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Ever since Tanya showed up, she had turned our peaceful lives upside down. She seemed to have brainwashed Mom and deceived her into believing she was the best daughter-in-law and the perfect one for Tobias.

I can't believe she has the capability to chase Tobias away from home while she gets to enjoy the perks of being one of the Fords. Why does Tobias seem to be the son-in-law of the family instead?

Has she no shame at all? How dare she proclaims herself as Tobias' fiancée when the wedding ceremony is delayed?

His brother was in a tight spot—as long as he returned to the family, he would have to carry on with the wedding ceremony since Tanya was Tobias' so-called fiancée.

If their mother hadn't been deceived by Tanya and played along with her, Tobias could easily get rid of Tanya and save them a lot of trouble.

After Tobias hung up the call, he departed and made his way to Skylar's university.

Although it was a relatively long route, he had gotten familiar with the route to Skylar's university and no longer required the assistance of a GPS. Truth be told, Tobias, who had always fancied young women, didn't expect he would end up in a relationship with a university student.

When he was about to reach, he called Skylar twice, to which she did not pick up. He thought Skylar's phone was nothing more than an accessory to her.

Is she in the middle of preparation for her wedding ceremony? Once the particular thought crossed her mind, his expression darkened.

When he saw the invitation card on his table in his study room, he knew Claudia wasn't the one behind the entire incident.

He had faith in his mother. Despite having a different opinion regarding his wedding ceremony, she would never resort to such a despicable measure. To be precise, such thoughts wouldn't have crossed her mind in the first place. The only suspect he could think of was none other than Tanya, who resorted to all sorts of petty tricks all this while.

It had been three days since Jackson started showing up at Skylar's dormitory every morning, without fail, no matter what.

The geek behaved as though something was wrong with his mind. Skylar had made herself clear over and over again, yet he wouldn't stay away from her.

Despite Skylar's harsh remarks, Jackson asserted determinedly, "Skylar, I'll take good care of you because you're my wife! It's part of my many duties as your husband to take care of you!"

Skylar couldn't figure out who gave Jackson the audacity to announce such an inappropriate remark that sounded as though she had no choice but to get married to him.

After she got off her class, Skylar finally noticed there were two missed calls from Tobias.

The name seemed oddly familiar. They had a great time in bed just some time ago.

However, ever since the last session they had, he had stopped showing up in front of her.

Skylar checked on the date and noticed the man's wedding ceremony would be carried out within twenty-four hours. Thus, she thought he was getting everything ready for the event.

She thought that was the end of their relationship and decided to stay away from him because beautiful things would never last—it was time to return to her mundane life.

Jackson had shown up with a cup of coffee and a croissant in between his arms again. Once Skylar showed up downstairs, he rushed over and handed them over to her.

The chubby geek panted heavily after he sprinted across the streets to reach Skylar.

Skylar was completely speechless by the man's determination. She had never once savored the things he had bought her, yet he would show up in front of her every day without fail.

Carmen, who had just returned from the cafeteria, ridiculed Skylar once again, "Skylar, I'm so jealous of you because you have such a lovely boyfriend who will show up and deliver your breakfast to you every day. I guess he has to work hard since he isn't a match for others in terms of look."

Skylar couldn't bear the sarcastic remark from Carmen. She replied with a vicious smirk, "Oh? What does this have to do with you? Haven't you had your breakfast?"

"What? Am I not allowed to express my feelings? Do you know there are quite a few budget motels available around the campus? I think they're currently having a promotion or something of sorts. Why don't you guys check it out and give it a try?"

Jackson thought it was a genuine offer from Carmen. He scratched his head and asked, "Really? Are there any terms and conditions? Should we bring along our student identification card?"

"Sure! Why don't you head over and check it out on your own?" Carmen chuckled and started teasing Jackson.

"Ninety percent discount! How does that sound?" Skylar replied petulantly.

