

Chosen Keywords

- *love triangle;*
- *secret letter;*
- *island resort;*
- *hot boyfriend;*
- *stolen necklace;*
- *annoying boss.*

Story Pitch

A Most Misfortunate Event

Fallen into a numbing routine at a young age, HR assistant Jess feels like a hamster endlessly running in circles. After weeks of grieving the breakup with Samuel – her hot high-school sweetheart –, she receives a secret letter. So many years after school ended and people went their own way, Sanna, her best friend as a teen, is reuniting everyone from their graduating year in an island resort for a couple of weeks, to celebrate her birthday with a retreat.

Mustering all her courage and accumulated overtime, she approaches Sebastian, her annoying boss, to give her the time off, ready to plea if necessary. But much to her surprise, he swiftly accepts, even slyly giving the faintest smile and murmuring "Safe travels" as she walks out. What a strange couple of days. And a few distracted days at work follow.

The date finally comes, and a sleepless Jess faces the day-long journey. But my oh my: Sanna's description of the idyllic island didn't do it justice! As Jess arrives, she is gifted a necklace by the locals, and handed a coconut with the freshest margarita inside. The perfect start to the perfect vacation. Planning to join the welcome party at sunset, Jess puts down her necklace, finishes the drink, flings her clothes onto a chair, and steps into the heavenly shower.

The sound of splashing in the pool outside brings her out of the shower's relaxing trance, to realize she's been under the running water for over an hour. She opens the bathroom door, filling the room with steam. She reaches for the chair where her clothes were. Nothing. Nothing?! She looks to the corner of the room to find her bags gone as well. In their place, only an oversized T-shirt, and a note:

Fortune favors the clothed. ;)

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