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Tobias caught it in the air and frowned as well when he saw Idania's texts. He knew how hard life had been for her ever since her parents died. To make matters worse, she had no friends to depend on and could practically die alone at home and no one would know.

However, her actions had caused him a lot of problems indirectly, especially after Skylar saw her messages as he had no idea how he could explain it to Idania either.

Skylar glared coldly at Tobias with a sarcastic smile as she asked, "Well? Aren't you going to give me an explanation? I don't quite like being lied to, as you know. Since when you got so close with your ex-girlfriend, hmm?"

Tobias didn't like being accused of lying and said calmly, "You're overreacting. She's been having some problems with her health lately, so she needs my help with stuff. I'm only helping her out of respect for our previous relationship. That's all."

Skylar tried her best to be big-hearted and understanding about it but still found herself feeling disgusted no matter what.

"I don't like you being in contact with her. We're not living in the past where men could have a few wives, so leave me if you still have feelings for each other," she said with her back facing Tobias while lying down in bed.

Tobias couldn't help but find her statement a little ridiculous. Skylar was the pessimistic type who would overthink and jump to the worst possible conclusions whenever she got emotional.

He then sat down beside her on the bed and whispered into her ear, "I know. Don't worry. I haven't done anything that would count as cheating on you."

Tobias sure knows how to pick his words! I can't believe how casual he is making this all sound!

Skylar could barely sleep at all that night. Her repeated tossing and turning got so intense that even Tobias who was fast asleep frowned and put his arm around her.

Eventually, Skylar decided to take his phone while he was still sleeping and deal with Idania's messages herself as she knew Idania wouldn't stop texting him until he replied.

With a cold look in her eyes, Skylar skimmed through all of her messages and saw that the last one came in at half past three in the morning.

She had thought about replying her for him, but figured she was probably asleep by then.

Skylar heated up the leftover snacks from last night for breakfast in the microwave and made herself a hot cup of coffee to go with it. At that point, having some hot food in her tummy was her only source of comfort.

Tobias was dressed in a navy-blue suit and a white dress shirt with the first button undone, exuding an icy-cold aura wherever he went.

Skylar called out to him when he was at the front door and held her hand out as she said,

"Give me your phone. Some people do not belong in your WhatsApp contacts, and I'm going to clear them out for you."

She had been up all night thinking about it and felt she was being too lenient with Tobias.

To her, staying in contact with one's ex was a bad idea, regardless of the reason.

Tobias shot her a cold glare and said, "Quit messing around, will you? Do you not trust me at all?"

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Skylar furrowed her eyebrows in response. Before she saw the earlier message, she could still trust him. However, now that Idania had come in between them, her trust could only be earned if he blocked Idania.

With a resolute gaze, she asked, "Can you show me your phone? If she isn't feeling well, she can look for someone else instead of complaining to you in the middle of the night."

Tobias snapped, "Don't think that this is absurd? Have I spoilt you? You are making a fuss over nothing. There's nothing going on between us. It's up to you whether you believe it or not."

Skylar stared blankly at Tobias' silhouette as he left. She had expected him to react badly to her actions.

However, she didn't imagine that it would be to that extent.

Having watched both of them quietly, Madelyn cleared her throat and casually commented,

"Throughout my years of working as a maid, I have seen such cases one too many times.

Men always behave this way. But, I admire all their wives for tolerating it. As long as they received their monthly allowance, they would turn a blind eye to their husband's infidelity and live their lives in denial."

Skylar was still staring intently in Tobias' direction while suppressing the exasperation in her heart.

Cognizant that making a big fuss would be detrimental to their relationship, she chose to restrain herself. Nonetheless, Tobias still looked at her as if she was crazy.

He really doesn't know how to spoil a woman at all.

Skylar retorted, "Why must I live in denial? I ended up in this situation precisely because I did that previously."

Since Tobias wasn't going to block Idania, she decided to act decisively by meeting the "pitiful" lady herself. Given that she knows Tobias has a girlfriend, why must she seek comfort from him in the middle of the night?

Meanwhile, the posters that Skylar had shot for Gucci had been put up in all their branches.

