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The instructor just passed an extra class form to her without listening to Skylar's explanation. He advised her, "Take an extra class during your holiday. You're not famous yet, but you've already started acting like one. Or do you think that you're already one?"

"I didn't act any differently. I'm not the one who acts all high and mighty. Isn't Amelia still in class?" Skylar shrugged her shoulders with an indifferent tone.

Amelia was Skylar's senior. She had worked with famous directors in her high school days, so she had high popularity within the industry. Even something minor like her entrance exam attracted the reporters.

She was the university's Goddess. Other students even acted like groupies when she went to the cafeteria.

"How can you measure up to Amelia? She has Kate as her agent, so she has a bright future ahead of her, and you are only fit for the supporting role. Don't be too arrogant," huffed the instructor.

Only then did she realize that she had the same agent as the school's Goddess, Amelia. It was no wonder that Amelia had so many resources and opportunities.

Since the last time she met Kate, she didn't contact her anymore. Skylar highly suspected that she was forgotten.

She hadn't signed any formal contract yet, so she still didn't have an agency.

Miranda called her continuously after she left the office to persuade her to return. On the other side, Skylar had gone shopping and had lost her way.

Skylar took shelter from the rain at the entrance. The rain was pouring so heavily that the ground appeared white.

"Have you lost your mind? You want to go shopping in this weather?" exasperated Skylar.

"Just now, a young guy dropped by. He left a credit card with me and said it was his boss' order. I asked him about the card's upper limit. He replied that there's no limit."

Skylar tightened her grip on the phone. Tobias was too efficient that he even made arrangements for Miranda.

"Don't touch the card. Just leave it there and don't use it," said Skylar urgently.

"Are you mad? Someone gave you money for free, but you don't want to spend it," Miranda muttered.

Skylar didn't accompany Miranda to go shopping, for she just couldn't spend his money as if it were her own.

She called Kate to meet up with her because she still hadn't arranged any work for her.

So she's the famous agent that everyone talks about! Amelia, on the other hand, has just received another job offer.

Skylar couldn't compare to Amelia, and she knew that. Hence, she wanted at least a minor role for her to earn some extra income.

She didn't want to use Tobias' money unless necessary.

She felt as if she was owing him a favor. He had given her a lot, but she couldn't just keep being pampered in this state and expect him to provide for her forever.

Kate invited her to meet at a coffee house by the river near Tobias' office. She took an elevator to the sixteenth floor, and the whole city view could be seen.

"What is the urgency? I'm quite busy at the moment," Kate said, staring at her phone.

"Amelia, you have to seize this chance. I worked hard for this huge job offer," Kate said warmly into her phone.

Skylar waited till Kate was done with her conversation then explained, "Can you arrange some work for me? None of the companies got in contact with me after I finished the movie."

Kate had only helped to verify her Instagram account and nothing else.

Skylar monitored the number of followers daily, but it didn't even reach a hundred. Most of her followers were still her classmates.

"My dear, Mr. Ford hasn't made any arrangements for you yet. I'm still a free agent as of now. Only when Tobias signs me under Royal Entertainment, then can I help you."

Skylar noticed a change in Kate's attitude.

Skylar didn't push further. There must be a reason for her sudden change. It could be that the discussion about her fees hadn't ended yet.

She looked calmly at Kate, "Alright. He is busy at the moment, so I didn't want to bother him. Let me know once there is any offer."

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Skylar's patience was something Kate admired about her. Unfortunately, Tobias didn't satisfy her requests.

She was signed under a small agency that belonged to the Ford Group, but a sudden fee increase offended Tobias.

She was now in an awkward situation.

"I have a commercial shooting that you can try. It is for MM Beans. If you accept the offer, you can go for the casting interview tomorrow. We still need to wait for Daryl's movie because the post-production after filming will take quite a while. You don't have any outstanding work at the moment, so you can only wait for now. This leaves a commercial

shooting being the best chance for you right now because it allows you to be flexible with your time,” Kate said as if giving handouts.

“Send me the location and time for tomorrow’s interview. I’ll go.” Skylar didn’t reject, despite it being a small offer. She understood that a minor role was still a job nonetheless.

Kate really liked Skylar since she was easily satisfied. She would have put more effort into Skylar if it weren’t for her own benefit.

