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“We’re not elementary kids anymore. We don’t need to do that to be friends.” Skylar gave Kai a judgmental look.

Kai chuckled and said, “I admire your simplicity.”

Skylar was not exactly pleased with Kai’s compliment, as it could also mean that she was dumb.

“Are you close with your cousin?” Skylar inquired while she sat and threw a bottle of water to Kai.

Kai caught the bottle easily. He felt slightly annoyed and asked, “Why are you so interested to know about my cousin? Do you know him?”

Skylar blinked her eyes a few times and lied, “I’ve heard his name before.”

“Well, I’m sure the majority of the people have heard about him. His aloof personality and high status in the corporate world made him a mysterious figure. He doesn’t spend his time on casual meetups or hangs out with kids like us.”

Upon hearing Kai referring to himself as a kid, Skylar thought he was way past the age to called himself that. However, it was true that Tobias was significantly older than them.

Seeing how she was silent, Kai continued to ask, “Why are you asking all these, anyway? Are you interested in him?”

Skylar pursed her lips slightly, thinking of a reply to Kai. How should I answer him? It’s not like I can just blurt out to him that I had slept with Tobias.

“You’re overthinking it. I’m just asking so that we’ll have something to talk about.” Skylar smiled faintly, showing her dimples. Kai was mesmerized by her cute smile.

“ Well, this topic is boring. Why not ask me about my favorite food or my favorite game? Or even tell me what you like so we can find some common interests.” Kai wanted to showcase himself to gain Skylar’s interest.

She let out a big yawn and asked, “Look, I am not interested to know what you like to eat nor am I interested to know what games you like to play. I really hate staying up past bedtime, so good night.”

It was obvious that Skylar was trying hard to chase Kai out of her room. Kai looked at the clock and realized that it was indeed late. “Alright, rest well. Don’t forget to lock the door. I’ll be here in the morning to use your toilet.”

Skylar was speechless. If she could, she would gift a toilet cubicle to him so that he would not disturb her in the morning.

Just as Kai was leaving Skylar’s room, Mr. Yue caught him. The atmosphere turned tense as the two men’s eyes met. Kai could tell that Mr. Yue was displeased from the man’s darkened expression.

“Kai, what’s going on with you and that lady? Now’s not the time for you to be dating around. There are rumors questioning about the relationship that the two of you share already! You’re still a budding artiste so please, don’t ruin your career like that.”

Mr. Yue frowned at Kai.

Kai leaned against the wall and explained, “I am not dating anyone, I was just trying to make some friends. Besides, she already has a boyfriend.”

Mr. Yue saw through his act and exclaimed, “A boyfriend wouldn’t stop you from pursuing her anyway. I know you very well, you’re not someone who gives up easily. Just promise me you’ll be careful not to end up being used by her as a stepping stone.”

Kai smirked and said, “You are overthinking this. Skylar’s not that type of person.”

Mr. Yue chuckled. “You know, you are great in every aspect except for that naivety that you have. I still think that you should stay away from her for the sake of your career.”

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“Okay. Alright. I got it. I’ll take note of it,” Kai interrupted to stop Mr. Yue’s nagging.

Meanwhile, just as Skylar was about to sleep, her phone screen lit up, notifying her of a text on WhatsApp. Her body shivered in anticipation as she swiped across her screen.

The last time she felt that sweet feeling of anticipation was years ago.

That time, when she was done with her assignments, she would switch off the lights and get to bed at eight-thirty at night with her phone in her hand. There were no instant messaging apps then; the phone was only used for text messages and phone calls. Jeremy would always give her a call at that time to catch up.

Time flew by so quickly. She never expected that she would end up waiting for someone else now.

Before Tobias hung up the call earlier, he told Skylar that he was going to attend a meeting. As such, she thought that the message must be from him informing her that the meeting had ended.

However, when she saw that it was a notification from Kai adding her as a friend on WhatsApp, she was slightly disappointed. He must have gotten my contact number from the workgroup’s WhatsApp group chat.

And here I am, thinking that it was from Tobias...

She added Kai’s number to her contacts too. His profile picture was a cool-looking purebred Husky.

“KaiKaiKai” was Kai’s display name on WhatsApp.

“KaiKaiKai”: This is my number. Hey, did you know you can star a contact? That way, I’ll always be at the top of your contact list.

Skylar had no idea that WhatsApp had that kind of function nor did she care.

Skylar: If there’s nothing else, I’m going to sleep. Good night.

“KaiKaiKai”: Wait, we haven’t even started chatting yet. I want to share all my WhatsApp stickers with you. You can save them for future use.

With that, her WhatsApp was soon flooded with sticker packs that Kai sent. However, she did not add them because Tobias did not like it when she sent him stickers on WhatsApp previously.

“KaiKaiKai”: Are you there?

