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*Journey of a
lifetime*

일생 일대의
여행

When you get offered the opportunity to travel abroad you take it. No questions asked. Travel makes the mind flourish, they say. Wouldn't you want to visit other countries doing what you love?

The thought of visiting Korea seemed so romantic, coming from 3 single American girls. Not that finding love was in the plan but you never know, crazier things have happened.

For Anni, Lee and Lily, it was the easiest decision to make. They have always wanted to go to Korea and now was the perfect chance. Three whole months in Seoul, doing what they loved, developing new artists. These girls were professionals in their art, Anni was the manager to have, she could negotiate like no other, ruthless but sweet. Lily could make any face beautiful, she was a sorceress with makeup and had an eye for fashion. Lee, quiet but stern. She could take a picture of the mundane and make it brilliant. She was one of the best photographers worldwide. Korea was about to receive 3 of the best.

"Can you believe it? Us three in Korea. Gosh this is extreme, I don't even know how to feel." Anni said as she walked across the room towards the window.

"I have waited for this it seems like forever. I'm going to miss Chicago though." Lily responded.

"Oh please, we are only going to be gone for 3 months, you act like it's a forever. I'm sure Chicago will be fine for a bit without you, Lily." Lee added.

“The opportunities will be endless after this, we will be able to say we made a nobody into a star.” Anni gloated.

“This is so freaken exciting! Can we leave now? When do we leave?” Lily asked.

“I’m waiting for a call from La and Si Hwan, they will be our contacts out there. He said all the details should be complete by this afternoon. So this phone doesn’t leave me until I hear from them.” Lee stated.

“Let’s go do some shopping while we wait. I’m definitely going to need a new wardrobe for Korea.” Lily suggested.

As the girls prepared for their trip. La and Si Hwan in Seoul prepared for their arrival. Everything had to be perfect. They would be their hosts and nothing could be wrong with their stay.

“Did you rent the apartment for the American girls?” Si Hwan asked.

“Of course I did that a week ago, and before you ask, yes I got them an apartment at Yeouido Park Centre, so they are all set there. Did you book the flights?” La joked.

“Of course, my sweet La. You know I’m very thorough. They are due to arrive at Incheon International Airport a week from today in the morning, so we must prepare transportation for them.” Si Hwan stated.

"Oh yes I know Si Hwan, you remind me every day of how thorough you are." La replied with a soft smile on her face.

La continued reading her book while Si Hwan reconfirmed all the information for the girls.

"I want them to be the complete development team for the upcoming trio, Phoenix and maybe others if it all works out." Si Hwan asked.

La nodded her head and smiled.

"These guys have a great career ahead of them, if everything is done right and I'm 100% positive our team is going to make it happen." Si Hwan assured.

"The girls will be great! We searched for the best and we are getting that. So stop worrying Si Hwan." La whispered as she caressed his face.

"I'm not worried." Si Hwan replied.

"I know you and you are worried, dear." La added.

Si Hwan smiled and nodded his head in disagreement.

"All is going to be fine Si Hwan, you should never doubt." La said as she handed him a cup of tea.

"You know there are always some doubts. You get young guys and young girls together and this can turn out completely different." Si Hwan replied.

“Don’t worry about that! You are working with professionals.” La assured him.

***Si Hwan nodded in agreement.
As the girls returned from their shopping spree, Lee’s phone rang with a video call from La and Si Hwan in Seoul.***

“Hey La! Hey Si Hwan” Lee said excitedly.

“Hello Lee, we just wanted to fill you in on everything. Are the others around?” La asked.

“Yeah, hold on!” Lee replied.

***Lee turned her back and shouted.
“Anni! Lily! Conference call, get over here!”***

They both quickly entered the room and sat next to each other.

“안녕하세요 girls!”(annyeonghaseyo/Hello) Si Hwan said with a smile.

“안녕하세요” (annyeonghaseyo/Hello) Anni and Lily replied.

