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Skylar reminded her, "Your top is still unbuttoned."

Embarrassed by what she saw, Skylar blushed.

The lady didn't care and sneered instead, "What's wrong with that? It provides my son food and which woman doesn't breastfeed anyway? Do all the children in the city grow up drinking formula milk?"

Skylar didn't know as she had never given birth before. Nevertheless, the lady stared at her as if she were malnourished. Her concern was indeed valid given how big and strong she was as compared to Skylar.

Skylar asked, "Can I give this child a treat? I'm leaving tomorrow after all."

The lady didn't reject her request despite her being a stranger. Instead, she added impatiently, "Just go, this girl is just so annoying. I would actually get some peace once she's gone."

Skylar could see that the lady favored her son as she focused all her love and attention on him.

Looking at Pollyanna, Miranda felt a rush of emotions. The phrase that Miranda repeated the most when she was young was "If only you were a boy."

When Skylar brought Pollyanna to the film site, Kate exclaimed, "Where did you find this little girl? Her face is so dirty."

Skylar knelt down and cleaned Pollyanna's face with a napkin. She hardly knew how to interact with children let alone take care of them.

She just wanted to do something before she left given how pitiful Pollyanna was.

Pollyanna was obedient. She didn't struggle as Skylar wiped her face for her.

"Skylar, do you have any children of your own? It would be wonderful to be your daughter."  
Pollyanna flattered Skylar as she gave a hopeful gaze.

Skylar chuckled, "It's still a long way before I have any children. Pollyanna, aren't you happy?"

She shook her head. "Mommy loves my brother more. Every day, I barely have enough to eat. Skylar, can you take me back to the city? I'll definitely be good."

Skylar was stunned at how desperate Pollyanna wanted to leave.

When Kate saw that Skylar was tempted to do so, she shook her head with a sigh. She felt Skylar hadn't seen enough of the world. There were loads of pitiful people out there and there was no way she could care for them all.

Kate explained to Pollyanna with a serious expression, "Your mom is still around so we can't take you away no matter how obedient you are."

With tears welling up in her eyes, Pollyanna lowered her head as if she had done something terribly wrong.

Skylar sighed and added, "I will come and visit often, alright? For today, I'll take you out to the nearby town and buy you some beautiful tops and dresses."

Pollyanna wiped off her tears in response.

Kate asked Skylar in concern, "Will you be alright taking a child out by yourself? I better come along."

When Skylar saw Pollyanna looked at Kate fearfully, she knew she was afraid of Kate.

She replied, "I'll be fine. She's a good girl."

When Kai heard about it, he offered to be their driver and wanted to tag along.

Pollyanna was delighted when she saw such a handsome man joining them.

After an hour's drive, they arrived at the nearest town. Skylar took Pollyanna to a children's clothing shop.

It was the first time Pollyanna saw such beautiful dresses in her whole life and kept exclaiming how pretty they were.

It was also the first time Skylar shopped without restraint and she finally got to experience the rush of splurging. Whichever dress Pollyanna liked, she would ask the owner to wrap it up.

It turned out that Pollyanna liked almost every single piece of clothing in the shop.

Kai wondered if kids nowadays were a lot smarter and knew how to take advantage of others. If he were in Pollyanna's shoes, he wouldn't have dared accept a single dress.

He remembered that his aunt gifted him a Porsche for his eighteenth birthday. That was when he just returned to the country and also met Tobias for the first time.

During his birthday party in a hotel, he saw Tobias holding a gun through a gap in the door to a private room. The cold barrel of the gun was pointed at one of his close friends.

A bang rang out and that was how he lost his best friend.

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When she saw Kai spaced out at the entrance, Skylar patted him on the shoulder. She asked with a smile, "Thinking of some pretty girls?"

Kai regained his senses. "No, there's no pretty girl. No one is more beautiful than you."

Kai wasn't flattering Skylar on purpose as she was indeed a beauty. He was actually thinking about the reason she and Tobias were together. It must be her looks.

Finally, Skylar almost spent all her money while Pollyanna's hands were filled with shopping bags. Before she left, Pollyanna insisted to have her number which Skylar provided.

Meanwhile, Kai felt that the little girl was too smart for her own good and that it wasn't such a good idea for Skylar to be so close to her.