Jackson's eyes gleamed with excitement. "That sounds like a great deal! Shall we give it a try, Skylar?"

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Skylar yelled at Jackson in frustration, "Have you no common sense at all? Can you please stay away from me? Get out of my sight at once and stop interrupting my life!"

Suddenly, she reached for her phone because she received a notification. Jackson craned over, asking curiously in an attempt to take a peek at her phone, "Who is it? What is it about?"

Skylar pushed Jackson's chubby cheeks away because he was merely a few inches away from her screen.

Tobias: I'll drop by the university in the evening.

Every time Skylar received a text from Tobias, she felt as though she was a secret agent because Tobias' text was like a series of morse codes that would require decipherment. Most of the time, he wouldn't bother to punctuate his text, leading to further confusion.

Skylar swiftly swiped her fingers across the keypads and drafted her reply within a few seconds.

Skylar: I'll be joining my friends for dinner tonight. I won't be around because we'll be away for a karaoke session after our meal.

She wasn't lying because she would be hanging out with her course mates, singing to their hearts' content after their meal tonight.

Initially, she didn't want to take part in it, but since everyone else had indicated their will to join the activities, she had no choice but to go along with the majority.

Jackson's goofy smile was nowhere to be seen as his expression changed into a gloomy one. "Are you going out tonight? Who is it? Make sure you behave yourself and remember your role as my wife, okay?"

Skylar couldn't believe her ears and almost pass out because of the absurdity of the geek's statement. She secretly warned herself to stay away from geeks in the future unless she enjoyed being annoyed.

She proceeded to reply with a bright grin sarcastically, "Who else could it be apart from my boyfriend? Am I not allowed to go out on a date with my boyfriend?"

The geek had his doubts. He denoted, "I know you don't have a boyfriend. Apart from that, I'm pretty sure no one else will get into a relationship with you if they're aware your mother is a murderer. My mother is the only open-minded one who's able to accept you as a member of our family."

Skylar had a hard time catching her breath when she heard Jackson's statement. She would never allow others to address her mother in such a demeaning manner.

She glared at him and warned, "You better keep your mouth shut and stay away from me! If you insist on following me, I'll lodge a report and get the police officers to throw you behind bars!"

He got anxious all of a sudden because Skylar was punching in the numbers as they spoke. "Calm down, Skylar! I'll leave immediately. However, I'll be back to pick you up after your activities. It's dangerous for you to walk home alone at night."

As soon as Jackson departed, Skylar, who had yet to regain her composure, received another call from Tobias.

The moment she picked up the call, she heard the indifferent and callous tone of the man, stating as though he was delivering his instructions. "I'm waiting for you at the entrance of the university. I want you to get over within ten minutes."

She replied, "That's impossible! I'm still in my dormitory! If you want me to get there within ten minutes, why don't you get me a pair of wings?"

Tobias was harsh with his choice of words, but he replied in a gentle tone, "Oh? I can't get you a pair of wings, but I can give you the best time of your life soon. You should cut the small talk and get going already. Stop wasting my time."

By the time Skylar attempted to rebuke the man once more, she could only hear the ambient noise from her phone because he had hung up the call.

Judging by the tone and the noise she heard, she thought Tobias was in the middle of driving. Therefore, if she turned him down and insisted on staying in the dorm, she knew he would barge into the dormitory and drag her out against her will.

She decided to save her the trouble of being embarrassed in front of others again. After she made up her mind, she sprinted in the direction of the entrance.

Once she reached the entrance of the university, the panting woman saw Tobias. She could barely catch her breath because she had been running all the way.

Frowning, Tobias checked on his watch and announced, "You're three minutes late."

Skylar resisted her urge to roll her eyes in front of Tobias. Oh, God! Please punish me if I have sinned, but please stop sending Tobias my way!

She took a deep breath and rebuked, "Excuse me? I have been running all the way here! Do you really think I can fly?"

