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Skylar lowered her head to scroll her phone as she answered casually, "Since Cassidy is treating them to dinner tonight, I can understand why she doesn't invite me. Besides, I don't prefer social dining anyway. I can hardly stand it when everyone around me hypocritically pretends to be nice."

Despite Skylar's generosity, Hannah was still a little disgruntled. She pushed her glasses and continued, "I know it feels bad to be isolated. Imagine some people creating a smaller WhatsApp group to gossip and laugh at those who are excluded. Well, I think they will gossip about you later tonight."

Skylar replied laughingly, "I'm mentally prepared for it. Do you think people never commented about me in the past?"

The next moment, her smile froze when she was checking the balance of her debit card.

After Hannah came closer to peek at it, she exclaimed, "How can you possibly have only three thousand left in it?"

Skylar exited the interface and explained awkwardly, "I used most of my money to buy a house. As for a hundred thousand that remains in my account, I gave most of it to my mom."

Hannah's jaw nearly dropped upon hearing it. After a while, she exclaimed, "Are all actresses that poor? Besides, Mr. Ford should have given you some money to spend, right?"

Skylar massaged her temples upon hearing it. She always had a headache once money came to mind.

A few seconds later, she explained, "I'm a financially independent woman. Anyway, he certainly wishes that I'll be financially dependent on him. That was why he encouraged me to buy a house. By the way, I bought the villa with discounts." On the other hand, Hannah still couldn't understand the rationale behind Skylar's action.

Since Skylar can get everything that easily, why does she put herself in trouble?

As Skylar understood Hannah's doubts, she said pessimistically, "I have the necessary skills to make money now. As I used to grow up alone, I know how it feels to be helpless. So, I understand that I can't count on others and have to depend on myself." Hannah was heartbroken upon hearing it. A moment later, she handed over a box of milk from her bag to Skylar and said, "I'm luckier than you somehow, for my parents make enough money to support the family. Besides, I'm the only child in the family. My parents opposed it when I said I wished to be a celebrity assistant, mainly because they were worried that I would be bullied. For many years, my mom only wanted me to become a public servant. Hence, she cried when I went against their wishes. Now, they're relieved that I'm working for a good boss."

Skylar could tell that Hannah's family pampered her since she was young. Hence, Hannah could hardly undergo any hardship. Nonetheless, Skylar was happy to hire her because she was honest, kind-hearted, and trustworthy.

Skylar rested her chin on her hand and looked at Hannah. "What is it like to be loved by mom

and dad? I can't imagine the feeling of living with parents."

Suddenly, Hannah perked up and suggested, "Well, you'll know it by having a child. When you

and Mr. Ford have a kid, you can experience how it feels like to live with family."

However, Skylar answered hesitantly, "That'll be too difficult."

Skylar knew that Tobias had also come to Dellmoor, yet she hadn't received any news about him after the night closed in. Since the others went to John's Roast Duck, Skylar brought Hannah to a barbecue restaurant instead.

It was said that the barbecue food in the North was delicious. Besides, this area was said to be Skylar's food paradise, for she liked rich-flavored delicacies. After sitting down, she ordered two bottles of beer and some chicken skewers. It was rather cold outside, the leaves falling as the wind gusted through. According to the weather forecast, it would snow tonight in Dellmoor. However, Skylar still didn't see any snowflakes thus far. After a while, Skylar said casually, "The first snowfall will probably arrive soon. They say that lovers should meet and kiss each other during the first snowfall so they will never be apart." Hannah was enjoying the chicken skewers as she replied, "You've been watching too many TV shows."

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Skylar pursed her lips after Hannah responded. When Skylar was young, she was just like most ordinary young ladies who loved watching TV shows and envisioned having a romantic relationship. However, she wasn't the naive lady anymore and became more realistic. "Do you have a boyfriend?" Skylar suddenly realized that she didn't know much about Hannah. Nevertheless, Skylar guessed that Hannah was probably dating someone. After all, when Hannah was free, she would always smile to herself as she looked at the phone. As an experienced woman, Skylar knew that only those who were in love would behave like

that.

Of course, she didn't experience it with Tobias, for he never had the time to text her all day.

When she was in a relationship with Jeremy, they texted every night as though they had endless things to tell one another.

Lately, Skylar hadn't heard any news about Jeremy. She only knew that he was about to graduate, yet his life wasn't comfortable because he rarely had jobs. Although Skylar was still upset about what happened earlier, she didn't hold a deep grudge against him now.

On the other hand, Hannah revealed her private life to Skylar after gulping down her glass of wine. "Yes, I knew him on the internet, and we've been chatting for several months. He said he'll come and meet up with me."

Given that it was online dating, Skylar reminded, "Well, you've to be cautious because there are many scams related to online dating."

Now, Skylar understood why Hannah was constantly on a diet. Hannah was considered chubby for a woman, for she was 5'6 feet but weighed 160 pounds. Nonetheless, she thought she would appear thinner by wearing looser clothes, but the effect was insignificant.

Although an assistant had to move around all the time, Hannah didn't become any slimmer.

Instead, Hannah actually gained weight after the shooting of *Empyrean Sword*, for the boxed lunch prepared by the crew was too delicious.

Right then, Skylar was thinking of giving some makeup tips to Hannah. She could even ask some of her stylists to teach Hannah as well.

After all, Hannah probably had no idea about how to put on makeup to look more attractive.

There was a time when Hannah thought she had some pretty makeup on. However, when she showed up before Tobias, he was just staring at her bewilderedly. Before she could ask for his opinion about her looks, Tobias asked straightaway, "I think there's something dirty on your face."

Nonetheless, Skylar eventually decided to bite her tongue, for she didn't want to hurt

Hannah's self-esteem.

While eating, Hannah always had her phone in one hand. She kept texting while eating the chicken skewers. By the looks of it, it seemed like that guy had also responded her back quickly.

Ding! She opened the message impatiently once she heard the notification sound.

On the other hand, Skylar checked her phone and only found some notifications sent by the applications.

She tapped on Tobias' chatbox, yet there was no message from him at all.

Shortly afterward, Skylar realized that Hannah was taking pictures of her and asked, "Why are you taking pictures of me?"

Hannah didn't respond to it but flattered her instead. "Skylar, I envy you. I mean, you always look good and don't even have to apply any filters."

Skylar thought about it and chimed in, "Well, I used to apply filters on pictures all the time. I

edited all my pictures for a long time before uploading them on Friendster. But I've stopped doing it a long time ago."

After sending Skylar's pictures to her boyfriend, Hannah continued drinking her beer guiltily.

She was increasingly anxious because she would be meeting her boyfriend soon.

Hannah hadn't thought about how to explain to her boyfriend that those pictures were not

hers. After all, her boyfriend always said that she looked as beautiful as Skylar.

Meanwhile, at John's Roast Duck, everyone else had arrived in the private room. Just then,

Josiah asked, "Why hasn't Skylar arrived yet? We haven't met each other for a long time."

Avery raised her eyebrows and explained, "I invited her, but she said she doesn't prefer

socializing. She's always been that way since young. That's why we didn't force her to

come."

Josiah replied disgruntledly, "How could an actress behave in such a way?

I mean, only

those who are spoiled don't socialize with people."