“Ok, I want to give you an idea on what’s going on.” Si Hwan added.

La handed him some papers and waved hello to the girls from behind him.

“We need you in Seoul by next week but we will not begin working on the group for a month. This way it gives you a few weeks to get accustomed to being here and we can prepare the group better.

We are still in the process of auditioning the members. We have three we really like and at this point, they are the ones. I’m just waiting on approval and the guys will be contacted.” Si Hwan said.

“We should have it all completed and the guys ready for you to work with, in a month. I hope! Si Hwan is a perfectionist.” La added.

Si Hwan laughed and nodded.

“Either way, you will be here and be ready to go as of next week, if we are to start earlier.” Si Hwan ended.

***“So come prepared to work. I promise it will be fun!”
La said with a big smile.***

“We are all ready to go today?” Lee said smiling.

“We can’t wait! We are really looking forward to working with you?” Lily added.

***Anni smiled and gave a thumbs up in agreement.
“Us as well, girls. I will email all your reservations and we will see you all next week.” Si Hwan confirmed.***

“Yes we will, thank you! See you soon Si Hwan and La.” Lee said.

They both waved goodbye.

“Aww man, this is going to be awesome!!!” Anni chanted as she danced around.

“I know, I’m kinda nervous though.” Lee murmured.

“Why? We are the best of the best.” Lily answered confidently.

“No not that, it’s a different country, we don’t know the language too well and the customs, you know.” Lee added.

“It can’t be that different. We’ll catch on, don’t worry Lee.” Anni assured.

The week came and went. Time had come for the girls to head on to Korea for their newest adventure. The flight was a bit long and bumpy but they arrived well. A driver was waiting for them at the airport to get them to their apartment where Si Hwan and La were anxiously waiting. The girls were in awe at the beauty of this place and when they arrived at their destination, they could not believe this was going to be their home for the next few months.

“Oh wow! This place is beautiful!” Lily whispered as she gazed upwards.

Anni and Lee looked on in amazement.

“This way.” The gentleman said as he pointed towards the elevators. The girls followed him in.

As the doors open, the girls looked out and then smiled at each other.

“Your apartment is 1127, follow me please.” The gentleman added.

As they approached the apartment the door flew open and out came La.

“Oh my goodness, you are finally here! I’m so happy!” La shouted.

“좋은 아침 (joh-eun achim/Good Morning) Come in, come in!” Si Hwan continued.

The girls bowed then followed them into a luxurious spacious apartment with a view for miles. The apartment had so many windows it felt like you were floating in the air.

“Oh wow Si Hwan, this apartment is amazing!” Anni commented.

“I’m speechless!” Anni said as she gazed out the window.

“I’m so glad you like it. It will be your home for the next few months so treat it as your own.” Si Hwan replied.

“We know you are tired from your trip, so we will not stay long. We took the liberty and ordered you an early lunch so you can stay in and relax, some Korean cuisine to welcome you to our country.” La explained.

“That is so awesome of you.” Lee responded.

“This one is my room.” Lily yelled from the other side of the apartment.

They all laughed.

“All the amenities you will need are located on the first floor of the building. There is a gym, if you need it. Laundry service, restaurants etc. You are always welcome to leave and explore the area on your own also. Don’t be shy, we are nice people.” Si Hwan added.

“I feel like I’m in a dream.” Anni sighed as she bit into a warm rice cake.

Si Hwan and La smiled.

“Down the street there are shops you can visit and please be sure to charge everything to this room or to Sin Si Hwan, you are here on our expense.” La added.

“Oh wow! “고맙습니다!!” (gomabseubnida/thank you) Lily said with a smile.

“We will go now so you can rest. I will call you tomorrow to check on you, ok? You have our numbers in case you need us also.” Si Hwan asked.

“Yes we do and thank you so much for all this!” Lee said excitedly.

“내일 봐요” (naeil boiyo/see you tomorrow) Si Hwan said as he left the apartment.

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