Cupid's Game

**Prologue**

They were meant to be together. But they did not as Cupid chose to play a game on them.  
  
Cupid is now undoing a wrong that he has committed in a moment of playfulness.  
  
All it took was that one-minute, as fast as a millisecond, for the two to be in love, once again.  
  
  
*“We are never so vulnerable as when we love.” ~ Sigmund Freud*

**The Present**  
  
"Baby, feed me."  
  
"Sica unnie, you are such a baby. Open your mouth and say ahhhh."  
  
Jessica smiles sweetly and did exactly what her girlfriend said. It was a sweet moment for the two girls who have been together for what seem to be the longest time.  
  
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"Darling, I want this bag!"  
  
"Babe, you do know that you have too many bags."  
  
She looked at her girlfriend, gave a big sigh, and signaled to the sales staff. If it ain’t for the fact that they have been together for the longest time, she wouldn’t even bother giving in.  
  
It’s funny how life makes fun of you sometimes.  
It isn’t fair, but nobody says it has to be fair in the first place.  
  
  
**The Prelude**  
  
"Babe, I’ve got a company function this weekend at Jeju. Do you wanna go with me?"  
  
"Darling, I wish I can come with you! Jeju is such a romantic place...but Sunny wants me to accompany her to find her perfect gown. And I've already promised her. "  
  
"It's ok, no worries. Have fun with Sunny yea."  
  
With that, she left the room.  
  
Tiffany looked at the back of her girlfriend and wondered if she had made the right decision that time. She sighed.  
  
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"Sica unnie, I've got an event to run this weekend in Jeju. So I won't be able to accompany you. Go ahead and make your plans ok."  
  
"Sure, don't worry about me. I'll probably meet up with Hyo. I remembered her asking. Concentrate at work and miss me much! Or else!!!" giggled Jessica.  
  
Who knows Jessica can be so girly, given her icy exterior.  
  
Jessica loves her girlfriend but there’s always something missing and she thinks she knows why. She sighed.  
  
Are they falling out of love?Or they weren't even in love in the first place...?

**The First Encounter**  
  
It will be quite a challenge to erase the memory of her first encounter with Tiffany.  
It was, by far, the most uncomfortable and awkward experience she ever had.  
  
She thought that Tiffany was another crazy fan stalker. She was soon proven wrong.  
As she gets to know her better, Tiffany was one of the nicest girls she ever knew.  
  
But Tiffany just doesn’t make the butterflies in her move the same way that person does.  
  
*If Cupid does exist, has he shot the wrong arrow?*  
  
  
***At the university canteen***  
  
"Yuwreeeeeeeeee!!! Wait!!! MVP!! Hi!!”  
  
She turned her head and saw a crazy fan girl.  
  
"Huh? Oh, thanks?"  
In a slight state of shock, that was all she could utter.  
  
Where were that two best friends of her who swore to keep her safe from crazy fan girls? She was preparing to walk away when two familiar voices spoke up.  
  
“Hey Yuri!”  
  
Finally, they chose to appear…She was pissed with the late appearance, but nonetheless, grateful that Sooyoung and Hyoyeon appeared at the right moment.  
  
“This is Tiffany. She’s a friend of Sunny. ” Sooyoung started speaking before that unhappiness emitting from their friend kills them all.  
  
“Fany, this is THE Yuri, the MVP you saw at the match last week.” Said Hyo with a cheeky grin on her face.  
  
“Oh…Hi Tiffany. Pleased to meet you.” Yuri remained polite, thanking Soo in her heart and secretly wished she could just kill Hyo on the spot.    
  
“I'm…I’m Tiffany!!...and…andimyourgreatestfan!!!" exclaimed a very loud Tiffany, totally oblivious to stares from the onlookers. There was a shade of pink on Tiffany’s cheeks after her little fan confession.  
  
“Fany just came back from California.  We brought her to your ball game last week and tadah! There you have – A new fan.” Smiled Sooyoung.  
  
Tiffany was new in school, she was thankful that Sunny, a family friend, and her friends are so kind towards her.  
She came here for her first love, to realize that the person who was once so important to her was no longer the same person she knew.  
  
Yuri...perhaps it was the same shyness, or the same superficial coldness that she emits; she reminds Tiffany of her.  
  
Despite her popularity in school, Yuri was an extremely shy and private person. She disliked awkward situations like this. But she can’t bear to hurt people. This new fan or friend-to-be seems weird but relatively harmless...  
  
From that day onwards, Yuri and Tiffany got to know each other better.  
  
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She knew Jessica through Taeyeon during year 1 of her university days. There were a lot of stories about Jessica. How true were the stories, she never did questioned. She believed in seeing it for herself instead of trusting the rumors.  
  
After a chance encounter at a club event, she realized that rumors are indeed untruths and looks are deceiving.  
Jessica is by far the warmest person she ever known.  
  
But Jessica just doesn’t make her heart beat the same way that person does.  
  
*If Cupid does exist, has he shot the wrong arrow?*  
  
  
***At the dorm***  
  
"Sica unnie is here again. It’s the 3rd time this week."  
  
"Sorry Hyunnie. I will speak with her."  
  
"Yoongie!" exclaimed a clearly excited Jessica.  
  
Sighs. Who knows Jessica, the well-known Ice Princess in the entire university, is such a persistent person.  
  
"Sica unnie...you need to stop doing this. You are distracting Hyunnie with her studies."  
  
"Yoongie, I...I.... I have never done anything as crazy as this right now. I really like you a lot. Will you give me...give us a chance?"  
  
Jessica lost her first love before knowing Yoona. Something about Yoona reminds her of the one whom she has lost.  
  
Perhaps it’s the same gentleness that they have, or the similar outgoing personality; she can’t exactly describe.

Jessica had never been so bold her entire life. The last time she hesitated, she lost the person who was important to her. Right now, she just wants to be selfish.  
  
Yoona, despite being one half of the popular party duo in school, is a kind and gentle person. Unlike the stereotype of party animals being players, Yoona is not like that. She could never bear to hurt another person. Especially not when she can feel sincerity.

"Sica unnie, as a start, how about getting to know each other better first?"

Jessica smiled shyly and nods.

*“There is never a time or place for true love. It happens accidentally, in a heartbeat, in a single flashing, throbbing moment.”*

*~ Sarah Dessen*

**The Company Event**  
  
After several hi-s and how- do-you-do, Yuri finally got a chance to sit down and have a drink.  
  
"Yul, you have done well. The shareholders are very pleased with your performance and we have decided to promote you to senior partner. Thanks for your hard work over the last two years!"  
  
Whatever her boss said is running on repeat mode in her head. After graduation, she immersed herself in the Finance industry and had done extremely well in the field. The promotion is happy news, she has been working hard for it, but why does she feel empty on the inside? Who can she share the happiness with?  
  
Her friends? Sooyoung? That woman…must be eating her way out in New York since she got posted there by her company 2 months ago for a year long training program. Hyo…she has been busy with her dance studio since its opening last month. Sunny? She’s busy with her wedding plans.  
  
Talking about wedding plans…  
  
Fany…How could she have forgotten about her own girlfriend. She took out her phone and started texting. She should still be awake at this hour.  
  
  
From: Yuri  
To: Fany Babe  
  
Babe, I just got promoted to senior partner.  
  
*2 whiskeys later*  
  
From: Tiffany  
To: Yuwree Love  
  
Yuwreee! Sorry baby, I took awhile to reply. I was going through Sunny's hen night plans with Hyo. That's great news! You are the best investment analyst they ever had! Hon, we should celebrate! Let's do that when you are back? Loves. ^^  
  
*Hen night plans at this hour with Hyo? And isn’t Hyo busy with her studio?*  
  
*3 whiskeys later*  
  
She wasn't drunk but neither was she certain that she was sober. The person standing in front of her just took her breath away, once again, without even the need in saying a word. It’s her. How in the world is that possible...?  
  
