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Brayden stared at Skylar, trying to figure out when did he owe her money. Skylar then showed Brayden all the transaction records on Penelope's phone. "You think you can just walk away from this without paying a cent? Since Penelope started her relationship with you, you have paid nothing other than her rent. You didn't even bother to concern yourself with all the prenatal checkups. If you want to break up with her, we have to start talking about repayment." "Skylar, what are you doing?" Feeling embarrassed, Penelope tried to stop Skylar. "Be quiet. Breaking up with him will finally set you free. But you'll still need the money to raise your baby." Penelope was momentarily stunned by the resolve in Skylar's eyes. She had never seen such a look in her friend. "Since when have you become so hard up you can't repay your debt, Mr. Scott?" Tobias shot Brayden a glance and commented. Brayden is not without the financial means to support Penelope. Unless he thinks that Penelope isn't worth his time and he is so eager to invest in a "new project", or he simply doesn't care anymore. Meanwhile, Brayden was still lost in sorting out all the transaction records on Penelope's phone. Tobias glanced at the transactions and uttered, "Thirty-two thousand."

Skylar was in awe. She thought Tobias' speed of calculation was comparable to that of a calculator, whereas making sense of numbers was never one of her strong suits. She was insensitive to numbers and had always struggled with the subject of math since her school years. Skylar then held out Penelope's phone with her bank account number displayed on the screen, ready for Brayden to transfer the money. It turned out that Brayden's bank account had a daily transfer limit of twenty thousand

dollars, hence he transferred the maximum amount to Penelope on the spot, and promised to clear the balance by the next day. Skylar had no doubt that Brayden would do as he said. After all, what was twelve thousand when his watch alone cost tens of thousands? She felt sorry for Penelope who was now left with a broken heart and a fatherless child. Penelope's eyes were filled with despondent when she turned to Brayden. "Have you ever loved me? As long as you still love me, I don't need you to marry me. All I ask for is that you come to visit me every now and then. Can you do that?" Brayden was completely unmoved by her plea. "What we had was only a casual fling. We are not suited for each other," he replied flatly. Penelope let out a rueful smile upon hearing those hurtful words. After which, Tobias left the apartment with Brayden. Fearing that Penelope might harm herself, Skylar decided to stay back to keep her company. "Now that this matter has been settled, you should really take a break," Tobias said. Brayden sighed in exasperation and said defiantly, "This woman is a nutcase and she sticks to me like a gum that I can't get rid of! I'm just so glad that I'm finally free."

Tobias saw through what Brayden was planning in his head. "She's just a bit naive and foolish. Skylar's friends are not very bright, so please stay away from Eva. She's Skylar's cousin. I'm really not keen on meddling in this kind of business again." Brayden has done his research. He knew that the cousins' relationship was acrimonious at best. The man smirked and said, "Mr. Ford, are you planning to use your advantage to date both cousins? That's saucy." A menacing glint flashed across Tobias' eyes. "Don't you ever say that again to me. Some jokes are off-limits." Cough! Cough! Brayden cleared his throat without saying another word. Just then, Skylar called out for Tobias from upstairs and asked him to come back up again as Penelope's stomach was in sudden pain and needed to go to the hospital right away. Despite having heard the conversation, Brayden resumed his strides downward without any hesitation.

