The amusement gleaming in his eyes became more pronounced as he replied, "How could I bear to hit you or strangle you? At most, I'll slap your a** a couple of times."

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Meanwhile, Penelope stood alone in the office. After looking around for a while, her gaze fell on a name card on Tobias' desk.

Picking it up, she saw that printed on it was the name "Lina Queen", along with her phone number.

Penelope placed it back on the desk with a look of disdain. Even masseurs have name cards now, huh?

The last time she saw Lina was during the afternoon tea session. After that, they did not contact each other anymore.

She wasn't even familiar with Lina in the first place and only agreed for Skylar's sake.

Why does Tobias even have her name card? Don't tell me he visited her for a massage again?

Just when she positioned the card back to its original spot, an unpleasant voice asserted from behind, "Not just anyone is allowed to touch Mr. Ford's things."

Penelope jolted in shock and her hand flew to her chest as her heart pounded against her ribcage. Spinning around on her heels, she realized that it was Skylar's cousin, Eva.

Penelope and Skylar had been friends for a very long time. Hence, she knew that the latter and her cousin had never been on good terms.

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Eva would never miss the chance to gloat in front of Skylar, always seizing the high ground

Although Penelope had put on weight during her pregnancy, Eva recognized her at first glance. Right then, the former was holding her protruding belly with one hand on her hip.

“When did you get pregnant?” Eva scanned Penelope up and down.

Penelope had wanted to ask her since when she had started working here. She constantly looks down on Skylar, but here she is, working for Tobias?

“Do I need to report to you about my pregnancy? What? You wanna be my child’s godmother or something?”

Faced with Penelope’s hostility, Eva scoffed in contempt and countered, “Acting all high and mighty, aren’t you? Well, you look like sh*t.”

Skylar and Tobias emerged from the bathroom, one behind the other. Almost instantly, they sensed the tension between Eva, who had a folder hugged to her chest, and Penelope, who was supporting her belly.

Right then, Penelope couldn’t be bothered about Eva and went over to grab Skylar’s arm. “You were gone for so long. Did you guys call Brayden?”

Upon hearing Penelope mention Brayden’s name, Eva’s brows drew together. Brayden just came here to visit Tobias yesterday.

He even asked for my number before he left, and we chatted well into the night.

With a nagging suspicion in her mind, she rudely interrupted, “Does the child in your belly belong to Brayden?”

Skylar rushed to answer, “No. When are you going to break your habit of believing what other people say, Eva?” Her behavior only served to show that she was trying to cover up the truth.

As Tobias watched in silence, he found that these three women made a rather good drama.

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He hadn't gotten the chance to tell Skylar that Brayden even told him he found Eva pretty the previous day, which was also part of the reason why he knew that calling Brayden would be useless.

Eva's expression changed subtly, but since she couldn't make a scene when Tobias was around, she schooled her features and stated, "Mr. Ford, I've placed all the documents you asked for on your desk. If there's nothing else, I'll take my leave first."

"You have dark circles. Didn't sleep well last night?" Tobias' question stopped her in her tracks.

Eva was over the moon to receive Tobias' concern, in front of Skylar at that. Bowing her head shyly, she replied, "I worked until late last night. Thank you for your concern, Mr. Ford."

Skylar pinned Tobias a hard stare, as though she was going to skin him alive.

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