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The atmosphere was awkward, so Danny quickly broke the ice. "What did you get for Alexander, Ashlyn?"

Ashlyn felt embarrassed, but she stayed calm. "I hand picked this, Alexander. Please take it." She thought he'd say something, but he still didn't.

Jack and Danny glanced at each other. The old Jack would have stood up for Ashlyn, but tonight, he turned his head away and pretended that he saw nothing. Danny looked around to see if anyone could be of help. When he saw Elise, he quickly went up to her. "Boss, are you here to give Alexander your present?"

Elise was surprised Danny came to her. She was planning on giving Alexander the gift after the banquet, but since Danny already brought it up, she simply said, "Yes." Then, she took the present out. "Here, Alexander. Happy birthday."

Alexander looked at her, then at her present. For some reason, he wanted to know what her gift was, but he had to stay calm and collected. "Danny, take the gift."

Danny quickly took Elise's gift. He paused for a moment, then he took Ashlyn's as well.

Ashlyn heaved a sigh of relief after her gift was taken. Unbeknownst to her, Alexander never wanted to take her gift.

Jack asked curiously, "What did you get him, Elise? Can we open it?" That does not seem cheap at all. Wow, she really does care about Alex.

However, before Elise could answer, Ashlyn said, "I got Alex a watch from Longines. Latest model, and it's a limited edition too. Only three pieces are available worldwide."

Danny praised, "Wow, that's a nice gift. You must have spent a lot of money on it."

Jack snorted. "I'm asking Elise, not you."

Ashlyn's smile froze. The old Jack wouldn't talk to her that way, but after what happened, she could feel his contempt toward her. However, she didn't flip out. "I just think this fits Alexander. That's all, really."

"You're really nice to him, Ashlyn," Danny praised genuinely. But right after that, Alexander took Elise's present and looked at her. "What did you get me?"

Elise was surprised he asked her, but she answered, "A necktie. I don't know if you'll like it though."

Alexander opened it and took a look. Well, this fits my aesthetics. She knows me well. "Not bad." It was a curt remark, but coming from Alexander, it meant a lot. He wouldn't even look at most people's gifts, but now he actually opened Elise's to take a look.

Ashlyn now knew Alexander never cared about her gift in the first place, and her face fell.

It was then a servant hurried over. "Mr. Alexander, the ball is starting soon, and Mr. Jonah wants you there."

"I see." Alexander handed the gift box to Jack. "Hold it for me." He went to the hall after that

It was a merry sight in the hall, for it was packed with people. The host was standing in the middle of the stage, hyping the event up. "Thank you for coming to the ball today. We hope you'll have a great night. The ball shall begin soon, but today, we're going to ditch the boring old ways for something fun and exciting."

Everyone was excited to hear that, and they looked at the host, curious about what the new thing was.

"Everyone will be required to wear a mask and draw numbers. Whoever gets the same number will be dance partners for the ball, so your dance partners are completely randomized."

Everyone burst into cheers.

The servants then distributed the masks to the guests. Elise went to take one as well, and she got a fox mask, while her number was fifty-six. Well, who's the unlucky guy? Dancing wasn't her forte after all. In fact, it was one of her worst talents. She stood silently among

the crowd, a glass of champagne in hand. Everyone got their partners eventually, but her partner still didn't show up, much to her frustration. *Did nobody get my number?* 

Just when she was asking herself that, a tall man in a bear mask came up to her, and he was holding a slip that had the number fifty-six on it.

"May I have a dance, milady?" the man said. Hey, I know that voice anywhere. "Alexander? Is that you?"

She sounded surprised, but also delighted. Alexander was surprised that he got Elise

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as well, so he chuckled. "Fate wants us together, it seems. Or as some might say, plot device."

Elise wondered why he said that, but she didn't have the time to question him. Alexander had extended his hand, and she held it after a moment of hesitation, letting him lead her to the dance floor.

"I don't know how to dance, though, so be prepared."

Alexander assured her, "It's fine. Just follow my tempo."

The music started playing, and Alexander made the first move. "Follow me. Step to the left. Take three steps back, then step to your right."