Tobias reached over and ran his fingers through her unkempt hair, asserting with a smile, "Didn't you need my help to install a pair of wings? Let's see if we can deal with it tonight."

As she was conscious of the meaning behind Tobias' words, she took a few steps back to keep her distance. To conceal the fact she was anxious, she cleared her throat and put on a calm front.

Tobias heard it and stubbed out the barely smoked cigarette after he heaved one final smoke out of his mouth.

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After that, he pressed the key and unlocked his car, leaning over to retrieve a certain item that was covered in a white plastic bag, throwing it in Skylar's direction after he found it.

Skylar tried to take it over, yet she could barely reach the mysterious item. In the end, it fell to the ground.

Tobias despised Skylar and said, "What's wrong with you? Can't you even hold a lightweight item?"

The moment she bent over to pick it up, she raised her head and responded with a confused look because it was a set of cold churros. "What is this about? Do you want me to heat it for you?"

"Excuse me? Is that how you're supposed to express your gratitude when I have bought it for you? I passed by the shop and noticed there was quite a long queue outside the store, and a majority of them were females. I thought you would like it and decided to get it for you."

Skylar recalled the croissant and coffee Jackson would buy her every day when she lowered her head and looked at the cold churros.

To keep the food warm, Jackson would keep them inside his jacket. However, Tobias handed over a pack of cold churros to her. The latter didn't see anything wrong with it.

She finally figured out why women tend to get married to an honest-looking geek instead of a handsome hunk. It was the little things that mattered at the end of the day.

She was no longer the woman who couldn't live without a man anymore. In fact, she decided to stay away from men to avoid being vulnerable and hurt all over again.

Skylar picked it up and handed it over to Tobias. "I don't enjoy eating cold food because I'm going to have an upset stomach."

"Are young women nowadays such fragile ones? If that's the case, feel free to get rid of it and throw it into the dustbin over there."

She cast it in Tobias' direction as though he was the dustbin instead. After he grabbed the pack of churros, he frowned because he was displeased by her response.

Skylar got into the car immediately because she was afraid her course mates would catch her with another man. However, as soon as she entered the car, she could smell a faint fragrance that was left behind by another woman.

Meanwhile, Tobias grasped the air freshener he had with him and cast a skeptical gaze at Skylar. "I have never encountered any woman who has despised perfume to such an extent. Since you're not a fan of perfume, why don't you give this air freshener a try? If you like it, feel free to take it away with you and sprinkle it all over your body."

As they exchanged glances, Skylar started contemplating the things he had in his mind, wondering if he was up to no good again when she caught a glimpse of his abysmal pair of eyes.

After she heard his sarcastic remarks, she took the air freshener over and put it back. She turned around and looked out the window to avoid his gaze because she had had enough of him.

Tobias dropped by the fast-food retail chain that was nearby the university. Skylar showed him the way to their destination and noticed the nearby motels had all sorts of ongoing promotions.

It turned out Carmen wasn't lying because most of the promotions were available during the weekdays—the days where the motels would rarely have any customers.

Tobias finally found a parking lot to park the car after going for rounds at McDonald's. Meanwhile, Skylar had headed into the store and got herself a cup of coke.

When Tobias made his way into the store, Skylar had her cheek on her palm, sipping the cup of coke using the straw. He noticed the gorgeous woman with a glistering pair of eyes and flawless facial features had grabbed the attention of the men in the store.

Despite her ethereal beauty, it wasn't enough to charm and intrigue Tobias, who had been in countless relationships with different types of women before, to the point of losing himself.

He took a seat opposite her and found the design of the seat odd due to the limited space—Tobias couldn't even sit upright.

Skylar bit the straw with all her might as though she held a grudge against the innocent straw.

"Where's mine? Have you forgotten about me?" Tobias asked nonchalantly because it wasn't a big deal he should be fussing over.

