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Brayden should have just woken up at this hour.

He yawned as he was still drowsy from his sleep.

"Penelope wants to see you. She is about to deliver soon. When are you going to give her a straight answer?" Tobias puffed out a cloud of smoke, turning the ventilation fan on in the restroom to prevent the smell of his cigarette from coming into the room.

Brayden burst into laughter after listening to his words. "So, is Penelope the royalty now? Since Mr. Ford is backing her up, can you please pass her this message? After much deliberation, I've decided not to keep the baby. Look at how ugly she has become now. She is as fat as a pig. It just made me sick to my stomach when I saw her."

The flames of anger sparkled in Tobias' eyes. "Tell her that yourself. It's between you and her. What does that have to do with me? By the way, you better stop messing with people around me. You've been having some late-night talk with Eva every night. Don't you have anything better to do? It's so annoying to see her having the blues all the time especially when she is working."

Brayden could feel Tobias' anger, immediately replied, "We were just chatting. I haven't taken any action yet. Fine, I'll make myself clear with Penelope."

"Tobias, I'm thirsty. Get me a glass of water."

Skylar sat up in the dimly lit room. She shouted as she was having a dry throat. Even Brayden could hear her clearly.

"Let's have a chat." Tobias placed a chair and sat down in front of Skylar.

She had been awake for quite a while. She had a blackout last night. Hence, her memories were scattered. She couldn't even recall exactly how much she drank, and how did she get back to the hotel.

Skylar looked around the hotel and realized that it was totally not Tobias' style. It was a normal budget hotel. Judging from the pink bedsheet, it should be Home Inn.

Tobias looked especially stern, as if Skylar was on trial in court.

She avoided his gaze. "What's there to talk about? Did I act crazy last night? It shouldn't be. I always have a good drunk personality."

Tobias smirked. Is she not ashamed of saying stuff like that? It's amazing how little self-awareness she has.

"Are you sure that you were sober last night?"

Skylar nodded firmly and repeatedly. "I was just a little tipsy, but I was still conscious."

She was getting better at lying through her teeth. Her life in the entertainment industry wasn't that long, but she did improve a lot on that.

"You made a list of allegations against me last night. It seems like you were not drunk talking. Are you feeling aggrieved at being with me?"

Subconsciously, Skylar clenched her fists tightly. Her mind was completely blank. I must have said something that I shouldn't have!

"Not at all. You're so nice to me. I've been constantly getting new scripts because of you. You've been paving the way for me to a brighter future. Besides, you took me in back then when I was homeless. You're my muse! You've discovered my talent. I'll prove that your choice is right."

Skylar flattered Tobias and winked at him.

Tobias' eyes were lifeless. "Stop buttering me up. we should be content with what life gives us. I've been kind enough to you. Don't settle for anything if you feel that you've been taken advantage of."

Skylar looked strained. It seemed that sugar-coated words were useless to Tobias. She leaned against the head of the bed. Indeed, she felt wronged.

Tobias was probably a narrow-minded guy to be upset at a drunk and defenseless woman.

It seemed that he was trying to drive Skylar to the wall with his words.

"Are you leaving me?" She mustered up her courage and asked.

Tobias' thin lips parted and answered, "I won't be separated from you before you become famous and successful. Didn't you say you were going to kick me to the curb someday? I'm looking forward to that day."

Skylar curled her lips and forced out a smile. In fact, she was just sulking over Tobias. She tended to shoot from the lips whenever she was drunk.

"If I kick you out of my life, would you still come back to me?" Skylar massaged lightly between her eyebrows.

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Tobias answered determinedly, "I won't. I'm not turning back. It is what it is. I won't backslide after a breakup."

Skylar had kept that firmly in mind for future reference.

Tobias must be too confident and egotistical to humble himself in front of any woman.

Tobias gave her a cold-eyed stare, looking grim. Skylar quickly finished up her free breakfast provided by the hotel under his eyes.

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"I called Brayden last night. He promised that he will sort things out with your friend."

Skylar immediately stopped touching up her makeup in front of the mirror. Then, she hurriedly covered the lid of Chanel foundation powder and put it into her bag.

"Didn't you say you were not willing to deal with this kind of nonsense? Your bark is definitely worse than your bite." Skylar pretended to be a victim after gaining an advantage.

Tobias said calmly, "I'm having a business relationship with Brayden. I guess he is considered one of my friends."

As far as Skylar knew, Brayden had been telling Penelope that he and Tobias were sworn friends for life or death. Why did it sound so different from what Tobias had just said?

Brayden was only an acquaintance of sorts to Tobias.

Judging from Tobias' power and financial ability, she could easily tell who was telling the truth. Brayden must be bluffing.

Skylar listened quietly. It was probably the first time Tobias had revealed something about other people. He had always been tight-lipped. It was almost impossible to draw anything out of him.

"I've brought this up earlier. Being together with him just won't end well. People always say that one can be a ladies' man without being despicable. But Brayden is a despicable playboy. He can easily date any woman that he wants. Your cousin is likely to be his next target."

Skylar was dumbfounded upon hearing that. Penelope was looking forward to living happily ever after with her family of three. On the other side, Brayden was interested in Eva now.

Eva really enjoyed flaunting. When they were young, she always bragged about her grades by flashing her certificates from the semester in front of the relatives during festive seasons. At the same time, she would pretended to be worried about Skylar's bad grades.

After graduation, she always loved to flaunt her abilities and resources. She was feeling extremely smug and proud of her boyfriend that she brought over previously.

However, everything had changed since Eva joined Ford Group. She set her bar higher and became pickier about men. Immediately, she dumped her boyfriend and got back to single. She thought she was out of his league now.

She was overly vain. As long as Brayden was willing to spend money on her, it was hard to say that Eva would have the strong willpower to resist the temptation.

Skylar asked, frowning, "He's been with so many women. Can he handle it?"

Tobias gazed deeply at her. "This has nothing to do with you. He himself should know best."

Skylar had a worried look on her face. She didn't care much about Eva. In fact, she was worried about how Penelope was going to accept it.

Later, they walked out of the hotel. Last night was such a terrible night for Skylar. She spent a night together with Tobias at the hotel, but it was without the warmth and romance of reunion. The feeling of a bad hangover was killing her.

Her head still hurt, as if she lacked oxygen. Skylar pursed her lips and sat on the passenger seats.

"There's a dinner tonight. You need to accompany me there." When the traffic light turned red, Tobias gave a side glance at Skylar. She looked too casual in that outfit.

His mother didn't like girls who dressed inappropriately. She believed that dressing well is a form of good manners.

On the contrary, Tobias didn't make so many rules. He just thought it would be better if Skylar could dress more maturely. She was already youthful-looking. People might think that she was still a student.

However, that was the truth. Skylar was not only a student, but she was also a college dropout.

Deep down, Skylar was reluctant to attend such gatherings.

Tobias always stood out in a crowd at any banquets.

Business owners would give anything to become closer to him, even if it was just a word with the CEO of Ford Group. They would do anything to get some familiarity with Tobias.

She asked reluctantly, "What kind of dinner is it? for tonight? Let me know the time, location, and theme."