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At the same time, Tom couldn't help but sigh. How long will she be able to keep up with that innocence? There is a high possibility she would fall for the unspoken rules of the entertainment industry.

After completing the interview, Skylar politely bowed to Tom. Then, she turned and bowed to all the staff present and thanked them for their hard work.

By doing that, she had successfully boosted her already positive image further.

Kate entered the dressing room shortly after. Skylar had already changed out of her dress into jeans and a hoodie. She looked a far cry from the goddess that she was just moments ago.

When she heard the sound of heels clicking against the marble floor, she deftly asked about her performance earlier while taking off an earring. "Kate, how did I do?"

Kate gave her a praising look. "You did better than I expected. You held Tom Reyez's undivided attention the whole time. He couldn't keep his eyes off you at all. You have a certain charm that is irresistible to men. No wonder Tobias is so taken in by you. You have a captivating stare that is spellbinding."

A hint of sadness lingered in Skylar's eyes when she heard Tobias' name. Kate had overestimated me. I'm not that important to Tobias. I'm just a plaything that he could summon and dismiss at his will. The man is terrifying.

He could perhaps be described as manipulative, even. One day, he could make you feel like the happiest woman in the world and the next, an abandoned woman, leaving you without a trace. There was nothing you could do except to wait for his return.

Though at times, it seemed like he was waiting for Skylar to take the initiative to contact him. However, most of the time, it seemed like he didn't want to be disturbed. She never had a say in this game of his.

People tend to be vulnerable during nighttime. Skylar was wallowing in self-pity when Kate reminded her that her phone screen was flashing. Tobias' name entered her vision.

Kate reminded, "Take note and remember to change his name. You will need to be careful in public as people will intentionally take photos of your phone screen. It will be difficult to guard against."

"I'm done with my work. Where are you?" Tobias' deep voice came from the phone speaker.

Initially, Skylar wanted to tell him she was done with her work too. After some deliberation, she said, "My schedule is pretty tight today."

"Alright then." With that, Tobias ended the call. Skylar gripped the phone dejectedly as if she was expecting something else.

Kate, having experienced a similar situation, noticed Skylar's anguish. She was still a young lady, after all. So, she wore her heart on her sleeve.

She mercilessly exposed Skylar's little trick. "Playing hard to get only works for hot-blooded teenage boys. It doesn't work for men like Tobias. You should take the initiative more."

"We'll see how it goes. We are both busy with our matters. It's quite good this way."

Kate didn't say anything else. Skylar could only play according to the choices she made. In her heart, she knew that she and Tobias would not make it far.

To most people, Tobias gave off an aloof vibe. He did not belong to anybody, only to himself.

On the way home from work, Skylar wondered whether he would come over tonight. Every time he contacted her, he would appear at home. His voice telling her that he could see her every day would reverberate around her ears at any time.

It was only sweet nothings. How many times have I told him not to disappear out of the blue? I don't ask for much. A message from him to let me know he is there would be enough to make me feel secured!

Tobias might have promised me when I said so. Still, he failed to keep his promise.

Skylar didn't want to be the inferior party. She felt like she could no longer keep up with him.

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Skylar fumbled for the light switch as she got home at dawn. The expensive furnishings did nothing to mask her loneliness in such a big and empty house.

Skylar would always take a shower and head to bed once she got home. As long as Tobias was not around, she would not enter his study.

However, she had been sleeping poorly for the past few days despite her exhaustion. She often lay awake on the bed for hours on end.

Skylar suspected that she was stressed out. Work, relationship, and friendship problems all played a role.

She entered the study and sat on Tobias' chair. She began flipping through the neatly arranged documents on his desk.

She did not understand a thing—the documents were full of complicated jargon in both Ustranian and Chanaean. All the documents had Tobias' signature on them.

Flipping to the bottom of the stack, she saw the words "Quest Group" on the last page.

The Quest Group was Thomas' company. When he had first established it with his wife Irene, the industry was amazed at their decision to go into business together as a couple.

What they did not know was that Miranda had been the victim in Thomas and Irene's seemingly perfect marriage.

Thomas needed the funds from Irene's family to establish the Quest Group.

Even if Miranda had given birth to a male heir, their marriage was bound for ruin. She could not keep up with the grandeur of Thomas' ambitions.

Skylar realized right then that the Ford Group had plans to acquire the Quest Group.

She had never been one to pry into Tobias' business affairs.

This time, though, she pulled out her phone and took a picture of the document. She wanted to ask Tobias if his decision to buy over the Quest Group had anything to do with her.

In Skylar's eyes, the Quest Group was on a decline. If it were not for special reasons, Tobias would never have considered acquiring the company.

Skylar moved everything on his desk back to its original place.

She switched on the computer and browsed its contents. The clicking noises from her mouse were jarring against the silence of the room.

She did not learn anything interesting from her digging. The only games on the computer were minesweeper and solitaire.

Even the games are as bland as his character.

It seemed like the documents in Tobias' study did the trick. She fell into a deep sleep once her head hit the pillow.

Dimly, she thought she heard her phone ring. The ringing grew louder just as she was about to dismiss it as a dream.

She fumbled for her phone with her eyes still closed. Upset at the disturbance, she answered angrily, "Who are you? Why are you calling in the middle of the night? I don't want a loan or any expensive liquor deals. I'm not looking for a house either."

Skylar thought it was a spam call from some insistent salesperson.

"Skylar, are you home? I've nowhere to go. Could I stay the night at your place?"

Skylar became wide awake at the sound of Penelope's voice. Her anger dissipated immediately. She finally reappeared. Skylar had forgotten how many times she had called Penelope to track her down.

She sent Penelope her address before pulling on a pair of fluffy, white slippers and a thick coat. Yawning, she went to open the front door. The temperature outside was much colder than she had expected.

She shivered as she waited for Penelope to arrive.

Half an hour later, Penelope showed up in a cab. She exclaimed loudly when she saw Skylar, "You live here? A single square foot in this area is worth five digits! Are you really so well-paid for starring in dramas?"

Skylar deadpanned, "This isn't my house. I'm not that rich."

Penelope took a turn around the house and confirmed that Skylar was living with a man. She had spied a razor in the restroom.