“KaiKaiKai”: Hey! @Skylar where are you? Do you need help?

As the soft moonlight shone through the windows, Skylar let out a huge yawn. She thought back to Tobias’ request earlier and felt her cheeks heating up. She hid under her blanket to relive that moment.

Skylar’s phone kept lighting up throughout the night while she was soundly asleep. The next day, she was rudely awakened by someone knocking on her door. She checked her phone to find a whole lot of messages from Kai.

The man in question was currently knocking on her door. Once Skylar opened the door, Kai rushed into the toilet.

“Have you had your breakfast yet?” Kai asked while he was in the toilet.

“I was just woken up by you. Of course I haven’t had breakfast yet. I’ll find some random place nearby to grab a bite later.”

Afraid that Skylar could not hear him, Kai said loudly, “Now, now, we can’t have that. I have some extra bread. I’ll get them for you later.”

Skylar felt uneasy changing her clothes in the room with Kai around, so she urged, “Are you done? I need to wash up and change my clothes.”

Kai intentionally flushed the toilet on the high-pressure mode to show Skylar that he really needed to use the toilet.

On their way to the film site, Skylar stayed a distance behind Kai.

They were giving out croissants and soy milk for breakfast.

Kai took three cucumber sandwiches for Skylar.

"Here, I got you some cucumber sandwich."

Skylar hated cucumber sandwiches. Miranda used to feed her cucumber sandwiches daily, so she got sick of them as she grew up.

She shook her head and rejected, "No thanks. I'm watching my weight."

Kai gave her a once-over before he said, "You're already skinny enough, so why are you still on a diet? Don't you know that girls who have some meat on them are the prettiest?"

Skylar got a feeling of déjà vu upon hearing Kai's words as Tobias had said the same thing as well.

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Skylar took a sip of the rich and creamy soy milk. "I'm going to do my makeup now. I'm fine with just a glass of soy milk."

As soon as she opened the door to the makeshift dressing room, she was instantly greeted by a wave of chilly air. The air conditioner was on full blast, keeping the room's temperature at its lowest.

The next moment, she was stunned to see Katrina lying on a military camping cot with a Hermès blanket covering her body while a stylist was kneeling before her, doing her makeup.

Standing beside Katrina was her assistant, who was holding a bouquet of roses under her request to fill the room with the scent of it.

Had Skylar not seen it with her own eyes, she wouldn't have known that those rumors on the internet about Katrina's diva behavior were not at all exaggerated.

Katrina opened her eyes at the slight squeak of the door. "Shush! I'm trying to get some rest here!"

Disregarding her insolence, Skylar took a seat at the vanity table, waiting for the stylist to do her makeup.

When she was done with her makeup, Katrina was still lying lazily, enjoying the scent of the roses.

Skylar thought that her look was ugly today. Her outfit was a combination of red and green, while her skin was tanned. Although it was a healthy skin color, it had concealed the natural beauty of her glass skin.

Katrina only came out of the dressing room when Skylar was almost done with her part of the shooting.

Although Daryl had reminded the makeup artist to tan her skin, still, the foundation on Katrina's face was a few shades lighter than it was supposed to be. It didn't take a genius to know that she had once again disobeyed Dylan's instruction.

Her skin tone didn't suit the image of a village girl; instead, it made her look more like a Victorian socialite living in the city.

Upon seeing Kai, who was standing on the sidelines watching Skylar act, she signaled her assistant to hand her phone over to him. "You haven't given me Tobias's contact number."

With a deadpan expression, Kai turned her request down. "I'm sorry, but I can't give it to you. That's a violation of privacy. If you really want to get his number, you can always ask from other people."

Hearing that, Katrina's face darkened. She knew that even if she were to ask people around her, no one in her social circle would happen to know Tobias in person since the latter was someone of high society.

As the day's shooting came to an end, Daryl called Skylar over to guide her on her acting skills. He pointed out her weaknesses, saying that she should have more confidence and be more expressive with her eyes.

He was sitting with his legs crossed while Skylar was standing meekly before him like his student. Unbeknownst to him, however, her mind had long wandered off.

She was eager to check on her phone in the locker because Tobias, having a change of plans, said he would come and meet her that day. She was worried he couldn't find the location.

The moment Daryl let her go, she raced into the dressing room like a horse out of the gate to grab her phone. To her disappointment, she only saw two app notifications.

Just then, a sudden tap on her shoulder startled her. She turned around to find Kai standing close to her, his face inches away from her.

"You scared me! What are you doing here?" she asked. The annoyance was clear in her voice.

"I just heard that Jeremy is your ex. Don't you feel awkward to be cast in the same film with him?" Kai came to seek verification from her once he heard about the news.