  
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"Good job Yoong! The event is a great success. We should be able to get a good bonus this year.” Taeyeon pats Yoona's shoulder.  
  
Yoona is the best Events Manager cum partner that Taeyeon ever had. They have been good friends since university days. Being the popular party animals in school, it was of no surprise when the two girls announced their plans to start their own events agency.  
  
"I'm going to call Sunny now to tell her the great news!  She will be so thrilled that we can now go Europe for our honeymoon! Hehe. Oh ya, I’m not going to party tonight, so don’t wait for me. Go back when you done here." Said Taeng with a wink.  She knew how much Yoona enjoys parties.  
  
While waiting for her drink, Yoona whipped out her phone to text her girlfriend. It was late, and she wasn't expecting that there will be a reply, given that her girlfriend's favorite past time is sleeping. But nevertheless, it is a right thing to do, no?  
  
From: Yoong  
To: Sica baby  
  
Sica unnie, am i disturbing your beauty sleep? Keke. I'm about to finish work. The event was a huge success! :)  
  
*2 margaritas later*  
  
From: Sica  
To: Yoongie  
  
Yoongie!!! Congrats baby!! I’m out with Hyunnie right now. You better not chat up with another girl! Talk to you when you are back? I love you! XP    
  
*Out with Hyunnie at this hour? Isn’t she always asleep after twelve midnight?*  
  
2 margaritas later  
  
She stood up and was about to walk away when she saw a tanned looking girl standing just in front of her. Her heartbeat was beating at such an irregular pace that she doesn't know how to react. It's her...How is that possible…?  
  
  
Cupid pulled out his gold arrows, righting a wrong that he previously did out of playfulness.  
  
These two girls should be and will be together.  
  
He aimed, and shot his arrows. What a perfect match. Finally... he thought to himself.  
  
Feeling satisfied, he left and head to where Jessica and Tiffany are. Part 2 of the plan has to be executed as soon as he can.

**The Conversation**

*Hear my soul speak:*

*The very instant that I saw you, did*

*My heart fly to your service.*

*~ The Tempest*

"Hey...Yoona…” She made the first move, which is not something she does often.  
  
“Hi…Yuri…It’s been awhile.” She smiled at her.  
  
“…” Yuri was at a loss for words.  
  
“Yuri, do you want to get some drinks together?” Yoona decided to put an end to the awkwardness.  
  
*A few drinks later*  
  
"I was your fan!!! You were my favorite player! Your skills in the court, there’s no second person in school is a match to you. “ She was flattered with the praise and blushed immediately. Yuri was the shyest person Yoona has ever met. And that factor itself is exactly what draws her to Yuri.  
  
*Yoona still remembered the day she saw Yuri. It was during her first year in the university. Taeyeon dragged her to the basketball game because that’s where she can find Sunny. And there she saw her.*  
  
*How dashing and suave she is. Every hoop, every move and every smile was deeply engraved in her heart. After the game, Sunny introduced them. At their first introduction, she has fallen for Yuri.*  
  
*She heard that Yuri was a shy person. Hence, when she saw her at the club event that very weekend, she was absolutely surprised. As she made her way to Yuri, Jessica appeared in front of her, stopping her in her tracks. By the time she convinced Jessica she had to leave, she couldn’t find Yuri anywhere.*  
  
*She wanted to know Yuri better. But she was avoiding her. She wanted to be Yuri’s girlfriend. But she knew it was too late. Few months after the event, there was news that Yuri was attached to Tiffany, the girl who’s famous for her eye-smiles. From then, she could only cheer for her by the sideline and admire her from afar.*  
  
*During the night of the championship celebration party, Yoona couldn't take her eyes off Yuri. Her heart was still beating for Yuri. She felt guilty towards Jessica, but she couldn't control her own heartbeat.*  
  
“You…you…gave me too much credit. The rest of the team played well too.” Yuri blushed.  
  
*How can she ever forget about this doe-eye beauty? When Sunny and Taeyeon first introduced them, she never knew she would experience love at first sight.*  
  
*Her laughter and her voice was all she could hear, her twinkling doe-eyes was all she could see. She literally can’t take her eyes off her.*  
  
*When Sooyoung asked her to join her for the club event organized by her that very weekend, she didn’t need to think twice. Throughout the entire night, she was wondering to herself how should she approach Yoona. After her third drink, an attempt to brave up, she pushed her way to Yoona, only to see that the famous Ice Princess has made a move on the girl whom she had a crush on. She turned her back and walked away.*  
  
*Couple of years later, during the championship celebration party, all her eyes could look at was this party planner. She felt guilty towards Tiffany, but she couldn't control the storm of butterflies that were rioting within her.*  
  
"Your parties were awesome, Yoong. It seems like it’s in you to plan great events."  
They looked at each other and smiled.  
  
If Cupid has just stayed for one minute more, he would have felt the guilt at the remembrance of their past.  
If only he wasn't that playful...these two would have got together then.  
  
*At the freshmen orientation, he shot his gold arrows at Taeyeon and Sunny. The two petite girls look so cute together. He knew Jessica and Tiffany had a past together and should be together. But he was holding back his gold arrows at them. When he saw Yoona and Yuri, his playful mind was at work. He will wait for these two couples. At the club event, he decided to swap them around. How about revisiting them a year later to swap them back again? Yes, that's an awesome idea! So he took out his lead arrows, shot at the 4 persons and swapped their love destiny at that very moment.*  
  
Fate can be cruel. Someone is always a plaything for another. This reality of life is sad.  
  
*Playful Cupid forgot about his act. He went on to match make more couples through the years. Till one day, he heard about Taeyeon and Sunny's engagement. The 4 girls! How could I have possibly forgotten about them? The one-year plan he had in mind has now become 5 years.*  
  
*More drinks later*  
  
"Yul, I think we should stop drinking. We both have a flight to catch tomorrow morning. We should catch some sleep."  
  
"Sure. It was really great meeting you again, Yoong. You brought back a lot of lovely memories to me." Yuri said with a very sincere smile.  
  
They both looked at each other with a small smile.  
They walked out from the bar and head towards the lift in silence.  
  
In the empty lift, before their minds even register their actions, they were kissing each other fervently.  
  
They spent the night together. Whose room was it? It doesn’t matter.

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A/N 2: Say...Would a double update be good? :)

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**The Morning After**  
  
*Such is my love, to thee I so belong,*  
*That for thy right myself will bear all wrong.*  
*~ Sonnet 88*

Yoona woke up first. She looked around her surrounding; trying to register where is she.

"The alcohol...I had too much to drink."

Rubbing her heavy head, she tried to move her body, only to realize that there's an arm over her waist. She turned slowly and saw the tanned angel she has been dreaming of.

With her finger, she stroked Yuri's cheek softly and gently. She has always wondered how is it like to be in the arms of Yuri. How is it like to make love with Yuri? How is it like to be so close to Yuri? She doesn't have to wonder much. She has experienced all of that yesterday night. And it was...the best thing that ever happened to her. Yuri made her heart skip a beat. All the time.

Yuri yawned. She had the most wonderful dream ever. She dreamt of the girl who owned her dreams. Kissing her, hugging her, making love to her. It was so surreal, as if it really did happened.

With her eyes closed, she hummed a happy tune. "Hmm…something is not right." She thought to herself. It doesn't feel as if she's alone. And there was a gentle touch on her cheeks when she should be alone in her room.She slowly opened her eyes, and opened it wide with a shock. Her angel! The girl of her dream! IN FRONT OF HER?!

A war of butterflies just took place within her. She felt non-stop waves of butterflies’ bombs and her heart is beating so fast she can't breathe.

