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However, Skylar felt that her mind was as clear as day. If Wesley sold the house, it would be tantamount to selling off her childhood memories.

Before Grandma passed away, she was worried about the house too as that was the only thing she had left behind.

After Skylar left, Lauren asked Kevin, "Who is the man beside Skylar? He looks really handsome."

Kevin replied, "He's Tobias Ford, CEO of Ford Group, and her boyfriend." Seventeen-year-old Lauren gaped. It took her a long time to regain her senses.

She must be thinking of becoming a celebrity with this information. Reading Lauren's mind, he tapped gently on her head. "Don't get any funny ideas. Tobias is not someone we can offend. Despite openly moving around together, no one has dared to expose their relationship. I'm sure you know what that means. Besides, even if we revealed it, it's not like we're going to get a reward. In fact, it might be the opposite."

Just when Lauren thought of using the opportunity to become famous, Kevin nip her idea in the bud.

She then elbowed Kevin in the chest. "When will you be able to pay your debt? From the looks of it, your cousin doesn't seem to be willing to help you. Furthermore, the creditors aren't going to give you time. Given that they are gangsters, they are certainly capable of doing anything."

Kevin smiled confidently. "When we were kids, Skylar and I were close. During that time, my family looked down upon her because her parents were not around, and she wasn't good at

her studies. Furthermore, she spoke bluntly and didn't know how to curry favor the adults.

Given that she looked like a tomboy then, no one expected her to become so famous today.

Don't worry, she is soft-hearted and will definitely help me. After all, I'm her cousin, and she won't bear to see me suffer."

However, Lauren still wasn't convinced. "But still, it's a large amount of money. It would be possible if it was two hundred thousand. But two million? Where would she find the money?

Besides, even your own sister doesn't want to help you, let alone your cousin."

Nevertheless, Kevin didn't feel that two million was going to be a problem for Skylar given that she was living in a villa with a housekeeper to tend to her needs. From his perspective, Skylar must be earning a lot.

Even if her pay from acting wasn't enough, Tobias had been together with her for some time now. The amount of profit the Ford Group made every year was definitely staggering.

As Tobias was filthy rich, two million would likely be peanuts to him. Annoyed by Lauren's nagging, he threw his cigarette onto the ground and stubbed it out with his feet. "You should head home first. I'm not escorting you home as Eva is about to come back. Given the chaos my family is in I will probably be reprimanded when I return home."

Lauren raised her heels to bring her lips close to Kevin's ears.

"Tomorrow night, there will be another round. So, will you be coming? Perhaps, it's your chance to turn things around and win back all the money you have lost. If you do, you won't need to get anyone else to bail you out anymore. Besides, I've pleaded with one of them to loan us more money."

Kevin replied without hesitation. "Of course, I'll be there. I have a gut feeling that luck will be

on my side. I even won a couple of hundred at the lottery yesterday.”
When Lauren heard Kevin’s answer, her mind was put at ease.
After Kevin had left, she made a call to Hayden and told him that the fish
had taken the bait.

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Lauren wasn’t aware why Hayden was interested in Kevin given that it
had nothing to do
with her anyway. After all, she would be paid fifty thousand every time
she brought him

there. And that was a lot more than she could earn working in a cafe. ...

Before Kevin went back upstairs, he had mentally prepared himself.

Taking a deep breath,

he pushed open the door and saw that Eva was home.

Without saying a word, Eva rushed over and slapped him hard on his
face.

Feeling heartbroken, Sharon looked toward her and reprimanded, “Eva,
why did you slap

him? He isn’t sensible because he is still young. He already feels bad
enough. There’s no

need to slap him at all.”

Eva snapped, “Why are you still protecting him given how dire the
circumstances are? So

what if he is still young? He shouldn’t have gotten into that kind of
trouble. He keeps making

mistakes because you have spoiled him. Kevin, you should have just
stuck to playing with

your phone. Why did you start gambling? What makes you think that
you can win given that

you have never made any money before? We have never placed any
hope on you to be

successful, but at the very least, you shouldn’t be holding us back.”

Eva hated how her parents spoiled Kevin just because he was a boy.

They were so biased

that it didn’t matter what he did wrong.

However, Kevin reacted appropriately this time. He dropped to his knees
suddenly and cried.

When no tears came out, he could only declare in remorse, “Mom, Dad, Eva, I know I have messed up. I have been cheated and didn’t want this to happen either. I will definitely turn over a new leaf, so don’t be angry at me anymore. I know I deserve to be punished. I only acted that way because of the stress from my studies. Therefore, I don’t plan to continue with my exams. Instead, I’ll start working to pay back all the money I owe.”

Reaching out his hand to help Kevin up, Wesley remarked in disappointment, “Your actions have caused us to feel disheartened. Your sister is right, you really aren’t sensible. Given how young you are, how dare you act so brazenly. Tell me, if you don’t continue your studies, what else can you do?”

Eva was worried that she too would be dragged into Kevin’s problems given that her phone had been ringing non-stop since the morning. Kevin’s creditors had started to call her and demand their money back brutally. In fact, even her colleagues received the calls, causing her to feel humiliated.

Infuriated, Eva bellowed, “What’s the use of apologizing? You should go and pay back your debt instead of dragging your family into it. Do you think money grows on trees in our family?”

When she saw how furious Eva was, Sharon tried to assuage her anger, “There’s no need for you to be so angry. Skylar would definitely help us as she is worried that we will sell the house. By using it to threaten her, she will definitely cough out the money willingly.”

Eva was dumbfounded at the fact that they assumed Skylar would be so easily convinced.

She sneered, "If Skylar really treated us like family and felt grateful to us, she wouldn't have ignored us the last time."

Sharon furrowed her eyebrows. "Skylar told me today that she was the one who helped Kevin with the game credits the last time."

Eva smirked. "I was the one who resolved it. Did you think she would have helped? Looks like we have to force her hand by going to the press. We can accuse her of forsaking her family after becoming famous. She would then be left with no choice.

But, I have to make it clear that this matter cannot be linked to me. After all, I work at the Ford Group. If my boss

knows that I am involved, I will hate all of you for the rest of my life."

Eva's gaze was both cold and cruel. As Wesley and Sharon exchanged glances, they felt that her idea sounded like a workable plan.

After all, every celebrity treasured their reputation, and Skylar would definitely not want the matter to blow up.