She had given this commercial deal to Amelia before, but she didn’t want it as the products were not high-end. Amelia aimed to be the representative of only high-end brands.

They were interrupted by Kate’s phone at least five times during their discussion.

Kate sent the address to Skylar. She was afraid of accidentally deleting the message, so she starred it.

The rain had stopped, and the night air had a refreshing after-rain scent. Skylar zipped up her hoodie as the temperature dropped.

She didn’t want to go back to the hotel so early, so she just took a stroll along the river.

She reached a crossroad that was near a hospital after a while.

She didn’t want to go there. That place was a nightmare for her, mainly because she was slapped and humiliated in front of bystanders.

In the end, she decided to try her luck, unable to withstand it further. Tobias did mention in the afternoon that he would be at the hospital at night.

She stood at the entrance of the Cardiology Department and called Tobias on his phone.

Tobias quickly came out from the ward. He was dressed in casual wear as he planned to stay the night, and he just finished showering.

Skylar smiled as soon as she saw him. Her perfect smile and chiseled face attracted a lot of attention and left a long-lasting impression on others.

“What brings you here?” Tobias beckoned for Skylar to come over to his side.

"I was taking a stroll outside and reached here eventually. How's your mom?"

"She's fine. The surgery's tomorrow. It's late for you to be strolling the streets alone. Go home early."

Skylar didn't mention Kate's problem to Tobias. She had assumed that he couldn't be bothered to be worried about her at this significant moment.

"I'm leaving now, go back in," she advised.

Tobias noticed that it was almost half an hour to midnight, so he was worried about letting her go back alone.

He asked Skylar to wait for him and that he would be back soon.

Skylar took a seat on the bench in the hallway. Tobias had changed into jeans and a round-neck sweater.

The majority of the clothes he wore were in dark tones, as if his life were colorless.

Tobias wanted to send her home, but Skylar shook her head and rejected his offer. "I can just call a cab," she assured.

Tobias was silent briefly, but in the end, he insisted to send her back to the hotel.

Before she got off his car, he passed a set of keys to her. The keys were for a house near their place, so she could let Miranda stay there.

However, Skylar didn't want it. Tobias has no obligation to care for every minute detail about my mother after all.

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Tobias shove it into her hands.

Upon returning to the hotel, Skylar saw a heap loads of shopping bags on the bed while Miranda was admiring her skirt in front of the mirror.

Even though it was middle of the night, she had painted her lips crimson red. The color was so dark that others would have thought that she had eaten a child alive.

Skylar couldn't figure out how Miranda ended up being on medical parole. She didn't look mentally unstable at all, let alone depression. Furthermore, she was all dolled up and her fashion sense was even more daring than a teenager.

"Why did you come back so late?" Miranda smacked her lips and admired the lipstick color in the mirror before taking a glance at Skylar.

"I was out for work purposes. I looked for my agent to find out if there were any job notices." Skylar stared at the luxury goods on the bed and came to realize that Miranda had a really expensive taste when it came to shopping.

Miranda knew Skylar had attended a film academy and said, "I don't think you'll succeed in this industry. Look at our family— do you think any of us has the talent to succeed in this career? Based on my observation, you're stubborn, soft and gentle, so how would you fit in? I think it'll be better if you live a simple life, find a reliable man and marry him. That's how you should spend your life. Look at the man who gave me his card—how sensible of him."

Skylar looked at the mirror while removing her earrings habitually. She had only pierced her ears twice during middle school when Penelope and her went to the mall.

According to her, one would become a woman the next life if they had their ears pierced. She started regretting it because being a woman was too difficult.

"I'll settle my own matters. Isn't it too late for you to start caring now?" Skylar took a glance at Miranda who was still staring at the mirror.

She retaliated since it wasn't too difficult for her to do so.

Right after, she placed the key on the table and said, "From now on, you can stay here. I'll come and visit you frequently. I don't think it's wise for us to live together."

Skylar managed to find a new place in a short period of time but Miranda didn't have the intention to move in. "I'll go stay with your Uncle Wesley. Half of the house is mine and I'm comfortable staying there."

"But Uncle Wesley does not welcome you." Skylar's eyebrows furrowed.

Miranda snickered. "Half of the house belongs to me, and I'll move in even if he doesn't welcome me. We'll see what reason they'll come up with to drive me away."