The cold moonlight finally shone on the quiet village in the hills.

Kai picked up some tall grass from the roadside and gave them to Skylar. "These are for you, to celebrate the successful completion of filming."

Skylar bent down and plucked a few more. Using her nimble fingers, she weaved them into a small rabbit.

"And this is for you."

Kai broke into a smile. "You're more generous than I am. Is he picking you up tomorrow? I doubt he is."

Skylar shook her head. "He's been busy recently. I'll be heading home by myself."

"Are you staying together?" Despite his reluctance, Kai still asked about it.

Skylar didn't answer. She didn't want Kai to know too much and have it affect Tobias.

When Skylar didn't answer, Kai took it as an implicit yes.

He sighed. "Tobias is by far the most heartless man I have seen. And you are someone who is so kind that you even cared for a random little girl whom you do not know. I'm just worried that you will suffer without even knowing it in the end. But don't worry, I'm here to protect you. After all, you're a good friend of mine. Fate has brought us together."

Skylar frowned slightly as she felt Kai was being dramatic. Deep down, she could feel him resenting Tobias and that their relationship was a rocky one.

After they left W Province, Skylar was picked up at the airport by Tobias' driver. He was already waiting with a big sign with her name written crookedly on it.

The driver was a middle-aged man who looked honest and reliable. The car was parked in the basement car park. When she entered, she saw Susan.

She had met Susan once and knew that she was Tobias' secretary. The last time they met was when Susan came to pick her up from her dorm and brought her to see Tobias in the hotel. It was the night Avery offered herself to him.

Susan greeted her without any expression, "Ms. Jones, we meet again. You must have had a long journey. Mr. Ford sent me to pick you up."

Skylar replied with a smile, "I'm fine as I managed to catch some sleep on the flight. You didn't have to come as I could have gone home by myself."

Sitting in the front passenger seat, Susan turned around and glanced at Skylar. There was a cold glint in her eye. "He's at The Bay Restaurant. He wanted me to take you there."

As the car drove towards The Bay Restaurant, Skylar still felt full from the meal she ate on the plane.

As it was eight in the evening, the restaurant was very crowded. Susan led Skylar to room 301.

When she saw the room number, she suddenly recalled the time when she was serving drinks at Elysium. The room was of the same number where she reunited with Tobias. Circumstances were different then as Tobias was ruthless and cruel. He almost f\*ck her on the spot.

Six months had passed since then.

Skylar assumed that Tobias was in the room alone. When she followed Susan in, she was surprised to see the room filled with people. The men were all smartly dressed while the women dolled up to the nines. When Skylar entered amidst the clinking wine glasses, everyone turned their attention to her.

Tobias whispered something to a lady in a red V-neck dress and she stood up and gave up her seat.

Tobias then gestured for Skylar to come over. As this was the first time Tobias invited Skylar to attend such a formal event, she was puzzled as to why he didn't tell her beforehand. After a long and arduous journey, her face was oily while she was still in loose casual clothing. She felt rude to not have dressed any better.

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He had always planned everything without discussing it with her or even notifying her in advance.

Tobias didn't introduce her as she tightened her grip on her bag and sat beside him. Also, no one dared to ask what their relationship was.

As she quietly sat beside Tobias, he barely said anything to her throughout dinner. Feeling thirsty, she saw that the glass in front of her was empty. Furthermore, there was only wine on the table. Hence, she grabbed a bottle beside Tobias and poured it into her glass.

However, Tobias took her glass away and downed the wine in one gulp. Next, he called for the waiter and ordered a glass of warm fruit juice.

Despite the room being cold from the air-conditioning, Skylar was so thirsty that she wanted to have iced fruit juice instead. Warm fruit juice was simply too sour to her liking.

Other than her, all the other ladies at the table could really drink. Their male companions kept refilling their glasses as they kept downing one glass after another.

One of the girls looked to be of her age and was dressed provocatively. Her plunging neckline was so low that she exposed a substantial part of her assets. Despite the fact that she was visibly uncomfortable, a man in a blue shirt who was sitting beside her kept urging her to drink.

She tried to protest, "Mr. Crane, can I stop drinking? I can't drink anymore and I feel terrible."