Elise followed his instructions and tempo, but less than a minute later, she said, "I'm sorry. I stepped on your foot."

Alexander gave her an encouraging look. "It's fine. Take it slow."

It was embarrassing for Elise, but still she followed his instructions, though guests who danced close to her swore they heard her apologizing a lot.

Every time she said sorry, Alexander just reassured her patiently. "It's fine. You can do it."

His encouragement was starting to work, and she slowly got into the tempo. Eventually, she caught up to him and made no mistakes in her dance.

"Not bad." He gave her genuine praise.

Elise felt embarrassed, but she kept dancing. They were immersed in their tempo, and everyone else didn't matter. Eventually, the guests retreated from the dance floor, leaving them alone on it, dancing to the tune.

When the song finally ended, thunderous applause rang around the hall.

Elise bowed sheepishly, then Alexander took her away from the dance floor.

Once they got out, Alexander praised, "Not bad."

Elise quickly answered, "All thanks to you."

Alexander looked at her and continued, "But that's also because you're a good learner."

She tucked her hair behind her ear shyly. "That's the first time I ever danced to a song from start to finish. Wasn't as hard as I thought it would be."

Alexander agreed. "We can learn if you have the time to."

Just when they were chatting, Matthew came over to them. He had always been trying to dance with Elise. "Elise, you danced nicely."

Elise was surprised Matthew knew it was her despite the mask. Ever since what happened last time, she had been distancing herself from him, but now he suddenly came up to her, not to mention in front of a crowd. "I was just going with the flow. Not too shabby, but not too great either."

Matthew didn't give her any chance to escape because he had already extended his hand. "My fair lady, may I have a dance with you?"

There was love in his eyes, as if he had a lot of things to say to her.

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Elise was in a dilemma. She didn't want to dance with Matthew, but she couldn't find any reasons to refuse. Luckily for her, Alexander stood before her. "According to the rules, everyone's dance partner is decided by the draw." In other words, there was no changing of partners once it was set.

Finally finding an excuse, Elise said, "Sorry, Matthew. We got the same number, so I can't dance with you." *Perfect. Nobody can refute me.* 

Matthew smiled and slowly pulled his hand back. "It's fine. Let's leave it until next time then."

Elise nodded. It was then the hall went dark, and everyone gasped. About a minute later, everyone heard the sound of wheels creaking, and someone was singing Happy Birthday

"Happy birthday to you... Happy birthday to you..."

The crowd parted and made way for Danny and Jack. They were pushing a big cake on a cart, heading toward Alexander. Everyone around them also started singing as well.

Once they were done singing Happy Birthday, someone shouted, "Make a wish, birthday boy!"

Everyone looked at Alexander. He put his hands together, closed his eyes, and made a wish. "Together, everyone. Three, two, one... Blow."

Everyone blew out the candles, and the guests clapped.

At the same time, the lights came back on again. Alexander picked up the knife and cut out a slice before handing it to Elise. "Have a taste."

She took it from him and thanked him before popping a small chunk into her mouth. The cream melted in her mouth at once.

"How is it?" Alexander asked.

Elise nodded. "Not bad."

Alexander cut a slice of cake and popped a small chunk into his mouth as well. Immediately, his taste buds were assailed by the sweet scent of the cake, and a handsome smile appeared on his face.

Jonah was delighted to see the both of them standing together.

"Sir, I think Mr. Jonah likes Miss Elise."

Jonah answered cryptically, "Perhaps, but honestly, they do make a good couple. I just hope he'll realize that soon. You did a great job, but something is still missing."

"Sir, you're saying we should—"

Jonah stopped him. "Let's stop while we're ahead. This is a big project, and I want to take it slow. I just hope they'll start going out eventually."

"Don't worry, sir. They'll get it eventually," the butler said. A smile broke out on Jonah's lips, and he went back upstairs. Apparently, he was in a good mood.

The banquet went on until eleven at night. Once the guests made their departure, the villa fell into its usual silence.

Elise's stomach was acting up after she had too much to eat. Even after she had washed it down with water, she still felt bloated, so she went out to have a walk. The night was beautiful, with the moon covering everything in a silvery sheen, and the stars twinkled down upon the earth. Elise sat on the yard's swing alone, enjoying the scenery. But then a while later, she heard the sound of the piano in the distance.

