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Skylar understood what Tobias was trying to say and was certain that things would end badly for Penelope. However, there was little she could do as Penelope had sunken too deep into the relationship. It wasn't like she could force Penelope to get an abortion. Meanwhile, Penelope had been waiting at the hospital entrance for Skylar. When she saw Skylar in sunglasses and a face mask, she could hardly recognize her despite knowing her so well. "Why are you dressed like a spy?" Skylar even scanned her surroundings to see if anyone recognized her. She lamented, "What if someone takes a picture of me at the maternity ward and spreads rumors of me being pregnant? I'm still a budding actress who hasn't lived up to my potential yet. Are you going to let me fade away just like that? Hence, it's better I keep a low profile." Penelope clicked her tongue. "You're not that famous yet. You're just a second-rate actress; hardly anyone recognizes you when we go out." Skylar patted Penelope on her shoulder. "My dear, you are overestimating my capabilities. I'm not a second-rate actress. I'm actually third-rate." Penelope was appreciative of Skylar's company. It did wonders for her nerves. She had been really stressed out during her pregnancy.

She was worried that something would happen to the baby. Given that it was a boy, she intended it to be her trump card. She expected Brayden to love her more because she bore him a son. Watching Penelope saunter down the corridor with her pregnant tummy, Skylar couldn't imagine herself as a mother. But it was going to be some time before she even got pregnant. After Penelope went in, Skylar sat on the bench along the corridor. While waiting, she downloaded an app that could predict how one's baby looked like. She then uploaded her own photo together with one she took of Tobias without his knowledge to generate the image of their future baby.

It generated a picture of a baby with an angelic face. Although the app was just meant for fun, she felt a sense of bitterness in her heart while looking at it. After a long checkup, Penelope came out with a medical report. She told Skylar that everything was normal and that she could go home to wait out the pregnancy. Puzzled, Skylar asked, "Where will you return to? Since your dad is still angry with you, why don't you stay over at my place?" Penelope replied slyly, "I have a home now. Brayden has arranged for me to stay in a townhouse, and I've been staying there for a while." Skylar realized that she had gotten ahead of herself. Of course, Penelope would have a place to stay. At the very least, Brayden gave Penelope all the financial support she needed. As for the rest, they can be dealt with at a later stage. Penelope even asked Skylar, "Do you think I should buy a house near his future school? It would be good for him next time. After all, Brayden's family needs someone to inherit their massive assets. My son will be rich the moment he is born." Skylar couldn't bear to break Penelope's bubble as Brayden wasn't the only son. Hence, it wasn't going to be easy for her son to inherit the family business.

As of now, Penelope can still gain his affection with her youth and beauty. Once she has given birth and loses her figure, she will no longer be as attractive. I'm afraid Brayden's feelings for her would also change. In the evening, after Skylar had sent Penelope home, she took a cab back. Along the journey, a headline popped up on her phone. It read: Station manager of Channel 3, Maverick Sullivan, commits suicide by jumping off a building. Skylar's heart dropped. On the night of the celebratory dinner, Maverick had tried to take advantage of her but the plan was foiled by Kai. After that, she had repeatedly received threatening phone calls from Maverick, asking her if the video had been deleted. Despite Skylar telling him many times that it had been deleted, Maverick didn't believe her. He even threatened to slander her to the press and described to her over the phone everything he planned to do, causing her to feel perturbed.

Hence, for him to have suddenly died, Skylar broke out in cold sweat. She wasn't sure if it was an accident or if Kai was behind it. After all, only the three of them knew about the matter. Also, Kai didn't seem like someone vicious. Murder is a crime, and he wouldn't have gone that far for my sake.

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The news of Maverick's sudden death went viral. His death came as a sudden shock. Nevertheless, it allowed Skylar to heave a sigh of relief as she no longer had a crazy person stalking her. Meanwhile, Skylar saw Miranda at the entrance when she returned. She was holding two big bags filled with vegetables and fruits. When she saw Skylar, she quickly handed her the bags before stretching her arms to relieve the soreness in them. "My arms are killing me. Why are you back so late, and why are you alone? Where's Tobias? Have the both of you broken up? I haven't seen him in a while. He seems to be fine with leaving a young girl like you here alone." After receiving the bags, Skylar didn't invite Miranda in. Just when she was about to shut the door, Miranda stuffed her leg in between the gap. Skylar almost slammed the door on her foot. By then, she had no choice but to let Miranda in. As Miranda hadn't seen Tobias in a long time, she began to feel fearful. If Skylar and Tobias broke up, she wouldn't be able to carry out Thomas' instructions. After putting the groceries in the kitchen, Skylar replied, "He's busy." Miranda scoffed at her explanation. She felt that it was Skylar's incompetence that had caused Tobias to grow distant.

Skylar asked, "Since you have just reconciled with that ex-husband of yours, why are you here? Shouldn't you be striking while the iron is still hot? Stop wasting time here." Miranda admonished her, "That's really rude of you. He's your dad for goodness sake." Skylar squirmed as that was already her best attempt at being civil. Are you expecting me to address him as Dad?

However, she didn't correct herself. At the same time, she gave Miranda advanced notice.

"This year, I'm not going with you to Uncle Wesley's place. I don't feel like going anywhere."

Miranda rejected her outright. "How can you not go? It's a family gathering and it would be rude of you to be absent."

Skylar asked, "What can I do to avoid it then?"

Miranda replied, "Of course, if you are going to spend it with Tobias, I will definitely support your decision."

Skylar shrugged as she explained in a powerless tone, "Mom, you are getting ahead of yourself. Didn't you understand a word Tobias said to you? He does not plan on getting married. In other words, he doesn't plan to marry me at all. Who do you think I am to cling to him shamelessly? Aren't you worried about being chased out?"

Miranda felt that Skylar was uttering nonsense. After all, Thomas had told her that Tobias had fallen for her daughter.

Why is she being so secretive?

When Miranda left after receiving a call from Thomas, Skylar quickly shut the door and ended their conversation.

The moment Miranda returned to her villa, Tobias stopped her at the entrance. He asked impatiently, "Have you talked to Skylar about Tobias' takeover of the company? It's a lot better that you talk to her than I do."

Miranda slapped herself on her forehead and remarked, "Oh, I forgot. You should see how messy things are now. Tobias hasn't visited in a long time, and Skylar doesn't seem to be in a good mood. Who knows if they have broken up or not."

The moment he heard the words "broken up," Thomas' expression drastically changed.

As the new year approached, Skylar's drama, *Unrequited Love*, was broadcasted over Channel 3 at primetime. Despite it being her first drama, she managed to snag the female lead's role.

When the first episode was screened, the ratings went through the roof. Skylar finally felt that she was becoming famous. Her social media followers grew by half a million overnight.

When her fans broke one million, her agent paid for her name to be promoted as the top

trending topic.

However, there were many die-hard fans that were critical of her performance after the drama had been screened. They felt she was too flirtatious and wasn't as innocent as the original character.

The most popular comments online were the ones that disapproved of her appearance.

She looks too coquettish. What an insult to the original work.

She looks like a b*tch. I'll pass.

Winnie's acting is good. Why is she the supporting actress?

I don't like how the female lead looks. She's just too mean...

Skylar was universally accepted to be beautiful. The comments showed just how

unforgiving ladies can be to pretty women.

When she saw the comments disparaging her, Skylar laughed. The most she could do was

to check her face in the mirror. It's not a crime to be born beautiful.