Skylar slammed the locker shut with a clang. "It's not like I can do anything about it. I can't possibly tell the director that I'm quitting, can I?" She rolled her eyes at him internally before asking, "Do you know any place where I can take a shower? It's been a week since I last took a shower."

There was no bathing facility in her room, and there was no running water in the place to begin with. Every night, she could only clean herself by heating the water in the thermos and pouring them into a basin.

Since Tobias promised that he will give her pleasure previously, she knew that Tobias would have intimacy with her when he visits later. It would be embarrassing if she met him with a stinky body and filthy hair.

It took a while for Kai to respond to the sudden change of topic. He thought for a while before answering, "Even I don't have a bathing facility in my room. Why don't I ask my assistant to drive you to the county? You can take a shower there."

His suggestion brought a smile to Skylar's face. "Thanks. I owe you one. I'll treat you to a meal next time."

"Next time?" Kai said seriously, "Give me an exact date to show your sincerity."

"When the film shooting ends."

Kai was satisfied with the answer he got. "I'll be looking forward to it then."

Since there was no shooting on her part in the afternoon, Skylar took a ride on Kai's car, heading to the county to take her shower. On her way there, she called Tobias several times but couldn't reach him.

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It was already late afternoon when she finished taking her shower. In the changing room, she called Tobias again. This time, the call went through.

"Aren't you coming?" she asked.

"I'm still busy," was his curt reply before he ended the call.

At that instant, she couldn't help furrowing her brow as her eyes dimmed with disappointment. He's still busy, which means he probably won't come tonight.

She had dressed up and starved herself to have dinner with him tonight. However, the higher the hope, the greater the disappointment; she was upset that he stood her up.

Meanwhile, Kai's assistant, Logan, was leaning against the Mercedes-Benz, waiting for her. The country folks were all surrounding the eye-catching vehicle.

As soon as she got in the car, she apologized, "I'm sorry for keeping you waiting so long."

Logan started the engine while reassuring her, "No worries, Ms. Jones. Mr. Ronalds has ordered me to be at your service. It is no biggie even if I have to wait for you for the entire night."

Oh my, he does have a way with his words, huh, was Skylar's impression of Logan.

On the journey back, Skylar had no choice but to carry on the conversation with him when the latter kept rattling on about Kai's friendliness and how nice he treated his employee.

Just then, the ringtone of her phone interrupted their conversation. Without bothering to look at the caller, she answered the call as if it was her lifeline.

"I was busy just now, but now I'm free. Are you so eager to meet me?" Tobias's deep voice was heard through the phone.

Skylar took a glance at Logan, who was keeping his ears out. She lowered her voice, whispering on the phone, "Are you on your way? Or are you not coming?"

"I'm not sure if I can arrive in time. Hey, stop changing the topic. Are you so eager to meet me? Do you miss me?"

Feeling shy to admit it when someone was around, she stuttered, "J-just a little, I guess... I-I'm in the car right now, so I'll talk to you later."

Before she could end the call, however, Logan suddenly coughed. His voice was loud enough to reach the other side of the line.

"Whose car are you taking?" asked Tobias in a cold voice. Skylar hesitated for a moment before she responded with, "What was that? I can't hear you. The line is bad. Hello? Hello?" With that, she hung up on him and heaved a sigh of relief. This man is really a jealous boyfriend.

When she was back at the film set, she was required to act for an extra scene due to an amendment of the script. The scene in question was supposed to be Katrina's drowning scene.

Before they started shooting, Skylar voiced her concern to Daryl. "I don't know how to swim. Is there anyone here who can save me if anything bad happens?"

Hearing that, Daryl gave her an impassive glance. "Are you asking for a double?"

That was not her initial intention, but she nodded anyway. "Yes, that would be great because I have a fear of water."

Dylan simply brushed her off. "We can't find a double for you at the last minute. You need to play the scene on your own."

Skylar regretted having wasted her time taking a shower. Damn... I should've used that time to learn doggy paddle instead.

Kai, who had just completed his scene, patted his chest confidently while reassuring her, "Don't worry, I'm here for you! I'll save you if anything goes wrong."

Skylar gave him a firm nod. Then, she made up her mind to just go with it.

With the cameras at the ready, she stood in the designated position by the river, or rather, a combined sewer outfall.

They were required to shoot the scene at night to get real and high-quality footage. Although there was a water shortage in the place, the director found a way to go about the issue by editing the outfall into a lake during the post-production phase.

Meanwhile, Katrina was vaping at the side. Her assistant was standing behind her, massaging her shoulder. Flashing Skylar a faint smile, she uttered, "I'm sorry, but I'm on my period. Oh! By the way, I've read the script just now. I should try to save you when you're falling into the lake to strengthen the storyline. In contrast, your character should be an antagonist hated by the audience."

Skylar was displeased. "Next time, if you are going to make amendments to the script, can you please inform me earlier?"