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She took a peek at him and explained, "I wasn't sure what your cravings were—I didn't want to place the wrong order because I can't afford to waste my money."

If it weren't because of Skylar, Tobias would never show up at a fast-food retail chain. He asked the waiter over to take his orders because he didn't feel like getting into the long queue.

"What brings you to me today? Do you need someone to get rid of your physiological needs again?" Since they were no longer on the campus, Skylar didn't bother to hold back and paid no heed to her choices of words anymore.

She pretended as though she was fine, but she was on pins and needles whenever she was around him. Nevertheless, she had learned her lesson and figured a method to control her emotions.

"Isn't it the same for you? After all, it had been quite a few days since we last met." Tobias brought up an embarrassing topic casually and made it sound as if it was nothing worth making a fuss out of it.

Even though Skylar could barely remain calm when she heard his out blunt reply, she tried her best to suppress her emotion and asked, "Why are you here when you're getting married tomorrow? I have sinned and violated the ten commandments over and over again. Do you want to put me on an express ride to hell? Why don't you return to your loved ones if that's what you're here for?"

"Can you stop chasing me away? Are you afraid of me?" he replied indifferently because he felt slightly helpless as well.

Skylar pursed her lips because she was at a loss for better words to reply to his query—he was spot on, yet she couldn't possibly blurt out the things she had in her mind.

She avoided his gaze and enjoyed her glass of coke that was full of ice, chomping the ice as though she had forgotten the things she told Tobias about half an hour ago.

"Who will you be going out on a date with tonight?" Tobias peered straight into her eyes as he queried. It sounded as though he was trying to interrogate her.

"Actually, there are quite a few handsome young men involved. I'll think about it when I feel like it later on."

"Aren't you heading out with your soon-to-be husband? Speaking of which, I should congratulate you on getting everything sorted out within the span of a few days. You're unbelievably swift."

Skylar was taken aback by his words, but she knew it would be impossible to keep him in the darks. To be blunt, he was the reason she had to go through the series of misfortunes over the past few days.

She narrowed her eyes and asked, "Are you the one who has sent him to propose to my aunt and uncle? Why does the dowry have to be three hundred thousand? Are you trying to gloat over my misfortune?"

Smirking, Tobias cast a contemptuous gaze at Skylar, indicating he was looking down upon her. "Are you serious? Three hundred thousand is all it takes to win your uncle and aunt over? I wasn't the one behind this, though. Can you make use of the brain you have been blessed with? Why would I show up in front of you if I'm trying to get rid of you?"

Skylar's eyelashes quivered because she found his words logical. She received a text from her course mate out of the blue. It was a text that urged her to submit the contribution fees for the activities that would be held soon.

Each of them was required to contribute a hundred. She gritted her teeth and transferred the required sum within a few minutes. After she was done, she got up from her seat and said, "I have to return to the campus, Mr. Ford. Since you're getting married tomorrow, I believe we won't get to see one another that frequently in the future. I don't have anything for you to celebrate the joyous occasion. Why don't you take this cup of coke as your wedding gift from me? It's all I have to offer."

She felt awful deep down after saying her piece. In anticipation of his response, she glanced at him.

He finished her cup of coke using the straw that was crippled and assured her, "Actually, we'll be seeing each other quite frequently from today onwards. For instance, we'll be spending a night in bed together tonight. Give me a call after you're done. I'll drop by and pick you up, but please be hurry because I can't stay up late since I'm no longer young."

Skylar lost herself, staring at Tobias as he finished her cup of coke because she was confused by his words.

She thought Tobias would definitely be one of the tops in showbiz and put others to shame due to his outstanding look if he were involved in the industry.

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Skylar didn't return to the campus. Instead, she headed over to the place where they would have their dinner together. On her way to the eatery, she felt uncomfortable due to her sore throat.

After she reached the place, she walked into the private dining suite and noticed everyone had already arrived.

