

## Chapter 0005

Alex was not close with his mother, Helen.

From the first time Alex brought Candice back home, Helen had never liked her.

Alex preferred some distance between Candice and his family, so unless absolutely necessary, he would never send her back to his mother's place.

Candice called Alex.

He answered this time. Judging from his tone and giggles, he seemed to be in a good mood.


Candice paused briefly before she said, "You seemed to be in a good mood."

"Not bad." Alex admitted without any elaboration. He stifled his giggles and asked, "What is it?"

Candice narrowed her eyes. "Your mother wants me to drop by her house now."

Alex was silent but Candice heard a thud from his side, followed by Sonia's cry. She must have bumped into something.

Before Alex ended the call at the next second, he said,

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“You don’t need to ask me about that.”

Candice sat in the meeting room for ten minutes before she drove to the Elysians’ residence.

Alex must have forgotten about the first time he brought Candice home when Helen gave her a hard time and even spilled hot water on her hand. He gently stroked her ear and whispered to console her, telling her to be careful of his mother.

Candice arrived at the Elysians’ residence and bumped into Helen, who was sending a lady off.

She recognized the lady, so she smiled and nodded.

Candice was beautiful and smart. Close friends with the Elysians viewed her as the future daughter-in-law of the family.

After sending the lady off, Helen looked at Candice. “Where’s Alex? Why isn’t he with you?”

“He’s busy,” Candice said.

Helen scoffed and went to the study room. She then gave Candice an invitation card. “The party at Morinaga Estate, have Alex attend.”

The event at Morinaga Estate was considered one of the most luxurious parties in Dorrington City.

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Everyone in the upper crust wanted an invitation and those who managed were either rich or influential.

Candice accepted the invitation card and called Alex again to inform him about the party.

After finding out what happened, Alex said he would come to meet her.

Candice dared not leave on her own, so she waited for Alex at a nearby coffee shop.

Alex arrived after a while, but his facial expression was frosty and he did not even bother to conceal the impatience in his eyes.

Candice spotted a pink stain on his collar and she skipped a breath.

Her hand on the coffee table curled unconsciously. She asked, "Want anything?"

"No, thanks," Alex said coldly as if he was dealing with mundane paperwork. Annoyed, he added, "Give me the invitation card."

Candice took the beautiful card out of her purse and handed it to him. "The party is this weekend. Do you want a bespoke suit or just a branded one?"

Taking care of such small matters for him was a

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simple task for Candice as she was meticulous with a nurturing nature.

Alex replied, "Send Sonia the details as well. She's coming with me to the party."

Candice reminded him, "The party at Morinaga Estate is important. She's not suitable."

"Anyone I bring is suitable." Alex gave her no chance to argue. He grabbed the invitation card and wanted to leave.

Candice's sharp gaze noticed Alex's phone screen when a notification popped up.

She could not see the content but saw a profile picture with a pink rabbit. She then simply looked away and remained quiet, a sign of her acknowledging what Alex said.

He was right. As the CEO of Aether Corporation, he was someone everyone tried to flatter. Anyone he brought to the party would certainly be suitable.

Alex stood up and started leaving, so Candice started packing her things as well.

Before she got up, Alex stopped and looked at her from a few steps away.

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“Don’t call this number anymore. Call my work phone,” he said emotionlessly.

Candice had always contacted him on his private number as his work phone was constantly busy and she might not get to him in time.

He frowned. “I don’t want people to misunderstand.”

Candice knew exactly who he was referring to.

She nodded with slight disappointment in her eyes. “I understand.”

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Since Alex said he would bring Sonia to the party this weekend, Candice did not interfere.

She compiled the information into a file, sent it to Sonia via email, and stopped asking.

However, Sonia was just an intern. She had to juggle between dealing with her workload and preparing for the party, so it overwhelmed her easily.

Candice saw her in a mess and Alex's reminder rang in her head. She asked Sonia, "Do you need help?"

Sonia was startled.

Candice looked into the girl's eyes calmly. "There will be a lot of guests at Morinaga Estate's party this weekend. I've sent you the guest list. Try to remember their preferences and you just need to remind Alex when he meets them."

Sonia nodded repeatedly and showed an adorable smile. "Thank you, Candice."

"Don't be nervous." Candice paused for a moment and added, "Alex will take care of you."

Sonia blushed when Alex's name was mentioned. She

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bit her lips shyly and returned to her workstation with the file.

Candice said nothing. She sent the same file to Alex's work phone as well.

She had ceased contacting Alex via his private number ever since he asked her to do so.

After she sent the file over, she unconsciously scrolled down and saw the display picture on Alex's private number had turned into a pink rabbit.

It had only been days.

This reminded Candice of when she asked Alex to change his gray profile picture but he had always said it was troublesome.

Later in the afternoon, the receptionist called to inform the arrival of Alex's client.

Candice told the receptionist to arrange for the client to wait in the meeting room before she got up and informed Alex.

Alex nodded and headed to the meeting room with her.

When he passed by Sonia's desk, he tapped on it and said coldly, "Come to the meeting room."

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Alex was obviously trying to train Sonia.

Rumors abound in the company that Candice was losing the CEO's affection, but she remained unbothered.

She followed Alex to the meeting room and chatted with the client.

She then looked at Sonia and said, "Go bring us some tea."

When Sonia returned with tea, she saw Candice and Alex talking to the client masterfully. The sweet look on her face froze for a moment.

After the client left, she grumbled softly, "Candice, Mr. Elysian, I'll be going back to my work."

Candice barely reacted.

The girl looked at Alex with reluctance and left the meeting room, leaving Alex alone with Candice.

Candice frowned and asked, "Are you sure about bringing her to the party?"

"If not?" Alex frowned and added, "Tell Janet to join the meeting whenever the client comes."

Janet Lee was another secretary at the Secretary's



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Office and she had always managed internal affairs.

Candice recalled Sonia's grievance from earlier and instantly figured it out.

She could not help but sigh. "You are too good to her."

Alex did not deny it. "She's still a girl, of course I have to be good to her."

Then, a sudden thought rushed to his mind and he said, "Oh and choose a dress for Sonia. I'll pay for it, just claim from Finance later."

Candice never knew how caring Alex could be. She nodded stiffly and said, "I'll ask for her preference later."

Before clocking out, Candice brought a few dresses to ask for Sonia's opinion.

As she was about to enter the office, she heard Sonia's aggrieved voice, saying, "Mr. Elysian, you should bring Candice to the party. I'm clumsy and I can't do well. I don't want to embarrass you."

Candice was stuck at the entrance, wondering whether to go in or leave.

Then, she heard Alex say, "She's just an employee. You are my girlfriend. Who do you think would

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embarrass me more?" 1

Candice looked down.  
She was just an employee to him.

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