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Valerie felt assured hearing Winnie's words. She had worked with Tobias at Ford Group since the very beginning and they had weathered through storms together. She had an important place in his heart, so there was no way he would do anything to her because of a woman.

She called her assistant to clear Skylar's schedule, including the gala that night.

Skylar was unemployed now that the company had not arranged any work for her. Despite the predicament, Skylar was sure that things would change for the better after Empyrean Sword was aired.

It was not her style to complain to Tobias just to get help.

As Tobias had said—she always faced everything on her own.

As for Winnie, she only had the audacity to step on Skylar's toes because she had Sheldon at her back. Now that even Valerie was on her side, she thought she could do anything she liked.

Things were really going on phenomenally for her. She was now Gucci's brand ambassador in the Asia-Pacific and would even be featured in Paris Fashion Week. She would also be attending the Asia-Pacific Film Festival too. With Winnie stealing all the spotlight, netizens were beginning to gossip on social media.

Winnie is the next emerging star.

Winnie is the next hit.

Skylar's light dimmed under another star.

Skylar knew things were going out of hand when she saw these trending topics on social media. Netizens were not letting go of every single chance they had to blow things up. Her name was mentioned in almost every article of Winnie.

From how things were at the moment, it was clear as day that Winnie was on the winning end.

She was getting all the resources she could from the company, while they blacklisted Skylar.

Since it was Midsummer, Tobias asked Skylar to join him for a meal.

Before Skylar could even turn him down, he had already hung up.

As a caring son, Tobias would always spend all the festive seasons with his mother. It did not matter if Skylar was his girlfriend.

Tobias would not stay over at her place every night. Rather, he spent a great deal of his time with his mother and at the company.

She understood that it was not easy for a woman to bring up two children on her own. From what she knew, Claudia raised them singlehandedly after she divorced their father.

Skylar could not wrap her head around the reason why she never got married again. It could be that she had lost all interest in men, or she did not want the boys to have a stepfather.

At first, Skylar thought only Tobias, Claudia, and some servants would be at the house, but it turned out that Sheldon, Winnie, and some other relatives were there as well.

Skylar did not know who those elderly were, and neither had Tobias told her that there would be so many people.

So I'm seeing his family now? Is he's making our relationship official?

Skylar would have been astonished if this had happened when they first got together, but after knowing Tobias' family and having both good and bad encounters with them, she was not perturbed anymore.

As usual, Tobias' outfit was as casual and monotonous as it could get. He was dressed in a pair of gray slacks and a black shirt.

As for Winnie, she seemed to be blending in well since she was already talking to family members when Skylar arrived.

Unlike the last time, when Tobias saw Skylar coming in, he quickly came over.

Right after Skylar got there, Kai arrived too. Skylar had not met him for some time since he had been filming in Turlen. When Skylar saw him again, he had become more well-built and tanned.

Kai was equally shocked to see Skylar. He totally did not expect Tobias to invite her over to meet his family as his girlfriend.

To him, Tobias was not someone who would take any relationship seriously. Neither did he think Skylar had what it took to capture Tobias' heart.

"You're not introducing your girlfriend, Tobias?"

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Skylar turned toward the source of the voice and saw a kind-looking old man. Despite his gray hair, he still looked strong and healthy. Under a closer look, his features resembled Kai's.

"This is my girlfriend, Skylar Jones," Tobias said as he held her hand, "Skylar, meet my uncle, Zachary Stokes."

Ah, so he's really Kai's father.

Zachary came forward and shook her hand. "Nice to meet you. You look familiar. I'm sure I've seen you somewhere before."

"Of course, you've seen her before. She's an actress."

Zachary's face froze as Kai interjected. It was obvious that he did not have a good impression of showbiz.

He had tried countless times to persuade Kai to quit the entertainment industry and come home to take over the family business, but Kai had a mind of his own.

He disliked businessmen like Zachary and Tobias. All they could think of was money and their own benefits.

Tobias introduced Skylar to everyone present and the family members were pleased to meet her.

All eyes were on her because of her dashing appearance. Winnie was no match for her.

Even Claudia had accepted her as Tobias' girlfriend.

As a mother, she did not want to ruin her relationship with her son, especially when things were not looking good at home.

Tobias had been particularly tolerant of Sheldon, and Claudia knew Tobias must have felt frustrated.

Winnie nudged Sheldon and pouted her lips. "Look at your family. All they care about is your brother and Skylar. You'll never be the center of attention with him around."

Sheldon swallowed hard and grunted. "They are just a bunch of looksists. Why not you go do something to your face and help me out a little? Everyone is complimenting how beautiful Skylar is, so she naturally gets all the attention."

Little did he know, Winnie had put in a lot of effort just to look good for the family gathering. She hired a makeup artist to do her makeup for her and even had her outfit tailor-made half a month ago. She treated this gathering a lot more important than any other events she attended, but she only ended up making a joke out of herself.

She looked like a sore thumb sticking out.

Tobias was dressed casually, and so was Skylar.

Her jeans and coat made a simple style. She had her hair combed neatly and tied up in a ponytail. Her casual style was exactly everyone's cup of tea.

On the contrary, Winnie looked like she was trying too hard to impress.

Although there was not much to talk about, Skylar greeted each and everyone in the family courteously.

Just as Skylar was done greeting them, Claudia came over. "Skylar, are you good at cooking? Some of the servants are on leave today, so we need some help in the kitchen. Do you mind helping out a little?"

This was the first time Claudia requested Skylar's help.

Skylar shook her head in embarrassment. "I'm really bad at cooking, Mrs. Ford, but I don't mind trying. I can use some help from Winnie though. I really enjoyed the food she made last time."

"Right. Claudia, why don't you help out as well? There's still some time before we finish our card game, so you two can take your time."

Tobias came over and held Skylar by her waist in front of everyone. "Do you want to join us for a game? I don't mind not eating though."