In it, she was dressed in period-style spring wear matched with a maroon-colored wig. The

inspiration for her makeup was from medieval palace courts.

Accentuating her features,

helped her exude an air of old-world charm and nobility.

Standing in front of the posters, Avery clenched her sleeves and gritted her teeth.

She couldn't stand how someone who couldn't afford Gucci had now become its regional spokesperson.

Meanwhile, Charles emerged behind her breathing heavily. Without the need to look, Avery

knew it was him the moment she smelled the intense body odor he emitted.

Holding her nose, she turned around in resentment. "Why can't you put on some cologne

before you come and see me. The stench you're emitting is absolutely disgusting."

Raising his flabby arms, Charles smelled his armpit. "It's not as bad you make it out to be. I

have spent a week at the detention center and forgot to bathe before I came."

Avery was utterly disgusted. If not for Charles, she would have never known that men were capable of being so filthy.

However, that's why he is compatible with Skylar. After all, birds of the same feather flock

together. When he ambushed her during one of her events, both of them looked perfect

together.

The more Avery thought about it, the more she felt Skylar had gotten off too lightly compared to a famous scandal some time ago.

Back then, a famous actress was kidnapped by mobsters. They took nude pictures of her and took turns to sully her. Furthermore, the whole process was caught on video. Twenty years later, one could still find it on the internet. The actress was devastated after the incident. Later on, she committed suicide at home by overdosing herself as she could no longer bear the humiliation. If only Skylar and Charles could be put together. As the image of both of them flashed across her mind, Avery couldn't resist but smile in glee. Just as Charles was digging into his burger, Avery rolled her eyes at him. She had bought him lunch but didn't order anything herself. She had lost her appetite just by looking at his face.

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"Once you're done, I'll pay you three hundred thousand." Avery forced herself to smile and desperately tried to refrain from puking at the sight of his face. Charles snorted, "Now that Skylar is so famous, what you're offering is too little given what you are asking me to do." Avery rolled her eyes. "Just think about it. If you sleep with her, you will be the envy of everyone in town. I heard that she is still a virgin. So, only a masculine man like you deserves to plow that fertile land of hers." Avery's words had piqued Charles' interest. Ever since he kissed her the last time, his desire for her intensified. After all, every man fantasized her body. If he could be the first man to sleep with her, it would definitely be a heavenly experience for him.

He asked excitedly, "How do you know she is still a virgin? Hasn't she slept with anyone else in the entertainment industry? I want to make sure you're not lying to me."

Avery reassured him with a smile, "She is my sister. So, it's definitely not a bluff. Now that she is famous, she will definitely keep the fact that you have slept with her a secret, despite how miserable she feels about it."

Charles began to feel upset. "She won't feel miserable at all. Come on, all the women I have been with were impressed by my performance in bed."

Just as Charles' breath blew across her face, Avery couldn't stop herself from retching at the stench.

Unable to stand the sight of him any longer, she hurriedly concluded, "Now that it has been decided, I will transfer three hundred thousand to your account then. As to when the opportunity will arise, I'll inform you later."

Charles seized upon the opportunity to stroke Avery's hand. "Alright, pretty lady. I'll wait for your call."

The moment Charles left, Avery dashed into the bathroom. She scrubbed her hand so hard that her skin became blistering red and painful.

Meanwhile, Skylar had gotten someone to find out where Idania lived. When she found out that Idania's address was just a kilometer away from Tobias' residence, she wondered if it was chosen on purpose. It was so close that one could reach her house by brisk walking for a few minutes.

As for Idania, she wasn't surprised when she received Skylar's call. In fact, she wondered why it took Skylar such a long time to finally call her after all the trouble she caused.

Nevertheless, it was better late than never.

Coincidentally, Avery had also called her to inform her that she had arranged a potential

marriage partner for Skylar.  
Furthermore, Idania believed that Tobias would soon be sick of Skylar.  
The way she saw it,  
Tobias wasn't someone who was particularly faithful.

After she finished work, Skylar arrived at a small restaurant near Idania's house. It was a venue that Idania had chosen.

Inside her car, she suggested to Idania over the phone, "The place is not convenient for me as there are too many people inside. Why don't we find somewhere else that's quieter."