"Who's playing at this hour?" She was surprised, but she listened to it silently. The music was delightful and sad at the same time, as if these two opposites were getting merged together. Curious, she went in the direction of the sound.

It wasn't until she got to the top floor did she realize where the sound was coming from. *The piano room*. She went over and noticed that the door was ajar. Once she stepped in, what

she saw was a man sitting before the piano with his back turned to her. His fingers flew across the piano keys, playing the same tune Elise heard earlier. "Not bad," she praised genuinely.

The moment she talked, Alexander stopped and turned around. "It's late. Why are you still here?"

Elise snickered and went closer to him. "Because I heard the music. It's great."

"It's just something I played on a whim. Not anything great," he answered.

Elise didn't think so. "You must have trained for years. That's gotta be around grade

eight."

He arched his eyebrow. "You play too?"

Elise rubbed her nose, slightly nervous. "Not a lot though."

But that intrigued Alexander. "Wanna play a song together?"

Elise didn't refuse his invitation. "Sure," she answered.

Alexander was surprised she agreed so readily, but he freed up half of the bench for her, and she went to sit by his side. Elise put her hands on the keys, and they started playing a tune together. They worked harmoniously and grasped every beat to perfection. Alexander was surprised that Elise was so talented at piano as well. Elise thought the same about him too. *Oh, I found a kindred soul.* 

They hastened their tempo a moment later, then they slowed down. The tune was never out of sync for even a single beat. Once they were done playing, Alexander smiled. "Looks like I've underestimated you, Elise. You're a good pianist." He was genuine about that praise.

Elise praised him as well. "You're better than I am. You moved really fluidly. You play this song a lot, don't you?"

It was the truth, but Alexander didn't feel awkward about it. "Not bad. You saw through me."

Elise pulled her hands back from the keys and got up. "Thanks. It's late, so I'll retire for the night."

However, Alexander stopped her. "You know, I like playing the piano with you. Can we have another session together if it's fine with you?"

Elise smiled. "Sure."

Then, she left the room while Alexander saw her off. Once she turned the corner, he looked back at the piano keys and closed his eyes as he recalled how they played the piano together earlier. It was the first time anyone could match his speed and sync up with him so perfectly.

A moment later, he opened his eyes, and for some reason, he got curious about

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As the first ray of sunshine shone through Elise's room, her annoying alarm rang on time yet again, and she got up reluctantly to take a morning shower. Then, she went out and bumped right into Alexander. "Morning," Alexander greeted her. "Morning," she greeted back. They walked ahead side by side. "Had a good sleep?" he asked. She smiled sweetly at him. "Not bad." They went downstairs, and Elise looked around, but Danny was nowhere to be found. "Danny should be taking me to school today. Where is he?" Alexander answered, "He was wasted last night. Probably still sleeping, so I'll give you a ride later." Elise wasn't going to object to that. "Sure." She went to the dining room for her breakfast. It was a simple one, which was her favorite. Once she was done, she went into Alexander's car. While she was on her way to school, Elise did her extra homework, while Alexander looked at her, who was focused, in the rear-view mirror gently.

When they stopped at her school, she quickly kept her stuff away. "I'll be going now. You should go to work too. Bye." She got out of the car and strode toward the gate, but then, a guy stopped her. "Elise!" Elise stopped instinctively and turned around, and she was greeted by a delighted Zachary. "Finally." He beamed at her and showed her the breakfast he bought.

"For you." Elise was slightly annoyed that he was here, so she didn't take the breakfast. "Why are you here?"

Zachary chose to ignore that question and only smiled at her, but then he looked sad. "I thought I asked you to wait for me after the test. Why did you leave without me? I..." He bit his tongue and instead said, "It's fine. I'll come to you anyway. Oh, I've heard about the results. You got full marks again, huh? Congrats," he congratulated her.

Elise noticed the passion in his eyes, and it made her feel uncomfortable. She pursed her lips. "Do you need anything, Zachary?" Zachary shook his head and pointed at the breakfast he bought. "Nothing. Just here to give you breakfast. Got some great egg sandwiches for you. Here, take it." Elise refused, "Thanks, but I already had breakfast." Zachary looked crestfallen, but he still said, "I'll bring you something else next time."