The only available seat was right next to Lydia. Skylar had no choice but to brace herself and took a seat next to Lydia.

When Lydia saw Skylar, she recalled the incident that had occurred the other day—the most capable and exceptional CEO of Ford Group showed up at the hotel by Skylar's side in the middle of the night.

Shailene's father was terminated a few days later while most of the users on the forum were banished. Lydia was clueless about the identity of Skylar's backing—she was afraid Skylar was affiliated with some mysterious, powerful figures.

Lately, she heard the word of a geek that showed up by Skylar's side, insisting on getting married to her.

She decided to stay away from Skylar because she didn't want to get herself involved in any nasty situation due to the complicated background of Skylar.

After Skylar took a seat, she noticed she had received several text messages from Jackson.

Hey, I'll drop by and pick you up. Don't drink more than you should if you can't hold your drink.

How many males and females are there?

Why aren't you replying to my message? Is it because of the limited signals?

Are you angry?

I have been keeping something to myself all this while because I couldn't bring myself to talk about it with you. Are you still a virgin, Skylar? Don't worry! Even if you aren't, I don't mind at all!"

Skylar took a deep breath and resisted the urge to smash her phone into pieces.

She had blocked Jackson's contact number, yet he got himself another contact number and started annoying her once again.

Did Jackson sign up for a flirting lesson with some love gurus? Is he trying to win me over through text messages? Is he aware he won't be achieving his goal?

"Daryl Williams will visit the campus and cast the actress for his latest movie, Yours Truly, that will be produced soon! I heard countless female celebrities had given the role a try, yet the director had turned them down because something didn't feel right."

As the daughter of a fellow director, Lydia had access to more insider news as compared to her fellow course mates.

All the while, Skylar placed her cheek on her hand and listened to the gossips. Daryl Williams was a globally renowned director who was known for being a strict man. She thought she wouldn't even have the chance to join the audition for the movie.

The ones who could get cast by Daryl Williams would get a smooth sailing throughout their entire career in showbiz.

Someone voiced out their opinion and denoted, "I think Avery from the next class matches the description and criteria that have been listed for the role of the female protagonist since she has such a gorgeous appearance that most female protagonists require."

Skylar felt uncomfortable whenever she heard of Avery because she knew her sister was but a pretentious woman.

Although Avery had always shown up in front of others with the image of a kind and easy-going woman, she was the complete opposite when no one was around her.

Lindsey looked in the direction of Skylar and rebuked, "I think Skylar looks better than Avery!"

No one was aware of Avery and Skylar's relationship—none of them managed to rule out the possibility of them being half-siblings.

Skylar had always been the diva amongst the male in their class.

The males enjoyed being around the iconic figure of the class, but none of them had any intention of getting into a relationship with Skylar due to her bad reputation. None of them would risk their reputation to satisfy their lust.

Skylar replied with a smirk, "Oh! I don't think I'm a match for Avery in terms of look!"

Usually, her course mates would start ridiculing her, but since Lydia didn't take the lead, none of them dared pick on Skylar.

Throughout the meal, Skylar didn't really savor the dishes that were served because her course mates had finished the delicacies before she could get any of them.

"Skylar, are you getting married soon?" Starling poked her nose into Skylar's business, grinning because she couldn't suppress her joy as she had gotten her hands on such shocking news.

Skylar shook her head with a confused look and asked in return, "Huh? What are you talking about? I have never heard of such an incident! I don't think I'll be getting married anytime soon since I'm merely twenty-year-old."

Starling cast a skeptical gaze at Skylar because she could vividly recall the conversation she heard when she was at the entrance of the dormitory the other day.

In fact, she couldn't forget the look of the odd-looking young man that had intimidated her. Despite being a young man, he was almost completely bald and had a set of old-fashioned outfits on.

"Are you trying to lie to me? I have seen your fiancé! There's nothing wrong with getting married young since you have reached the legal age to get married."