The man sneered, "Stop whining. You should be honored that I'm asking you to drink. It's only two bottles and you're already complaining?"

Under such pressure, the girl seemed to be on the brink of tears. Raising her glass, she downed it at one go. Skylar could see her face turn pale and her hands had begun to tremble.

When she looked at the bottle of liquor on the table, she realized that its alcohol content was at forty percent. Even a tough guy would have trouble holding his liquor with the amount the lady drank.

As everyone continued to chat, no one came to the girl's rescue.

They were all talking about business. From Bitcoin to futures and to crude oil. Everything they talked about revolved around financial gains.

The man in blue poured another glass for the girl. He was wearing a pair of gold-rimmed glasses and had a clean look on his face. Despite the gentle exterior, he had an insidious gaze. "Continue drinking. Why are you stopping?"

The girl was terribly drunk. Holding onto her stomach, her sweat and tears were all mixed together. She slurred as she pleaded, "Mr. Crane, I really can't drink anymore."

Skylar tightened her grip on Tobias' hand under the table. However, Tobias continued to serve her more food and didn't look like he was going to help the girl.

Skylar whispered into his ear. "Why are all the men bullying the ladies. Is this what you consider as fun?"

Tobias' gaze darkened as he stared at the indignant Skylar. "Young lady, I brought you here to enjoy a meal together. We will leave when we're done. Anything else has nothing to do with you."

Skylar was extremely upset at Tobias for asking her to join such a dinner. She didn't understand what was he thinking.

It was obvious to her that all the ladies here were not of the decent kind, and she was just one of them.

She interceded on the girl's behalf, "She's not able to drink anymore in that condition. Are you trying to kill her? Do you have to bully a girl just to satisfy your ego?"

The atmosphere in the private room suddenly changed. The man in blue gave Skylar a complicated look.

He was aware that the one that humiliated him was Tobias' girl.

Regardless of what their actual relationship was, she was still related to Tobias. Even if she slapped him, there was nothing he could say.

Tobias got Skylar to sit down and finally spoke. He told Winston, "Don't let her drink anymore. We're almost done so that's all for today. If the lady doesn't want to drink, don't force her."

After Tobias made his stand clear, no one dared to disobey.

Covering her mouth, the girl was obviously in great discomfort. She looked as if she could puke or collapse onto the ground anytime. Her forehead was also sweating profusely.

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Skylar helped her to the ladies. While waiting outside for her, she heard her retching non-stop. She was grateful for what happened at Elysium when she was serving drinks to pay for Jeremy's medical fees.

If Tobias hadn't rescued her from her predicament, she surmised she would be in the same situation as the girl, being forced into corners by lecherous men.



When the girl came out from the toilet, she didn't even dry her face after washing it with cold water. As her wet hair stuck to her face, she took a deep breath before lighting a cigarette.

"My name is Luciana Walter, thanks for interceding on my behalf today. If not for you, I would have been ruined by that man. They had no respect for women."

Skylar passed her a pack of tissues. "No thanks needed. Next time, don't go binge drinking. Even if you're in your prime, it will definitely take a toll on your body. Since you know they have no respect for women, you should keep your distance from them."

Leaning against the wall, Luciana couldn't help but laugh. "Who doesn't want to go home at this hour and sleep. I have no choice as I need the money. Despite how hard it is, I can make more money in one dinner than a pretty manager does in a year."

Tobias had left the private room in search of Skylar and saw her chatting with Luciana outside the ladies.

When their eyes met from afar, he was barely smiling. Skylar could sense that he was upset over her so-called heroic actions at the dinner table.

Before she left, Luciana thanked her again but Skylar said nothing. The next time she encountered something like that, she wasn't going to step in and help. All she did was getting in the way of others making money.

As Tobias had a lot to drink, the driver was already waiting at the door. As Skylar followed behind him, both of them didn't say a word on the way home.

In the car, they were seated at the back. Tobias' inherent white sandalwood scent had been covered by the stench of alcohol. It was so strong that she felt somewhat drunk just by smelling it.

Susan was sitting in the front passenger seat. When Tobias kept his silence, she gave the driver the address and had him drive them to Bella Garden.

With four of them in the car, the atmosphere felt awkward. Skylar preferred to be alone with him so that they could have some privacy.