Elise looked straight at him. "Zachary, we aren't as close as you think. You don't have to do this." That made him blush, and he stammered, "I-It's fine. I want to do this." Elise kept on refusing. "Please don't, Zachary. We're only highschoolers, and relationships aren't really what we should be focusing on right now. I don't want any rumors to start, so please stop seeing me." Her straightforward response caught him off-guard.

"D-Did I trouble you? It's fine. I won't do it if you don't like it." Since she wanted to end it right there and then, she asked, "Zachary, why are you doing this? What do you want from me? I'm not exactly pretty. You can even call me ugly and I won't say a thing. Why are you so interested in me?" Zachary tried to look at her calmly, but his heart wouldn't stop pounding. "You got this the wrong way. I'm not interested in you. I-I like you.

I like you, Elise." Elise blinked at him. What on earth is happening? Why do guys keep saying they like me? Am I in a novel or something? "Yes, you aren't the prettiest girl around, but you're very capable. I mean, you got full marks in the Math Olympiad nationals. That alone is already great enough. Also, you're kind and always helpful. That's why I like you. I don't care about your looks. I care about what's inside. Yes, I know it's not great for high schoolers to get in a relationship, but I can wait.

I'll start when we get into college. Just give me a chance—" Before he could finish, someone coughed behind them. Elise snapped out of it and saw Alexander standing behind her. He smiled apologetically, "Sorry for interrupting you guys, but you dropped your pen in my car, Elise." *Really?* 

He just has to show up at this moment? Zachary, on the other hand, looked at Alexander suspiciously. The guy looked and felt better than Zachary in every way, and that realization crushed his confidence. Even so, he asked, "And this is?" Elise held Alexander's arm without thinking. "He's my boyfriend.

I'm sorry, Zachary, but I'll have to refuse you." Zachary couldn't believe what he was hearing. The news came as a bombshell for him, and he stared at the both of them in disbelief. "Is that true?" His voice changed. "Are you her boyfriend?" Alexander was about to say no, but he felt Elise gripping the hem of his shirt from behind, so he smiled. "We live under the same roof every day." He wrapped his arm around her waist. "Is that answer enough?"

Elise was shocked that Alexander would tell Zachary about that, and she gawked at Alexander. Alexander ignored her, continuing, "You have great taste seeing that you fell for my girlfriend, but my girlfriend's taste seems to be better than yours.

After all, she did fall in love with a prince like me instead of a peasant like you." Zachary almost tripped over himself, and he looked offended by that comment. Wow, what's the deal with this guy?

Did he knock his head when he was a kid or something? He looked at Elise with sadness and determination. "I won't give up no matter what." Just give up. Elise wanted to tell him that, but Zachary left without giving her the chance. That was inconvenient for her, of course.

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After he left, Alexander pulled his hand away and arched his eyebrow at Elise. "You don't get loyal guys like that now. Sure you don't want to give him a chance?" Elise glared at him. "Don't give me that! Staying under the same roof? Now that's just cheeky!" Alexander replied calmly, "You called me your boyfriend first. That's cheeky too." Well, true. I mean, the part where I called him my boyfriend. In the end, she stammered, "E-Even so, you can't tell him we're living together.

What will he think?" He shrugged. "But I didn't lie. We are living under the same roof, just not in the same room." *Oh god. I'm never hearing the end of this.* "Forget it. I'm going to be late." She hurried away, and he saw her off. His lips curl into a smile, and his mood got better. Elise walked as fast as she could to the classroom.

"Hey, why are you running, Elise?" Mikayla asked. Elise was frustrated, so she grumbled, "Mikayla, life is hard." That confused Mikayla. "Sorry? What are you talking about? Is it a game? But that's Life Is Strange." Elise took a deep breath and calmed herself. "It's nothing. We should get to class now." It took Elise the whole morning to calm down and put the morning's events behind her. During the afternoon break, Samantha and Riley asked Elise to eat out together, and Elise invited Mikayla as well.

