

*“What... happened...”*

*“Where am I?”*

*“What... is this... feeling?”*

Alex looked around in the pure white vista to understand where she is. Nothing is around yet, she felt a sense of longing to the place. It was like she always wanted to be here.

“Hey there. Didn’t expect to see you here.”

The voice was familiar but also a distant memory. She turned around to see the owner of that voice.

“David? How... *how are you?*”

“I’m good Alex, I’m... actually better. How about you?”

“I’m good, too, I guess... But, where... what is this? A dream?”

David walked towards Alex and gave her a hug.

“Oh, poor thing... It’s not a dream Alex. I’m here, with you.”

Alex started to realize where she is.

“As I said though, I wasn’t expecting you *so soon.*”

Her eyes grew with his words.

“Soon? What are you talking about? It’s been years since... since...”

“You can say it, it’s okay.”

“...since you died.”

David looked directly into Alex’s eyes.

“It’s okay Alex. It is just a fact of life.”

“So that means...”

“I’m afraid so.”

Alex started tearing up.

“But... but I can’t. I can’t David.”

“You can’t what?”

“Be here.”

David tilted his head as he wanted Alex to explain.

“I just put my life back together. You know, t-the school is done, I’ve started a job, I was... free.”

Her head dropped.

“I had found it, man. Love. I’ve found the most beautiful, caring thing alive and I was cherishing my every moment with her. That’s why I can’t be here. I can’t leave her like this.”

“I’m sorry Alex but I don’t make the rules around here.”

Alex started crying.

“We even had a kid.”

David was puzzled.

“Did human biology change while I was gone?” he joked.

Alex smiled for a brief moment.

“Haha, funny. We *adopted* a kid. And... he... he has your name.”

“Aww, that’s cute. You’re making me blush old hag.”

Alex smiled even more.

“I’ve forgotten how much a dick you can be.”

“I’ve missed you, David. Why did it have to be so early?”

“I don’t know, you have to ask to a different being here.”

Alex looked at him with her teary eyes. He continued.

“I understand that you have to be somewhere else. They are telling me that you’ll be back to your life. Cherish it. Don’t worry about me, I can wait here. It’s not like I have somewhere else to be.”

They both laughed.

“Will I even remember this once I go back?”

“I don’t know. Ask the higher-ups if you see one.”

Alex was completely gone. David was all alone above the clouds. He turned around and started walking slowly.

“Hey, dickhead!”

He looked back, Alex was there again, running towards him.

“Welcome back,” he said, “missed me?”

“Don’t worry, I took my time.”

*“There are people I wanted you to meet for all this time.”*