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"I'm very impressed with the idea that you came up with, Karina," Jeremy said with a warm smile.

"Thanks. I hope you got to catch up on some sleep last night..." I replied as I eyed his face.

I couldn't stop myself from smiling and giggling a little now that the bags under his eyes were less visible. It was a little sad that we had to take turns catching up on sleep like this; but hopefully soon, everything would work out for the better and this storm will past too.

"Should we relax for a day?" Jeremy suggested in a hopeful voice.

We headed back to our work desks where I dumped down my bag and my laptop. I wanted to rest for the day but the real reason that I wanted to get everything out of the way in the morning was because I had a very important matter to attend to.

"That doesn't sound too bad. Anyways, if you don't need me then..." I said before I flashed him a smile.

"Where are you going?" he asked as his eyes narrowed suspiciously at me.

"I'm not going to run out to go shopping somewhere. I have some work to do at Ace's office," I said while trying to sound extremely professional.

"Oh, right. Sometimes, I forget that you're still the CEO's secretary. Well, good luck with that," Jeremy said before he waved at me with a friendly smile.

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"Life is tough..." I complained playfully.

"Go to work, Miss Secretary," Jeremy said dismissively.

Despite his suggestion of taking it easy for the day, when I glanced back over my shoulder at him on the way out of the room, he was already busy typing on his laptop. Clearly, it wasn't just his talent and genius that kept him ahead of the curve like that.

I left the room without turning back. Now that I was done with the main part of my task, I could focus my entire afternoon on trying to 'run into Ace'.

Where is he right now?

The perks of being your boyfriend's personal secretary is that you're supposed to know where he is. I rolled my eyes at the supposedly truth. The fact was that, Ace wasn't the best at following his schedule and is famous of shrugging off his meetings or changing its location at the last minute. That just meant that the calendar that I was flipping through on my phone wasn't exactly an accurate source of information for where he was; however, it was better than nothing at all.

At least, I know who he's supposed to be with for these meetings...

Lunch time was coming up and I had the perfect idea for my first attempt to run into Ace. According to his schedule, Ace didn't have a lunch meeting; however, going out for lunch together would be too far of a stretch considering how busy he must be. That only left one solution.

Buying some lunch for him seemed to be the perfect solution but I never knew how hard it was to buy food for Ace. There were plenty of options to choose from around the office and that only exacerbated my problem.

What should I get for Ace?

Maybe something healthy and easy to eat?

Not being a very healthy eater, it was quite hard for me to pick something out. Plus, I wasn't so sure about serving Ace food that I have never eaten before. Suddenly, the task seemed much harder than coming up with some ideas to earn Julianna's approval.

When I thought that getting food for Ace was hard, I totally underestimated the task of finding Ace. He's supposed to be done with his meeting soon so if I show up there, I should run into him. I sighed when I realized that guessing wasn't going to get me anywhere. I quickly returned to the office with the food that I had purchased to wait for Ace's meeting to end.

Hopefully, it doesn't look weird for his secretary to be waiting for him in front of the meeting room to catch him when his meeting ended. If I was just an employee in his team, it must have looked suspicious. I had to admit that Ace's decision to make me his personally secretary was definitely paying off well.

"Oh, Karina, are you here to see Ace?" one of the senior managers asked.

"Yes, I...umm...got him some lunch. You know, he has many meetings in the afternoon and all that..." I replied while trying to sound polite.

"Too bad for you. Ace didn't turn up to this meeting. He sent Howard in his place..." the manager said regretfully.

Just as the words left his mouth, the man called Howard stepped out of the meeting room along with the other people who attended the meeting. Sure enough, Ace wasn't among them.

Where the hell did he go?!

"I apologize for any trouble Ace may have caused..." I said meekly.

"It's not your fault. I bet he didn't tell you about this either..." the manager replied before he sighed.

He nodded politely my way before he left along with his team members. Soon I was standing all alone in front of the empty meeting room. I sucked in a deep breath and sighed loudly before rolling my eyes.

He's not doing this on purpose to avoid me, is he?

Since Ace was supposed to be on lunchbreak, I could finally give him a call. I dialed his number and waited for the line to connect. Dark thoughts ran through my head as I waited for him to answer my call.

Seriously, if he doesn't pick up...I'm going to...

“Rina?”

I had no idea why his tone seemed questioning when it was obviously me and no one else that had just called him.

“It’s me. Where are you, Mr. CEO?” I asked with a hint of annoyance in my tone.

“Hiding from the world...” he replied with a playful chuckle.

That was more than enough detail for me to figure out where he was at that moment.

“Stay there and don’t you dare move...” I ordered before I hung up.