Idania replied, "I'm already here, Ms. Jones. Can I trouble you to bear with me? I'm still weak and can't walk far."

Skylar squirmed her lips. How shameless can she be to claim that she's feeling weak? She

certainly was very energetic when texting in the middle of the night.

However, since Idania had made the request, Skylar felt that it would look bad on her if she

refused. Hence, she had no choice but to proceed as agreed.

When Skylar saw Idania, she realized why she had insisted to meet at that particular restaurant.

The restaurant's blue signboard was so old that its name was covered by the oily grime that

stained it. The moment she entered, she was greeted by a gamey smell so heavy that it

overpowered her perfume.

Inside, they were the only customers, causing Skylar to heave a sigh of relief. She was

worried that there would be a crowd which would be an inconvenience.

Freedom was now a luxury for her.

"Ms. Jones, please sit."

As Skylar had just gotten out of the car, her hands were still freezing cold.

This was also the

first time she met with Idania in such close proximity.

She noticed that Idania and her resembled each other a lot. Both of them had slightly knitted

eyebrows and almond-shaped eyes. Idania too had a gentle demeanor which added to her charming allure.

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When Skylar saw the wrinkles at the corner of Idania's eyes, she reminded herself to apply her eye cream every night. After all, she might look worse than Idania by the time she turned thirty.

"Tobias and I used to come here last time. He doesn't really like pork. Hence, he enjoys the fried beef cutlets served here as it suits his tastes perfectly." Idania let out a gentle smile as she handed Skylar the menu with one hand.

Receiving the menu politely, Skylar raised an eyebrow. "You probably haven't eaten with him in a while. Now, he stays away from oily food. Just a few days ago, we went to have beef wellington. I didn't enjoy it but he liked it very much. Anyway, he doesn't like me visiting fly-infested restaurants like this. After all, I have a weak stomach and he worries that I'll get sick."

Idania's smile slowly faded. "One feels blissful when one is dining with a loved one. It doesn't matter if it's in a classy restaurant or a dirty one."

Skylar nodded with a smile. "That's true. That's why he enjoys the spaghetti I make. Anyway, I'm not familiar with this place, so you should order on my behalf. Don't order whatever he likes. Instead, order whatever he hates the most."

"How can two people with such different tastes live together? Tobias and I have similar preferences for food. He likes his food with lighter seasoning." Idania squinted her eyes at Skylar as she insisted on ordering Tobias' favorite food.



She wasn't lying to Skylar. Tobias used to visit the restaurant very often with her. At that time, he was so busy that he didn't care about what he ate, as long as he could fill his stomach. Neither did he have the patience to waste time on the kind of fine dining which Skylar had just mentioned.

Hence, Idania had suffered through the difficult days of old alongside him. However, Skylar was now enjoying the fruits of their labor. After having achieved wealth and influence, Tobias had replaced her with someone younger and prettier. Nevertheless, she had faith that the memories Tobias and her shared were irreplaceable. Therefore, she considered Skylar to just be a fling of his. Or else, there was no reason for him not to make their relationship public after so long. Skylar replied confidently, "I won't change my taste for someone else. I will not be happy if I have to lose myself for the sake of being with someone else. Ms. Garland, my purpose here today isn't to discuss what my boyfriend's tastes are nor what he likes to eat." From the moment she received her call, Idania knew that Skylar didn't come with friendly intentions. Thinking back to last night, she figured Skylar must have seen the message she sent to Tobias. Is that the reason why Tobias didn't reply to my messages? From the beginning, Idania had never expected Tobias to reply to her messages. Putting aside the fact that they had broken up for such a long time, Tobias behaved the same way even when they were still together. In fact, he would disappear for no reason for a long time. He wouldn't contact her nor reply to her messages at all. Hence, it was impossible for her to feel secure with a boyfriend like

that.

Consequently, it was rather frustrating to be with someone like that.

However, after breaking

up, she was utterly heartbroken and couldn't forget him still.

Amidst the quiet but incendiary atmosphere, Idania meekly stared into Skylar's eyes and

saw the flames raging within them.

"Though I'm a few years older than you, you can call me Idania. I don't want to make

enemies of you since there's hardly any animosity between us. Ms.

