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Skylar put the bags on the shoe rack as she took off her shoes. It took a while for Penelope to gather her thoughts before she welcomed her friend.

She put her baby down in the crib and quickly came over. Skylar spotted the breastmilk stain on her clothes and even noticed she reeked of an unpleasant smell.

"You don't look good. Have you been resting?"

Penelope had been shouldering the burden quietly ever since she gave birth to the baby. When she finally saw Skylar again, incipient tears welled up in her eyes as she buried herself in Skylar's arms. "What should I do, Skylar? I really should've just listened to you. What should I do with the kid now? Brayden refused to give me a single cent. What should I feed the baby with? I'll never meet another man again..."

Skylar patted her on the back and tried hard not to cry. "You have to get yourself together. Since you've brought the baby to this world, you'll have to take up the responsibility."

Tears streamed down Penelope's cheeks as remorse overwhelmed her.

She bit her jaw and told herself that she would make sure Brayden paid for what he did.

"Skylar, I want to get into the entertainment industry. Could you help me?"

Skylar was shocked. Penelope's request came out of nowhere. Skylar thought she would ask for money, but she asked for something else instead.

"You know how hard it is to survive in showbiz. Why did you want to get in the game?"

Penelope looked at her with determination glistening in her eyes. "I need money. You've earned so much just after a short time. Could you help me, please? I know you have some connections. I really need to start anew. I will make sure Brayden regrets what he did to me."

“Yes, I do know some people, but that’s not enough to help you start a career in the industry. Even if you really get it, you have no experience. Besides, you’ll also need time to recover before you can start acting. Being an actress is not as easy as you imagine it to be.”

A sad smile spread across Penelope’s face as Skylar dissuaded her. “Do you still remember what you promised me? You said you’ll go through the worst and best times with me.”

Of course, Skylar remembered what she said.

Back then, Penelope paid for her rent using her own savings after Skylar was chased out by her uncle.

A friend in need was a friend indeed. Skylar knew she owed everything to Penelope, so she finally caved and promised to discuss the matter with her manager.

Penelope held her hands tight and nodded. “I know you’ll be able to find a way. I simply have to get my act together. I will make sure those people who look down on me get a taste of their own medicine.”

Skylar could feel her pain. Anyone in Penelope’s shoes would do the same.

Skylar shifted her gaze and looked at the baby behind Penelope. “Aw, look at her! Isn’t she cute? She’s chubby like a marshmallow!”

The gloom on Penelope’s face faded once Skylar mentioned the baby. “I know. She’s just so adorable. You and Tobias should also have a baby too. It doesn’t matter even if you guys break up later on. I’m sure Tobias is much more responsible than Brayden. He’ll take care of the child.”

The smile on Skylar’s face became rigid. “Don’t be too sure. He doesn’t like kids. I bet he’s gonna find them annoying and troublesome.”

“I don’t think so. Someone has to take over Ford Group eventually, so I’m sure he’ll want a kid. It’s just a matter of who he has a child with.”

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After what Penelope had been through, she had lost all trust in men. She did not even think Tobias and Skylar's relationship would last.

"Whatever, I don't really care. I can't have a child now that my career is starting to take off. Only celebrities who are really famous can afford to get married and have a family. People like me still need to maintain an image in public."

Penelope nodded in agreement. It was not easy for Skylar to be where she was today. If she had a child now, it would be the end of her career, but what worried Penelope was Tobias.

He never once talked about making their relationship official. Penelope did not want her friend to end up like her. If Tobias turned his back against her after she was with a child, Skylar would be the one who lost everything.

Skylar left after a short visit. She saw Sharon talking to the neighbors when she passed her uncle's house. It was easy as pie for Skylar to guess what they were talking about.

Sharon would either be talking about cars, houses, her perfect daughter, or Skylar herself and how she was still a little-known actress.

Skylar turned and left through another way.

She finally convinced herself to buy the house for Miranda the moment she saw Sharon bragging with her neighbor.

Skylar knew people looked at her mother differently ever since she came out of prison.

Thomas obviously loathed her presence, and Miranda was completely clueless about it. She still thought they would get married again.

It was not like Skylar really wanted anything to do with Miranda. She just thought that Miranda was pathetic.

Although she had no idea what happened back then, she knew enough to know that it was not entirely Miranda's fault that she ended up in jail. She wasted her youth behind bars for years for someone who did not even cherish her.

Even after she was released, Thomas still set her up after all she had been through. Although Miranda might sound cold, Skylar knew she would not do anything to reveal what actually happened then.

Not long after she left Penelopes's house, Skylar bumped into Tobias. Since he did not get to have lunch with Skylar, he came over so they could have dinner together.

Skylar stopped and eyed him from top to toe when she saw him.

On usual days, he would be immaculately dressed, but he was dressed in a black shirt and denim jeans today. She could even see some dust on his black shirt.

This was the first time he appeared before her so unkempt.

"Were you building houses at the site?" she asked, passing him a packet of wet tissue.

"Well, I have to. I still have to make a living to feed you."