Skylar used to hear from her Grandma that Uncle Wesley was afraid of her mother. Ever since they were kids, he was constantly beaten up by Miranda.

Skylar was fine with it if Miranda wanted to move in to that house because she wouldn't need to owe Tobias even more then.

As she wasn't used to sleeping in the same bed as Miranda, she hugged her pillow and was getting ready to shift to the sofa.

Miranda patted the bed and said, "The bed is so huge. Isn't there enough room for you to sleep?"

Skylar plopped her pillow onto the sofa. "I'm not used to sleeping with someone else, I'll sleep on the sofa tonight."

Miranda uttered, "You're being hypocritical. So are you going to sleep in separate beds with your man too?"

Skylar glared at Miranda. Both of them didn't have the best way of communicating as she didn't show respect for elders and Miranda hadn't been acting like an adult either.

She was acting as if she was in her early twenties, a young girl who acted solely based on her interests.

After sleeping on the sofa for one night, she woke up the next morning with an acute pain around her waist and her back. It felt as if someone had trampled all around her.

After she showered and without waiting for Miranda, she put on a baseball cap in front of the mirror and straightened it.

She made sure everything was alright before grabbing her bag and went out.

There wasn't much time left for the commercial audition. She valued it very much as it was her first.

Miranda was still fast asleep and snoring loudly when Skylar left the room.

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Upon arriving downstairs at the lobby, she went ahead and paid the room fees. Miranda would take forever to get up from bed.

Twelve o'clock was the checkout time.

Skylar felt as if she was Miranda's mother instead. After being in prison for a long time and having to rejoin society, Miranda was behaving like an innocent little girl.

Those times when Skylar used to visit her in prison, Miranda was acting totally different. She couldn't wait to claw her fingers around Skylar and choke her to death.

Then, she suddenly transformed. Which one was the real her?

After she managed to get a cab and arrived at the address Kate had given, the audition location was at Terrier Bay.

The casting crew for the advertisement wouldn't cast people who were of B grade and above. Even though the product was a huge brand, they were fully confident and there was no need to create more awareness in the market.

The cost of the advertisement would mainly be spent on purchasing valuable segments, and they didn't need to spend much on celebrities.

Upon arriving the audition location, Skylar saw that there were quite a few others of the same age as her.

Everyone seemed pretty relaxed because they didn't have much hope in getting casted. It would be great if they did, if not everything was fine too.

Skylar saw a familiar face among the crowd—it was Luciana. She was yawning with her head tilted to one side while tapping on her cell phone.

She lifted her head up and saw Skylar, before waving at her.

Luciana looked a little under the weather and it was as if she was suffering from a hangover. There were even visible bruises on her arm.

"Why did you come for such a trivial advertisement? Didn't you sign with Daryl Williams?" Luciana stared at her lethargically.

Skylar lowered her head and looked at the script she received upon arriving. "I haven't signed yet. I am now without a company, no assistant and lack of resources."

Luciana laughed. "Were you dumped by Tobias? You'll get used to it. Men like them would only harbor feelings towards women for a week and I'm not even downplaying it. I was almost ruined by that bastard Howard. He even said I was his number two girl. How useless."

She was furious and her smile disappeared after she had said that.

Skylar's lips curled. "I should congratulate you for not being scammed anymore."

Luciana frowned and she was bitter from within. A nobody like her would only succeed using such tactics.

If she were to rely on her own ability, only God would know how long it would take for her to succeed. She didn't need anyone to feel relieved for her. She just wanted to reach her target as soon as possible.

Skylar's script was very simple as it was only one line, It's really MM Beans!

She was trying to figure out what kind of expression the director would be looking for.

Upon seeing her being so serious, Luciana waved her hand and said, "The advertising fee is less than three thousand, so there's no need for you to be so serious."

Skylar frowned. The job that Kate introduced was indeed three thousand only. She might have been too naïve in thinking that it would be easy to earn money in the entertainment industry.

She thought the minimum would be at least five thousand.

Upon hearing her name being called, she bent down and straightened the creases on her pants, before walking up on stage.

Skylar was very good looking. Once she stepped onto the stage, her beautiful looks had captured the attention of many instantaneously.

Her teacher once told her that her beautiful looks was a blessing given by God.

The advertisement director was very young, and he looked as if he was in his early thirties. He was wearing a baseball cap that had an MM Beans logo imprinted on it.

