

## The heart of Seoul

Blue skies, warm sunshine ... Lexi enjoyed the new scenery so much that she almost forgot she had company.

"Am I boring you?" David asked, noticing that she had stopped paying attention to his tour speech.

"Not at all, I was just admiring the view. No wonder they call it the soul city, you can feel its purity within the surroundings" she smiled, her facial expressions were portraying her amazement with the new environment.

"Speaking of views, care for a meal on the roof of a skyscraper?" he suggested, realizing they have been walking for quite some time, forgetting about lunch altogether.

"Food, the second thing that brought me to this country! Lead the way" she ecstatically replied.

### Skyscraper Restaurant – 2.18 PM

Just as David promised, the view from one of the highest buildings of the city was simply beautiful. Lexi could still feel the rush of Seoul's heart reach her as she closed her eyes and took a deep breath, tilting her head back just enough to feel levitated. In that moment, she didn't have a single care in the world: in that moment, she was free.

"So David, what's your Korean name?" she curiously asked soon after the waiter took both of their orders.

"Lee Jae Suk. When I went abroad for college I acquired the name "David", it was easier to pronounce" he explained before asking what Lexi stood for.

"It's short for Alexandra, I've had this nickname for as long as I could remember" she explained herself with keenness.

The two acquaintances spent the whole afternoon on top of the skyscraper, talking about random things. From culinary tastes to music preferences; they kept their conversations casual, yet somehow it felt as if they have known each other for years.

"I have to go home before it gets dark, it wouldn't be wise of me to get kidnapped on my first day" she jokingly said as she took out her wallet.

“Please, let me. I offered my company and showed you around, it’s only suitable that you let me handle the check” he quickly picked up the tab before Lexi could pull a foreigner “Who pays the bill” stunt.

“A gentleman, I see. Very well, I will allow it” she paused for a second “However I owe you a meal, and I won’t take no for an answer” she genuinely added as she put her wallet back in her pocket.

“Alright then, it’s a date. Can I walk you home?” he suggested, to which she shyly nodded in approval.

### **External Dormitory – 7.15 PM**

The walk back home was quiet. Not that they ran out of things to say, but they preferred using up what remained of their energy in finding their way back to their respective residences.

“Oh, it looks like we live in the same neighborhood!” David realized as they started approaching the External Dormitory.

“That’s nice, my first Korean friend is my neighbor” Lexi playfully replied “Well, this is me” she added as they both stopped in front of the main entrance of the dorm.

“I believe we just walked each other home” he chuckled “That’s nice, my first foreigner friend is my dorm mate”.

“I guess that we’ll be seeing more of each other then” she smilingly answered, barely hiding her surprise regarding the strange turn of events.

David opened the building door as he ushered Lexi in. Once they rode the elevator, they both reached for the sixth floor’s button. Same neighborhood, same dormitory, same floor ... Could this get any more coincidental? Upon arriving to their floor, they exchanged numbers and went in the opposite direction from one another, their dorm rooms literally being on the two facing ends of the hall.