She adored the cute sight of Yuri's shocked expression but that brought her back to reality immediately.

"Yuri-yah, did you regret what you have done?" She said with a tinge of sadness.

"What? Yes? No? I mean no! Arghh...!!" The usually shy Yuri is frustrated at her inability to speak fluently.

Ditch that Yuri. Come on, man up!

"I…I…I didn't regret whatever happened last night. It just didn't register it into my mind. I thought it was a dream, and a fantastic one I ever had." she looked at Yoona in her eyes and said how she really felt.

"Phew. I’m glad I’m not alone in this." Said Yoona with a chuckle.

"Yul...you know that I'm with Sica."

"I know..."

"I liked you since the first time I saw you. Just that fate wasn't on our side."

"Yoona..."

"Yuri-yah, it's nobody's fault. I can only say that Cupid is playing a mean game on us."

They looked at each other. And they both took a later flight that very day.

**The Aftermath**

*“Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.”*

*~ Robert A. Heinlein*

"Bunny, do you think there's something wrong with Yoona?"   
  
Taeyeon was casually asking her wife-to-be while going through the invitation list for their wedding.   
  
"Hmm…Taeng, what's up with that question?"   
  
"She hasn't been herself since coming back from Jeju.  I hardly see her with Sica these days. And…if they have quarreled, which is something that will never happen, Jessica will surely call me. “  
  
"Baby, now that you mention…I think there's something wrong with Yuri too...didn't you say that Yuri was at the event in Jeju?"   
  
They both look at each other, momentarily at a loss of words.   
  
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*"Sunny, do you think I should ask her out?"*  
  
*"Yuri-yah, you know what? You should ask yourself if you really want to ask her out. If the answer is yes, then do it." said Sunny with a smile.*  
  
*Yuri has always thank God for giving her good friends. Friends, who stand by her, support her and love her.*  
  
*Sooyoung told her that Yoona and Taeng are organizing an event at the club they always patronized. She didn’t need Sooyoung to repeat twice. Yes, she is going.*  
  
*She saw her there, by the DJ console. She had finally gathered her courage and was about making her way to Yoona. Just then, she saw Jessica in front of Yoona, and gave her a peck on the lips. She was stunned, but quickly regained her composure and walked away at that sight.*  
  
*Kwon Yuri may be a shy person but she has always been confident. Except in circumstances where her heart is involved. She has heard rumors that Jessica was after Yoona. But rumors are rumors. Nothing is real till you see it with your own eyes. Hence, she decided that she should not listen to hearsay. But her heart shattered the moment she witnessed that kiss. From that day, she wall up and go against what her heart desired.*  
  
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*"Taeng, I've decided. I'm going to ask Yuri out."*  
  
*"Wae? I thought you are dating Jessica?"*  
  
*"What gives you that idea?"*  
  
*"Everyone's been talking about it since the night she gave you a peck. Muacks! Hehe. I apologized for being shallow like the rest.”  laughed Taeyeon.*  
  
*Omo. This is not good. I hope Yuri did not see it.*  
  
*Yoona asked Sooyoung if she would like to come to the event she and Taeng were organizing. There was a secret agenda behind it, and she was glad that Sooyoung caught it.*  
  
*“I’ll bring Yuri with me, if that’s fine by you.” winked Sooyoung.*  
  
*She was looking for Yuri the moment she saw Sooyoung. But she wasn’t with Sooyoung. She scanned around the club, and saw her by the bar. She smiled to herself and headed for the bar. She saw Yuri walking towards her. Her heart, if it could break out of her body, would do so. Just as she was about to take a second step, someone stood in front of her.*  
  
*Jessica Jung.*  
  
*Jessica was talking about something, but she just couldn’t register it. She was keeping her eyes on Yuri. And there she felt a soft peck on her lips.*  
  
*“Sica unnie? I need to go.” She was trying to go after Yuri, who was walking away from her.*  
  
*There and then, she felt someone holding her back.*  
  
*“Yoong, let her go. I didn’t know you have something going on with Jessica. If I’ve known that, I would not have encouraged Yul.” Sooyoung was visibly pissed with what she has seen. Her protective instinct kicked in. With that, she left for Yuri.*  
  
*Im Yoona may be a party animal, but she was no player. She believed in staying true in a relationship with the person you love. And she believed that love happens for no reason. She doesn’t know how it happened, but through the coincidence where she met Yuri, it was when she found her heart fluttering, in that single moment.*  
  
*Yoona tried approaching Yuri a few times but she was often stopped by the twin guards, Soo and Hyo. When she finally got Yuri alone, the look in her eyes told Yoona that she should stay away. She was at a loss.*  
  
*Yuri was avoiding her like a plague. And Jessica was sticking to her like glue.*  
  
Regrets and what-ifs accompanied them through the years. But neither did anything. They went on with their life, with their current partners, and put everything behind.   
  
Memories were kept in a time capsule and buried deep down in their own hearts.   
  
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"Yuri...I've something to say…"  
  
Tiffany hardly calls her Yuri. And when she does that, it's usually something serious. Putting her work aside, she looked up at Tiffany.  
  
"Hmm… What about, babe?"   
  
Tiffany looked at Yuri, not sure where to start.  
  
“The night of your company event…”  
  
“Uh huh…what about it?” Yuri still has no idea where is this conversation heading.  
  
“I wasn’t with Hyo…” Yuri raised her eyebrows and looked at Tiffany. Now it rings a bell.  
  
Sensing that Yuri will not say another word for the moment, Tiffany continued.  
  
"I met Jessi.”  
  
Yuri kept quiet. She was reminded about her night with Yoona.  
And of course, how can she forget about Jessica.  
  
Jessica Jung - The girlfriend of her first love.  
Jessi Jung - Her girlfriend’s first love.  
  
One good thing about Tiffany is that she never believes in hiding anything from her girlfriend.  
She has always been truthful in their relationship.  
  
Before she asked Yuri to be hers, she has told her everything about herself.  
And Yuri has always been appreciative of that characteristic of Fany.  
  
“Yul baby, say something please…” The plea in Tiffany’s voice was obvious.  
  
The guilt on Tiffany’s face was getting a little suffocating.  
  
Yuri was incapable of feeling angry. She was guilty too.  
  
"Fany...I'm sorry too."  
  
"No, Yuri..I..."   
  
"Babe, I'm sorry that I don't love you enough. I'm sorry that I don't love you as much as you love me. I'm sorry to waste 5 years of your time with me. I love you but my heart was with someone else all the while. I thought over time I could match up to your love for me. But I never could do so. It frustrates the hell out of me. I do not want to disappoint you and break your heart..."  
  
Yuri was visibly upset and tears can't stop flowing. For 5 years, since the day she agreed to be with Tiffany, she tried her best and put in her effort in their relationship. But she just doesn't know why she can't reciprocate the love. Love, somehow, has become a duty.  
  
Tiffany looked at Yuri sadly, gave her a big hug and whispered into her ears.   
  
"Shhh...Baby, it is not your fault. I was selfish. I lost Jessi and I thought I love you then. I know you were never mine to begin with but I wanted you for myself. But trust me, I really did fell in love with you. Now I know love is not to have ownership. I hate how I'm not the one who brings a smile to your face. I hate how our lovemaking sessions feel like sexual favors. I hate it all. I love you baby and I'm letting you go..."   
  
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After an entire day of going through endless wedding items for Sunny’s wedding, she was looking forward to some quiet moment at the pub.  
  
She was about to curse when someone whose eyes were probably on the butt banged into her at the entrance of the pub.  
  
"Omo. I’m sorry..." Jessica apologized immediately after banging the person in front of her. She was so lost in her thoughts that she didn’t pay any attention to her surrounding.  
  