Just when they were about to exit the gates, she saw a familiar guy standing across the street, and her heart sank. She thought she got the wrong guy, but when he took his sunglasses off and smiled at her, she knew she wasn't seeing things. Elise snapped out of it and told her friends, "You girls go ahead.

I need to settle some matters, so I won't be coming." Samantha was concerned, seeing that Elise was leaving so suddenly. "What is it? Do you need our help?" Elise refused, "It's fine. No big deal, so I'll handle it myself." The girls said nothing more and left. Elise stared at the man across the street until he finally came up to her.

"It's been a while." Elise was surprised that he was here, but she smiled too. "How did you find me?" Noel smiled at her. "I met up with Julius. He told me about you, so here I am." I see. "Let's talk at a more private place," Noel suggested. Elise said yes, and she left with him. They went to a private restaurant. It was located in a quiet spot, and the ambience was great. Noel and Elise got a room for themselves, and the guy kept looking at her.

"Wow, that getup is ugly. Anyone else wouldn't have recognized you." Elise took a sip from her teacup and said nothing. Since she was keeping her silence, Noel continued, "How have you been doing?" Elise smiled. "What do you think?" Noel nodded. "Not bad, I guess. It's a pity you left. You would have been a great celebrity if you had stayed." Elise didn't respond. Instead, she looked outside the window. "I heard you're someone's songwriter now."

Noel answered, "You know the guy too. In fact, I came here on his behalf today." Elise knew why he came, but she would not budge no matter what. "Noel, you know I would never write another song." Noel interjected, "It's been years. Can't you let it go?" "Put yourself in my shoes. Can you let it go?"

"Um..." Noel wanted to answer that, but he couldn't. She sighed. "If you're here to ask for my help, then sorry. I can't. But if you just want to have a cup of tea and a little chat with a friend, then you're always welcome." Noel knew Elise wouldn't budge no matter what, though he thought it was a shame. Jack was decently popular in the industry, but he needed a good song to establish himself. A celebrity built on hype would never last.

If he didn't produce anything good, it'd be difficult for him to make a comeback once the hype died down. Jack had been his longtime disciple, and Noel had been developing his musical talent from when he was an amateur. He didn't want Jack to lose his future just like that. "Give it some thought, H. I just need one song. You can write about anything. Just one song." "Noel, you know where I stand on this matter." "I know, but this is just a simple thing for you."

Noel didn't want to give up. Elise said nothing, but she still wouldn't budge. Noel knew she was still offended by what happened back then, and he knew she would never change her decision. That was just how she was. "I'm sorry, H. I know it's a difficult decision. Since you refused, let's put this behind us."

He took out his card. "This is my personal number. Call me if you change your mind. You're still my friend no matter what, and that will never change." She took it and put it in her pocket. "Dig in." Noel was glad she took his card. "Sure. Dig in." After that, Noel sent her back to school. "You can call me anytime you want, H," he told her solemnly before she left.

Elise waved to him and went back to school. The moment she came back to the classroom, she saw Mikayla typing away furiously on her phone. She sat down beside her friend and asked, "What happened? Someone got on your nerves?" Mikayla answered without even looking up, "I need your help, Elise.

These trolls are too much. They're insulting my idol! Quick, make an account and troll them back." Elise huddled closer and saw Mikayla arguing with Jack's haters on Twitter. Judging from the looks of it, Mikayla wouldn't back down until the trolls did.

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"Hurry up, Elise!" Mikayla urged Elise to help, since she was about to lose. Elise asked, "What happened? Why are there so many trolls there?" Mikayla grumbled, "These guys said Jack is just a talentless celebrity who only got popular because he's hot. Said he can't even act his way out of anything. Someone even called him a sissy. God, that makes me so mad." "Haters, huh? Ignore them. I'll help you." She took her phone out, and lines of code flashed on her screen.

Elise hacked into Twitter's server and banned the haters from the platform. "Oh, they finally stopped." When the trolls stopped commenting, Mikayla gushed, "They must have backed off because they're scared of me." Elise kept her phone and said nothing. Danny came to pick Elise up after school. The moment she came back, she heard someone playing the piano in the piano room, and her eyes lit up.

