**Route 101, California, United States of America**

Hyuna kept her hands steadily firm on the steering wheel, as her car hurtled in the early-rising traffic of the californian commuters.

She sported a pair of Rayban and a spruce-colored flannel shirt that swept away her usual scruffy style and her lack of care for the visual appear, and hinted of a new Hyuna, who looked more self-confident and even prettier.

Beside her, though, sat the usual Sohyun with her geeky glasses and her tousled short hair.

They speeded on the Route 101 that ran through the whole valley and led to Mountain View and quietly admired the trees and brushwood that streamed before their eyes, rarely commenting some bits of words.

While evermore Hyuna wore a bright smile, she could notice her friend was a little bit crestfallen and absorbed uin her thoughts.

"I hope you don't get touchy about it, but could I ask a question?" - The driver asked with a fair amount of concern, eyeing the passenger who simply sketched a nod - "Why did you accept Kylie's offer?"

Sohyun distractedly shrugged, still locked out in her musings.

"What's wrong about it?" - She replied with an audibly tired voice - "She offered a job, I took it"

Hyuna nodded, despite looking not overly convinced by her simplistic answer. - "I mean, why would you need another job? You love being a DJ and furthermore you have Jihyun..."

She had a point, but Sohyun wasn't in the mood to range over her private life and tried to disguise her qualm as mere lack of interest.

"I am trying to start over" - She stated with ease, sketching a smile - "I am tired spending my nights at clubs, all this time I have seen too many things I don't want to meddle in"

Her words were filled with acidity, and even if she tried not to go into detail, Hyuna was aware of it.

They stared at each other for a long silent minute, until the brown-haired girl finally decided to let out the question that gripped on her lips. - "Do you take amphetamines...?" - She asked with an increasingly worried glare.

Sohyun laughed bitterly.

"What kind of idiot do you think I am? I can't blame any substance for my shit of a life, it's merely my fault and I am really tired to account it to others" - She blurted, seeking for Hyuna's eyes - "It's just the way I am".

A few moments more, only the noise of the engine mixed with roars of wind could be heard.

Hyuna shook her head, upset for the words that Sohyun had said. - "Listen, I know you may think that's it none of my business, but I am your friend and I feel worried about you..."

Sohyun didn't seem bothered, but rather.struck by her sudden determination.

"You skip lessons at school and sometimes you disappear for days..." - She argued - "I would like to know why, but I guess I don't have any right to snoop into your private life, do I?"

"I just feel terribly alone" - Sohyun sighed.