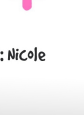


# Boy Girlfriend



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I GUESS THERE ARE SOME PERKS TO HAVING A FATHER WHO HITS YOU IN THE HEAD

I JUST CALLED THEM AND SAID THAT MY CONCUSSION IS STILL BAD

THERE'S ONLY ONE MONTH UNTIL GRADUATION, SO I CAN JUST SKIP IT ALL

F\*CK. THAT'S HORRIBLE! WHAT KIND OF A SC\*M WOULD DO THAT TO THEIR OWN KID!?

AT THE VERY LEAST YOU'LL STILL BE GRADUATING...

...YEAH

SO WHERE ARE YOU STAYING? GOT ANY MONEY?

I'VE SEEN THE WAITER BACK AT THE BAR SERVE YOU SOME FOOD HERE AND THERE, BUT ARE YOU EATING PROPERLY?

I'M FINE. THAT'S NONE OF YOUR CONCERN

ICY. I GUESS THIS MUST MEAN MONEY IS OUT OF THE QUESTION?

DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO STAY, THOUGH. ARE YOU-

DROP IT.  
I TOLD YOU  
I'M FINE



WHERE I STAY  
IS NONE OF  
YOUR  
BUSINESS

HEY,  
WAIT UP!

IF YOU'VE  
GOT NOWHERE  
TO STAY I CAN  
HELP YOU!



MY FAMILY OWNS  
A VILLA CLOSE  
TO THIS AREA AND  
I'M LIVING THERE  
JUST BY MYSELF

YOU CAN  
STAY FOR FREE,  
I REALLY-

I DON'T  
NEED YOUR  
CHARITY



THIS IS  
NOT CHARITY!

UH...  
LOOK

I GET WHAT  
IT'S LIKE TO  
HATE YOUR FAMILY  
AND TO WANT TO GET  
AWAY. I REALLY DO



IN A WAY,  
I'M JUST LIKE  
YOU. THE PLACE  
I'M STAYING AT  
RIGHT NOW? IT'S  
LIKE I RUN AWAY  
THERE TOO

SO I GET  
IT. BELIEVE  
ME

LET ME  
HELP YOU.  
IT'S NOT LIKE  
YOU HAVE ANYTHING  
TO LOSE, RIGHT?

...

AND HEY, IF  
YOU DON'T WANT  
TO STAY FOR FREE  
YOU CAN HELP  
ME OUT WITH MY  
GIGS!

I HEARD YOU  
PLAY... AND YOU'RE  
DAMN GOOD. I WANT  
YOU IN MY BAND

THAT WAY  
IT CAN BE AS  
IF I JUST  
RECRUITED A  
MEMBER, RIGHT?

...

...YOU'D...  
WANT ME IN YOUR  
BAND?

AND SO  
I WENT TO  
STAY WITH HIM

HIS PLACE  
WAS RIDICULOUSLY  
BIG AND  
EXTRAVAGANT. THERE  
WAS NO DENYING HE  
WAS RICH





I HAD AGREED  
TO ONLY STAY  
FOR A COUPLE OF  
DAYS, UNTIL I'D FIGURE  
THINGS OUT, FIND A  
JOB AND MY OWN PLACE  
TO STAY



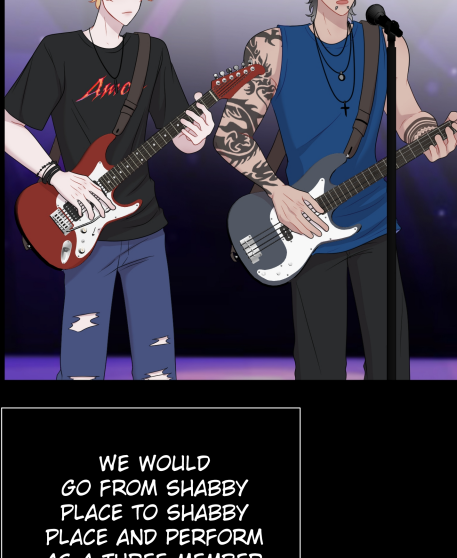
BUT THEN  
WE STARTED  
PLAYING MUSIC  
TOGETHER...