"Jessi?" She was surprised. More than surprised, she was shocked. It’s been a while since she saw her and of all places, at the pub near her apartment. What are the chances?    
  
“Tiff?!” Her eyes opened wide on its own. Of all the people she could have met tonight, she actually bumped into Tiffany. What are the chances?  
  
They kept their stares at each other until someone said excuse me and broke the staring.  
  
“Hmm…Jessi, what do you say to a drink?”  
  
Jessica nodded her head and they went into the pub together.  
  
*Beep beep*  
  
From: Yuwree Love  
To: Tiffany  
  
Babe, I just got promoted to senior partner.  
  
*She looked at her phone and felt happy for her girlfriend. But she found it hard to concentrate, as she really can’t take her eyes off the girl in front of her.*  
  
From: Yoongie  
To: Sica  
  
Sica unnie, am I disturbing your beauty sleep? Keke. I'm about to finish work. The event was a huge success! :)  
  
She looked at her phone and for that spilt second she felt guilty towards her girlfriend. But the guilt was soon swept away as she take a glance at the girl in front of her.  
  
“Jessi…Are you alright?” Tiffany’s voice has a tone of concern.  
  
“Yeah? Oh…yeah...I’m fine…How about you? Do you need to reply the message?” Jessica was visibly distracted and was trying to change the topic.  
  
“Oh right...yeah...let me reply my message first.”  
  
Tiffany paused before replying. What should she texted back. Should she tell Yuri the truth…or should she not? She was in a dilemma.  
  
Jessica looked at her phone and wondered what should she say to Yoona.  
  
From: Tiffany  
To: Yuwree Love  
  
Yuwreee! Sorry baby, I took awhile to reply. I was going through Sunny's hen night plans with Hyo. That's great news! You are the best investment analyst they ever had! Hon, we should celebrate! Let's do that when you are back? Loves. ^^  
  
From: Sica  
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Yoongie!!! Congrats baby!! I’m out with Hyunnie right now. You better not chat up with another girl! Talk to you when you are back? I love you! XP    
  
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A few drinks later  
  
“Tiff, I’m sorry…”  
  
“It’s okay Jessi. Apologies accepted.” She gave her brightest eye-smile to Jessica.  
  
Jessica looked at Tiffany, and all the feelings she had for her came back like raging wild rapids.  
  
“No! It’s not okay. I’m sorry to forsake you. I’m sorry that I did not acknowledge you back then. I’m sorry for leaving you…” The tears from Jessica’s eyes were like a mini waterfall.  
  
*Jessica and Tiffany were childhood friends in California. They were inseparable. She had no idea when and how it started. She started having these weird feelings whenever Tiffany is near her. Her heart beats like it just ran a 10km marathon. She felt a weird sense of jealousy when Tiffany was talking about some boys in school. Her heart broke when Tiffany went out with this boy from school on a date and came back gushing over him.*  
  
*She tried to keep her distance from Tiffany. She tried dating some other people to keep her mind off Tiffany. But it was like living hell for her. The more she tried to distance herself, the more her heart misses Tiffany. She didn’t know what was going on. Was she falling in love with her best friend? She was scared.*  
  
*When Dad came home and broke news of his relocation, she somehow felt a sense of relief washed through her. But when she knew they were leaving in one month’s time, she suddenly regretted the sense of relief. She didn’t want to leave Tiffany. It was then she realized her heart now belongs to Tiffany.*  
  
  
“Jessi…what’s in the past, let’s just leave it there. It is history. We can start over again.” Smiled Tiffany.  
  
*They were childhood friends in California. Fany has always like Jessi. In her, she found a best friend and soul mate. Jessi may be girly and all, but Fany secretly thought that Jessi looked like a Prince Charming. Her sharp features, her charisma, the list can go on. She was falling for her best friend. Somehow Jessi did not care when other boys in school talked to her, and neither did it bothered her when she went out this guy from the basketball team. She wasn’t sure if she was indeed falling for Jessi. Perhaps it was just admiration.*  
  
*If it was just admiration…why would she felt a pang of jealousy when Jessi went out with other people? Why would her heart beats faster than usual when Jessi is near her? The more she tried making sense of her own feelings, the more she didn’t understand.*  
  
*When Jessi left for Korea, she cried almost every night. It seems like Jessi took a piece of her and she felt incomplete. She was indeed in love with her best friend.*  
  
Jessica looked at Tiffany, and she cant control her own emotions any more. She leaned forward towards Tiffany, and gave her a kiss on the lips that she had always wanted to kiss.  
  
Cupid had already shot his golden arrows at the two of them before Jessica caught Tiffany’s lips. Smiling to himself, he knew that this time round, he wouldn’t go wrong anymore. Time to leave the girls to themselves. And then he left.  
  
Breaking the kiss, Tiffany looked at Jessica with her eyes wide opened.  
  
“Jessi…I’ve a girlfriend…”  
  
“So do I…”  
  
“Jessi, I can’t do this to Yuri. I missed you, but I just can’t do this to Yuri.”  
  
“Fany, I understand. I’m sorry for my behavior. I…better leave. I…will see you again?” Jessica would give anything to stay with the girl in front of her. But their circumstances were awkward.  
  
*Jessica decided to start her life anew back in Seoul. Setting aside the memories she shared with Tiffany, she moved on. Taeyeon, a very close family friend, took her around and introduced her friends to her. When she was first introduced to Yoona, she was smitten. Yoona’s outgoing personality reminded her of someone. Yoona’s gentleness reminded her of someone. Someone she held close in her heart. As she gets to know Yoona, she felt that she was falling for her. Whether or not she was taking Yoona as a substitute, she couldn’t be sure. All she knew was that she will not give up Yoona like how she did with Fany.*  
  
*Tae told her that she and Yoona were planning a party that weekend. She went that night, planning to confess to Yoona. She found Yoona by the DJ console, but somehow she was looking out for someone. Kwon Yuri. She has heard that Yuri likes Yoona…but love is all fair and square? May the best woman win?  She made her move towards Yoona and planted a kiss on, not her cheeks, but her lips. She was sure Yuri saw that. Yoona was shocked by her action. She mumbled something and moved away from Jessica. She was hurt with the rejection. But she was determined not to give up.  Not this time.*  
  
*She went to look for Yoona almost every day. When Yoona finally told her to get to know each other, she was bursting with excitement. She was in love.*  
  
*Till she met Tiffany again. She thought her eyes were playing a trick on her when she saw Fany in the school campus. Her senses were heightened. Who would have knew Jessica to be as stealthy as a cat? She managed to keep out of Fany’s sight, but at the championship celebration party, which she went with Yoona, she no longer could avoid her. She saw the shock in Fany’s eyes. She did not acknowledge her and pretended not to know her. Her heart ached at the evident sadness in the eyes of the person she loves.*  
  
  
“Jessi..” She whispered as she looked at the back of the woman who left her and leaving her again.  
  
  
*She was a walking zombie after Jessi left. When her dad finally agreed to her attending university in Korea, Tiffany was ecstatic. Time to reunite with Jessi. She enrolled in the same school that Jessi went and she purposely did not inform her so as to give her a surprise. Sunny, another of her childhood friend who returned to Seoul few years back, was excited that Fany is returning to Korea. She brought Fany around and to school for her enrollment. She thought she saw Jessi in school. But each time she was about to call out, the girl would disappear from her sight.*  
  
*Sunny and her dorky friends brought her to the school basketball match and there she saw Yuri. Something about Yuri reminded her of Jessi. She was certain that her heart belonged to Jessi. But when she saw Yuri, she behaved like a crazy fan. And when she gets to know Yuri better, she was certain that as much as she loves Jessi, she was also falling in love with Yuri.*  
  
*Till she met Jessica again. At the championship celebration party, she saw Jessi. For a moment, she forgot how to breathe. Her heartbeat was irregular and there were butterflies in her stomach. But her Jessi doesn’t seem to remember her at all.  There was a blank look in her face. She never knew that being ignored by the person you have wanted to see for the longest time could actually hurt so much. Her heart shattered into pieces that night. Jessi was no longer the same Jessi that she knew.*  
  
Something came over her. She ran out of the pub and chased after Jessica. It doesn’t take her long to find the girl her heart longed for. She pounced on her small frame and hugged her from behind.  
  
