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“It’s just a dinner with my mother at my house. As for the theme, it’s not a formal dinner. It’s just a casual family dinner.”

Upon hearing that, Skylar spat out the water she had swallowed in. She almost coughed her lungs out.

She tilted her head to the side and spat out a mouthful of water on Tobias’ pants, and it was an awkward spot.

Immediately, Skylar took out a tissue from her bag and wiped it hurriedly.

Tobias grabbed her wrist and stopped her movements. “Stop wiping. You might get yourself

into trouble. Did you do that on purpose?”

Skylar thought Tobias was definitely out of his mind. Is he wired wrong or something?

What’s gotten into him?

She was afraid that Claudia would drug her through the food send her to hell.

Skylar repeatedly asked him for confirmation.

“Do I have to go? Do I really have to go? I wouldn’t get kicked out, would I? Should I prepare some gifts?”

Tobias was clearly annoyed by her questions. Hence, he stopped her mouth with his lips. He

gently bit her tongue and shut her mouth quickly.

Tobias was actually taking his chances this time. Skylar was the one who pulled the trigger

for it as she had been saying things about a sense of security all the time.

How to make her feel more secure? Meeting the parents? Acknowledging her existence?

Tobias didn’t know what exactly Skylar wanted either.

He remembered it wasn’t his first time telling Skylar that the sense of security was self-growth, not given by others. One must be stronger and increase self-confidence in order

to feel secure.

However, Skylar didn’t understand the meaning. Of course Tobias wouldn’t make things

difficult for her. Perhaps, her family of origin had a huge impact on her. She had been

yearning for love and warmth.

Few days ago, Sheldon introduced Winnie to Claudia.

Surprisingly, she behaved uncharacteristically. She didn’t care much about Winnie’s

background nor her job. Instead, she liked Winnie a lot. In her opinion, Winnie was such a thoughtful and understanding girl despite being young. She was the one who earned a living for her family. A child from a poor family often matured at an early age. She felt sorry to see Winnie working so hard at this age. Winnie reminded Claudia a lot of her younger self. As she spoke, Winnie even felt emotional and wiped away her tears. It touched Claudia's heart even more to see her that way. Besides, she reminded Sheldon to get along well with his girlfriend and not to let her down. Tobias was hoping that Claudia would think it through and accept Skylar, or at the very least, not behaving strongly against her. Skylar appeared at the wrong time. Claudia was suffering from emotional trauma due to Tanya's incident. She was determined that Skylar was the homewrecker who destroyed Tobias' marriage. Claudia hated those who ruined others' relationships to her core. Tobias was afraid that their unexpected visit was too hard for Claudia to accept. Therefore, he had already given her a shot in the arm by informing her in advance that he was going to bring Skylar over for dinner.

Tobias' intention was clear. He wanted to stop Claudia from putting Skylar in a difficult position anymore. Claudia didn't say anything. Skylar's clothes were scattered all around the floor in her closet. Meanwhile, she took out the eighth dress and checked herself in front of the mirror. Her skin looked as fair as snow in that black dress. The hemline was below her knees, simple yet elegant without any excessive design, looking flattering on her figure. She matched an emerald necklace with the dress, which brought out the maturity in her. Skylar looked at herself in the mirror; she looked like a rich lady. All of a sudden, she thought of Claudia's sarcastic comments about her, saying that she spent all his son's money on luxury items. Without a second thought, she took off the emerald necklace and replaced it with a cheap pearl necklace. Nonetheless, the pearl was perfectly round and beautiful. Skylar took a deep breath in front of the entrance, holding a cake that she made before coming over.

The moment was way more intense than filming the highlight of a movie.

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Tobias gently patted Skylar's head. "What are you afraid of? An ugly daughter-in-law will

have to face her parents-in-law sooner or later. Besides, you're only going to meet mother-in-law today. Come on, it's not your first time meeting my mom."

Skylar didn't know much about Tobias' father as he rarely talked about him. The only information she had was Tobias' father was still alive. He had a daughter and a son, and her

daughter was Ingrid, the crazy woman.

Patricia opened the door for them. Skylar nodded and smiled at her.

She was a little surprised to see Winnie behind Patricia.

The two of them had been ripping on each other maliciously on the internet, and paying

verified Instagram account to slander each other. But, on the surface, they still manage to

pretend to be polite.

Claudia came down from upstairs. She was wearing a dark blue dress, with a hairpin on her

hair. She didn't look her age. Obviously, she had been taking good care of her skin.

Skylar wondered if Claudia had gotten an anti-wrinkle injection before. People would definitely believe she was in her fifties.

Winnie immediately held her arm lovingly as soon as Claudia got down. From the corner of

her eyes, she gave Skylar a provocative stare.

"Mrs. Ford, it's almost dinner time. Today, I've prepared pan-seared steak, scalloped potatoes, and grilled salmon for you. Sheldon told me that you like to eat fish. I

specially

learn to cook grilled salmon, thinking to impress you with my cooking skill."

Claudia rested her hand on the back of Winnie's hand. "That's very kind of you. It's not easy

to make grilled salmon perfectly. Looks like my son could satisfy his taste buds in the future. How lucky!"

Skylar could remember Winnie's public persona clearly. In a reality show, she presented

herself as someone who didn't know how to cook. She was even scared to turn on the stove

and ended up covering her ears. Bullet screen comments flew across the screen.

Winnie is so adorable.

Don't be scared Winnie. I will cook for you for the rest of my life.

Sob... Winnie, you did a great job.

Someone who didn't even know how to turn on the stove knew how to cook grilled salmon.

The phony b*tch was obviously putting on an act.

Claudia didn't even bother looking at Skylar from the moment she entered the house. It was such an uncomfortable feeling to be treated differently.

However, she felt a little relieved. At least, Claudia wasn't overreacting like she had before. Back then, she couldn't wait to chase her out anytime.

There was a total of five people, but only three dishes were on the dining table. It was all prepared by Winnie. Besides, the portion was small. It was the first time they officially met the elders. Claudia's attitude was obvious towards Winnie and Skylar.

Before sitting down, Skylar had already noticed that there were only four sets of cutlery on the table.

Tobias placed his cutlery in front of Skylar. Then, Claudia immediately got Patricia to take out another set of cutlery.

"I thought Ms. Jones is on diet."

Skylar's brows drew together. How did she know that I'm on diet? Or perhaps it was Winnie who told her about it.

But how could they not prepare her cutlery? Even if she was on diet.

Skylar was very polite. "Mrs. Ford, I'm not intentionally losing weight recently. Girls should take care of their bodies. It's not good to be too skinny, it looks unhealthy."

Sheldon remained silent until he cut off a slice of the steak and put it in his mouth. He gave Winnie a thumbs up and said, "Dear, you cook really well. The steak is very tender."

Winnie said, "Mrs. Ford, I've included lemon juice in my marinade and left it for a few hours to soften the steak. So that it wouldn't be too tough or too chewy for you."

Skylar stood up and took out her handmade mille crepe cake, hoping that Claudia would show her some respect. She said, "Mrs. Ford, I made this dark chocolate peanut butter crepe cake. It has dark chocolate, peanut butter, and whipped cream in between."

Skylar had a talent for cooking. The cake she made looked beautiful. It was even better than those from the bakery.

Claudia showed an indifferent look at the cake on the table. She didn't even bother to taste it.

She twitched her lips. "You really love those fancy things. Do you know how unhygienic it is?"

Did you wear disposable gloves when you were making the cake?"