

*Who Waits  
for Love?*

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***DEDICATION \* 봉납***

**To my baby girl, Kaia Rei, I love you more  
than words, you are my everything!**

**To Xiumin, you inspired me to follow my  
dreams, no matter where they take me. I  
wish you all the best in your future  
endeavors.**

**In loving memory of**

**Kim JongHyun.**

**Always know you did well.**

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**You know that saying “When you’re not  
looking for it, love will find you”.  
Do you believe that?**

**I mean if you're not looking why would that  
happen?**

**Love is so overrated.**

**I woke up this morning feeling bitter. I'm a  
single woman with a promising career.**

**I'm intelligent.**

**I think I'm good looking.**

**Why was I still single?**

**As I drove to work I couldn't help but think  
about my future. All my friends were  
attached or about to get married and then  
there was me.**

**"I'm going to be an old lady with many cats."  
I said to myself as I reached for my ringing  
phone.**

**"Hello?" I said**

**"Hey, are you on your way yet?" Alex asked.**

**“Yeah, I’ll be there shortly. There’s a lot of traffic today. Plus I need to stop downtown to drop off my documents for my passport.” I replied with a sigh.**

**“Ok, drive safe. See you soon.” She replied with a pause then hung up.**

**I parked my car and ran across the street. There were so many people out today. I had to make my way in between people to get to the building.**

**As I rushed in, the elevator was about to close.**

**“Please hold the elevator.” I said out loud as I approached it.**

**“Thank you!” I said as I entered.**

**The elevator seemed to stop on every floor. I stared at the floor as people got in and out.**

**I noticed a pair of shoes that didn't moved throughout the ride. I slowly glanced up. They were connected to a person that had very nice taste. I slowly followed up his nice slacks then up his shirt to his face.**

**I was very impressed.**

**He smiled and turned away. I lost track of what I was doing while staring at him.**

**“Is this your floor?” He asked.**

**I snapped out of it and smiled.**

**“Thank you!” I said as I exited the elevator. I turned back to see he was looking at me so I smiled again.**

**“Do you have your all your documents?” The lady at the counter said.**

**I nodded yes as I handed her the folder.**

**“Sign here and here.” The lady instructed.**

**I paused as she slid the papers over for me to sign. I looked up at her and smiled.**

**“Ok. You will hear from us in a few weeks. Do you have any other questions or concerns?” She said as she slid the papers back to herself across the table.**

**I nodded no and began to walk away.**

**“I need a vacation.” I said to myself as I made my way out the office.**

**“Call us if you think of any questions?” She said as I exited the office.**

**I waved and walked quickly to the elevator and left the building.**

**“Now to work I go. What a life? It’s so predictable” I said to myself as I walked slowly to my car.**



**I felt my life draining right out of me with every step. I need a change. I needed to get out and do something for me. I heard a phone ring in the distance. It happened to be my phone at the bottom of my purse.**

**“Hello?” I said softly.**

**“Hi Zara, you done yet?” Alex said.**

**“Yeah! I’ll be there soon. I hope it’s not too busy.” I replied.**

**“Nah. It’s quiet now. Just lonely making the pastries.” Alex sighed with a giggle.**

**“Oh my gosh, really Alex? I’m sure they are waiting for me to arrive.” I said as I unlocked my car and got in.**

**“Why do you sound so sad today?” Alex inquired.**

**“I don’t know, girl stuff I guess. I have been thinking of my future and its bumming me out.” I added.**

**“Why don’t you take a weekend off and go to Pohang?” Alex suggested.**

**“What’s in Pohang?” I asked.**

**“That beach festival we went to a few years back. We had fun. Take the weekend and clear your mind.” Alex added.**

**“Hmmm, That might be nice.” I thought.**

**“Seriously, think about it. Maybe you might meet someone there.” Alex said jokingly.**

**“Oh No! Not interested in that. Maybe the beach though. I need serenity.” I said.**

**“Yes the beach is always relaxing. The warm sand and the rushing waves. You should do it!” Alex insisted.**

**“What about the bakery?” I asked.**

**“I’m the boss. I can handle it. Plus I’m giving you the weekend off. Take advantage of it cause you know it’ll never happen again.”**