“Don’t leave me again, please, Jessi, please.” With that, her tears stained the other girl’s top.  
  
They stayed in each other's embrace for a while. A long while. 

*“I am good, but not an angel. I do sin, but I am not the devil. I am just a small girl in a big world trying to find someone to love.”*

*~ Marilyn Monroe*

**The State of Mind – Before**

*“A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality.”*

*~ John Lennon*

*In her dreams, Yoona and her belonged together.*  
  
  
*In her dreams, Yuri is hers.*  
  
  
*In her dreams, Jessi has never left her.*  
  
  
*In her dreams, Fany wanted her to stay.*  
  
  
*Together. That’s all they ever wanted. But why was it so difficult?*  
  
  
Cupid had his fun. The girls suffered from his playfulness. Now, what are they supposed to do with their own relationships?  
  
  
Yoona couldn’t get Yuri out of her mind. She buried herself at work. Starting early and ending late. She hardly talks to Jessica ever since coming back from Jeju. And she no longer tells Taeyeon anything unless its work related. As long as she can’t resolve her internal complications, she can’t bring herself to speak with anyone.  
  
  
Yuri has been really busy with work since her promotion. It suited her well since she has no idea how should she face Tiffany ever since coming back from Jeju. She can’t bring herself to tell her friends about what had happen, especially Sunny and Hyo.  
  
*Hyo was one half of her twin guards but she has been close to Jessica because of dance club. Hyo always felt like she was a patty between the buns. Both girls were dear to her. Hence, she chose to follow Soo’s and stayed neutral between the two girls.*  
  
  
Jessica didn’t mind that Yoona has been working late. She needed to sort out her thoughts and feelings before she could start speaking with Yoona. Things have spiraled out of her control. She thought she could just stay with Yoona and forgets everything about Tiffany. Tiffany’s appearance always makes her a wreck. No wonder people say you will not forget your first love.  
  
  
Fany was really happy for Yuri’s promotion. Her girlfriend has worked hard and definitely deserved the promotion. Yuri’s promotion has made it difficult for her to plan any form of celebration. It was anything but good timing. She really needed the time apart to think through whatever has happened recently.  
  
  
They were questioned by their own conscience. What exactly does their heart and mind wants them to do?  Cupid has left them to solve the problem on their own. For all he cares, his job is done. He has reversed all the arrows. But what he failed to realize, emotion is something you should never have toyed with.

**The State of Mind – After**

*Breaking up makes or breaks one. It takes a lot to say I love you, takes even more to say, its over.*

“Yoong.”  
  
“Yea, Sica unnie?”  
  
Seeing how the young girl has practically spent all her time at work, Taeyeon has forced Yoona to take a week off from work. Besides, she felt that something was amiss. Her two friends definitely need to talk to each other.  
  
“Yoong…shall we go out for dinner tonight?” Said Jessica with a weak smile.  
  
“That will be nice. I’ve not spent a lot of time with you recently.” She replied her girlfriend with a warm smile.  
  
The warm smile from Yoona made her melt with love, for the first second. Her guilt overtook her the next second.  
  
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“Ahhhhh….Dinner was so good. Right, Sica unnie? I think my stomach is bursting.”  
  
“Silly girl. You don’t have to order so much. People would think I’m starved my own girlfriend.” She ends her sentence with a pout.  
  
Looking at Jessica, Y0ona wondered what exactly went wrong with their relationship. There they are, in their own happy world. But are they really happy?   
  
Their hands found each other and they held hands throughout the journey home in silence. Their own guilt is killing them inside.  
  
“Sica unnie, why did you fall in love with me?”   
  
The question from Yoona caught Jessica in surprise. She was momentarily stumped.  
  
“I…You…you reminded me of my first love. Then I fell in love with your personality, with your heart, with you. You have a really beautiful heart, Yoongie.”  
  
Jessica was surprised with her own words. There she was, eaten up by her own guilt with her love for Tiffany. Never did she expected such a simple question from Yoona has revealed where her heart actually belongs to. She fell in love with Yoona, was in love and still in love with her.   
  
Yoona looked at Jessica, held her hands, and gave her a hug.  
  
In each other’s embrace, with their own thoughts running...  
Yoona broke the peaceful silence by initiating a break up.

**The Wedding**

*What made me love thee? let that persuade thee*

*there's something extraordinary in thee. I cannot: but I love thee; none*

*but thee; and thou deservest it.*

*~ The Merry Wives of Windsor*

They were happy for their friends. Taeyeon and Sunny match well with each other, almost in all aspects.  
Almost? No one person is perfect, isn't it?  
  
The wedding went extremely well. Sooyoung’s tears streamed down like a mini fountain when the brides walked out, stood at the altar, exchanged their rings and I-dos for their ever after.  
  
So beautiful the two shorties, she said, earning an instant glare from the brides. But being Sooyoung, she was of course, oblivious.  
  
But it doesn't take much to calm the two brides down. All it took was the sight of their own best friends.  
  
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Taeyeon was glad that Yoona has resumed the role as her wedding planner and maid of honor. With a little help from Tiffany and Hyo, Yoona planned the entire wedding with huge success and prevented both brides from turning into every bridesmaid's nightmare - Bridezilla.  
  
It was a tad awkward given that their love lives seem to be a drama with them being the respective leads. But for the sake of the brides, they put aside their differences to make it a great wedding. The awkwardness was soon dismissed.  
  
*Taeyeon was shocked when Yoona said that she has broken up with Jessica and wanted to go away for a holiday. It was just a few months away from her wedding. But more importantly...Jessica...Yoona has always pampered Jessica like a princess. Is Jessica able to withstand the heartbreak? Or...should she call Tiffany...*  
  
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Sunny was glad that Yuri is finally back. Yuri felt apologetic and guilty towards her best friend. She haven’t been what a best friend should be. She left for London a week after the breakup with Tiffany.  She decided to take a break from everything, including work. But now that she's back, after 3 months, she has never felt better.  
  
*The day Taeyeon told her that Yoona and Yuri were both present at the event in Jeju, Sunny knew that something is bound to happen. Yuri may not say a thing,*but *knowing her for years, she knew that something indeed has happened. The breakup was no surprise. She has expected the initiator to be Tiffany. Tiffany has always loved Yuri more. But she  has always been the stronger and more optimistic one between the two. She was worried about Yuri...Should she inform Yoona...*  
  
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"Yuwree...good to have you back." Tiffany was slightly hesitant, worried about the response from she will get from the girl she used to love.  
  
  
Yuri smiled at the girl standing in front of her and gave her a big bear hug.  
  
  
"Silly, aren’t you the girl who loves to give hugs? I missed your eye-smiles. You should smile more."  
  
  
Words from Yuri are always soothing. Tiffany's uneasy heart was put to rest. She was glad that Yuri was able to put everything behind and start anew.  
  
  
"Where's Jessica? Has she been treating my Fany well?"  
  
  
Shy eye smiles from Tiffany. A shade of pink crept up her cheeks.    
  
  
\*poof\* BACK HUG!  
  
  
"How dare you flirt with Fany unnie behind my back?!" Said a particular pissed choding while holding on to her love like a koala bear.  
  
  
"How could it be behind your back when you are the one at my back?" Asked a very "clueless" Yuri.  
  
  
Yoona could only glared at her in mock anger. She knew that the girl in front of her was just pretending to be clueless.  
  