However, Tobias was always surrounded by people. They would only get the chance to be alone only when they were home. Even then, they would still be occasionally interrupted by phone calls.

Tobias lifted her cheeks with his fingers. "You were a busybody today. Both of them were willing parties. Why did you want to interfere?"

Skylar thought that all men liked kind women. Obviously, Tobias wasn't one of them. He didn't need her to stand out and act the hero.

"Did I affect your business deal? I'm sorry if I did."

After letting her go, he shifted his gaze outside the window. "No, you didn't. I'm not worried about that. It's just that your impromptu outburst of kindness will get you into trouble one day. If I weren't there, you would already be in hot soup. Do you understand what I'm trying to tell you? I can't be there to protect you all the time. You have to think of the consequences before you act."

Skylar didn't defend her actions. After saving Luciana, she didn't feel that it was appreciated at all. Tobias was right. Doing the right thing isn't necessarily the best decision.

When Tobias spoke, she could feel that his gaze was extremely cold. It caused her to suddenly feel the tension in the air.

Meanwhile, Susan was sitting quietly in the front passenger seat.

Five minutes later, just like clockwork, she turned around and handed a bottle of pills to Tobias.

It was something that never crossed Skylar's mind before as his girlfriend. In fact, it was Tobias' secretary who was more attentive to him. After all, she had never taken care of someone drunk before and didn't even know there was a pill to help alleviate it.

After taking the pills, Tobias still felt uncomfortable. He then laid his head down on Skylar's shoulder.

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Meanwhile, Tobias didn't receive a response from Skylar after giving his advice let alone hear her saying that she would not repeat it again.

When they arrived at Bella Garden, he could hardly walk and used her as a human crutch. Most of his weight had been shifted to her.

Susan alighted together with them. As the hot summer breeze blew on their faces, the stickiness it brought was simply uncomfortable.

She asked Skylar, "Do you need help? When Mr. Ford had too much to drink previously, I was always by his side and am used to taking care of him."

Skylar declined her offer, "No need, I'll be fine."

Tobias waved for Susan to go as he didn't want another person at home.

When they opened the door, it was obvious that Tobias had not returned home for days. All the windows were tightly shut, causing the room to feel stuffy while a musty smell permeated the air.

Tobias sat on the sofa with his elbows on his knees and hands supporting his head. He continued to massage his temple.

He had to admit he was getting older. There was a stark difference in his ability to hold in liquor after thirty as compared to how it used to be when he was younger.

Skylar opened all the doors and windows to let the clean air in and handed Tobias a glass of warm water.

He took a sip before putting the water aside. Looking at him, Skylar felt that he was still not in bad shape. He wasn't that drunk and just looked to be in slight discomfort.

It was common to feel this way after having too much to drink. Skylar asked, "Do you want to sleep or shower first?"

Tobias took off his jacket and loosened his tie. "Of course I need to shower first. You should shower with me, just in case I fall unconscious in the bathroom from drinking too much."

Tobias was grinning cheekily. Skylar replied with a frown, "I'll wait for you outside. Call me once you're done."

Tobias insisted, "I'm really looking forward to a romantic bath. I'm going to fill the tub. You should go get ready."

Skylar was stunned. "What's there to prepare?"

Tobias replied, "Oh, in that case, just take off your clothes. How are you going to bath with your clothes on? You can't stay outside. What if I fainted?"

Tobias' shamelessness had exceeded Skylar's imagination.

When she settled into the tub with him, she didn't expect him to do nothing else.

After she got out of the bathroom, she slipped into one of Tobias' oversized shirts.

As she was exhausted from the long day, she hoped for Tobias' understanding. However, he obviously had a different idea of helping her relax.

Flipping the blanket aside, he pressed himself on her. The warmth of his body caused her breathing to heat up.

It was another long and passionate night. Once they were done, Skylar lay in Tobias' embrace. She didn't even feel like moving a finger, as if all her energy were expended in the love-making.

"Are you tired? Is it more tiring filming or doing it with me?" Tobias whispered into her ear despite knowing the answer.

As both of them clung together tightly, they could feel each other's sweat.

Skylar closed her eyes and replied, "It's probably the latter. I'm so tired that I can't move. Why did you bring me there tonight? Did you want to tell all those people that I'm your mistress?"