HE WAS  
INCREDIBLY  
TALENTED AND  
PASSIONATE

WE HAD THE  
SAME TASTE IN  
MUSIC, TOO

AND THEN,  
GRADUALLY, THE  
"JOB I NEEDED TO  
FIND" BECAME THE  
GIGS



WE WOULD  
GO FROM SHABBY  
PLACE TO SHABBY  
PLACE AND PERFORM  
AS A THREE MEMBER  
BAND

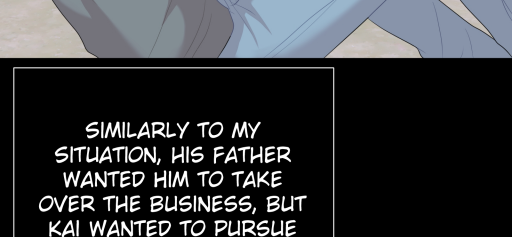
SOON WE  
EVEN STARTED  
WRITING OUR OWN  
SONGS TOGETHER



WE WERE  
REALLY HITTING  
IT OFF

AND BEFORE  
I KNEW IT, WE  
WERE BASICALLY  
LIVING TOGETHER

HE TOLD ME  
THAT HIS FAMILY'S  
WEALTH CAME FROM  
HIS FATHER'S  
INVOLVEMENT IN SOME  
KIND OF SHADY  
BUSINESS



SIMILARLY TO MY  
SITUATION, HIS FATHER  
WANTED HIM TO TAKE  
OVER THE BUSINESS, BUT  
KAI WANTED TO PURSUE  
MUSIC INSTEAD



ONE MONTH  
LATER, I GRADUATED  
FROM SCHOOL AFTER  
TAKING THE FINAL  
EXAMS ONLINE

KAI TOLD ME  
HE WANTED TO  
ATTEND "N UNIVERSITY"  
BECAUSE THEY HAD AN  
EXCELLENT PROGRAM  
AND IT WAS AS FAR  
FROM HIS PARENTS  
AS POSSIBLE



HE TOLD ME  
TO JOIN HIM

AND WHILE I LIKED  
THE IDEA, THERE  
WAS NO WAY I  
COULD FIND THE  
MONEY FOR THAT...

HOWEVER, THAT  
DIDN'T STOP KAI  
FROM ENROLLING  
BOTH OF US THE  
NEXT DAY



HE ASSURED ME  
NOT TO WORRY ABOUT  
THE MONEY, SAYING HE  
WOULD HANDLE IT

BUT HE HAD  
ALREADY DONE  
SO MUCH FOR ME.  
I PROMISED TO  
PAY HIM BACK, BUT HE  
QUICKLY DISMISSED  
THE IDEA

I'M NOT  
ONE TO ALLOW  
OTHER'S HELP  
EASILY

BUT I  
WAS STILL SO  
GRATEFUL...

FOR HIM,  
SOMEONE WHO  
WAS A COMPLETE  
STRANGER TO ME  
NOT TOO LONG  
AGO...



TO UNDERSTAND  
ME AND HELP ME  
SO EASILY

...IT WAS  
ALMOST A BIT  
CONCERNING

CERTAINLY, THERE  
MUST HAVE BEEN  
SOMETHING HE  
EXPECTED IN  
RETURN. THERE  
ALWAYS IS

JUST...  
THIS. THAT'S  
ALL I WANT



FOR US  
TO HANG OUT  
LIKE THIS...

YOU SEE...  
I DON'T REALLY  
HAVE THAT MANY  
FRIENDS

WITH MY  
FAMILY'S  
BACKGROUND  
AND WEALTH, THE  
REPUTATION AND...

I DON'T  
KNOW, THE  
WAY I LOOK?

I'M AWARE THAT  
I CAN SEEM  
INTIMIDATING...



PEOPLE EITHER  
KEEP THEIR DISTANCE  
FROM ME OR TRY  
TO SLICK UP TO ME

I LIKE  
HOW THAT'S  
NOT THE CASE  
WITH YOU



I REALLY  
LIKE SPENDING  
TIME WITH YOU

TO BE CONTINUED...

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FORGET TO  
LIKE, SUB AND  
COMMENT!



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