  
"Yah yah yah! Let go of my Fany." Said a cold voice and instant cold stare from the Ice Princess.  
  
  
“My Fany? Since when I’m yours???” Tiffany looked at Jessica with a smirk.  
  
  
*The Ice Princess – 0 | 1 - Eye-smile Queen*  
  
  
The ex-girlfriends looked and winked at each other. They made a great team. In teasing the two girls whom they love.  
  
  
The group of friends looked at the four girls in amusement.  
  
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*"Sica unnie. Let's break up."*  
  
*"What?!" Evident shock flashed across Jessica’s face.*  
  
*Yoona has given her relationship with Jessica a lot of thought. She has grown to like Jessica when they first got together. Like turned love. But perhaps it was the type of love that you grew to have after awhile. She has never once forgot about Yuri. The one person who made her heart feels alive. She knew that her one night with Yuri was enough to end her relationship with Jessica. She thought she has forgotten her first love, only to be proven wrong. Of course, she wouldn’t know that it’s Cupid’s game. But who would? She felt sorry to break Jessica’s heart, but she can’t bear to drag it on any further. She packed that very night and moved out from their apartment the next day.*  
  
*Jessica was devastated. She never once expected Yoona to initiate a break up. But she accepted it anyway. Though Yoona did not mention anything or anyone, she has heard Taeyeon mentioning to Sunny about Yuri at the event in Jeju. She knew that Yoona has liked Yuri for the longest time. She was pretending to be oblivious. She could see it in Yoona's eyes. But she didn't want to give up like how she gave up on Tiffany.*  
  
*She loved Tiffany with all her heart. At the departure gate, her heart was still contemplating if she should confess. But it broke into pieces the moment Tiffany said, "Jessi, we will be friends forever.”. She gave up on love and to find it back when she met Yoona. She was crazy about Yoona. In her relationship with Yoona, there were only happy moments. Yoona would never bear to make her unhappy or sad. And she’s always giving towards Jessica.*  
  
*Of the years avoiding Tiffany, meeting her again just weeks ago placed her in a state of confusion. She loved Tiffany. She loves Yoona. Thousands of thoughts went through her head with no conclusion. Of course, she wouldn’t know that it’s Cupid’s game. But who would? Now that she’s clear where her heart belongs, it’s a tad too late.*  
  
*Their friends knew what happened.*  
  
*Taeyeon's concern and worries about Jessica was making her unbearable. Sunny called Tiffany and told her what happened. Tiffany went straight to Jessica’s and stayed by her, not as a lover, but as a friend. Jessica was grateful for Tiffany’s friendship. But they aren’t ready for love. Not yet.*  
  
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*Taeyeon gave her 3 months off on the condition she come back and plan her wedding after the break.*  
  
*She went to London and met her on the same plane, the seat next to each other. What in the world is that? Coincidence, chances, what? Not really. A little unhappy birdie tipped her off. She was glad that Taeyeon is dating Sunny. And Sunny happened to be HER best friend. She smiled at the tanned girl in front of her sight and said hi.*  
  
*It was one of the best flights they ever had.*  
  
*Of the years apart, the feelings and thoughts for each other buried in the deepest ends of their hearts were brought out on the table during that flight. They were shy but yet open with each other. Confessions after confessions brought them closer than they ever thought they would be. Who confessed first? Does it really matter now? The smiles on their faces, the fingers intertwined, their hearts mirroring each other. It speaks louder than any spoken or written explanation of their courtship.*  
  
*Traveling together in a foreign land brought them much pleasure and fun. In their world of two, they are now living the love that Cupid took away from them.*  
  
*People said that you never know when you will fall in love. They knew that they would, from the first day. Who cares about Cupid anymore? Not them definitely.*  
  
*They got engaged after their trip from London.*  
  
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"Yoong, I was just saying hi. Come on baby, I will give you all the loving tonight." winked the usually shy girl. What got over her to be so bold, she has no idea at all. Perhaps it was dating the choding that built up her courage.  
  
Yoona immediately let go of her. Her face was as red as beetroot and the rest can't help but let out wolf whistle.  
  
  
"Yoong, we will let you girls have the limelight tonight instead. Keke." said the generous brides.  
  
  
"Kwon.Yuri., you are so not entering our bedroom tonight." she said with a huff and walked off.  
  
  
Jessica and Fany looked at them and then at each other. They smiled knowingly, knowing how awesome it is to be with someone whom your heart belongs to.  They may not be together now, but they both knew their heart belongs to each other already.  
  
Yuri smiled at the love of her life. She has never been happier.  
  
Yoona let out a smile after turning her back. She was glad that she and Yuri are finally together as one.  
  
And, Cupid was smiling at them from afar.

**The Explanation**

*There is no remedy for love but to love more.*

*~Henry David Thoreau*

She was certain that she loved Yuri. And because of the certainty, all the more she wanted to let her go.  Isn’t love all about giving? Isn’t love all about letting go when it is not mean to be?

Yuri has been the nicest and most gentle girlfriend anyone could ask for. The only problem, her heart never belonged. She knew that Yuri gives her best in everything she does. Except when it concerns the affairs of the heart. It's like a fortress. In the years of being together, she has always felt Yuri's care and presence but, never once, her love. Her birthday wish every year is to have her girlfriend's love.

How can they be together for that long without love? She questioned it all the time. There were days where Yuri was really sweet to her.  Making her favorite waffles with fresh strawberries and had breakfast in bed with her on weekends. Picking her up from work, a nice dinner by the candlelight and a peaceful stroll by the park.

Yuri's double personality confuses her all the time. She thought she had her love finally when Yuri asked her if she wants to move in. Later did she knew, Yuri thought that's how it should be after some time in a relationship. It broke her heart.

Her girlfriend doesn't seem to know how to love. She's a great investment analyst, but she failed to learn how to invest in a relationship. Did she really failed to learn or it's simply because she's not the one for her?

She heard from Sunny that Yuri had a first love but it was unrequited. The girl broke Yuri's heart in one night. Sunny did not reveal much. But she gathered that her girlfriend has closed her heart that very night. She suspected it was the same night she appeared at her doorstep and started crying in her arms. And it was the same night she confessed to Yuri and they got together from that night.

She knew she was a rebound. There are stories of rebound relationship that works. But it seems like her relationship with Yuri may not be working. Her love for Yuri kept her going. Till...she saw Jessi.

Jessi has been her first love. When Jessi left, her big mouth told her that they would be friends forever. Why did she do that? She still wonders. Why can't she just confess and ask her to wait? Questions bombarded her own self, which she doesn't have an answer to.

The very night when Yuri was away for a company event was also the night where she met Jessi again. It brought back memories of the night years ago where she met her first love at Sunny's engagement. Her first love shunned her. But she was never one who bears grudges. She forgives and forgets like it is her second nature. Seeing Jessi's tears mixed with apologies, it tugged her heart. She thought she has let go of her own first love. Jessi brought it back that instant. She tried to forget the night with Jessi. But life was never back to its norm again. Yuri was different when she came back from Jeju. She was different too. Surprisingly, breaking up with Yuri brought a sense of relief over her. She held on too long. She loves Yuri, but it was tiring when it’s one-sided. She will always love Yuri, but she has had enough. She wants to be loved too. If Cupid has deprived her of the love she deserved then, she will start fighting for it now.

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She was speechless when Fany broke up with her. All she could do at that instant was to cry. Guilt was pouring out of her. And she knows not how to prevent it from overflowing. She wanted to be honest with Fany, but her lack of expertise in love stops her from doing so.

She knew that Fany has been the most loving and caring girlfriend to her. She has tried loving her back but could never do so. There's always something pulling her back. Her heart beats for Yoona and Yoona alone. There was simply no room for another person.