Katrina rolled her eyes in response. "I've already communicated with the director beforehand, so just act according to what I've said. I've been pulling all-nighters lately, and my skin condition has become worse. Ugh! Hopefully, we can finish everything early today."

On the stuffy summer night, the sound of crickets was distinct. The shadows of the trees fell across the road and hid the brilliant moonlight.

Skylar was wearing peasant clothing made out of linen and rough wool. Her forehead was covered with perspiration, and her clothes were drenched in sweat.

"Everyone, get in position! Three, two, one, action!"

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As the camera started rolling, Katrina, who played the role of Stacie, began saying her line, "We shouldn't come out so late at night. They will scold us if they find out."

Stylar, who was cast as Leanne, replied, "Don't worry. No one is going to find out. Stacie, do you know how to dance? Arthur has taught me before. He said he would bring me to a ball when he is back in town and teach me ballroom dance."

"Stacie" lowered her head though her facial expression was a little unnatural. At this point, Skylar walked to the designated camera position where "Leanne" was supposed to pick a flower by the lakeside but accidentally slipped and fell into the lake.

She struggled in the water, calling out for help. It was done out of instinct as she was overwhelmed by the fear of drowning.

However, Daryl thought she was acting since this was exactly the type of genuine reaction he wished to capture.

Fortunately, Kai jumped into the pool to save her in the nick of time. He approached her from behind and placed his arms under her armpits before dragging her to the lakeside.

No one gave him a hand when he was pulling her to shore.

Soon after that, the crew's doctors on standby crowded her. They realized she was suffering from serious pulmonary aspiration.

Kai was infuriated. "Are you guys blind? Can't you see that she was drowning just now?" he roared.

Everyone fell silent at that, except Katrina.

"Tsk. She dares call herself an actress when she doesn't even know how to swim?" Her words were dripping with mockery as she made the remark.

Skylar gradually regained consciousness. For a moment, she thought she was going to die.

Her body was soaking wet. Fortunately, Kai was thoughtful enough to cover her with a blanket.

Daryl played down the seriousness of the incident by saying casually, "That scene is not done yet. We still need to shoot the part where the female lead saves you."

Hearing that, resentment started boiling in Skylar's heart.

Kai raised his objection. "Do you really think she can do it again in her current condition? This is supposed to be Katrina's scene. Why are you asking Skylar to do it instead?"

"It's not that I don't want to perform this part on my own, but the storyline requires her to do it." Katrina refuted.

Lying on the ground, Skylar felt as if she was a rare animal in the zoo being surrounded by people. Reluctant to be the center of attention, she tried to stand up.

Kai immediately grabbed hold of her arm, helping her up. "Are you alright? Are you cold?" he asked with his voice full of concern.

With a faint smile, she commented with a self-deprecating sense of humor, "My whole body stinks. Guess I will need to shower again."

Since she was not in a good state, Daryl allowed her to take a shower in his motorhome and get off work earlier that day.

Skylar didn't dare to dally in the director's motorhome. Although still in shock, she managed to take a quick shower and change into clean clothes in the shortest time possible.

Kai was waiting for her outside when she got out of the motorhome.

"Thanks for saving me today. If it wasn't for you, I could've died." She was grateful to him for his help.

Kai raised his hand to stroke her hair in response to her gratitude. Instinctively, she took a step backward to shun away from his rather intimate action.

Smiling, he retracted his hand. "You don't need to thank me for that. Come on! I'll walk you back to your room."

Wishing to spend more time with her, he tried to strike up a conversation when they reached her doorstep. "I'll try to persuade the director to change the script. You can't do this again."

Skylar shook her head before muttering, "It's fine. I'll search for some videos and learn how to swim." Then, she dismissed him, "Goodnight!"

His gaze traced her movements as she entered her room. His heart was aching for this young lady who not only joined the crew alone but was being bullied as well. At that instant, he couldn't help feeling protective toward her.

The moment Skylar closed the door, someone grabbed hold of her arm, pulling her over. Before she even realized it, she was being pinned against the wall.

She was frightened to the core, thinking that it was a bad guy. Before she could let out a scream, the man mashed his lips against hers, giving her a passionate kiss.

His breath was a mix of mint combined with tobacco. She could tell the man's identity from the familiar scent of his white sandalwood cologne.

She groped for the switch and turned on the lights, enveloping the room in warm light the next moment.

Stung by the sudden brightness, Tobias involuntarily squinted his eyes.

"I thought you're not coming." She felt a tingling sensation on her cheeks caused by the friction of his stubble coming into contact with her skin.

He held her in his arms, his breath tickling her as he spoke, "I always try my best to keep my promise." Then, he asked in a hoarse and tired voice, "Do you miss me?" It seemed like this man had had a long and tiring day.