**Alex stated.**

**“Ok. I’ll look into it. But I’m not promising anything.” I agreed.**

**What do I have to lose?**

**The peace of the ocean would be nice. Might as well cheer myself up and do something nice for me, for once. As I arrived at the bakery**

**Alex handed me a brochure.**

**“What’s this?” I asked.**

**“It’s that festival I told you to go to.” Alex replied as she restocked the cupcake window.**

**I smiled as I read about the festival.**

**“I hope you will go. It going to be fun.” Alex teased.**

**“How do you know? Why are you pushing me to go? Do you have something planned?” I said as I sipped my coffee.**

**“No! I just booked a room for you at a hotel by the beach.” Alex added with a cheesy grin.**

**“What? I haven’t decided yet, Alex. Why would you do that?” I said surprised.**

**“Zara, you need this. You deserve this. Go and relax. My treat, girl.” Alex said as she hugged me.**

**“Damn Alex, you are so pushy.” I mumbled.**

**“Thank so much! I appreciate it.” I added as I hugged her.**

**“Go pack and pamper yourself while you are there.” Alex said.**

**I smiled and walked towards the door. Alex motioned for me to go. So I blew her a kiss.**

**I went home to prepare for the 3 hour drive.**

**“What do I pack?” I said as I rummaged through my closet and threw things on my bed.**

**“No need for this.” I said as I threw aside sexy lingerie.**

**“This might be nice.” I said as I grabbed my bikini.**

**I lay on my bed and stared at the ceiling. My mind caught up with me and I immediately felt drained.**

**“You know what? I’m going to have fun. I deserve a good time.” I said out loud snapping myself out of the funk.**

**Right then I received a text message from  
Alex.**

**“Be sure to text me when you check in. And  
please have fun!” It read.**

**I smiled as I read.**

**Morning came really fast.  
I was anxious to go but starving so I passed  
by the bakery on my way out.**

**“Good morning.” I said cheerfully**

**“Good morning, what are you doing here?”  
Alex said surprised.**

**“I’m starving for one of your famous maple  
bacon donuts.” I said with a smile.**

**Alex smiled and handed me one.**

**“Can I get some coffee too?” I said with a pouty lip.**

**Alex nodded and handed me a cup.**

**“Are you heading out soon?” Alex asked.**

**“Yes, I should be in Pohang around 10 am.” I replied.**

**“Ok, no stops in between. Straight there and text me when you arrive.” Alex instructed.**

**I smiled and nodded.**

**“Sorry but I worry.” Alex replied.**

**“It’s ok. Thank you so much for this. I love you.” I said.**

**“No problem. Go have fun and you never know, you might come back extra happy.” Alex joked.**

**“Ha Ha! I’m going to relax not go on a hot date.” I responded with laugh.**

**“Hey you never know, girl. Open up to the possibilities.” Alex said with a laugh.**

**“Yeah, yeah, I’m out. See you Monday.” I added.**

**“Drive safe and here take another for the drive. I love you too.” Alex said as she handed me another donut.**

**I winked and walked out.**

**“Ok, here we go. Fun times ahead.” I said to myself as I began my drive.**

**The drive was smooth.**



**So many beautiful views on the way. I couldn't wait to arrive at my destination. The closer I got the more anxious I became. So many people were here for this festival but I longed to be alone and relax. I was in awe at the view of the hotel Alex booked for me.**

**“Wow! Alex went all out.” I said to myself as I pulled into the parking lot. I got out and quickly removed my luggage from the trunk and made my way into the hotel.**

**As I checked in, I looked around.  
The hotel was so fabulous.  
The lobby was beautiful.  
I slowly walked towards the elevator as I looked at my key.**

**“Oh! The 11<sup>th</sup> floor, awesome!” I said as I entered the elevator.**

**In the distance I hear someone say “Hold the elevator.”**

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