Meeting Yoona in Jeju and spending a night with her, she knew that there's no saving in her relationship with Fany. But yet again, due to her lack of expertise in love, she doesn't know how to break up with Fany without hurting her.

As smart a person she is in all aspects, Kwon Yuri doesn't know love at all. Not when it does not involve the person whom she loves.

She was in Fany's arms for a long while. Her girlfriend, or rather ex-girlfriend now, was consoling her. She wondered where in their relationship went wrong. Was it even wrong for them to begin? She's not just hurting herself. She has also hurt the person who loved her.

"Fany, I'm sorry." She said with the most sincere look in her eyes.

At that moment, Tiffany knew what makes her fell in love with Yuri. As much as she doesn't want to let go, she knew she has to. She may not have her love, but she loves her. And that's more than enough for her. She wants the person she loves to be happy and if that means letting go, she will do it.

"Yul, it's ok. Move on well. Go find your love, and be happy. That's all I want for you. Don't be sad anymore. I've never regret loving you. You are the best I ever had. Don't be guilty. This is only for our good. I don't blame you for anything. But I thank you for everything. And I treasure all our moments together. I will always love you, even as friends."

"Fany, you may not have me from now on. But never ever stop loving others. You have a big heart and you are a fantastic lover. I don't deserve you doesn't mean you don't deserve someone good. I believe you will find someone who loves you back."

She knew about Fany’s first love. Both Sunny and Tiffany herself have told her before. She felt sorry for not being able to reciprocate her love. But its time she should let Tiffany go as well.

They exchanged their last hug and both cried on each other shoulders. That night was the last night they laid beside each other as a couple. What lays ahead for them from tomorrow onwards, it's in their own hands.

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*Cupid was guilty at the sight of the two girls in front of her. He's been cruel. He thought that by reversing the arrows, his job was done. How wrong was he. And now he wonders about the other two...Will they be in the same situation as these two? How he disliked himself for playing with them. His guilt was literally eating him from inside out. And there's nothing he can do.*

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She couldn't believe her ears when Yoona initiated the break up. She was ready to give up the Tiffany for this doe-eye girl. But her indecisiveness has cost her losing her from now.

"Why...Yoongie? I don't understand...Aren't we fine?" her tears were slowly flowing down.

"Sica unnie, I'm sorry. I am and have always been in love with another person. I do love you too. But it just feels different. The day we got together, I thought I could forget about her and start a new chapter with you. I grew to like you a lot. And probably even love you. But meeting her again..." Yoona paused, not knowing if she should continue breaking the heart of the girl in front of her.

"Yoong..."

Silence engulfed them.

"Yoong, I know. I knew you have always loved Yuri. I thought I could change your mind. You are the most attentive and sweetest girlfriend anyone could ask for. I wouldn't trade you for anyone or anything. What we had, please tell me it's real at least." pleads the sobbing girl.

Yoona was guilty. She has not expect that Jessica to be so emotional. She thought Jessica has lost her love for her. But even if she has to do it again, she will still do what she has just done.

"Sica unnie, I love Yuri from the first day I met her. But I've never regret starting a relationship with you. You are the warmest person I ever known. And you taught me how to love. Because of that, I need to let you go. I can never love you as much as I love Yuri. And that's not fair to you. The longer we hang on to this relationship, the more I will end up hurting you.”

“Yoong…”

“I know you love me but you have another person in your heart as well. That is a truth you need to face up to. Stop avoiding Tiffany unnie."

Jessica looked up and into Yoona's eyes. Surprise was evident in her eyes.

"How did..."

"I saw the way you looked at her at Tae's engagement party. I could tell that you knew her but was pretending not to. I knew you well enough to know when you are pretending."

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"You never told me about your first love. But Taeng did."

"What?! That midget! I will..." the crying Jessica is now Hellsica.

"Calm down Sica unnie! It's not all that bad. At least I know something about you that you are not telling." smiled Yoona.

"I think we are good together. But I think the time has come that we need to part. There's someone else in our own hearts that neither of us can be owner of each other's heart. Let's end this well. I will always be there for you no matter what. And I want you to be happy."

It is just mere words, but Jessica could feel Yoona's sincerity and love in every sentence.

She nods her head and hugged Yoona like never before. They went home together that night. But Yoona's departure the next morning sets Jessica into a crying fit again.

Tiffany, upon knowing, rushed to Jessica's immediately.

The moment she saw Jessica, she just want to hold her in her arms.

"Jessi..."

"Tiff!" and in Tiffany's arms, Jessica cried her heart out.

In Tiffany's arms, she found solace and security. Who knew that the Ice Prince in Tiffany's eyes was such a Princess instead?

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She was sad to see Jessica sad. The girl may be icy and aloof, but she has the warmest and softest heart she ever knew. She loves Jessica overtime. But she was in love with Yuri, from day one.

She knew that she has broke Jessica's heart. But she just had to do what she needed to do. Meeting Yuri was like a dream came true. And she knew she couldn’t just let her out of her life again. As much as she can't bear to hurt Jessica, she doesn't want to lose Yuri again.

Breaking Jessica's heart was painful. Moving out from their apartment was painful too. Everything that they used to share and have is now closed like how a story ends. They both need to start a new chapter on their own. She was worried about Jessica. But she knew just the right person who can help to mend Jessica’s heart. If only Jessica opens up to her again.

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*Cupid was there again. Where else could he be? Places, of course. But obviously the guilt stricken troublemaker couldn't and wouldn't go anywhere till he sees the wrong he did was right. He could only blame himself that these four girls are in their own misery and sadness.*

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"Tiff, you don't have to do this. I'm fine."

"Jessi, I'm not leaving you alone."

“…Hmm…Tiff...thanks for staying."

Tiffany flashed her famous eye smile at Jessica. She will not leave Jessica again and let her face this heartbreak alone.

Holding Tiffany's hands, Jessica could only hope her gratitude was conveyed through the physical touch. Words were not needed between the two. Both need to recover from their lost love.

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She booked herself a flight to London. On one hand, she was glad that it was over with Tiffany. But on the other hand, she felt really bad. She needed to get away badly and get a proper closure.

Before she boards the plane, Sunny had a good chat with her over coffee.

"Yuri-yah...take a good break and enjoy yourself ok? I want you to be alright and refreshed for my wedding. A grumpy bridesmaid doesn't look good." Said Sunny with a pout.

"Sunny..."

"Ha..ha...no pressure no pressure." Sunny's voice has a weird sense of nervousness.

She wonders what is wrong with her best friend.

Then, her phone rings.

“Yah you. You… Yah…Get out of your shy shell and have a lot of fun in London. Cya at Sunny’s wedding. Okay, time for my lunch. I talk to you when we are at the wedding. BYE!!” and the line went dead.

Yuri was about to scold Sooyoung for her rude opening, and there she was, cutting her line, left her staring at her own phone.

“Is that Sooyoungie? What does she wants?” asked a curious Sunny.

“I’ve no idea. She called to ask me…get out of my shy shell and have fun in London. It is as though something is going to happen…” Whatever Sooyoung said was on repeat mode in Yuri’s mind. She wondered if there was a double meaning behind those words. Yet again, Sooyoung doesn’t always make sense.

“Oh…” There was a look on Sunny’s face that Yuri could not make out.

What’s wrong with her friends today?

“Yul, I gotta go! Taeng is waiting for me at home. You stay safe and have lotsa fun ok? I love you and I will see you soon!” Sunny gave her wide smile, a big hug and left her.

As she makes her way on board, she thought to herself, this time, if she has another chance with Yoona, she will not let it slip by her again.

Sitting in her seat, she closed her eyes for a rest. She really needs a rest. Emotional fatigue swept through her body like a tsunami. She was about to lose her consciousness to the z monster when she heard...