Jones, please go ahead

with what you have come to say."

Skylar hated it when Idania tried to play victim when she was obviously the one who started

to cling onto Tobias. Now, those not in the know would assume that

Idania was the one who

had suffered some injustice at Skylar's hands.

When the food was served, neither of them touched anything. Skylar couldn't bring herself

to dine at the same table as Idania.

She raised her eyebrow. "Let me be upfront then. Stop contacting Tobias as he already has

me. If you are sick, please get yourself treated. My boyfriend can't cure you because he isn't

a doctor. You should go to the hospital and get yourself checked up.

Otherwise, who will you

blame in the event that something happens to you?"

Just as Idania's eyes widened, she held onto her chest while her face turned pale.

As Skylar had graduated from drama school, she could easily tell when someone was

acting. From the looks of it now, Idania seemed to be trying too hard.

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Furthermore, Skylar couldn't see why Tobias fancied her back in the day.

Although, she had

to admit Idania did seem like a capable woman.

Feigning innocence, Idania defended herself, “I am not trying to get in the way of your relationship. Ms. Jones, isn’t it too much for you to bully me just because I’m sick? Are you cursing me so that my condition worsens? One should always be kind or you will reap what you sow.”

Skylar was puzzled by Idania’s reaction. After all, she was just being objective by asserting her stand calmly.

After all, compared to the usual way mistresses were confronted, which usually turn into violent catfights, Skylar assumed that she was being civil by speaking face to face with her.

Nevertheless, she figured it was time to stop for fear that Idania would dramatically collapse on the spot. By then, her reputation would be damaged beyond repair. She replied calmly. “It’s fine if you don’t understand what I’m trying to say now. You can think about my words when you’re back home. After all, I have said what I came here to say. I heard that your sickness is pretty serious. Therefore, you should get more rest. Staying up late will just inhibit your recovery. Besides, there’s no point texting after midnight especially when you’re not going to get a reply.”

Idania felt her heart tighten as she flashed Skylar a jealous glare. She even sneered at herself for having sunk so low as to end up being ridiculed by a young immature girl.

After Skylar paid and left, she was recognized on the street. A few young girls had surrounded her and were screaming in excitement.

Standing at the restaurant entrance, Idania’s jealousy intensified at the sight. Watching with disdain, Idania felt that Skylar was nothing but a pretty face. After all, she was just a student from drama school.

How could one with such qualifications even be compatible with Tobias?  
They don't even

have anything in common to talk about. Hence, she is just an empty vessel riding on her youth and beauty.

After Skylar left, Idania proceeded to Avery's home. Avery had sent Idania her address a few days ago.

When she arrived, Idania realized that Avery's family was wealthy too. Given the luxurious residential area they were staying in, every villa there would cost at least thirty to forty million.

Moreover, she did hear about Quest Group's takeover by Ford Group, and the scandal involving the chairman...

The Jones family are indeed embroiled in many controversies.

When Idania entered the villa, Avery was chatting with her mom.

After the shock she felt the last time, Irene felt apprehensive when she saw a stranger enter her home. Hence, she maintained a cold and unwelcoming expression. When Idania greeted her, Irene pretended not to have heard and gradually climbed up the stairs instead.

Avery glowered. "Look, this is what that b\*tch has done to my mom. Our family is now in shambles. Not to mention that my career is destroyed. Until now, no director has dared to touch me with a ten-foot pole."

Idania squinted her eyes. "I just met her and we parted on bad terms. She is evil and intimidates everyone she meets."

Avery raised her eyebrows. "I told you that she's no good. Now that Tobias has her back, she is lording over us. For now, let's tolerate her behavior. But, we will soon hold her accountable for everything that she has done."

Idania sighed. "As long as you help me break them up, I can get back together with Tobias.

When that happens, I will make sure that you become a highly coveted actress once again."

Avery didn't understand how Idania could be so confident. She behaved as if she was

destined to be with Tobias as long as he broke up with Skylar.

When Idania read the notice after she sent Tobias a message, her heart sank. Tobias has

blocked her on WhatsApp by set a filter on his WhatsApp. Which meant, one needed to send

him a friend request; no message could get through before being accepted as a friend.