She thought it was Alexander, so she put her bag down and went upstairs, but the moment she came up, the piano went silent. A moment later, she heard the sound of something getting scrunched up, and Jack came out looking frustrated. He saw Elise, but he went past her without even saying hi.

"Jack..." Elise wanted to say something, but she decided against it. Curious, she went into the piano room only to see it looking like a mess. The floor was littered with crumpled papers, and even the stand, which stood perfectly fine before, was now lying on the ground. Elie crouched down to pick up the crumpled papers and opened it to see what it was.

An unfinished song. "Ah, Miss Elise, you're here," a servant suddenly said. Elise kept the paper quietly. "Yes?" The servant said politely, "Yes. Master Alexander will be working overtime tonight. Master Jonah doesn't want him to eat out, since the food outside isn't hygienic, so he asked the servant to cook something for him.

But Mrs. Woods is on leave to see her sick grandchild, while Stella can't leave. In the end, I had to come to you for help." "You want me to take his dinner to him?" The servant looked worried that Elise might be offended. "It's fine if you can't do it." Hm, I don't have anything else to do, and the servants are busy. I might as well help them. "Oh, just leave it to me. Pack his dinner up and I'll take it to him." The servant was delighted to hear that.

"Of course, Miss Elise. I'll take my leave now." After the servant was gone, she picked the paper up and kept them before leaving. Elise took both her and Alexander's dinner on her way out. On her way there, she looked through the song she picked up back at the piano room. Hm, it's okay, but it doesn't pop out. It's a bit mediocre, but if it's spiced up a little, it should work. She started changing it up, but a short while later, she was already at the company.

"We're here, Miss Ashlyn." She kept the paper and pen in her pocket before going into the company with two sets of dinner in hand. Everyone knew her as she came with Jonah before, and they greeted her respectfully. "Miss Sinclair." Elise wasn't used to people being so polite to her, so she went up to the top floor alone using the VIP elevator.

When Alexander's assistant saw her, he greeted respectfully, "Miss Sinclair, what brings you here?" She raised the lunchbox in her hand. "Where's your boss?" "He's in a meeting, but you can wait for him in his office." Then, he led Elise to Alexander's office. It wasn't her first time in his office, but it was her first time taking a close look.

His office was huge, and it had leather furniture as well as a luxurious desk. A big french window stood behind his chair, and it overlooked the whole city. She picked up a magazine from the book rack and read it on the sofa. Time passed. When Alexander came out of the meeting, his assistant went up to him.

"Sir, you're finally done." Alexander arched his eyebrow. "Did something happen?" He walked ahead. "Yes. Miss Elise is here. She's in your office, but it's been three hours." Alexander was obviously delighted to hear that, but he asked curiously, "Why is she here though? And why didn't you tell me?"

The assistant wanted to explain, but Alexander was already hurrying to his office. He pushed the door open and was about to go in, but the next second, he stopped and put his finger to his lips. The assistant knew what Alexander meant, so he retreated. Elise was already asleep on the sofa when he came in.

Alexander looked at her gently. Night had already descended upon the city, and the moonlight shone upon her silently, as if protecting her. He went to the cubicle and took a blanket to cover her up, but she opened her eyes before he could do it. Their gazes met, and time stood still for a moment.

"Oh, you're awake," Alexander spoke first. She sat up right away. "Sorry, I fell asleep." Alexander stood up. "It's fine. Sorry you had to wait." *Oh, yeah. I'm here to give him his dinner.* "Here you go. Your grandpa told the servants to make you this. I bet you're hungry, so dig in."

Alexander arched his eyebrow. Huh? Grandpa knows I usually have dinner at the company's cafeteria whenever I have to work overtime. So why did he ask Elise to come? He knew what his grandfather was trying to do, but he didn't tell Elise. "Yeah, I am. We can have dinner together if you want to."

Elise was hungry as well, so she took her lunchbox out and laid it on the table before handing Alexander's cutlery over. They sat across from each other and had their dinner in silence. Elise was wolfing it down like an uncivilised brute, for she was starving. Alexander cocked his eyebrow and chuckled. "Well, someone has a big appetite."