"Hi there stranger, we meet again."

She could hear and feel a smile in the opening sentence from the voice. The voice...sounds familiar. She will never miss it in a lifetime.

The emotional tsunami was gone at the very instant. The voice was like a rainbow after the rain. It's like sunshine to the gloom. Her eyes opened to the voice. And there in front of her, she stood. In front of her stood an angel. An angel whom her hearts beats for, the butterflies in her stomach flew for and whom she would give up everything for.

*She. Im Yoona.*

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She got a tip off. Yuri has booked herself a flight to London. She used all her connections and managed to book the same flight and the next seat. She thanked God for her job, which allows her to know people from different industries.

Instead of sadness, she felt relieved. Guilt of cheating on Jessica has taken a toll on her emotionally. The many nights of overtime has also affected her physically. She was exhausted. The break up freed her from the emotional, mental and physical exhaustion. She was not sorry to leave. She was just sorry to break another person's heart. If there's someone whom she can blame, it will be Cupid. But how can she just push her responsibilities to a non-existent fiction character.

*Ahh...if only she knows.*

Boarding the plane, she felt like a person with bi-polar syndromes. She was feeling excited and nervous at the same time. One moment she can't wait to board the plane. The other moment, she wants to just chicken out. She has no idea how will Yuri react. She's really worried and shuddered at the remembrance of Sooyoung's words...

An unknown number appeared on her phone.

"Hello?"

"If you let Yuri down once more, I promise I will fly back immediately and slaughter you alive."

The person on the line sounds familiar and menacing at the same time. It was the same voice as the one who stopped her from going after Yuri at the club event.

"Soo...Sooyoung?" she gulped.

"Yah! Of course it's me! Don't waste my international roaming. You got my message?! Just answer yes or no!" That tall girl can't stop screaming over the phone.

"I won't let her down again. I promise you. I wont let her go this time." she said bravely with a very determined tone.

"Alright. I trust you. I will be your maid of honor when you two get married. And no, you can't reject it. Hoho. Okay I got to go! Take care of Yuri please. Bye!" with a change of tone and before she could even reply, Sooyoung has put down the phone.

Does this person always speak like this over the phone?

She boards the plane, walks towards her seat. There she is, in her seat with her eyes closed. She looked tired. And she felt her heart aching at that sight. How she wished she could take away that tiredness from the girl she loves so much.

"Hi there stranger, we meet again." She said with a smile.

She stops breathing that very second when Yuri opened her eyes. As suave as she was saying her opening sentence, her heart was beating irregularly and rapidly against her own will.

"Yoona?!" Yuri was surprised. Very surprise in fact.

"I hope you don't mind me taking the seat beside. It took a lot of hellos and pleases to get this hot seat."

"Hot seat?"

"Yeah. Coz the seat beside is occupied by the hottest girl in my universe." she said with a sincere smile.

There's no way Yuri doubts Yoona's sincerity.

"Hmm..." Yuri was blushing. The shy girl was thinking how she should answer.

"You can just say you don’t mind."

Yuri could only nod. She will only know later that Yoona was actually in bundle of nerves underneath that suave and charismatic outlook.

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They talked throughout the entire flight. Halfway through the flight, Yuri lets out a yawn.

“Yul, are you tired?” Yoona was concerned about the girl beside her.

“A little.” She smiled.

“Close your eyes. Lean your head on my shoulders.”

Yoona could see a shade of pink rising up the tanned girl’s cheeks after her sentence.

“Come on.”

With the encouragement from Yoona, Yuri leaned her head on Yoona’s shoulder and slipped into dreamland right away. Sneaky Yoona took the chance to hold Yuri’s hands and intertwined their fingers together. She was true to her words that she will not let go of Yuri.

A small smile was apparent on Yuri’s face.

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An hour before landing, they have decided to travel together. Sans the sleeping time, they talked throughout the entire journey. Yoona started the ball rolling by confessing to Yuri. They both knew they are in love with each other.

“Yul, I know that we have just broke up with our own partners. But I don’t want to go through another day thinking how it will be like having you in my life. I want to go through my todays and tomorrows and reminisce my yesterdays with you in it. I want you in my life.”

“Yoong, you have no idea how much I want to do that with you as well.” She replied shyly to the girl beside her.

And there, they begin their new love journey, with each other.

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They enjoyed London very much. Since it is where they started their new chapter of love. Two weeks before they were supposed to fly back, Yuri brought Yoona on a boat trip on the Thames one Sunday morning. They were enjoying the serenity, basking in each other’s company.

“Yoong…”

Yoona opened her eyes and looked at Yuri with a smile. Before she could even ask, Yuri spoke.

“Yoong, I just want to tell you how happy I was for the past few weeks. And I want to thank you for being here with me. It means a lot to me.”

“Yul, thank you too. I would give up everything just to be here with you.” Yoona held Yuri hands and leaned in to give her a kiss.

“Im Yoona.”

The change of tone in Yuri’s voice made her wonder if she has done the wrong act. Should she not kiss her? But they have already done so much in the few weeks…She blushed at her own thoughts.

“Yes…Yul? Is there anything wrong? Can I not kiss you?”

Yuri looked at Yoona with a look of disbelief.

“Do you want to share what perverted thoughts are running through your mind?”

“Hehe...”

“Anyways…I want to ask you something.”

In a flash, Yuri whipped out a beautiful ring with a round brilliant cut colorless diamond from her pocket, and said,

“I may not be good with my words, but I am absolutely serious about you. Will you…say yes to be with me in all my yesterdays, todays and tomorrows from today onwards? Will you marry me?”

“Kwon Yuri. You have no originality at all. But I do.” Said Yoona with a laugh. She then leaned in to Yuri and by her ears whispered, “If there’s anyone I ever want to marry, it is you.” She ended the conversation with a kiss.

**Epilogue**

*You know you are in love when you can’t fall asleep because reality is finally better than dreams.*

*~ Dr. Seuss*

There was this night where there was this conversation...  
  
  
“Yoong.”  
  
  
“Yul.”  
  
  
“Yoong.”  
  
  
“Yul.”  
  
  
And this went on for 10 minutes.  
  
  
“Yoong.”  
  
  
“Spill Yul. We are at it for 10 minutes already and I really want to sleep.” The choding finally had enough.  
  
  
“I love you.” That alone was enough to draw a smile from Yoona. Even in the darks of the night, Yuri shines like a bright pearl. Her confession was simple, but cute.    
  
  
“Yul, I love you too.” And she leaned in to kiss her wife. The night ahead is long for them, but hey, who’s complaining.  
  
  
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“Jessi.”  
  
  
“Tiff.”  
  
  
“Jessi.”  
  
  
“Tiff.”  
  
  
“Jessi!”  
  
  
“What is it, Tiff?”  
  
  
“Aren’t you asking me already!” The Eye-smile Queen is mad.  
  
  
“I just asked you what is it, isn’t it?” The Ice-Princess is not getting it.  
  
  
“When are you asking me to be YOURS?” glared the Queen.  
  
  
“Now. Tiffany Hwang, will you be mine already?” grinned the Ice-Princess, who obviously pretended to be dumb.  
  
  
“ARGH. Can’t you be more romantic? And of course, I will since you are mine.” Eye-smiles from slightly frustrated Queen.  
  
  
And Jessica closed their gap like how a Prince Charming will do with his Princess.  
  
  
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The four girls are finally with whom they are supposed to be with in the first place. Cupid swears by their love he will never play with emotions again. It’s like playing with fire and getting burnt.  
  
  
That night belongs to them. That moment is theirs.  
  
  
It was never Cupid’s game to begin with, for they returned to their own love even though it took them on a round trip.    
  
  
When love is meant to be, it will be, regardless of anything or anyone.  
  
  
*The end.*