"We can start now."

"There really are MM Beans!" Skylar's tone wasn't an exaggerated one and her gorgeous smile was captivating.

She sounded as if she was flirting and whispering to her boyfriend.

It wasn't fake at all but utterly sweet.

The director booked Skylar on the spot and she was expected to shoot the commercial the very next day. The duration for the shoot would be two days.

Normally, there would be agents waiting outside seeking for talents and handing out business cards at casting places like that.

Skylar left and the moment she arrived at the entrance, about two or three men shoved their business cards into her hands. They were all from small agencies and even online influencer platforms.

Skylar held the business cards in her hands and saw that the last one had an online influencer training platform printed on it.

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Skylar's lips curled. These companies were famous for their notorious exploitation. They would have their talents make money by doing live streams and would charge a lot for training fees prior to that.

She kept the business cards inside her pocket and told them she would consider the offer in order to escape from their grasp.

She called Kate to tell her that she was successfully booked for the commercial.

Kate acknowledged that indifferently then hung up the phone. Skylar could vaguely hear through the phone that Kate seemed to be at some shooting location.

Amelia asked her, "Kate, who's that?"

"It's one of Tobias' fling. Previously, he wanted to sign with me but I increased the price last minute and that made him angry. We are still in a stalemate. That girl has pretty good standards, and I hope to take her under my wing."

Amelia's face darkened. "You've said you wouldn't guide new people for now."

Claudia's surgery went well and Tobias was utterly relieved.

Ever since she was hospitalized for two days, Claudia hadn't seen Tanya at all. She asked Tobias, "Where is Tanya? She must be pretty upset now."

"She's at the mental hospital for treatment after her breakdown," Tobias said indifferently while his eyes darkened.

Claudia's heart shrank upon hearing that. She continued asking Tobias, "Are you the one who sent her there? Tanya is such a nice lady, and it must've been you who had caused her so much pain."

"She had a miscarriage and a hysterectomy. Why would you still want me to marry her if she wouldn't be able to conceive anymore? If you insist, then I have nothing to say," Tobias uttered, clear of Claudia's intentions.

She had been dreaming of having grandchildren, so why would she allow a woman who wasn't able to conceive to marry into the Fords?

Claudia sighed. Finally she said, "Her life has been rough and it's unfortunate for her to end up being like this. Which hospital is she at? I'll go and visit her."

"Focus on your recovery, and stop thinking of other stuff," Tobias replied instantly, not wanting Claudia to meet Tanya.

That woman was like a ticking time bomb—it was better to stay away from her.

When Susan said that Tanya was pitiful, he disagreed because things happened for a reason. It was her responsibility for ending up in her situation.

"I will never accept that woman whether or not you end up being with Tanya. Let me be clear." Claudia bit her lips upon mentioning Skylar.

She had never hated a person to this extent. That girl comes from a less than ideal background, and she sure is sinister and evil.

It would be very unfortunate if she were to be married into the family.

Tobias frowned; he was very familiar with Claudia's stubbornness. Skylar was just unlucky, but it wasn't her fault. It was his problem because he was unable to bring both perspectives into play.

Claudia forced Tobias to promise that he wouldn't continue seeing Skylar.

Tobias ignored her and said, "Don't worry about me, I'll manage my own problems. I'd never said I would marry her."

At the hospital's corridor, Sheldon took out his cell phone and showed Tobias.

"Where did you get the photo from?"

"It was taken by my friend and he said that he saw a beautiful lady. She looks so beautiful even though it was taken by a camera. I heard it was taken at some commercial shooting location."

Tobias deleted the photo from Sheldon's phone. It seemed like Skylar had no choice but to go for commercial casting because she was unable to sign with an agency yet.

In regards to Kate wanting to increase the price all of a sudden, it wasn't the money he cared about, but rather his refusal to accept how Kate was handling the matter.

When she picked up Tobias' call, Skylar was still in the middle of the commercial shoot. She had eaten a kilogram of chocolate beans and her voice was almost gone.

It was definite that she had regained that one kilogram she had lost during her diet.

Tobias had told her that he would go find her that night. Skylar found a quiet spot and she leaned her body against the wall. "It's inconvenient for me today as I'm having my period."

"I don't meet you just to sleep with you."