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During the weekend, Alex brought Sonia to the party.

Candice was not overly concerned but she bumped into Alex when she left the house in the afternoon.

He wore a simple shirt with the collar opened, exposing his collar bones and they looked tempting.

Coincidentally, Candice wore a black dress, which was the same color as Alex's shirt. In addition to his simple design, they had matching outfits like a couple.

Candice paused for a moment. She looked blank when she asked, "Going to the party now?"

Alex hummed a reply. It sounded plain as if he was uninterested.

The elevator stopped on the first floor and Candice walked out first.

She had a dinner date with Lisa, the unlucky secretary who got fired a while ago.

When Lisa was fired, Candice wanted to talk to Alex about it but did not have the chance.

Candice met up with Lisa at a Japanese restaurant.

Lisa opened up to her and complained about how unlucky she was. She only lectured Sonia for a bit when the latter did not finish her work, and the next thing she knew, she was given the letter.

Candice said, “That girl is Alex’s precious baby now. You stepped on her tail, of course you’d end up hurt.”

Lisa was upset and confused. “What did Mr. Elysian see in her?”

She felt bad for Candice as well. “I heard Mr. Elysian is training her too.”

Everyone in Aether Corporation knew how much Candice had done for the company—she worked hard and devoted her life to it. Whenever Alex wanted a particular client, Candice would secure the client by hook or by crook.

Candice sipped her green tea in silence.

Employees in Aether said that Sonia would be her replacement, but she begged to differ.

Alex groomed her himself since she was eighteen. From the ignorant young girl to the confident and masterful woman that she was now, Alex trained her every step of the way.

Sonia was different. She was like a tiny pot of flowers in his hand that he would water every day.

He asked Candice to help her and brought her to all kinds of important social events just to give her the exposure. He had been doing quite a lot to train her but the girl still underperformed.

After parting ways with Lisa, Candice was about to head home when she received a call from Alex.

The man sounded rushed, “Dorrington Hospital. Come here now.”

When Candice arrived at the hospital, Alex’s hand was already in a bandage.

Sonia was beside him, frightened and teary.

Candice went up to the man and asked with furrowed brows, “What happened? I thought you went to the party?”

Alex was sitting in the emergency room, looking pale. “We got into a car crash. The other guy is still here.”

“I’ll settle the procedures.”

Candice then looked at Sonia beside the man. She asked out of concern, “Are you hurt?”

Sonia noticed the dress Candice wore, which strikingly matched Alex. She was slightly stunned and her eyes teared up even more. She snorted and shook her head. "I'm fine. Mr. Elysian's wrist is hurt."

Her eyes were fixated on Candice's dress. Her lips moved but no words were uttered.

Candice saw every expression on the girl's face and said nothing either.

She went to look for the driver who caused the accident and negotiated with him.

After dealing with all the necessary procedures, Candice went to the convenience store outside the hospital to buy two bottles of water and a pack of wet tissues.


She noticed Alex's cracked lips.

When she returned with the things, Alex was resting with his eyes closed. She was wondering if she should wake him.

"Candice."

Someone nudged her elbow. It was Sonia.

She said, "You can leave the water with me. When Mr. Elysian wakes up, I'll give it to him."

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She tried her best to sound gentle and kind yet her smile felt forced and her eyes were still fixated on Candice's dress.

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Before Candice could give the bottles of water to Sonia, Alex woke up.

He asked in a deep voice, "Settled?"

"Mhmm. The driver will take full responsibility and he has already contacted his insurance company."

Candice went straight to Alex, twisted the bottlecap and gave it to him.

Her voice was slightly gentler than usual. "I've also contacted the person in charge of the party. I'll send you there later."

Candice was able to take care of everything meticulously and confidently.

Alex took gulps of water from the bottle.

The two of them looked so harmonious together, to the point it formed an imaginary barrier around them.

Sonia watched in silence for a while and only went up to Alex after he finished drinking.

With a lowered head and a bitter voice, she apologized, "I'm sorry Mr. Elysian. If not for me, you

wouldn't have gotten hurt.”

Alex put the bottle aside and waved at her. “Come here.”

Sonia paused for a moment before she sat down beside him.

Alex put his bandaged hand in front of her and asked softly, “Scared?”

Sonia remained quiet, her head lowered.

Alex giggled. He tilted the girl's face up with his other hand and consoled her, “I'm not scared, so what are you scared of?”

Sonia pouted. Her face puffed as she stared at him and stammered, “I'm scared that it hurts.”

She spoke softly but Candice heard her.

Candice looked down at the bottle of water that Alex put away. It was almost hitting the floor.

“Alex Elysian, is Alex Elysian's family here?”

The nurse came out of the emergency room with an X-ray film, searching for Alex's family. She spotted Alex and then Candice, so she instinctively gave the X-ray film to Candice.

“This is his X-ray. Take it to the doctor.”

Sonia wanted to get up to take the film but she froze and quietly sat down. She forced a smile as looked at Candice, pretending nothing had happened.

Candice held the X-ray film as she looked at the girl. She waited for the girl to speak but then Alex said nonchalantly, “Take it to the doctor. I have something to talk to Sonia about.”

Sonia watched as Candice walked away. She seemed grumpy.

Alex asked, “What’s wrong?”

“Nothing. I just feel that you and Candice are much more suited for each other.”

She tightened her lips right after the words escaped her mouth and carefully looked at Alex.

It was a test; a test to find out Alex’s true thoughts.

Alex went silent for a moment and he laughed. He casually answered, “Suitable? I hated her boring and uninterested look. She bores me.”

Sonia blinked a few times.

Alex said something else and it put a bright smile on



her face.

Candice was standing at the corner, wanting to give the other bottle of water to Sonia but she was rooted when she saw the scene.

Alex called her boring and uninteresting.

Alex's hand was fine. All he needed was a few days of rest to recover.

When Candice came back with the medicine, Alex and Sonia had returned to normal.

There was a hint of obvious delight in Sonia's eyes and it affirmed Candice that what she heard and saw was not a dream.

On the way back, Candice did not say a word. She dropped Sonia off before driving back to her neighborhood with Alex.

The car was parked. Candice pulled the key out and asked, "So you and her, is it confirmed?"

When Sonia got out, Candice saw through the rear mirror that she kissed Alex on the cheek.

Alex nodded.

"Since when?"

“Just now. She’s jealous of you. I had to cheer her up,” he said.

Candice tightened her grip on the car key. “Why was she jealous of me?”

Alex looked at her black dress. “Don’t wear black anymore. It looks terrible on you.”

Candice pursed her lips.

Did she look terrible in it or did Sonia not like it?